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A rare tornado touched down in northeast Portland early Monday evening causing widespread damage in a mile long path, including these two trees which toppled over against a single home at Northeast 16 Avenue and Going Street.

Tornado Hit

Rare EF-0 twister leaves path of destruction

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Power was restored and debris began to be cleared for northeast Portland residents Tuesday morning after an extremely rare tornado uprooted several trees, damaged vehicles and houses, and cut off power for over 2,000 people early Monday evening.

The National Weather Service confirmed that an EF-0

tornado touched down in northeast Portland's Alberta and Vernon neighborhoods, traveled about a mile, and ended in the Alameda neighborhood. The maximum width of the path was 40 yards and its estimated peak wind was 80 miles per hour.

Amazingly, no injuries were reported. The tornado only lasted about six minutes and its classification was on the lowest end of the enhanced Fujita scale, but it still

wrecked mayhem for a stretch of blocks along Northeast Going Street, between 16th and 22nd Avenues.

In one case, two uprooted trees—each about four feet in diameter—fell on top of a single house, damaging both the property and adjacent sidewalk. The tornado also tore shingles and chimney bricks off of roofs.

"This is quite remarkable," said Harriet Watson, who lives near Northeast Fremont and 38th, upon inspecting the damage close up for the first time.

Watson did not witness the tornado form herself, which occurred on her 73rd birthday, but saw "a very dark steely gray sky" loom ominously shortly before it hit.

"We had just a smattering of rain on the windshield and we thought, there's going to be a downpour, but we never thought there'd be a tornado," she said.

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Chefs were thanking customers last week at the iconic food cart pod at Southwest Alder and 10th Avenue, downtown, as they served up last meals before clearing out to make room for the construction of a new Ritz-Carlton hotel. City officials and private donors are trying to secure another place for some of the carts a few blocks away at the North Park Blocks.

Alder Food Carts Move

Group offered help on new location

BY DANNY PETERSON

THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Some of the food carts of the iconic Alder Street Food Cart Pod, downtown, have found a temporary home in the old downtown Post Office parking lot, thanks to an anonymous donation that covered towing costs and support from the city, with the hopes of securing a new permanent home along the North Park Blocks.

The collection of food carts at Southwest Alder and 10th Avenue were the first to give Portland a reputation for being a food lover's paradise without the trappings of brick and mortar restaurants. Sunday they were all cleared out after 20 years to make room for a new Ritz-Carlton hotel, which began construction Monday.

"It's sad to move but the reality is, this is private land, we have no way to control the owner's actions," Michael Xu, who helps run Shanghai's Best Street Food, told the Portland Observer.

He added that he's appreciated the

help that's been offered by city officials so far, "They reacted so fast. That's so lucky we have them to help us."

A group of businesses, non-profits and the City of Portland—spearheaded by Commissioner Chloe Eudaly—is attempting to create a space for the food carts on the North Park Blocks between Burnside and Northwest Davis, with a tentative move-in date of July 15

The effort is backed by a Go Fund Me page that aims to raise \$300,000 to cover the costs of towing, electrical, and to develop a long-term solution for food carts in Portland.

Oregon Minimum Wage Increases

July has ushered in a raise for minimum wage workers in Oregon. Under a regional formula accounting for inflation and geographic differences in local economies, employers in the Portland area will now pay at least \$12.50 an hour, 50 cents higher than before and higher than other parts of the state.

Single-Family Zones Eliminated

The Oregon Senate responded to an affordable housing shortage on Sunday by giving final legislative approval to a bill that would effectively eliminate single-family zoning in large Oregon cities. It will allow duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and "cottage clusters" on land previously reserved for single family houses.

Life Sentence for Hate Death

An avowed white supremacist who drove his car into a crowd of counter protesters during a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Va. last year was sentenced to life in prison Friday. James A. Fields Jr. pleaded guilty to 29 federal hate crimes as part of an agreement that eliminated the death penalty as a possible punishment.

The Week in Review



Scooters Fished from River

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office's dive team spent two days in the Willamette River in Portland last week, recovering 57 e-scooters and bikes, so many that they had to quit at one point because they ran out of space to get them back to shore.

