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Taking Action on Gun Safety

Celebrating 10 Years of Life- Saving Work

Oregon Governor Tina Kotek, Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, and over a hundred Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action Volunteers called for action on gun safety during their annual advocacy day in Salem. This year's advocacy day coincides with the celebration of 10 years of Moms Demand Action's life-saving work to protect our families and communities from gun violence.

"Over the last decade, our grassroots movement has changed the political calculus and narrative on gun safety in Oregon," said Amie Wexler, a volunteer with the Oregon Chapter of Moms Demand Action. "Thanks to the advocacy of Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action volunteers, Oregon has become a national leader in the fight to end gun violence. Now, alongside our gun sense leaders, we're building on that progress and demanding continued action to save lives from gun violence."

Thanks to the advocacy of Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action volunteers, gun safety advocates fended off every measure seeking to weaken Oregon's



Governor Tina Kotek, joined more than 100 Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action Volunteers to Call for Action on Gun Safety during Annual Advocacy Day. (photo courtesy of Tina Kotek's Twitter)

gun laws, and after seeing tragedies unfold throughout the state and nation, volunteers worked with lawmakers to enact new gun safety legislation like a secure storage law in 2021, an extreme risk law in 2017, and background checks on all gun sales in 2015 all to protect Oregon families from gun violence.

This year, Moms Demand Action volunteers throughout our nation are asking

lawmakers to take action and pass additional proactive measures that will save lives. This comes after Moms Demand Action volunteers had major success this past election cycle across the country 150 Moms Demand Action volunteers won their race for office, and gun violence prevention proved to be a winning issue including in Oregon.

In 2022, Oregonians elected nine Moms Demand Action volunteers for office up and down the ballot in the midterm elections, highlighting the political power of Moms Demand Action volunteers and the importance of gun safety for voters. This was in addition to voting to implement Measure 114, which contains critical policies that help keep our communities safe.



City officials stand in front of location picked for future building plans.

Goals for the City of Portland 2023 promises to be transformational for Portland

We're only a couple of months into 2023, and already this year is shaping up to be transformational for the City of Portland. Here are a few other exciting updates from recent weeks.

Building more affordable housing: The start of construction on Alder 9, which is one of the tallest and largest affordable housing developments funded by the Portland Housing Bureau. In partnership with Related Northwest and Centro Cultural, Alder 9 will bring 159 affordable units to

the Central Eastside targeting dedicated, impactful on-site services toward seniors as well as multigenerational and BIPOC families, who are too often overlooked.

Protecting privacy, transparency in surveillance technology: This new policy will build trust, increase transparency, and enable the City to confidently use the right technology that also protect our community's civil liberties and privacy. This is not about banning technologies — it's about ensuring we adopt and use technology responsibly, ethically, and legally.

Celebrating small businesses: Small business is the backbone of our econo-

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US Army Celebrates Women's History Month

US Army highlights notable women throughout the month

The US Army celebrates Women's History Month during March by recognizing the contributions to the Army by notable women, and the sacrifices of women in today's Army. Women's History Month is observed throughout the month of March and honors and celebrates the struggles and achievements of American women throughout the history of the United States.

Women have served in the United States Army since 1775 and remain an invaluable and essential part of the Army today. As of October 31, 2022, there were 1,019 women serving within the Active Component infantry, armor, and field artillery branches.

By 1986, 14 states had already declared March as Women's History Month. This momentum and state-by-state action was used as the rationale to lobby Congress to declare the entire month of March as National Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued



Soldiers conduct Modern Army Combatives training at Fort George G. Meade, Md., July 22, 2022. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Henry Villarama)

every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

Recently, the U.S. Army raised its enlistment bonus to \$50,000 for qualified individuals who enlist for a six-year active duty commitment. For some high priority specialties, the Army is offering career-based incentives that range from \$1,000 up to \$40,000.

Aside from the career-based bonuses, there are "quick ship" bonuses for those who are prepared to head to Basic

Combat Training within 90 days of up to \$25,000. As part of the Army Civilian Acquired Skills Program, foreign language skills can be worth up to \$40,000 for certain career paths.

