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Love for the Game and Community

Feb. 22 - One of Oregon's most successful youth sports organizations, Friends of Baseball, hired Aaron Dickson as its new Executive Director. Dickson takes over for fellow Portland State alum, Nova Newcomer. Dickson, a Portland native, has spent the last 12 years dedicated to impacting at-risk youth with Oregon's largest African-American led non-profit, Self Enhancement Inc.



Walmart Closes Portland Stores

March 8 - Walmart closed ten of its stores across the country. It is official the last two stores operating within the Portland city limits were included. The locations, at 1123 North Hayden Meadows Drive and at 4200 Southeast 82nd Avenue at the Eastport Plaza, both closed in March. Walmart did announce they will help the affected employees transfer to other locations in the area.



First Bond-Funded Affordable Housing Development

April 5 - Urban League of Portland and Home Forward hosted a grand opening, ribbon cutting ceremony and tour April 4th for the Hattie Redmond Apartments, a 60-unit new construction development that will provide permanent supportive housing to people with disabilities who are exiting homelessness. The apartment community is situated in the Albina neighborhood of Portland, the historic center of Portland's Black community.

Sunshine Division Announced New Portland Police liaison

March 22 - The Portland Police Bureau (PPB) assigned Officer Rashida Saunders to be Sunshine Division's new police liaison. Officer Saunders, a 10-year veteran with PPB, will connect families and individuals in need with services to expand Sunshine Division's reach in the community. She will maintain her regular duties as a police officer while she takes on this role.



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