Max River Tunnel Considered

Metro and TriMet are taking concrete steps this summer to determine if it's feasible to build a tunnel underneath downtown Portland and the Willamette River to speed up light rail trains and provide an alternative river crossing to the aging Steel Bridge. A website by the government agencies asks

for comments on the tunnel concept.

Carter Dishes on Trump Vote

Former President Jimmy Carter said Friday he believes President Donald Trump actually lost the 2016 election and is president only because of Russian interference. Carter made the comments during a discussion on human rights at a resort in Leesburg, Virginia.



Superintendent Hire Extended

The Portland Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously last week to extend Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero's current contract by another two years through June 2022. The approval came after board members offered a positive review of his performance, crediting him for putting the district on a footing to improve student outcomes in future years.



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LOCAL NEWS



The Portland Police Bureau released images of three suspects wanted for robbery and assault in connection to violent protests in Portland on Saturday.

Violent Street Protests

Police call for public's help after mayhem

The Portland Police Bureau asked for the public's help Monday in investigating violent assaults from competing demonstrations that spilled into the streets of downtown Portland on Saturday, with fights breaking out in places as marchers clashed.

At least three groups had planned rallies or demonstrations at different sites in the city, including members of the right wing Proud Boys and left wing anti-fascist groups that include "antifa."

The fights occurred when participants of the opposing groups met.

The Portland Police Bureau said three people were arrested Saturday on assault and harassment charges in connection with the protests. Police said medics treated eight people, including three police officers, at the scene. Three people were taken to hospitals after they were attacked, police said.

Andy Ngo, who describes himself as an editor at the conservative website Quillette, said on his Twitter feed that he was attacked by anti-fascist protesters and had to be taken to the hospital to treat injuries to his face and head. Ngo also said the attackers took his

camera equipment.

Protesters also clashed with police, throwing water bottles and eggs at officers. Police responded with the use of pepper spray. In separate social media posts, police declared the situation to be a civil disturbance and warned participants faced arrest.

The bureau also said that it has received reports that milkshakes that were thrown by protesters contained quick-drying cement, an observance one officer claimed from seeing a shake with what looked like and smelled of powder added, along with a recipe that was shared on social media for making a toxic shake, but no physical evidence was offered.



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Portland Water Bureau crews examine a broken 30-inch cast iron pipe that had burst beneath Northeast Skidmore Street, between 23rd and 24th Avenues, last March 26, flooding basements. Last week, the city council agreed to pay for the damages caused by the break.

City to Pay Flood Damages

The Portland City Council voted last week to help neighbors with legitimate claims related to a major water main break that occurred at Northeast 23rd and Skidmore Street last March sending a wall of water into adjacent streets.

The deadline to file a claim for those potentially affected by the

break is July 15. Residents who previously submitted a claim do not need to re-apply, officials said.

The cause of the pipe failure remains unknown. It was built in 1915 with a useful life of 200 years, officials said.

"This was a very rare and isolated incident," said Water Bureau

Director Mike Stuhr.

City Commercial Amanda Fritz said while the city found there was no negligence by the Water Bureau and the city was not responsible for damages, she and Mayor Ted Wheeler agreed that the city had a moral responsibility to compensate.



A new group of public safety support specialists and police officers are introduced to the city, flanked by Portland Police Bureau Assistant Chiefs Davis and Sherer.

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Public Safety Support Hires

The Portland Police Bureau has hired a new group of nine Public Safety Support Specialists and five new Police Officers. The new hires will undergo orientation and training before being assigned to the city's police precincts.

Portland Police Bureau members are working diligently to hire a diverse team of sworn officers as it faces a shortage mostly due to retirements. The public

has been asked to help in recruitment and the police bureau has revamped its hiring process, and lowered some educational standards, to gain more applicants.

"We are very excited to bring these high caliber individuals on board in the Public Safety Support Specialist and Police Officer roles," said Chief Danielle Outlaw. "We invite anyone considering a career in public service to apply to join our team

as we continue to provide the highest quality public service in Portland."

For the latest information on how to become a Portland Police Officer, including salary and benefit information or to apply, visit joinportlandpolice.com. The bureau will also hold another hiring workshop on Saturday, July 20 for information on the PPB application process and physical ability test required.



