

Seeking Help for Thanksgiving Meal

The Walnut Park Shelter on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard is not scheduled to serve a meal on Thanksgiving Day, according to Bora Harris, community liaison for the shelter, but she hopes those plans will change with a new plea for volunteer help.

Harris was sad to hear that Walnut Park was one of only two shelters run by Transition Projects, Inc. that will not have a meal on Thanksgiving, so she's trying to raise awareness in hopes that people and businesses from the community will step up by providing food, funds and their time to provide a meal for about 80 people when the nighttime shelter opens at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day. The shelter has no facilities for meal preparation, she added.

On Monday before Thanksgiv-



ing, the shelter will have a holiday meal provided for them by the Daniels Memorial Church of God in Christ, Harris said, but she fears residents will be disappointed with no observance on Thursday.

"We like for them to have an actual Thanksgiving meal on that day," she said.

Anyone who wants to help can call Harris at 503-936-8020 or email bora.DHLI@gmail.com.

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Bora Harris, community liaison for the Walnut Park nighttime shelter for homeless people, is trying to gather resources to provide a Thanksgiving meal for about 80 people. Businesses, individuals or groups who want to help can call Harris at 503-936-8020 or email bora.DHLI@gmail.com.



A posting on Twitter shows a Portland Police vehicle window with the political "Blue Lives Matter" flag attached to the bottom left corner.

Political Message Draws Fire

A political "Blue Lives Matter" sticker on the window of a Portland police squad car has drawn the ire of a local citizen and appears to violate regulations for political messaging by displaying private decals or markings on city vehicles.

Lindsey Burrows posted a photo of the police car with the thin blue line sticker on Twitter last week, calling it unaccept-

able, recognizing that the symbol has been used in opposition to the Black Lives Movement and by white supremacists.

Burrows pointed out in her tweet that Multnomah County, for example, paid \$100,000 to a black employee last April who claimed distress by allowing a blue lives matter flag in the workplace.

The Week in Review

Noose Found at OHSU

Oregon Health and Science University was investigating the placement of a noose found looped over a construction cone in a secure area of the Portland hospital Thursday. In a statement, OHSU officials said the noose was abhorrent, saying the symbol associated with lynching can be traumatic to members of our community.

Jail Term for Racist Attack

A former downtown restaurant worker was sentenced to 1 1/2 years in jail Thursday for yelling racial slurs at a black customer, raising a chair to threaten her and smashing her iPhone. Kelly Wade Roberts, 36, pleaded guilty to the hate crime of second-degree intimidation.



Voters Okay Teachers Levy

Voters strongly approved the renewal of a Portland Public Schools levy for teachers in last week's general election. Voters also said yes to a Metro property tax for nature and parks and approved a proposal to increase protections of the Bull Run watershed, the source of Portland's drinking water.

Guilty of Unprovoked Attack

Thursday, a Multnomah County jury con-

victed Brandon Frison, 23, of randomly assaulting three people in the Kenton neighborhood last fall. "This vicious attack came out of the blue," said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Todd Jackson. Doctors had to wire one of the victim's jaw shut and drill screws into his teeth.



Fined for Misuse of Charity

A judge Thursday ordered President Donald Trump to pay \$2 million to an array of charities as a fine for misusing his own charitable foundation to further his political and business interests. The penalty was in connection with a lawsuit filed by the state of New York.



Hoover Criminals Arrested

The U.S. Attorney for Oregon announced federal racketeering and murder charges against three members of the Hoover Criminal Gang last week. One of the men, Lorenzo Laron Jones, was indicted on charges of racketeering that caused the shooting deaths of two Portland men.



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