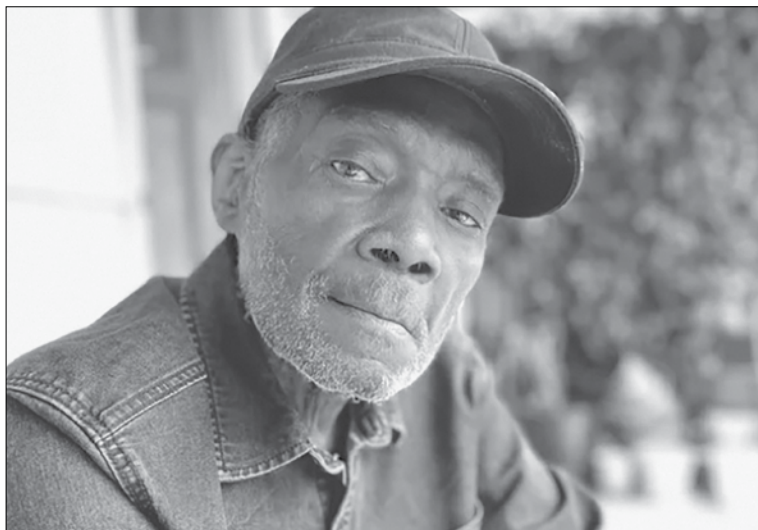


Barbecue Chef Gets Much Needed Help



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Neighbors rally to keep operator in business, housed

James Dixon, a well known Portland entrepreneur who has served generations of families from his Dixon's Rib Pit barbecue cart in the Alberta district is getting some much needed help after the theft of his grilling equipment and the pending loss of his rented home in the same neighborhood.

According to neighbors who are rallying to support the long time Black community resident, Dixon has been a selfless and caring friend to many in the community.

Daniel Greenstadt and other neighbors started a GoFundMe account to help Dixon recover from the theft and help him get his rib pit back up and running, along some financial help to find another place to live and stay in the neighborhood. Already, more than \$8,000 was raised after just a few days and a TV news report on his plight.

Dixon's handmade barbecue smoker and trailer were stolen from his home on May 15. Unfortunately, it followed the loss of his beloved wife who died last year and current plans by his landlord to sell the home he has called home for years.

"As you can imagine, the housing challenge is a difficult one, and we are appealing to any individuals or organizations who may be able to help financially or with other resources in the search for an appropriate and affordable place for Mr. Dixon to hang his hat," Greenstadt said. After a TV news report on Dixon's plight, more than \$8,000 was initially pledged.

"Mr. Dixon has given so much for so many years to so many people in so many ways that he's touched a lot of lives, and he's never asked for anything," Greenstadt said in his gofundme post. "We hope to replace his equipment and get him up and running for the summer BBQ season and beyond."

For more information and to contribute, visit [gofundme.com/f/james-dixon-friends-neighbors-fund/](https://www.gofundme.com/f/james-dixon-friends-neighbors-fund/).

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Unsafe Housing Charged Conditions inhabitable, Black tenants say

Don't Shoot Portland, the Portland-based activist organization promoting civil rights, racial equity and solutions to gun violence, is leading a community-based response to a mass action lawsuit against Reach Community Development claiming unsafe and unsanitary conditions for a housing complex serving the Black community.

Five tenants at Allen Fremont Plaza, 221 N. Fremont, have filed lawsuits claiming the non-profit housing provider forced them into inhabitable conditions by not maintaining the 64-unit building, causing them and other low-income and elderly residents to live in filth and fear for their safety.

Reach Community Development, which has not publicly responded to the lawsuit, promised it would make improvements to the building seven years ago when it took over



Black tenants at Allen Fremont Plaza have filed a lawsuit claiming unsafe and unsanitary conditions.

management, but since then, tenants say conditions have only gotten worse.

A lack of basic and necessary maintenance, for example, is blamed for non-functioning restrooms that deny tenants' basic hygiene needs, the tenants say.

In addition, a failure to maintain elevators has forced disabled tenants to literally crawl down flights of stairs to exit the building or to stay in their apartments for days until the elevator was working again, the lawsuit claims.

Other complaints include a failure to provide effective light-

ing and security cameras, resulting in criminal activity taking place on the premises as well as elderly tenants being harassed by non-residents; and failure to provide adequate ventilation and safety from fire hazards.

Last year, an employee at the complex was removed from her role at the facility after tenants alleged the worker used racist slurs against Black residents, the Oregonian reported.

In the current complaint, legal advocacy and services are provided with support from Don't Shoot Portland and the civil rights law firm Olsen Daines, officials said.

Run-off; Re-Elected

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She will face political newcomer Rene Gonzalez in the runoff. Gonzalez a soccer coach and business owner endorsed by the Portland Police Association narrowly outdistanced his opponent Vadim Mozyrsky.

In the Multnomah County sheriff's race, O'Donnell will succeed Sheriff Mike Reese, who was unable to run for re-election due to term limits.

"Today is also a win for trailblazers everywhere, as I'm honored to be the first woman elected to be your Sheriff," Morrissey O'Donnell tweeted Tuesday night.

In an election for Multnomah County Chair to succeed Deborah Kafoury who was term limited, Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson captured the most votes, but short of avoiding a runoff. She will face fellow County Commissioner Sharon Meieran who narrowly finishing second.

In the governor's race, Kotek will face a three-way race in November against the Republican nominee Christine Drazan and



Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tina Kotek speaks to supporters Tuesday night after the results of Oregon's primary election are announced in Portland. Kotek defeated Tobias Read to win the nomination. (AP photo)

Betsy Johnson, a former Democratic state senator who is running as an independent.

"I think it's important to remember that all the Democrats in this race share a similar vision for what we want the state to be," Kotek said in her victory speech, addressing a crowd of supporters in Portland on Tuesday night. "We're all going to work together to make sure we win. That a Democrat — that I win in November, because frankly there is

just too much at stake."

In Oregon's new sixth Congressional District, State Rep. Andrea Salinas was declared the winner in a crowded field of candidates which included former Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith, a long time member of Portland's Black community.

If elected in November, Salinas would become the first Latina member of Congress from Oregon.