

Help Offered to Reduce Water Bills

The Portland Water Bureau is putting out the word this summer that it has free information, water conservation devices and several ways to help lower your water and sewer bills.

Water and sewer utilities customers who meet eligibility requirements may be eligible for financial assistance. For a household with one person, the monthly income requirement is \$1,808 or less, for a family of four it's \$3,478 or less. The discounted bill is \$130 per quarter this fiscal year. You can view the complete eligibility qualifications by visiting portlandoregon.gov/water/29330.

Applications can be made at a participating community service

agency or by calling the water bureau's customer service at 503-823-7770. Once in the program, eligible customers in a crisis or emergency situation may qualify for a crisis voucher in addition to the bill discount.

Financial assistance for leaky toilet, faucets, plumbing and underground leaks may be available to eligible customers who own and occupy their own homes. Devices designed to help lower your water and sewer bills include showerheads, faucet aerators and toilet devices.

For water conservation assistance or to order devices, call 503-823-4527, or visit portlandoregon.gov/water/efficiency.

The Week in Review

Big Raise for Superintendent



The Portland School Board Monday granted Portland Public Schools Superintendent Carole Smith a 28 percent raise. The increase, tied to an outstanding performance review and a lack of salary adjustments over the past seven years, bumps her pay to \$247,000, at least \$45,000 more than all school superintendents in Oregon.

Ted Nugent Concert Protest

Musician Ted Nugent was scheduled to perform at the Portland Expo Center Tuesday, despite calls for the concert to be cancelled from Dante James, the director of Portland's Office of Equity and Human Rights. In a letter to Tom Hughes, the Metro Council president, James called out the 66-year-old rocker for



"bigotry and racist comments" that are well known.

Sidewalk Crackdown

Portland police took to downtown Thursday for an "educational and enforcement effort" contacting people riding bicycles and skateboards on sidewalks. Officers issued 50 written and 8 verbal warnings.

Metro Gang Task Force

Investigators seized more than \$211,000 in cash, four handguns, more than 2.2 pounds of powder cocaine, and about six ounces of cocaine after a traffic stop last week in Portland. James Holbert II, 34, and his brother, Jamar Schabass, 33, were arrested and face drug charges.

Police Ruled Homicide

A coroner Monday ruled that a police officer-involved death of a New York City man last week was a homicide. The 43-year-old citizen died after a police officer used an illegal chokehold. He was being arrested for selling untaxed loose cigarettes. A decision on whether to prosecute any police officers had not been made as of Tuesday afternoon.

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Block Party at Matt Dishman Celebrating a community and its history

You're invited to join the party! The Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott St., throws its annual Block Party on Saturday, Aug. 9 from noon to 4 p.m.

There will be family-friendly events, a rock climbing wall, kids play zone with soccer, water balloon toss, inflatable slide, craft stations, face painting, live music and more.

This annual neighborhood bash is sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation and is free. The community and neighborhood history will be honored with a special focus on the late and beloved Robert Probasco, a local African-American pastor and life-long resident.

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