

# 2021 Year in Review



## Biden-Harris Era Begins

**Jan. 27** – The inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris makes history. Harris becomes the first female and first black person to hold the office, breaking from more than 200 years of U.S. history, and follows this historic election of former President Obama as the first Black president.



## Elevating Justice in Portland

**Feb. 10** – Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt, in his first year in office after being elected on a platform to address racial disparities in prosecutions and police accountability, defends new policies promoting fairness and equity.



## Mask Up Portland!

**March 10** – Damian Lillard is depicted in a new Portland mural reminding people to wear masks in solidarity against the coronavirus. The artwork at Northeast 28th and Alberta was created by Portland artist and muralist Kyle Holbrook who poses for the Portland Observer in front of his creation..



## Mass COVID-19 Vaccinations

**March 24** -- The Oregon Convention Center is turned into a temporary mass COVID-19 vaccination clinic, opening 7 days a week and seeing more than 5,200 patients each day as four Portland healthcare systems, Kaiser, Legacy, OHSU and Providence combine forces to distribute the shots and protect lives..



## Journeys to Justice

**April 7** – The experiences of being Black, not only from the point of view of trauma, but also in celebration of the culture and rich contributions to our society, comes to life in new Portland Opera production led by two members of Portland's black community, Portland Opera's Damien Geter and Chip Miller of Portland Center Stage.



## Violent Response to Police

**April 21** – Windows were smashed at the Blazers Boys and Girls Club and several businesses along Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard during a protest against the police. It followed the death of a man who was shot at Lents Park.