

# Neighborhood Fair for Interstate

## Local merchants to celebrate renewed corridor

A neighborhood street fair celebrating renewed growth along Interstate Avenue will be celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Patton Square Park, just south of North Killingsworth Street on Interstate Avenue.

"The corridor has always been an important artery for north Portland, and now with the Light Rail and the new businesses here, it's become an important street for the entire city," says Molly Paris, president of the Interstate Corridor Business Alliance, the group sponsoring the event.

Interstate Avenue was once Portland's version of Route 66, the main highway connecting Canada and Mexico, providing motels, restau-



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Alexandra of AlexSandra's Vintage Emporium (from left) Pam Brooks-Haines of North Coffee House and Molly Paris of Paris Group Realty, promote a new neighborhood street fair coming to Patton Park on Saturday, Sept. 19.

rants, entertainment and services for road weary travelers and tourists. But in the early 1960s, I-5 rerouted traffic off the avenue and Interstate languished.

A renewal started this past decade with improvements along the thoroughfare, including the Max light rail line, new housing, and restaurants. The past will also be part of the district future with the corridor's recent designation as Historic Neon District for all the avenue's bright and colorful marquee signs that had advertized to the motoring public of yesterday.

The upcoming street fair celebration will feature cuisine from many of the new businesses that have set up shop, including, The Beaterville Cafe, Eddie's Pizza, The North Star Coffee House, Krakow Cafe & Pub and more.

The festival will also host a dunk tank, vintage car show, kids bicycle skill course and other events. Local artisans and businesses will also have their wares for sale.

## Senate Bid Opens

### Local resident files for position

Portland resident Harold C. Williams Two has announced his candidacy to Oregon Senate District 22.

"I am running for the Oregon State Senate because I have made a difference in the lives of so many people in north and northeast Portland through my civic and charitable work, and I can serve our community even more effectively in the Oregon Senate," Williams said.

Williams Two is president of CH2A & associates, a local management consulting firm where he works with his father Harold C. Williams, a life-time community activist and member of the Portland Community College Board of Directors.

The younger Williams is a 1995 graduate of Jefferson



Harold Williams Two

High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood development from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.

"I will work tirelessly for those who have no voice and for communities who want only the same chances offered to others," Williams Two said. "We need jobs, affordable housing, livable neighborhoods, and support for our small businesses."

## Sotomayor Takes Seat on Court

### Colleagues welcome first Hispanic

(AP) -- Justice Sonia Sotomayor has taken her seat at the Supreme Court in front of a packed courtroom that included President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

The ceremony Tuesday was just for show. Sotomayor and the rest of the court will return Wednesday for the argument in a key case about campaign finance law.

Sotomayor, 55, last month became the first Hispanic and

third woman to be a justice. She took the oath again Tuesday in a ceremony by which the court formally welcomes its newest member.

Attorney General Eric Holder presented Sotomayor's ivory-colored commission from Obama. Chief Justice John Roberts administered the oath of office, after which Sotomayor took her seat at the end of the bench to Roberts' left, next to Justice Stephen Breyer. All her colleagues were in attendance.

Sotomayor wore a white, decorative collar that was given to her by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and a new robe presented by her law clerks in New York.



The Supreme Court's newest member, Sonia Sotomayor, responds to well wishers outside the court in Washington, D.C. Tuesday following her investiture ceremony. (AP Photo)

Among the onlookers in the courtroom were her mother, Celina, and brother, Juan, the entertainer Ricky Martin, retired Justice David Souter, the man she replaced, members of Congress, federal judges and former top Justice Department officials.

After the ceremony, Sotomayor and Roberts descended the steps in front of the court to applause from a small crowd of tourists and well-wishers. The two justices briefly posed for photographs.

"Tell me when you've had enough," she said, before her family joined her for another round of pictures.

## NAACP Branch Reaches Out Meets Saturday at PCC Cascade

A new group of activists leading the local branch of the NAACP is asking for your voice as it seeks input from all members of the community, including fathers, mothers, uncles, cousins, aunts, and grandparents.

A membership meeting for the civil rights organization is held on the second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m., including this Sat-

urday, Sept. 12 at Terrell Hall, Room 107 at the north Portland Cascade Campus of Portland Community College.

"I dare you to come and see what we are about. The world is changing and we must change with it," said branch president Bishop H. L. Hodge, PhD and Lonnie M. Jenkins, NAACP community coordinator.

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- 11:30 a.m. Get a Life Marching Band
- 1:20 p.m. Obo Addy
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- 3:20 p.m. Terry Robb and Linda Hornbuckle
- 5 p.m. Lily Wilde Orchestra

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- 11:30 a.m. Clackamas High School Band
- 1:30 p.m. Smoky and the Flames
- 3:30 p.m. Rex Putnam High School Choralaires
- 5 p.m. The Touchables

For a complete event schedule or to plan your trip, visit [trimet.org](http://trimet.org).

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