

# The Week in Review

## Panel Approves New Taxicabs

A regulatory panel approved 242 new taxi permits last week in response to widespread public interest in having more taxi service in the Portland area. The city's Private for Hire Transportation Board also recommended a new taxicab provider called Ecocab, which plans to offer service with a fleet of all-electric vehicles.

## Guilty of Terrorism Charge

A Portland resident and former city wastewater treatment employee, Reaz Qadir Khan, plead guilty on Friday to the crime of accessory after the fact for assistance he provided to individuals connected to a 2009 suicide bomb attack at the headquarters of Pakistan's intelligence service in Lahore, Pakistan, that killed about 30 people and injured 300 more.



## New Yellow Traffic Signals

The city of Vancouver announced Friday that they started upgrading traffic lights at 16 separate intersections throughout town. The installations will add flashing yellow left-turn arrow signals to indicate that left-turning traffic may proceed after first yielding to oncoming traffic.

## ACLU Sues Gresham Police

The ACLU of Oregon filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court last week arguing that a Portland woman's constitutional rights were violated when a Gresham police officer snatched her phone away while she was live-streaming police activity.

## Oil Train Explodes in Fire

Fires were still burning Tuesday more than a day after an oil train carrying more than 3 million gallons of crude derailed in a snowstorm, shooting fireballs into the sky and leaking oil into a West Virginia waterway. Hundreds of families were evacuated; two water treatment plants were temporarily shut down and a nearby house down to its foundation.

## Accident Now Called Murder

Nearly six years after a 23-year-old Portland woman fell to her death from the Eagle Creek Trail in the Columbia River Gorge, a friend hiking with her that day has been charged in her murder. Stephen Wagner Nichols, 40, of Bend was arrested on the charge Thursday in San Francisco.

## Deadly Storm in East

Winter Storm Octavia that has ravaged the east coast has left 8 dead, hundreds of thousands of people without power, and deeply disrupted and even halted travel throughout the northeast. More than 1,500 flights were cancelled Tuesday in connection with the snowstorm.

# Honoring Our Past

## Alberta group looks back and plans ahead

Alberta Main Street, a group representing businesses, organizations and residents, is reaching out to the community to gain historical perspectives and help identify priority projects, programs and events going forward.

The mission is to advance efforts to develop Northeast Alberta Street as a vibrant, creative, equitable, sustainable, and most importantly racially diverse commercial and livable district serving residents and visitors.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 6:30 p.m., the group invites the community to "Honoring Our Past, Planning Our Future" discussion, which will include three Alberta Street pioneers: Roslyn Hill (developer and community activist), Pastor Robin Mayfield (commercial property owner), and Florence Fleskes (long time resident).

The panelists will talk about their history and experience on Alberta Street as well as their vision for the future. The session will take place in the Oscar Romero Room at the St. Andrew Catholic Church Community Center, 806 N.E. Alberta St.

Participants are encouraged to RSVP at [albertamainstreet.org](http://albertamainstreet.org), by emailing [rsvp@albertamainstreet.org](mailto:rsvp@albertamainstreet.org), or calling 503-683-3252

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