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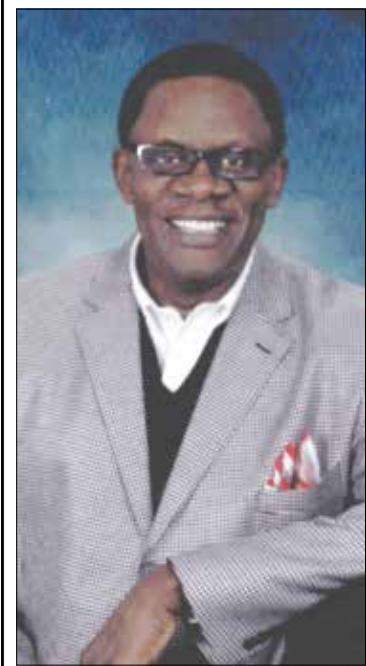
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CALENDAR

July 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 CARICOM Day (Caribbean Day) Canada Day International Joke Day Postal Worker Day	2 ○ First Walmart Opens in 1962 (in Rogers, Arkansas) First Zeppelin Flight in 1900	3 Dog Days Begin	4 Independence Day National Country Music Day Fence Painting Day	5 P.T. Barnum born, 1810	6 National Fried Chicken Day National Kissing Day	7 Build a Scarecrow Day Macaroni Day
8 ☾ Liberty Bell Cracks In 1835 Video Games Day	9 National Sugar Cookie Day Cow Appreciation Day	10 Martin Provensen born, 1916 Teddy Bear's Picnic Day	11 E.B. White born, 1899 Cheer Up the Lonely Day	12 Battle of the Boyne Paper Bag Day; The paper bag manu- facturing machine was patented	13 Go West Day National French Fries Day	14 Barn Day, Second Sunday in July Bastille Day
15 ● First Boeing 707 Flew In 1954	16 Apollo 11 Lifts Off on its voyage to the moon in 1969	17 Karla Kuskin born, 1932 Disneyland Opens In 1955	18 National Caviar Day	19 Stick Your Tongue Out Day	20 Moon Day (First landing on the moon) International Chess Day	21 National Junk Food Day
22 Pied Piper of Hamelin Day	23 ☾ Ice Cream Cone In- troduced In 1904	24 Amelia Earhart Day Marvin the Martian First debuted in cartoons in 1948	25 Thread the Needle Day	26 Jan Berenstain born, 1923	27 Scott Corbett born, 1913 Bugs Bunny First debuted in cartoons in 1940	28 Natalie Babbitt born, 1932 Beatrix Potter Born in 1866 First Fingerprint taken



Dr. Billy R. Flowers

Q: What age groups can a chiropractor help most?
A: This is like asking which age groups benefit most from good health. And yet, each age group has specific problems for which your chiropractor has specific answers.

Infant and Young Children

Other mothers are often amazed to see a mother carrying her infant out of the adjusting room. And yet,

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since the delivery process itself causes a high percentage of subluxations, infants to need chiropractic care.

Obviously, children and infants are treated differently than adults. There are new, highly sophisticated methods of adjusting children and infants to insure the best possible results with the least possible discomfort. Though young children can't tell you they're in pain, heir irritability is often a sign of the need to be checked.

Young Adults and Teenagers

More and more young adults and teenagers are getting involved in active sports. As a result, more and more of them are getting injured, requiring prompt chiropractic care.

Obviously half of he girls in our society develop scoliosis (curva-

ture of the spine) during puberty. Left untreated, scoliosis keeps getting worse over time. However, it can almost always be corrected when chiropractic care is initiated in time.

Needless to say, every teenage girl should be checked regularly for scoliosis and all teenagers and young adults should see their chiropractor regularly to make sure their newly active sports lives aren't creating spinal problems they'll have to live with the rest of their lives.

Adults

The world today is experiencing a terrible level of stress. Long work weeks, seemingly impossible deadlines and economic woes create incredible pressures. In addition, most adults breathe in polluted air,

drink chemically treated water and consume an average of nine pounds of food additives and chemical preservatives in a year, putting even more stress on their bodies. One sure way to keep the stress level from causing potentially dangerous subluxations is with regular chiropractic checkups.

