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Hit Again by Legionnaire's Disease

New case at Rosemont senior apartments

The Multnomah County Health Department last week confirmed a new case of Legionnaires' Disease at Rosemont Court, despite efforts to fix the building's water system.

A historic property in north Portland retrofitted into senior and low-income apartments some years ago, Rosemont residents were evacuated from their homes under a public health advisory last January after at least 10 cases of the bacterial disease were reported to have caused hospitalizations and at least one death.

But residents were allowed to return under new precautions and many of them cited the affordabil-



A new case of Legionnaires' Disease has been confirmed at Rosemont Court, a senior apartment complex.

597 N. Dekum St., is owned by Northwest Housing Alternatives.

The disease is not known to spread from person-to-person. And most healthy people exposed to Legionella do not get sick. But for people at increased risk, breathing in very small droplets of water with the bacteria can lead to severe pneumonia, health officials said.

People at increased risk for infection include the elderly, smokers, those with chronic diseases such as COPD or diabetes, and the immunosuppressed. For those who get symptoms, the first to appear are usually flu-like (fever, tiredness, muscle aches, and headache). Signs of a serious Legionella lung infection (pneumonia) include cough and chest pain. Many people sick with Legionella also have diarrhea.

In January, Multnomah County created a plan with building managers to treat the Rosemont water system with chlorine, including shutting off the water for consumption and providing bottled water. A disinfection system and filters were also added on faucets in the apartments.

Corrections: Peterson for Sheriff – In our Sept. 22 story on Capt. Derrick Peterson running for Multnomah County Sheriff we had some errors we regret. Peterson has been employed in the sheriff's office since 1986, currently supervising the county jail system as a commander, not as a deputy sheriff. He is the first Black person to run for the office this election cycle, not the first Black man or woman to ever run for the office. Vera Pool ran in 1993, 1995 and 2002 and Mohammad Ra'ooof was a candidate in mid 2007 or after. The current sheriff is Mike Reese.

ity of the complex with monthly rents much lower than can be found elsewhere, as a reason for staying.

Legionnaires' disease typically spreads from a water source and officials believe it somehow got into the building's water supply. The building, a former convent and religious school at

The Week in Review

DA Advocate Resigns

Ernest Warren, a longtime criminal defense lawyer from the Black community hired to lead a new unit reviewing convictions and sentences in the Multnomah County District Attorney's office, resigned last Wednesday without comment. DA Mike Schmidt wished Warren well and said he would continue to be an ally for integrity in the criminal justice system.



Woman in July 4 Fire Dies

A woman who suffered critical burns after she was trapped during a July 4 fire at the Heidi Manor apartments in northeast Portland died Thursday. Kelsi Edmonds had been undergoing treatment at the Oregon Burn Center at Legacy Emanuel Hospital. Her boyfriend and a roommate died in the inferno.

Police Want 840 New Officers

The Portland Police Association says the city will need to hire 840 additional officers in the next 5 years. That's more than the entire number of sworn-members currently serving. The bureau currently has 129 vacancies.

MLK Dream Run Held

The 10th-annual MLK Dream Run took to the streets Sunday

in northeast Portland, drawing around 400 runners. The Soul District Business Association event honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of social and economic justice for all. Proceeds support communities of color and minority-owned businesses.

Unvaccinated Coach Fired

Washington State fired football coach Nick Rolovich and four of his assistants on Monday for refusing a state mandate that all employees get vaccinated against COVID-19, making him the first major college coach to lose his job over vaccination status.



Vandalism Returns Downtown

Widespread vandalism in downtown returned Oct. 12 when a group of about 100 people targeted dozens of businesses by breaking windows, causing an estimated \$500,000 in damages. Dumpsters and garbage cans were also set on fire in the street.

School Employees Vaccinated

Portland Public Schools announced Monday that over 96.3% of its employees were fully vaccinated against COVID-19, the deadline for Gov. Kate Brown's mandate requiring all school staff to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

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