The Army also has a two-year enlistment option for 84 different career fields, ranging from infantry and combat engineers to paralegals and aviation operations specialists. Those who choose the two-year plan will serve two years full-time on active duty and then two years in the Army

Reserve. Officials say this shorter enlistment opportunity allows individuals the ability to see if the Army is a good fit for them without immediately committing to a three- or six-year enlistment.

Additionally, the previous Department of Defense policy which mandated a COVID-19 vaccination for all incoming and current DoD members has been rescinded. Applicants enlisting into the US Army no longer have to agree to get vaccinated against COVID-19.



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LOCAL NEWS

The Signage Unveiling

In April 2021, the Retiree Committee of the Oregon Alliance of Black School Educators (ORABSE) made the request for the PPS Board of Education to change the name of the Blanchard Education Service Center (BESC) to Dr. Matthew Prophet Jr. Service Center in commemoration of the legacy of service to Oregon by Dr. Matthew Prophet Jr. He was first Black, and longest serving, Superintendent of Portland Public Schools, the largest school district in Oregon.

The Retiree group, led by Dr. Velma Johnson, reached out to numerous individuals who worked with Dr. Prophet to help tell the story of his contributions. A clear theme was evident throughout: Dr. Prophet believed that "All children can learn." Better yet, he placed the right people, capital, and financial resources in the right places to ensure that everything needed was available. No excuses. Just success! Educator morale improved. Families had greater trust in their schools, and children learned!

Director Michelle Depass put ORABSE on the agenda to pres-



Dr. Matthew Prophet Jr., first Black Superintendent of PPS from 1982 to 1992.

ent September 20, 2022. Kevin Bacon, the ORABSE President, Lurlene Shamsud-Din, Program Manager, and others including former Board of Education members, gave testimony as to why BESC should be renamed in honor of Dr. Prophet. Dr. Harriet Adair presented the formal request. Ken Berry, of World Arts Foundation Inc, produced a short video of community leaders detailing Dr. Prophet's impact on their personal and professional lives which was shown at the end

of the presentation. The presentation, a "village vision" led the PPS Board of Education to an unexpected move. Without reservation, the Board voted immediately and unanimously to change the name to the Dr. Matthew Prophet Jr. Service Center.

The new signs of the service center will be unveiled Saturday, March 11, 2023 at noon, located at 501 N Dixon St, Portland, OR 97227, USA. ORABSE invites all to join in to celebrate the unveiling.

Walmart Will Close Portland Stores Nearly 600 workers to be laid off

Walmart is closing ten of its stores across the country this month. It is official the last two stores operating within the Portland city limits will be included. The locations, at 1123 North Hayden Meadows Drive and at 4200 Southeast 82nd Avenue at the Eastport Plaza, will both close on March 24. Walmart did announce they will help the affected employees transfer to other locations in the area.

Walmart said they are closing the stores because they were not meeting financial expectations. They also acknowledged that a "consider many factors, including current and projected financial performance, location, population, customer needs, and the proximity of other nearby stores when making these difficult decisions."

From January 2022- January 2023 Portland Police showed over 27,100 reports of theft in the city. That averages over 2,000 incidences a month. "Theft is



The Walmart logo is displayed on a store in Springfield, Ill., May 16, 2011. (AP Photo/Seth Perlman, File)

an issue. It's higher than what it has historically been," Walmart CEO Doug McMillon said in December on CNBC. He added that "prices will be higher and/or stores will close" if authorities don't crack down on prosecuting shoplifting crimes.

Portland police have been cracking down on retail shoplifters in recent months, with one sting in December seeing 64 arrests, another in February leading to 40 arrests. "For a long time we kind of let everybody get away with it, we just didn't have the resources to actually touch on it," Jordan Zaitz,

a member of Portland Police's Neighborhood Response Team, told KPTV. "Now it's good to actually be able to arrest people and hold them accountable and hopefully get them the help they need."

