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Neighbor Mourned

Miracles Club to honor 85-year-old killed

The Miracles Club, a non-alcohol recovery assistance center serving the African American community, is mourning the death of local welder and fabricator Eugene C. Gora, 85, who was found murdered May 10 at his landmark red welding garage, located on the corner of Northeast Skidmore and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, adjacent to the center.

Executive Director Michael Booker announced Monday that the Miracles Club invites the community to join them for an informal public memorial service in Gora's honor on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Miracles Club. Gora was a member of the organization where he made daily visits.

"He was a good guy. We were very saddened about

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Eugene C. Gora



Activist and former state representative Jo Ann Hardesty (right) won nearly 46 percent of the vote in Tuesday's May Primary election for a seat on the Portland City Council, falling short of the at least 50 percent plus one vote total needed to avoid a runoff. She will face Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith (left) in the November General Election. Smith finishing in second place captured about 21 percent of the primary vote.

Strong Finish for Hardesty;

Smith optimistic for November runoff election

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Results from Tuesday's May Primary Election means it's certain that Portland will seat its first black female City Council member next year as the two top candidates in the race, Jo Ann Hardesty,

who captured 46 percent of the vote, and Loretta Smith, with the second highest total of 21 percent, will face off in the November General Election.

Both are African-Americans and advanced from a field of six candidates in the election competing for the seat held by incumbent City Commissioner Dan Saltzman who is stepping down when his term ends in January.

"I think it's amazing and outstanding that in a city that has less

than six percent African Americans, that you have two black women who are in the runoff to be the next Portland City Council person. And these seats don't open that often" Smith told the Portland Observer.

Smith, who was a Multnomah County Commissioner for eight years and worked for Senator Ron Wyden for over two decades, was thought to be a front-runner by

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