

# News

## Founder of Rosemary Anderson High School Dies at 88

**Rosemary Anderson leaves a legacy of helping people of color and those in need**

*The Skanner*



Rosemary Anderson

**R**osemary Anderson, former Executive Director of Portland Opportunities Industrial Center, Inc. (POIC) and founder and namesake of Rosemary Anderson High School (RAHS), died March 15, 2019 in Portland, OR. She was 88 years old. She was long associated with serving underrepresented at-risk youth in and around the communities of Portland.

Born November 20, 1930 in Denver, Colorado, Ms. Anderson moved

to Portland in 1949 with her husband and children. She was employed by POIC from its inception in 1967, and in 1980, Ms. Anderson was appointed executive director. During her time at the organization's helm, she launched several non-profit, community-based, independent, skill training centers for adults, and went on to establish alternative middle and high school education for gang-impacted youth. The schools were

accredited in 1991, and upon her retirement in 2000, Rosemary Anderson High School was formally named in her honor.

"It is astonishing to realize the impact she had on our most at-risk youth in her career, all while raising her family," says POIC + RAHS President and CEO Joe McFerrin II. "As her grandson, I'm still amazed at how she pulled that off with such grace. Each and every day, I'm inspired to live up to her legacy."

Today, Rosemary Anderson High School's 5 campuses, ranging from the New Columbia area near St. John's, to Gresham, currently serve over 700 students a year with education, job training, internships, employment opportunities, parental classes, and certifications. RAHS has been recognized as one of the of top alternative high school programs in the

state of Oregon.

Through her career, Ms. Anderson was affiliated with NAACP, the Portland chapter of LINKS, Inc., Black Women's Network, and the National Association for Female Executives, Inc., among others.

Ms. Anderson is survived by her children, William Blakely, Sandra McFerrin, Carol Drayton, Randy Blakely, Nona Patrick, Diane Wilson and Helen Anderson; 15 grandchildren including Mr. McFerrin, and 25 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her son, Orel Pierson, and her husband, Martin U. Anderson (who passed away in 1999).

Visitation will be Friday, March 29 at Bethel AME Church, 5828 NE 8th Avenue, from 4 to 7 p.m. Funeral services at Life Changes Church at 3635 N. Williams Avenue will be Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m.

### Obituary: Helen Rose Sherrod Bibb

Dec. 8, 1953 - March 18, 2019

Helen Rose Sherrod Bibb was a wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She loved to read, do puzzles, and sing. She was a singular voice of pure light and love.

Helen was born December 8, 1953 in Utica, New York.

Helen will be remembered for her powerful love, her amazing generosity, and her encompassing strength. She was deeply loved and

will be greatly missed.

Helen is survived by her husband, Duane Bibb, her daughters, Ghania O'Neill, Daynelle Bibb, and Robyn Gall. She is also survived by her

mother, Thelma Sherrod, and her siblings, Merian Sherrod, Kenneth Sherrod, Gilda Sherrod Ali, E.Gaynelle Sherrod, Brenda Sherrod, Wanda Sherrod, and Vincent Sherrod. Helen also had seven grandchildren.



Helen Rose Sherrod Bibb

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**Friday, April 19th @ 7:pm**

**The Double Tree Hotel**  
1000 NE Multnomah Street  
Portland, OR 97232

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT

**Five-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2016-2020 Fourth-Year Action Plans FY 2019-2020**

**The Portland Consortium will present the 4th-Year Action Plans and updates to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, for approval.**

Citizen's views received prior to the hearings will be considered during the preparation of the Fourth One-Year 2019-2020 Action Plan and any amendments to the Consortium's Five-Year 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan. The Draft 4th One-Year Action Plan FY 2019-2020 and current Five-Year Consolidated Plan are available online at [www.portlandonline.com/phb/conplan](http://www.portlandonline.com/phb/conplan) and as a reference document the Portland Housing Bureau. Comments on any of the plans may be made in writing, addressed to the Portland Housing Bureau, Attn: Con Plan Staff, 421 SW 6th Ave, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97204; by e-mail to [Kim.McCarty@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Kim.McCarty@portlandoregon.gov), or by phone at 503.823.5312 (TDD 503.823.6868). Comments may also be offered in person. To hear your public officials' decisions, attend any of the decision meetings. Meeting are open to all members of the public. Comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 31, 2019.

**One-year Action Plan Hearings on the 4th One-Year Action Plan:**

**Multnomah County, CDBG Policy Advisory Board**  
**April 3rd, 2019, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
Wood Village City Hall, 2055 NE 238th Drive, Wood Village, OR 97060

**City of Gresham – Community Development and Housing Subcommittee**  
**Thursday, May 2, 2019 6:30 p.m.**  
City of Gresham City Hall, 3rd Floor HR Conference 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, OR 97030  
Off-street parking, on the Blue Max Line: Gresham City Hall Stop

**City of Portland, Portland Housing Advisory Commission**  
**Tuesday, May 8, 2019, 5:30 p.m.**  
Portland Housing Bureau  
421 SW 6th, Suite 500  
Street/lot parking, on Max lines and downtown Portland bus mall

**Jurisdictional Decision meetings on the 4th One-Year Action Plans**

**City of Gresham Council**  
**June 4, 2019, 3:00 p.m., Check website for updates**  
City of Gresham Council Chambers- City Council  
1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, OR 97030  
Off-street parking, on the Blue Max Line: Gresham City Hall Stop

**Portland Council Action to approve Annual Action Plan application**  
**Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 9:30 a.m.**  
City Hall Council Chambers  
1221 SW 4th Avenue Room 110, 97204  
Street/lot parking, on Max lines and downtown Portland bus mall

**Multnomah County Commission Hearing**  
**Check website for updates:**  
<https://multco.us/dchs>  
Multnomah County Building - Board of County Commissioners  
1st Floor Board Hearing Room,  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR 97214  
Off-street and lot parking, Bus Lines #4, 6, 10, 14

**Portland Budget Committee Hearings (for all meeting dates go to <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/cbo/article/622229>)**

**Portland Community Work Session with Public Testimony**  
Invited and Public Testimony on Housing and Homelessness  
**Saturday, April 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**  
Portland Community College Cascade Campus – Student Union, 705 N Killingsworth Street, Portland, OR 97217  
MAX Yellow Line, Bus Line 44, Bus Line 4, Bus Line 72

**Public Hearing on City of Portland Proposed Budgets**  
**Thursday, May 9, 2019, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
World Trade Center – Building 2, Bridge Level, Auditorium, 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97204  
MAX Blue Line, MAX Yellow Line

**Portland Council Action to Adopt Portland Budget**  
**June 12, 2019, 2:00 p.m.**  
Council Chambers, Portland City Hall  
1221 SW 4th Ave, Portland, OR 97204

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