

### Thursday Winter Storm Advisory

Freezing rain with a mix of snow is expected to hit the Portland metro area early Thursday morning after a major drop in temperatures from an arctic blast that's expected to arrive over the Pacific Northwest late Tuesday and Wednesday.

Slippery roads will mean travel delays. Motorists are encouraged to slow down and use caution while driving. Temperatures are forecast to go above 40 degrees over the weekend with a return to occasional showers and sun breaks.

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Activists from Portland's Resistance, Micah Rhodes (from left), Kathryn Stevens and Gregory McKelvey hold a news conference after charges they faced from a Nov. 21 protest were dropped.

# Police Conduct Probe

## Activists' arrests called retaliatory

Mayor Charlie Hales has asked Portland's Independent Police Review Board to open an investigation to determine if excessive use of force was used in a police response to a student protest on Nov. 21 that led to the arrest of three adult activist leaders.

Hales made the request after Gregory McKelvey, one of the leaders of Portland's Resistance, shared an on-line video last week showing police using physical

force to subdue another Resistance leader, Kathryn Steven.

Portland ACLU Legal Director Mat dos Santos wrote to Hales, cautioning that the city and police were using tactics which silence First Amendment rights and were making retaliatory arrests of well-known political organizers.

Hales said he expected the independent review process to be "thorough, accurate and responsive," and pledged proper discipline if

there were finding of wrongdoing.

Cameron Whitten, executive director of Know Your City, stepping back into activism as a citizen journalist, described the arrests of McKelvey, Rhodes and Stevens as being "...violently ambushed by Portland Police Bureau while they were supporting Portland youth in a peaceful downtown march."

The activist leaders previously denied police reports they were actively encouraging and directing student protesters to counter lawful police orders.

# Bikes and Helmets for 400 Kids

The 21st annual Community Cycling Center Holiday Bike Drive at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center gave 400 children their first bicycles and helmets.

"We believe that every child deserves to experience the joy, freedom and health benefits that bicycles can bring," said Community Cycling Center CEO Mychal Tetteh. "While the challenges facing marginalized communities are starker than ever, our organization has never been better positioned to work with our communities to build solutions."

Volunteers were also on hand during Sunday's charity event to help the kids with bicycle safety lessons.



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A first bicycle is a dream come true for a young boy at Sunday's annual Community Cycling Center Holiday Bike Drive at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center.