



Look to Your Left on Busy North Williams!

Aug. 20 — Commuters negotiate between other vehicles, bike lanes and construction on the busy North Williams Avenue thoroughfare as transportation crews switch the bike lane to the left side of the street. The project which includes updated crossings and curb extensions is a move to increase safety on the street, which sees more than 4,000 bikers at peak hours.



When Juvenile Justice Fails

Sept. 17 — Unfair punishment for juveniles under Oregon's mandatory-minimum sentencing laws moves to center stage when supporters of reform joined together at Pioneer Courthouse Square for a community awareness and healing event. "Young people who commit crimes needs to be held accountable, but accountable as what they are — children, not adults," said Cassandra Villanueva of the Partnership for Safety and Justice.



Mural for Beloved Street Performer Kirk Reeves

Aug. 13 — A celebration marks the completion of the Kirk Reeves Mural as a memorial to the late and beloved black street performer who entertained commuters for years at the foot of the Hawthorne Bridge. Artist Gwenn Seemel said the painting at Northeast Lloyd Avenue and Grand was one of the more emotional works she has ever created.

Dream Makers

Sept. 10 — Calling themselves "Dream Makers" advocates for education and families dedicate a new child development center at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus. Part of a new three-story academic building, the facility will provide space for Albina Head Start and Albina Early Head Start and bring needed child care for people advancing their education on the north Portland campus.



Firmly Planted at Home

Oct. 1 — A staple of the Portland African-American community, retired NBA star Terrell Brandon celebrates 20 years as a local business owner. With his barber shop, cigar bar, limousine service, entertainment ventures and other initiatives, the Portland native shows his passion for the community and bringing positive energy to the streets.

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