



Friends and research partners celebrate with Dr. Strong (red shirt). Photos courtesy of Dr. Strong.

Non - Profit Serving Greater Portland Metro

Offering free community Mental Health trainings

Dr. Jackie Strong recently celebrated with family, friends and community members his recent graduation from Portland State University where he earned a PhD in Social Work Research. The celebration was also to announce the launching of Strong's Training and Workshop Services (STWS) a new Non - Profit serving the greater Portland metro area with the special focus of addressing Mental Health issues plaguing the Black community. Dr. Strong also wants to announce that STWS will be offering free community Mental Health trainings starting soon so keep your eyes open for the alerts.

The Aftermath Of A Huge Fire



A fire at an abandoned Kmart in Northeast Portland, Ore., sends up a large plume of smoke on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. Courtesy of Portland Fire & Rescue

Kmart Fire Cleanup Efforts

After completing the fire debris removal at nearby schools and parks, Prologis teams shared that they are now ready to assist community members in need of help removing remaining large fire debris.

Starting on Friday, July 28, more than 20 crews began canvassing in neighborhoods starting in the areas most impacted by large fire debris (1" or larger) and expanding the area based on observed large fire debris to remove such fire debris that is visible on lawns and shrubs. These teams are knocking on doors and directly engaging community members on whether they want help with removing large fire debris from their property. Notifications are being left for those who are not home,

informing community members of such fire debris removal and providing an email address if assistance with large fire debris removal is needed. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has advised that it is safe to pick up this debris yourself following its guidance.

Many households have already reported large fire debris via an online form. This information is being passed to the cleanup crews. New requests can be made to the email address below through Wednesday, Aug. 2. An adult must be present to sign a consent form permitting entry onto the property before the large fire debris removal starts and after it is complete. For questions about the Kmart fire large fire debris neighborhood cleanup, email kmartfireneighborhoodcleanup@gmail.com or call 503-276-7389.

