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The 50-unit Bronaugh Apartments, downtown, celebrates a grand reopening as a home to elderly and disabled residents living on fixed incomes.

The Northwest Community Gospel Choir will be auditioning for sopranos, altos and tenors on Saturday, August 6, 2016. The choir performs three Gospel Christmas concerts with the Oregon Symphony each December at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Audition materials will be provided. Rehearsals begin on October 8. The ability to sight read is preferred, but is not essential.

For more information and to schedule an audition time call **503-416-6303**

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Downtown Housing Saved

**REACH
celebrates
reopening**

On Friday, July 15, REACH Community Development will celebrate the grand re-opening of the Bronaugh Apartments, a three story, 50-unit historic apartment building located in downtown Portland.

In order to preserve and maintain much-needed affordable homes for seniors and disabled residents on fixed incomes,

REACH purchased the building in 2013 and oversaw a substantial renovation, including a seismic upgrade to bring it up to current code.

Built in 1905, the Bronaugh is listed on the historic registry and was last renovated in 1982. The building has been carefully renovated with modern comforts, while retaining and restoring its elegant, historic character.

With an expiring Section 8 contract and hot real estate market, the Bronaugh was at risk of being converted to market rate apartments, displacing its senior and

disabled residents. REACH purchased the building to preserve the housing for the residents, several of whom have lived in the building for over 20 years.

Funding for the project was provided by the Portland Housing Bureau, Oregon Housing & Community Services, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Network for Oregon Affordable Housing, and the U S Dept. of Housing & Urban Development. The development team included Walsh Construction Co., Carleton Hart Architecture, and the Housing Development Center.

Protests and Vigils

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the fallen Dallas officers, with Portland's taking place this past Sunday at the Police Memorial at Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

Detective Nathan Sheppard, attended the event, calling for a positive solution to the tension between cops and African Americans.

"Returning violence multiplies violence," Sheppard said. "Hate

cannot drive out hate. Only love can."

The president of Portland's Police Officers Union Daryl Turner echoed these sentiments, expressing the need to build a good relationship between police and the community.

"This is not the time to take the 'us vs. them' mentality," Turner said.

Memorials and calls for justice were also held Sunday at August

tana Lutheran Church, a diverse congregation in northeast Portland, and AME Zion Church, a historically black church at North Vancouver and Skidmore.

At a press conference Monday, Dallas Police Chief David Brown offered a symbiotic solution to the problems of trust between the black community and police.

"We're hiring," Police Chief Brown said. "We'll put you in your neighborhood, and we will help you resolve some of the problems you're protesting about."