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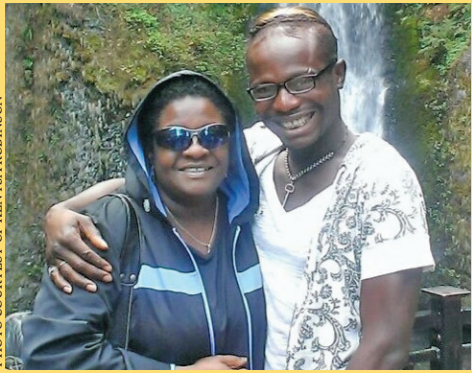


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Kenya Robinson (left) and Otis "Titi" Gulley

## Family, Police Seek Answers in Death of Black, Queer Portlander

Otis "Titi" Gulley found hanging from a tree on Rocky Butte May 27

By Christen McCurdy  
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Family members, friends and the Portland Police Bureau are looking for more information about a Black, queer Portlander found hanging from a tree on Rocky Butte on Memorial Day.

Legally known as Otis Gulley, known to some as Otie and some as Titi, and as Barbie on social media, Gulley was 31 at the time of her death.

Family members and friends de-  
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AP PHOTO/CHERYL GERBER, FILE  
Chef Leah Chase stands outside her famous Creole restaurant, Dooky Chase's, where she fed heroes of the civil rights movement in the '60s. Chase died June 1 at age 96.

## Creole Chef Gets Mardi-Style Send Off

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## Art Exhibit at Portland Library Commemorates Those Killed in Mass Gun Violence

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# BOONE TO BE NEW FIRE CHIEF

Sara Boone will serve as first Black fire chief in Portland history

The Skanner

Portland will soon have the first Black fire chief in its history.

Fire Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty announced the promotion of division chief Sara Boone as the next fire chief for Portland Fire & Rescue Wednesday.

Boone started her career with the department 24 years ago as an entry-level firefighter spent the majority of her career in emergency operations before transitioning into assignments as the bureau's safety chief, logistics deputy chief, and currently, the division chief of medical services and training.

When she was hired in 1995, she was the first African American female firefighter to enter the bureau's ranks since its inception in 1883 and she will be the first African American chief in city history.

"Chief Boone impressed our interview panels with her commitment to community, her technical knowledge, her passion for the fire service, and her leadership style," Hardesty said in a press release. "Chief Boone is well-respected throughout the bureau and we have a great collaborative relationship. I know that she has the vision and experience to lead the bureau as it takes on new challenges. I am confident that she will make sure our city is safe



PHOTO COURTESY OF PORTLAND FIRE & RESCUE

Fire Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty has chosen division chief Sara Boone as the next Fire Chief for Portland Fire & Rescue.

and cared for under her watch."

Raised in Northeast Portland, Boone attended Lincoln High School, earning all-state and all-American honors in track and field. She attended Boise State University on an athletic scholarship and graduated with a bachelor of

science degree in secondary education.

While completing her student teaching at the now-defunct Marshall High School, she had a chance encounter with a fire inspector who encouraged her to test for the city's first firefighter ap-

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## Juneteenth Celebrations Expand

Gresham event joins celebration of the effective end of slavery

By R. Dallan Adams  
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It took more than two years for news of the Emancipation Proclamation to reach slaves in some parts of the United States. On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger and his soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas and read from a general order to enslaved Texans announcing their freedom. The newly freed slaves of Galveston celebrated the announcement, marking the origins of the first Juneteenth. Over the years the holiday spread around the nation with local communities adding their own local traditions.

That said, it's been more than four decades since Clara Peoples, the 'Moth-

er of Juneteenth,' brought the holiday to Oregon and, today, Juneteenth celebrations are peppered across the state each year. Throughout the month of June, organizations around Portland are hosting Juneteenth events and even daily summer camps to mark the anniversary.

### Saturday, June 15, Annual Juneteenth Independence Day Celebration

The annual Juneteenth celebration was started by Portland community leader Clara Peoples 45 years ago. Although Peoples passed away in 2015, the event still continues as one of the largest Juneteenth events in the Pacific Northwest. The Juneteenth Independence Day Celebration will take place on June 15,

from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

The celebration will begin with the Clara Peoples Freedom Trail Parade including Samuel Thompson as this year's Grand Marshall. The parade will start at the Safeway located 5920 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The parade route will continue south along MLK, turning west on Russell Street and ends at Legacy Emanuel Hospital Field at Russell street between North Vancouver and Williams, where live musical performances, food vendors, arts, crafts, recreational areas for children take place.

### Sunday, June 16, Juneteenth: Words Along the Way

The annual 'Juneteenth: Words Along the Way' cel-

ebration is happening June 16 at 3 p.m. The community is invited to enjoy a performance with words and music by PassinArt: a Theatre Company to commemorate the Emancipation Proclamation arriving in Texas. The event will take place at the North Portland Library located at 512 N Killingsworth St. Due to limited space the event is first come, first seated.

### Sunday, June 16, Juneteenth Father's Day Celebration

Friends of Albina Art Center (FAAC) is hosting a Father's Day Celebration on June 16, at the Dismantle, Change, Build center located at 14 NE Killingsworth St. to honor Portland artist and activist

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