

The Week in Review

New Prosecutors Hired

Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt has hired four new prosecutors to support investigations involving firearms. The addition was made possible by a \$1 million investment from Multnomah County to fight gun violence.

Running for City Council

Former Oregon State Rep. Akasha Lawrence Spence announced that she is running for the Portland City Council, citing both an urgent need and an opportunity to make sure that our city's recovery is just, centering those who have been most impacted by the health and economic crises of the last two years."



Racism in Complaints

A new report by the city auditor finds Portland's complaint-driven property maintenance system has led to a disproportionate number of financial penalties for Portland homes in racially diverse and gentrifying neighborhoods.

School Employees Bonuses

Portland Public Schools announced last week it was awarding bonuses to all PPS employees who refer a successful applicant to the school district, and a retention bonus for all PPS teachers and educators. It comes amid a national staffing shortage worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Feds Call for Body Cameras

The U.S. Justice Department recommended that Portland police wear body cameras if they are on tactical, traffic or crowd control operations. The city currently doesn't use the cameras, but has been in negotiations with the police union over how the cameras would be used and when officers could review footage.

Man Drives Into Crowd

A Portland man was arrested Sunday after driving his vehicle into a small crowd and hitting a police officer on Sunday on Northeast Sandy Boulevard where it intersects with Prescott Street. The officer and a woman were hospitalized for non-life threatening injuries.

Bipartisan Win for Biden

President Joe Biden signed his hard-fought \$1 trillion infrastructure deal into law Monday before a bipartisan, celebratory crowd on the White House lawn, declaring that the new infusion of cash for roads, bridges, ports and more is going to make life "change for the better" for the American people.

Union Gospel Thanksgiving Meals



Union Gospel Mission has started to cook 100 turkeys in order to be prepared to serve more than 900 Thanksgiving meals.

Meals will be provided during the week of Thanksgiving starting Sunday, November 22 those living downtown, in camps all over Portland and on the east side of the mission's overnight shelter.

Donations of pre-baked, packaged

pumpkin pies and coffee (ground or whole bean) are still needed. Pie and coffee can be dropped off at 3 N.W. Third Ave. Financial donations are also encouraged and can be made online at ugmportland.org.

Union Gospel Mission provides meals and care for the homeless and operates LifeChange -- a transformative recovery community for men, women and children. For more information, call 503-274-4483.

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