

A look back at some of our top stories

2016 Year



Building a Workforce

Jan. 27 -- State Rep. Lew Frederick promotes education in the trades and breaking a cycle of poverty in the African American community during a discussion with a group of industry leaders at Portland Community college's Swan Island Trades Center.



Black Lives Matter Founders

Feb. 3 -- Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza and Opai Tometi, the founders of Black Lives Matter, the largest anti-racism moment in recent history, share their vision for justice at a Black History Month event at Portland State University.



Inside Ferguson

Feb. 24 -- Portland author and entrepreneur Devin S. James shares his personal story in a new book about trying to bridge the racial divide between officials in Ferguson, Mo., and an enraged black community after the police shooting death of Michael Brown.



Time Runs Out

March 2 -- The city of Portland takes legal action against Joseph "King J" Harris, a long time activist in the African American community to enforce a nuisance complaint and clear away the possessions in his yard, on his porch and surrounding almost every square foot of his 1904 home.



Policing in Focus

March 9 -- Attorney General of the United States, Loretta Lynch, President Obama's chief law enforcement official, visits the Rose City to recognize Portland's efforts to address police issues such as the 2012 lawsuit settlement to curb excessive force against the mentally ill.



Rebuilding Lives

March 16 -- The Miracles club, a non-alcoholic social club providing support services and housing in the African American community and it's adjacent "A Heavenly Taste Café, are reintroducing themselves after some recent changes.



Blazer Legend Hired

April 6 -- Portland basketball icon Terry Porter, the beloved former Trail Blazer and 17-year NBA veteran is named head men's basketball coach at the University of Portland.



We Live in Fear

April 13 -- A string of shootings spray bullets through three homes across from Peninsula Park pushing an elderly black couple living across the street to plead for an end to gun violence while local law enforcement pledge to step up efforts to combat local gangs.