



Foster Provider Charged

May 17 – Mary Holden Ayala, the former director of a foster home that served many children of color over the years, is charged with the theft of monies intended to support foster care services. The Rodney Avenue home was purchased by the neighborhood to keep it from being demolished.



Healing from the Trauma

June 7 – Rev. Jesse Jackson visits with local government officials and church leaders to help Portland heal after a double murder on public transit committed by a man making racist and anti-Muslim taunts.



Good in the Hood Threats

June 14 – Good in the Hood organizer Shawn Penney did not let racial and violent threats stop him or his community when the multicultural Good in the Hood Festival received a letter warning of a blood bath. Refusing to buckle to fear and intimidation, the annual festival went on with increased security, added support and no incidents.



Deadly Blast Levels House

July 26 – A drug making operation is blamed for causing an explosion that completely flattened a house on North Kerby across from Peninsula Park, killing two people at the home, causing extensive damage to surrounding homes and sending glass shards and other debris across the street and into the park.



Police Chief Named

Aug. 9 – Danielle Outlaw, an experienced assistant police chief from Oakland, Calif., becomes Portland's new police chief and the first black woman to lead the bureau.



The Great Solar Eclipse

Aug. 23 – The hustle and bustle of Portland's streets come to a pause as the moon passed over the face of the sun. It was an amazing sight to view a nearly complete solar eclipse and for folks who traveled just south of the city, a total eclipse.



Health Matters

Sept. 27 – Volunteers from congregations of all faiths sign up to help Worship in Pink, a Susan B. Koman public service campaign to help with breast cancer awareness in the African American community.



Trauma and Justice

Oct. 11 – Parole and probation caseworkers in Multnomah County begin using trauma-informed practices to help rehabilitate people, recognizing how long term stress from racism and poverty can adversely affect the development of the brain.



Albina Visionaries

Nov. 8 – Community advocates Zari Santer and Michael Alexander grow momentum for a plan to remake the Rose Quarter district into a fully functioning neighborhood, embracing and rebuilding its diverse past and a landscape that can accommodate much more than its two sports and entertainment venues.