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## 2024 Portland Rose Festival CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAY 24** ROSE FESTIVAL OPENING NIGHT FIREWORKS
- MAY 24-27** ROSE FESTIVAL CITY FAIR
- MAY 26-JUNE 9** ROSE FESTIVAL TREASURE HUNT
- MAY 31-JUNE 2** ROSE FESTIVAL CITY FAIR & STARRY NIGHTS
- JUN 1** AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HEART & STROKE WALK
- JUNE 1** STARLIGHT RUN
- JUNE 1** CAREOREGON STARLIGHT PARADE
- JUNE 5** FRED MEYER JUNIOR PARADE
- JUNE 5-9** ROSE FESTIVAL FLEET WEEK
- JUNE 6-7** PORTLAND ROSE SOCIETY ANNUAL SPRING ROSE SHOW
- JUNE 6-27** OREGON SOCIETY OF ARTISTS
- JUNE 7** ROYAL ROSARIANS HONORARY KNIGHTING CEREMONY
- JUNE 7** QUEEN'S CORONATION
- JUNE 7-9** ROSE FESTIVAL CITYFAIR
- JUNE 8** GRAND FLORAL PARADE
- JUNE 8-9** GRAND FLORAL FLOAT SHOWCASE PRESENTED BY OMSI
- JUNE 8-9** ROSE FESTIVAL DRAGON BOAT RACE
- JUNE 23** ROYAL ROSARIANS MILK CARTON BOAT RACE

# LOCAL NEWS

## Fred Meyer Suspect Arrest

### Results in \$2,000 Recovered Merchandise and Several Arrests



Fred Meyer suspect arrest

On May 17th, 2024, officers assigned to East Precinct, K9 Unit, and Air Support Unit conducted a retail theft mission, which is part of an ongoing effort to address organized retail theft and other associated crimes. The mission resulted in 19 custodies, two stolen vehicle recoveries, and \$2,000 in recovered merchandise. During the mission period officers focused on the Mall 205 and Gateway area in collaboration with retail partners.

Retail Theft missions work directly with our retail partners to identify, apprehend, and work toward prosecution of these offenders. Following each retail theft missions officers conduct follow up and work closely with the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office (MCDA) to ensure prosecution on these cases.

Retail theft is often more than just shoplifting items for personal

use. Many suspects are involved in organized theft rings, which steal items that can easily be sold for cash on the secondary market or returned to stores for a "refund." Returning or attempting to return stolen property, no matter the value, is a class-C felony.

In many cases, these individuals are involved in criminal activity that extends far beyond retail theft, including illegally possessed guns, drug possession and distribution, vehicle theft, and more. Additionally, disrupting theft preserves the viability of retail businesses that serve the Portland community. Therefore, these missions go a long way in

improving livability across the area. Mission commanders analyze theft and other crime data to focus their missions on the neighborhoods most impacted by these crimes, which are often large retail shopping complexes. PPB recognizes that smaller local businesses are also impacted by retail theft and it's our belief and goal that arresting and holding prolific thieves accountable will help reduce these crimes for the entire business community.

PPB is grateful to our partners and MCDA Retail Theft Task Force for their collaboration aimed at addressing retail theft in the Portland Metropolitan area.



Portland Business District Cleanup with CareOregon. The May Business District Cleanup is sponsored by CareOregon and the Portland Rose Festival Foundation.

## Business District Cleanup with CareOregon

### Initiative to Transform and Beautify Downtown Portland

Keeping Portland's downtown clean is crucial for our economy and environment. Litter not only impacts our community's appearance but also the health of our streets, neighborhoods, and waterways. The monthly Portland Business District Cleanup is dedicated to preparing the city for the annual Rose Festival. Together with

CareOregon and the Portland Rose Festival Foundation, volunteers will beautify our city and waterfront, ensuring a clean and welcoming environment for festival visitors and protecting local wildlife from the harmful effects of trash. The community united to welcome everyone to the Rose City for a summer of clean and safe fun!