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manager, councilor Amanda Fritz likened these summer activities to preventive medicine that suppresses youth violence.

"Summer is a crucial time to keep the youth engaged in constructive activities," Fritz said.

According to the Portland Police Bureau, there were 183 gang-related

firm iUrban Teen have launched the "I Am A #ForceOf" cellphone app which connects teens to these free drop-in events at community centers.

A list of free teen activities can be found at <http://teenforce.meteorapp.com/>.

The council unanimously passed the measure with no debate. As

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shootings in 2015 and officials believe 2016 is on track to have even more incidences of violence.

The summer free access program is also getting a modern makeover with a city-sponsored smartphone app. Mayor Hales, Portland Parks & Recreation and the tech

Mayor Hales finished his remarks, he encouraged people to visit their local community centers.

"I urge everybody to spend a little time in a community center this summer and just see what's going on. It's pretty magical," Hales said.

—Arashi Young



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## Open School

The first cohort of 40 school administrators, teachers and counselors, from three partner school districts, completed Open School's Equity Certificate Program for School Leaders with personal portfolio presentations and community equity dialogue on June 30. Created in deep partnership between Open School, the School of Education at the University of Portland, and Center for Equity and Inclusion, the Equity Certificate Program for School Leaders is a year-long, graduate-level course of study where educators learn how to unpack personal and institutionalized racism in our educational system, learn culturally responsive practices for creating more equitable and inclusive school environments, and learn to lead their colleagues through this process of change.

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tions connected to an incident where O'Dea apparently shot his friend in the back on a camping trip — announced his retirement and Mayor Charlie Hales announced Captain Mike Marshman would fill his spot.

Upon taking the oath of office last

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Monday, Marshman announced a host of leadership changes in the bureau — including the demotion of three assistant chiefs to captain and the elimination of one assistant chief position.

Among those demoted was Kevin Modica, the highest ranking African American in the department. Modica served as assistant chief in charge of outreach — a position O'Dea created and Marshman eliminated — starting at the beginning of O'Dea's tenure as chief.

"The demotion of Assistant Chief Kev-

in Modica and the lack of African-American presence on the command staff or the assistant chiefs is a 'step backward' to creating a leadership team that will be effective, relevant and embracing of the vision of the 21st Century Community Policing," said the AMA's statement.

"We are living in a critical time in Portland and our nation,"

the statement continues. "A time in which cities across America, as well as the city of Portland are 'crying out' for police accountability. Uprisings have erupted through major cities; gang violence has intensified particularly in Black Communities. The failure to have an experienced, relevant African-American voice in an assistant Chief of Command level is a detriment to the welfare of the city."

The AMA formed during the 1960s civil rights movement and in recent years has worked actively on the De-

partment of Justice's 2012 settlement with the city of Portland, which recommended a host of reforms to improve relations between police and residents and reduce excessive force.

"We need someone with integrity and hopefully not intimately involved with PPB's existing culture. A person of color or anyone else would need to have a record of fairness and transparency," said a statement issued by Don't Shoot Portland, an anti-violence group formed in 2014 which has been critical of policing practices in Portland.

Marshman is also under scrutiny this week in light of revelations about a 2006 altercation involving his former stepson.

The bureau received two anonymous complaints in 2006 alleging Marshman had abused the son of his then-wife.

A detective's report from the time notes that photos were taken that showed thumb and fingerprints on the neck of the child, who was 16 at the time, and indentations on the wall — but the bureau no longer has those photos. Marshman's ex-wife told The Oregonian she learned he had grabbed

her son by the neck and slammed him against the wall.

On Tuesday night he released a statement saying he regrets the incident, and has directed the bureau to release the file relating to the investigation, as well as his full personnel file.

AMA chairperson Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr. told *The Skanner* both Mike Reese and Rosie Sizer — Portland Police Bureau's last two chiefs — had all-White command staffs. The new group of assistant chiefs includes Chris Uehara, who is a Pacific Islander, and Matt Wagenknecht and Mike Leloff, both of whom are White.

Haynes said Modica is well known in the community and in recent years has been a "steadfast person who was able to listen and get the right information to the bureau and the community."

Modica and the other former assistant chiefs are under investigation amid allegations they failed to disclose they learned about the shooting shortly after it happened.

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Portland homes are often less than the fair market value of the property. For example, a home with a market value of \$377,650 in the Piedmont neighborhood would have an assessed value of \$120,970. This home would pay about \$51 per year for the affordable housing tax.

If passed, the city plans to build or purchase 600 units for those earning 30 percent of the region's median income, which is \$22,000 for a family of four. The city would also build or buy 700 units to house those earning 60 percent of the median income, or \$44,100 for a family of four.

The 600 units for very low-income Portland residents would meet a fraction of the need. The city estimates there is a deficit of 24,000 homes and apartments for this income bracket.

A family of four looking for a three-bedroom apartment would be able to afford paying \$573 in rent before being cost-burdened, according to

the Portland Housing Bureau — a task that is impossible in the Portland rental market.

Not everyone who testified at city

**“Our communities are steadily pushed to the fringes of cities, increasingly segregated, away from community, away from jobs and services**

council was happy with the bond proposal. Fourth-generation Portland resident Terry Parker testified the bond would raise housing costs for everyone in the city, from homeowners to landlords who would pass the costs on to their renters.

Parker was the most concerned about senior citizens who live on fixed social security payments and are in danger of losing their homes due to tax burdens.

"(The affordable housing tax) not only takes from the wealthy, but it also takes from senior citizens on fixed incomes, single parents with kids and anybody

else just getting by from paycheck to paycheck," he said.

After the city council session, the Yes for Affordable Homes campaign held a

celebration and rally at the Buckman Coffee Factory in southeast Portland. The packed event space held politicians such as the housing bureau director Dan Saltzman, members of the faith community and advocates from the housing and homeless non-profits.

Joseph Santos-Lyons, the executive director at the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, said communities of color feel the effects of housing policies more acutely than White residents.

"The truth is that when Oregon is sick and when there is an issue like we



PHOTO BY ARASHI YOUNG  
City commissioner Dan Saltzman speaks at the Yes for Affordable Homes celebration June 30 in southeast Portland. Voters will decide in November on a tax measure to fund more housing.

are facing today, communities of color get pneumonia, get cancer and are often the ones who pay the deepest price," Santos-Lyons said.

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