Senior Citizens

Retirement age for many people has become just plain tiresome. Aches and pins, often the result of untreated subluxations, abound. Yet is hardly seems fair that having to suffer with pain or being drugged into numbness are fair rewards for all the years of hard work.

Depending on the degree of subluxations degeneration, your chiropractor can often provide help.

For senior citizens who've been fortunate enough to suffered minimal trauma in their lives, virtually complete spinal recovery should be almost as easy as it would be for younger people.

For those who have suffered needlessly for years, your chiropractor can often slow or stop the degeneration, making life more comfortable. It is certainly worth the effort so that our senior citizens get the dignity of health care they deserve.

Something for Everyone

As you can see, there are practically as many reasons to have regular chiropractic checkups as there are people. Make an appointment for yourself and your loved ones soon.

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The annual Vancouver Fireworks Spectacular presented by Columbia Credit Union will return to the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site on Thursday, July 4. Festivities for the whole family will begin at 4 p.m. with the fireworks show starting at 10:05 p.m. KGW-TV Channel 8 will livestream the show.

Fireworks Spectacular

Vancouver show will be largest in Northwest

The Fort Vancouver Historic Trust and the City of Vancouver is ready and the welcome mat is out for the 56th annual Vancouver Fireworks Spectacular presented by Columbia Credit Union.

This family-friendly July 4th celebration comes with the largest fireworks show in the Pacific North-

west at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. The fireworks will begin at 10:05 p.m. and will be livestreamed by KGW-TV.

Those attending the celebration in person are invited to bring a blanket and find their spot to enjoy the festivities which will start at 4 p.m. The Bull – 98.7 KUPL will be pro-

viding music throughout the evening. Fireworks will be launched from the historic Pearson Air Field.

This year, The Historic Trust is bringing back food and entertainment in the form of food trucks and live music performances throughout the evening, leading up to the fireworks show. Festival food fa-

vorites like gourmet sandwiches, shaved ice, middle-eastern, Hawaiian bowls and more will be sold. Local bands will be featured on the main stage and the bandstand.

C-Tran will again provide free shuttle service to and from the event beginning at 5 p.m. For more information, go to official4thofjuly.com.

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Miss Black Oregon US Ambassador 2019 Arya Morman joins members of the Susan G. Komen Oregon and Southwest Washington team to promote breast cancer education.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Miss Black Oregon 'Afrodite' event focus on community

You're invited to an "Afrodite" breast cancer awareness event intended to uplift the African American community featuring Miss Black Oregon US Ambassador Arya

Morman and representatives of Susan G. Komen of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

The theme of the Wednesday, July 10 mixer, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Century Bar in southeast Portland is a play on words, putting the focus on the fight against breast cancer in the black community.

Morman first approached the local Susan G. Komen affiliate a couple of months ago.

With a family history of breast cancer, she wanted to find a way to share with her community of young African American professionals what she has learned about the disease and supporting those closest to her.

"Arya's family story is compelling and her enthusiasm for this topic is contagious. We are excited to help her share information about breast cancer with her community," said Cindy Fletcher, director of pro-

grams at Susan G. Komen in Portland.

All are welcome. Pastor Renee Ward, herself a survivor of triple negative breast cancer, will moderate a panel of experts that include, from Legacy Health, Dr. Nathalie Johnson and Dr. Cynthia Aks, and, from OHSU Knight Cancer Institute, Dr. Gordon Mills. The panelists will talk about their respective roles in the breast cancer journey, clinical trials, and how community members can be engaged and learn more.

Registration is free but requested in advance at komenoregon.org/afrodite.

Read for Fun and Prizes –

Multnomah County encourages kids to read for fun and prizes this summer. The annual Summer Reading program is in full swing at all branch libraries. To help grow interest, the library also offers dozens of free summer reading events, camps and classes to keep youth of all ages playing and learning.

Summer Free for All – Portland Parks and Recreation's "Summer Free for All" series is back with amazing events all summer long for both kids and adults, including movies, concerts, free lunch and play events and more. For details, a guide is posted online at portlandoregon.gov/parks.

