



## RIDE MAX?

### Track work will disrupt MAX service May 8–21

We're making much-needed improvements to the MAX tracks along 1st Avenue in Portland City Center to help trains run on time. Sunday, May 8, through Saturday, May 21, the Blue and Red lines will run on different routes downtown. The Green Line will run between Clackamas Town Center and Rose Quarter only. All MAX lines will run less frequently, and trains will be crowded.

To see how your trip will be affected, visit [trimet.org/firstavenue](http://trimet.org/firstavenue).



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER  
Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill embraces Perla Bell, the mother of Asia Bell, a Portland woman who died of gun violence in 2002.

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### Affordable Homeownership for the Community



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## 'We Live in Fear'

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tor Mark Strong, a member of the local African-American clergy. "This is a problem for all. Whether it's black, white, Hispanic, it's everybody's problem."

So far this year, police have responded to 45 gang-related shootings, up from 36 at the same time

a year ago. There's been 15 people wounded and one person killed with 414 bullet casings recovered at crime scenes, authorities indicated.

The effort to make the community safer from gunfire was to target the individuals who are pulling the triggers, "The worst of the worst," to get them off the street and incarcerate them, police said.

## Arts Tax

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information. As it stands, every adult living within Portland city limits that makes a minimum annual income of \$1,000 has to pay the \$35 tax fee. The Arts Tax form is separate from federal and state income tax forms, and applies even if you don't file your taxes.

The 2016 Arts Tax is due on April 18, with a \$15 penalty for late payment. Tax payments received after Oct. 17 come with a \$35 penalty, doubling the tax. Certain factors do qualify residents for an exemption. If you're single and your annual income is less than \$11,770, or if you're a couple

with an annual income of less than \$15,930, you don't have to pay.

In order to opt out, however, you must still complete the Arts Tax form every year, providing a proof of income via copies of your tax form, or federal form 4506-T.

If you're over 70 years old, disabled, and fall within low income guidelines, the option of permanent exemption is available by completing a separate form.

All these forms and qualifications can be tricky to keep up with, so Elders in Action is available for assistance at 503-235-5474.

The City of Portland Revenue Division encourages everyone to pay their tax online ([portlandoregon.gov/artstax](http://portlandoregon.gov/artstax)) as the quickest and easiest way to avoid the penalty fee.