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Wells Fargo Manager Retires

Laverne Hampton served customers for 49 years

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Laverne Hampton retires after a 49-year career with Wells Fargo bank.

The community said goodbye to Laverne Hampton last week, who retired after a 49-year career at Wells Fargo bank in northeast Portland.

Hampton was a service manager at the Wells Fargo branch at 5730 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. She first went to work as bank teller in 1964 at the urging of her husband, Adron.

"It was in the neighborhood and I knew the area," she said.

Hampton also worked as an assistant service manager and as a branch manager for Wells Fargo at various times and at other Portland locations during her career.

Hampton transferred to the MLK branch in the 1970s, where she became well known in the community. She knew some of her adult customers since they were children.

"I liked dealing what people and solving problems and the interaction. It kept me going," Hampton said.

Her former manager, Nick Davis, worked with Hampton for the last year she was at Wells Fargo.

"She knows everyone in this neighborhood by name and their families," Davis said. "She truly cared about her customers. She got to know them on a personal level.".

One such person was Teletha Benjamin of Portland, who was a customer of Hampton's for all 49 years.

"She was there for a long time, which gives me confidence. I don't think anyone would stay long at an organization as an employee if they weren't satisfied with it," said Benjamin. "It indicates to me that she believed in what she does, that she wanted to be there and assist other people."

Hampton plans to remain in the Portland area. Her husband is already retired.

Fair and Equitable Transit Community Forums

We strive to provide high-quality service for everyone in the region, and under Title VI have transit service standards and policies that ensure we deliver fair and equitable service to low-income populations and communities of color.

Please join us at any of our community forums to learn more about these policies and standards, and to provide your feedback.

October 24, 2013
PCC Willow Creek, 241 SW Edgeway Dr, Beaverton, 6 p.m.
Bus lines 52 and 88, and MAX Blue Line will get you there.

October 29, 2013
IRCO, 10301 NE Glisan St, Portland, 6 p.m.
Bus lines 15 and 25 connect with MAX Blue, Green and Red lines and bus lines 19, 22, 23, 24 and 87 at Gateway Transit Center.

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Museum of the Oregon Territory, 211 Tumwater Dr, Oregon City, 6 p.m.
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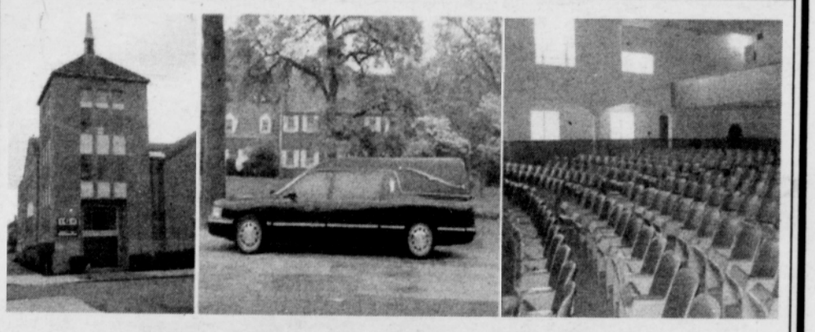

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