Zoo Welcomes Veterans on July 4 – On Thursday, the Oregon Zoo will mark Independence Day by offering free admission for military veterans, active military personnel and first responders (active police, firefighters and EMTs), as well as up to four family members who accompany them. Families of deployed military personnel also will be given free admission.

'On the Edge' Art Quilts – This summer through Aug. 15, the Oregon Historical Society, downtown, hosts an original exhibit of art quilts developed by the local Studio Art Quilt artists titled 'On the Edge,' a theme to draw on being on the edge, be it physically, geographically, emotionally, philosophically or in personality.

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Take PART (Portland Anti-Racism Team) presents a community outreach program on Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Portland Baha'i Center, 8720 N. Ivanhoe St. For more information, visit takepartpdx.org.

Explore Washington Park – Free shuttle service to Washington Park, with stops to all major attractions including the Oregon Zoo and Children's Museum, now runs year round on weekends and offers daily service during spring and summer through October.

Columbia Gorge Express – The Oregon Department of Transportation's Columbia Gorge Express bus provides transportation to Rooster Rock State Park and Multnomah Falls. The bus has proven a convenient and popular way to visit the Gorge for tourists, local residents and regular transit riders. For more information, visit columbiagorgeexpress.com

Zoo for All – The Oregon Zoo has launched "Zoo for All," a discount program that provides \$5 admission for low income individuals and families. Visitors may purchase up to six of the \$5 tickets by brining a photo ID and documentation showing they participate in low income service, like the Oregon Trial Card, Medicaid, Section 8, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Head Start.

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Obituary

In Loving Memory

Danita Lee Flint-Trujillo

Danita Lee Flint-Trujillo was born Jan. 11, 1981 and raised in Portland. She was a sister, mother and friend. She loved to write poetry and she had a 'never give up attitude.'

A memorial service will be held at Salt & Light Church, 5431 N.E. 20th Ave., on Friday July 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Flowers can be sent to the church address above. There will be a private burial for family at Evergreen Memorial.



Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



A family in Phoenix, Ariz. auditions to go on "Family Feud." The hit TV game show hosted by Steve Harvey is now taking signups for auditions in Portland, coming July 27 and 28.

Family Feud Auditions in Portland

The hit TV game show "Family Feud" is coming to Portland this month to hold auditions for future contestants.

Since its premiere in 1976, Family Feud has been one of television's most popular and enduring game shows. Featuring two families who compete for cash and

cars, contestants try to guess the most popular answers to questions posed to 100 people surveyed.

As host, Steve Harvey engages the competing family members in hilarious repartee, and his honest reactions to their responses have brought a fresh sense of comedy to the show

The Portland auditions will be held July 27 and 28. Producers are looking for family groups of five related by blood, marriage or legal adoption. You're encouraged to include pictures and a video with the application that can help you stand out. To apply, go to family-feud.com/audition.

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The Sun Ra Arkestra band is super excited to return to Portland for a three-night residency at the Hollywood Theater with shows, July 14 through 16.

Legacy Band Makes Return Sun Ra Arkestra plans three back to back shows

After sold-out New Year's shows at the Hollywood Theatre and the Portland Art Museum blew minds left and right, Mississippi Records is proud to bring the Sun Ra Arkestra back to Portland for three shows at the Hollywood Theater.

Under the direction of 94-year-old bandleader Marshall Allen, the 15-member Arkestra combines experimental jazz, futuristic costumes and visuals, cosmic chants, and much more to create some of the most beautiful universal music imaginable.

Three back-to-back shows at the Hollywood are scheduled July 14-16 at 8:30 p.m., promising a different set each night, plus visuals on the big screen. The Arkestra was founded in the 1950s by legendary avant-garde composer and musician Sun Ra. Since Sun Ra's death in 1993, the Arkestra has been helmed by longtime Sun Ra collaborator Marshall Allen.

"It could be argued that the Sun Ra Arkestra is the greatest band of all time," says Mississippi Records' Eric Isaacson. "Don't miss this opportunity to see them in full force!"

For tickets and more information, call 503-281-1142 or visit hollywoodtheatre.org.

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OPINION



How Do You Celebrate a Flawed Nation?

