

#### Safe, Clean and Sober Leader Dies

**June 26 -** Michael Booker, 64, a beloved and longtime advocate of the African American community in Portland, dies after an unexpected liver cancer diagnosis just three weeks prior. Booker most recently helmed the executive director position at the Miracles Club, a nonprofit for recovering addicts.



#### New Roots on MLK

**July 24 –** Business owners celebrate the replanting of roots in the historic heart of Portland's black community during a grand opening celebration for Alberta Commons. Three person-of-color owned businesses, Cason's Fine Meats, Champions Barbershop and greenHAUS Galley + Boutique have opened in the redeveloped block at Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Alberta Street.

# Program Fills Hunger Gap

Aug. 21 - Shannon Long, Multnomah County Library programming assistant, welcomes kids for free lunches as part of a summertime Meals 4 Kids program to stave off food insecurity for families that would normally receive free or reduced fare lunches for their kids during the school year.



# Campus Police to Keep Guns

Oct. 16 - Portland
State University alumna
and graduate student
Olivia Pace and others
addresss the PSU Board
of Trustees to strongly
criticize the university's
decision to continue
arming campus police
with guns. The decision

followed the first ever PSU officer-involved shooting that killed a black man braking up a fight outside a bar near campus in 2018.

#### Tornado Hit

July 3 – A rare EF-0 tornado touched down in northeast Portland causing widespread damage in a mile long path, including these two trees which toppled over against a single home at Northeast 16th and Going Street. Amazingly, no injuries were reported.



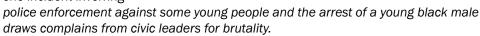


### Open for Summer

**July 10 –** A new outdoor pool at north Portland's Peninsula Park opens, replacing an outdated facility and expanding capacity for a resource that has a rich history of serving a multicultural community.

## Police Action at March Criticized

**Sept. 25 –** A youthled climate strike draws thousands downtown to peacefully protest, but one incident involving





#### In the Middle of a Fight

Oct. 9 – A proposed change to city code by City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly to lessen the power of neighborhood associations to better serve diverse and underserved populations becomes contentious. One of Eudaly's chief critics is her former employee, public policy consultant Mingus Mapps, who plans to run for her seat.

#### PSU Black Studies at Risk, Professor says

Nov. 20 – Professor Ethan Johnson, who heads up the Black Studies Department at Portland State University, says he doesn't feel like celebrating the department's 50th anniversary because PSU is failing to support the department and even more is failing to listen to the concerns of minority students and teachers.



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