

The Week in Review

Irving Park Light Pole Injury

A light pole fell down at Irving Park after police say someone tied a hammock to it, injuring a little boy and his nanny. Portland Parks & Recreation said safety is the top priority and they are reviewing the incident and will evaluate any potential next steps.



Defending Roaches Comment

Following criticism for using words that dehumanize and demonize marginalized groups of people, former state Sen. Betsy Johnson, who is running for Oregon governor, Thursday defended recent comments in which she said the City of Roses is turning into "the city of roaches," saying she was talking about trash piling up not people

Clean Air Rules Limited

The Supreme Court limited the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from power plants in a 6-3 ruling handed down last week that will have far reaching implications on the federal government's ability to fight climate change.

Migrants Die in Tractor-Trailer

At least 46 people were found dead in a tractor-trailer in San Antonio, Texas, while attempting the dangerous journey to cross the border into the U.S. in what may be one of the largest mass migrant casualty events in recent U.S. history.

July Brings Wage Increase

Minimum wage workers in Oregon got a raise on July 1. For the Portland metro area it means \$14.75 per hour and the sixth yearly increase since 2016. Beginning next year, Oregon minimum wage rates will automatically be indexed to inflation based on Consumer Price Index.

Abortion Amendment Sought

Following the supreme court decision eliminating a national right to abortion, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee said he will push for a state constitutional amendment to protect abortion rights within his state's borders, as well as laws that will make it difficult for other states to investigate whether their own residents have visited Washington for abortion care.

R Kelly Sentenced

Disgraced R&B superstar R. Kelly was sentenced Wednesday to 30 years in prison for using his fame to sexually abuse young fans, including some who were just children, in a systematic scheme that went on for decades. The accusers said the singer had misled and preyed upon them.



Driver Shortage Cuts Service

Because of a bus driver shortage, TriMet announced it will shift, reduce or cancel some services until operator numbers increase, starting in mid-September. The temporary change will impact 10 bus lines currently seeing low ridership, officials said.

COVID-19 Vaccines for Children Urged



OHSU encourages vaccines for children to prevent COVID-19 and offer protection against serious illness.

Shots offer protection, OHSU experts say

Following recommendations by federal and state health authorities authorizing new COVID-19 vaccines for young children, Oregon Health & Science University experts recommend the vaccinations as the best way to protect children and their families during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

"Careful and thorough reviews of available clinical trial data show these two COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna) are both effective and safe for children as young as 6 months old. I highly recommend that children get vaccinated as soon as they can," said Dr. Eliza Hayes Bakken, pediatrician at OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital and OHSU School of Medicine.

"There are so many unexpected things that can happen to our children. If we can do something to provide some protection against that uncertainty, we should take advantage of it," Bakken said. "The coronavirus still causes too many children to become seriously sick and even die. Vaccinating children remains the best option to protect both our kids and our families."

The Pfizer vaccine is authorized for children 6 months to younger than 5 years old, and the Moderna vaccine is authorized for children 6 months to younger than 6 years old. Other versions of Pfizer vaccine are already available for adults and children older than 5, and another version of the Moderna vaccine has also been authorized for children, adolescents and teenagers 6 and older.

Which vaccine is best? Both vaccines are safe and will lower children's risk of symptomatic infections. Experts have concluded that both vaccines offer an important layer of protection to decrease children's risk of severe symptoms, hospitalization and death from COVID. OHSU Doernbecher pediatricians recommend children get the first vaccine available to them.

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