Strive to create a better union

BY JILL RICHARDSON

As the Fourth of July rolls around, I think plenty of us are eager for barbecues, corn on the cob, watermelon and fireworks, but our feelings about our country are somewhat more complicated.

How do you love and celebrate a country that's so obviously flawed? A country that's currently committing atrocities against innocent children?

Is criticizing America unpatriotic? Some would say it is. I say no.

For me, loving this country means making it better. It means taking a good hard look at our mistakes, learning from the ones in the past, and correcting the ones in the present.

That's something we don't do enough. When I teach sociology at the college level, again and again my students say things like, "This isn't the country I thought I lived in." Sadly, though, we are that country.

When you examine the full extent of the poverty, inequality, racism, sexism, homophobia, and so on in this country, it can

feel crushing. We still have a lot of work to do. But there's a quote from Bill Clinton — himself a deeply imperfect president — that says it all: "There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured with what is right in America."

When I teach, I balance all of the bad news with the good news. For one thing,

unthinkable back then.

Today, that bar, the Stonewall Inn, is a National Monument. We still have work to do, but we're on our way.

Fifty years ago, the Cuyahoga River was on fire due to the pollution in the water. Today, the fish in that river are safe to eat. The Cuyahoga River fire was a catalyst to Americans to clean up our

"If you look at the progress of our past, from the writing and ratifying of the Constitution, to the emancipation of enslaved people, to women claiming the right to vote, and the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, the American people worked hard to make it happen — often with other Americans working against them, sometimes violently."

much of our history is a story of strong movements pushing us in the right direction.

Fifty years ago, LGBTQ people marked the start of their civil rights movement with a riot when the police cracked down on them for simply being themselves and going to a bar. Today, many of us no longer need to hide in a bar to be ourselves. For one thing, we can legally marry if we so choose,

environment. We aren't perfect today, and we need to get much, much more serious about climate change, but movements have shown that big change is possible.

Sometimes we take big steps backwards after we take a few forward. After the advances of the Civil Rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s, progress stalled and some of the gains were eroded. The last major civil rights bill,

the Fair Housing Act, was passed in 1968.

After the 2008 election, Barack Obama became the first black president. In 2017, white nationalists held a major rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, where Donald Trump spoke of "very fine people on both sides." Our country clearly needs a lot more work to become the "more perfect union" it strives to be in its founding documents.

If you look at the progress of our past, from the writing and ratifying of the Constitution, to the emancipation of enslaved people, to women claiming the right to vote, and the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, the American people worked hard to make it happen — often with other Americans working against them, sometimes violently.

It was never easy. It's still not easy. But that doesn't mean it can't be done.

This Fourth of July, don't celebrate a nation that's perfect already. Celebrate a nation where movements have spent more than two centuries struggling and fighting and striving to create an ever more perfect union, and commit yourself to continuing to do so.

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Please send a cover letter and resume to Johanna Flores at: johannaf@togethergreater.org. Review of applications will begin July 15, 2019 and interviews will begin August 1, 2019.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

METRO – Information Services

Enterprise Voice & Data Communication Services RFP 3706

Bid Date: July 31, 2019 at 2:00 PM Pacific Time

Metro, a metropolitan service district organized under the laws of the State of Oregon and the Metro Charter, located at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736, is requesting proposals for Enterprise Voice and Data Communication Services for the Information Services department to service Metro properties and venues.

Sealed proposals are due no later than 2:00 PM Pacific Time, July 31, 2019, in Metro's business offices at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736, Attention: Jon Deveau, Procurement Analyst, RFP 3706.

The purpose of this RFP is to seek proposals from qualified firms to provide voice and data communication services for 14 Metro properties including Oregon Convention Center, Portland Expo Center, Blue Lake Park, St. John's Landfill, Oxbow Regional Park, Metro Regional Center and others.

Proposals can be viewed and downloaded from the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN), at <http://orpin.oregon.gov/open.dll/>.

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Gregory Reese regained his vision after complications from diabetes. He's now embarked on a cross country bicycle ride to raise awareness on diabetes prevention.

Cycling for Sight

Gregory Reese had no way to pay for sight-saving surgery six years ago, when he lost his vision due to diabetes in his native New York. Thanks to the generous help of a Seattle doctor, who agreed to perform major surgery on Reese's eyes if he promised to bring his blood sugar down, he can see again.

Now Reese is embarking on a five week bicycle ride across the country to raise awareness of retina disease, having left Portland Sunday for New York City, on two wheels.

Reese received the bike from a donation from Oregon City Subaru and plans to write a book about retinopathy.

To support Reese's writing, and help pay for lodging, food, and bike repairs during his journey, donate to his GoFundMe page: [Cycling for Sight Portland to New York](https://www.gofundme.com/cycling-for-sight-portland-to-new-york).

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Guardino's Featured Artists

Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St., this month features artists Gail Owen, Maude Anne May and Denise Althea Graham.

Owen creates linoleum reduction relief prints. Her flower pat-

terns of multiple prints are hand sewn together onto a single piece of paper. May creates compelling fiber collages combining fabric transfers of discarded photo images which are machine and hand

stitched. Graham paints moody portraits of women framed by borders reflecting symbols of alchemy, nature and art history.

The exhibit runs through July 23.



Summer at the Square

July kicks off two months of free events

Pioneer Courthouse Square kicks off the summer season with a host of free weekly events aimed at wellness, fun, dancing and community building.

Each Monday for the rest of the month and during August from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m., Pause Meditation will be hosting free guided meditation. Bolsters will be provided while supplies last, however, you're encouraged to bring your own yoga mat or bolster.

Noon Tunes, presented by 101.9 KINK and The Oregonian will be back. The square's signature summer concert series will feature an hour of live music from some of Portland's best artists each Tuesday during July and August from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Flicks on the Bricks presented by SmartPark transforms the square into Portland's largest outdoor movie theater. The films will begin on Friday, July 26 and continue each Friday night through August. Pre-movie entertainment begins at 7 p.m. with the featured movie starting at dusk.

In addition, the square will host a variety of other free events throughout the summer including cultural events such as the Chinese Festival, Pan African Festival, India Festival and many more! For more details, visit thesquarepdx.org.

This summer there are even more reasons to visit Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown. The public space is offering free weekly summer events, including Noon Tunes concerts on Tuesdays, wellness activities on Wednesdays and Flicks on the Bricks movies on five Friday evenings in July and August.



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Tree cutting crews clean up the damage after a rare tornado toppled a tree across the back of a parked van in the Vernon-Alberta neighborhood of northeast Portland early Monday night. Several homes were also damaged. But amazingly, no injuries were reported.

Tornado Hit

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

"It's freaky. It's crazy," added Courtney Ferguson, the neighborhood mail-carrier for US Postal Service, who also reported seeing hail in the Hollywood District at the time.

Another woman, who lives just one block from the double felled trees, said she remembered the wind blowing unusually loud that evening.

"I thought of a tornado, and I'd never been through a tornado, but that's sort of what it sounded like," Sarah Meacham, 48, said.

Wendy Katila was finishing up dinner at Grain and Gristle, near the corner of Prescott and 16th Avenue, when it struck.

"We thought...there was some sort of major car accident or that kind of thing and were completely flabbergasted to see these trees all over this neighborhood down," she said. "My heart goes out to these people because...not only are these trees obviously going to go, they're magnificent trees, but obviously they have damage to their house."

The National Weather Service used a combination of reports from eye witnesses and Doppler radar to determine the path and strength of the extreme winds.

The tornado was the fifth on record within Portland city limits in the history of record keeping.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Matthew Cullen told the Portland Observer another EF-0 tornado occurred in October on the north side of town, which contacted the ground for just a minute or two and caused mostly minor damage in an industrial area

and some felled trees.

An EF-3 tornado in April 1972 was the only other tornado in Portland before that, and it caused great harm in Vancouver on the same day, killing six and causing millions in damage. It had formed in Portland and crossed the Columbia River into Washington.

There were also tornados in February of 1904 and July of 1907, whose existence was uncovered through local research, Cullen said.

He added that tornados, though rare, are one of many weather hazards people should be cautious about in the Pacific Northwest.

"Tornados, while they don't occur every year necessarily, in town, they can occur and people should always remain prepared for that possibility when they see strong showers or thunderstorms and review their safety plan for their home and for their workplace," Cullen said.



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