In one of Walmart's recent earnings call, Walmart CFO, John David Rainey, said the company lowered its outlook for the year ahead due to consumers having fewer funds on hand and interest rate raises from the Federal Reserve.

Walmart still operates several stores outside the city itself, in what is considered the metro area that includes the suburbs.

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Oregon to Lift Health Care Mask Mandate April 3



Workers, patients and visitors in health care settings will no longer be required to wear masks

OHA move follows improvements in respiratory hospitalizations, test positivity

Workers, patients and visitors in health care settings will no longer be required to wear masks starting April 3, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) announced today.

OHA is rescinding provisions in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-019-1011 that require workers in health care settings – such as hospitals, mobile clinics, ambulances, outpatient facilities, dental offices, urgent care centers, counseling offices, school-based health centers, complementary and alternative medicine locations – to wear masks. The requirement has been in effect since August 2021.

In addition, Executive Order 22-24 will expire on March 6, 2023. The emergency gave hospitals needed flexibility to respond to a surge in respiratory infections, including

COVID-19, RSV and influenza.

The decision to end statewide health care mask requirements aligns with decisions in other states, including Washington.

Dean Sidelinger, M.D., M.S.Ed., health officer and state epidemiologist at OHA, said the lifting of Oregon's health care mask requirement stems from data in recent weeks showing overall decreases in circulation of the three respiratory pathogens that triggered a surge in visits to hospital emergency departments and intensive care units last fall. As of today, COVID-19 test positivity is at 10% and is expected to continue dropping; influenza test positivity is at 1.2%; and RSV test positivity is at 1.6% (antigen tests) and 3.5% (molecular tests).

The month-long lead-up to the ending of Oregon's health care mask requirement gives the health care system, local public health authorities and other health partners time to prepare for the change, including adjusting policies, training and procedures that ensure continued patient safety and access. It also gives members of the public, particularly populations

at increased risk of severe disease—communities of color, tribal communities, rural communities, lower-income communities, those with underlying medical conditions, seniors, and parents of vulnerable infants – a chance to plan health care visits and protective measures.

People at higher risk for severe disease, or who live with someone at higher risk, should still consider wearing masks in health care or any settings, to better protect themselves and those most vulnerable around them. Some health care settings may continue to require masks even after the requirement is lifted.

Masks remain an effective way to reduce transmission of respiratory viruses. People are recommended to wear masks when they are sick, and individuals – particularly those with health conditions that put them at high risk for severe illness from a respiratory virus exposure—should continue to wear masks wherever they feel comfortable.

In order to protect themselves and their families and communities, people are strongly encouraged to stay up to date with vaccinations and boosters.

GOOD NEWS 2023

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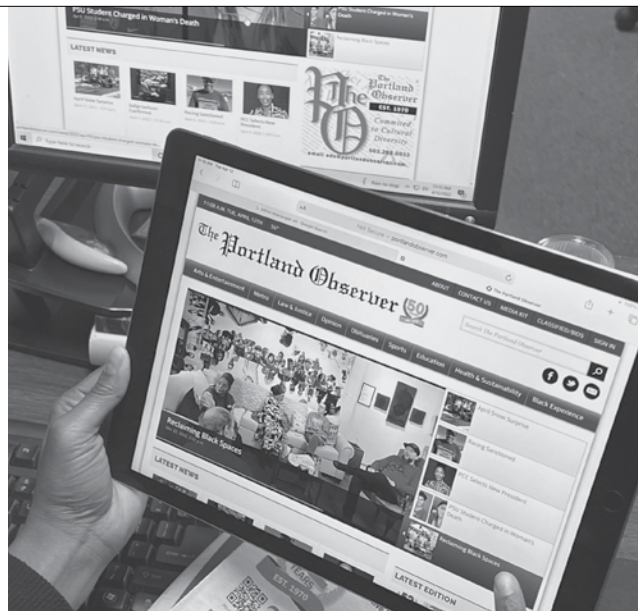
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Dame Scores Career-Best



Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, left, drives to the basket on Houston Rockets forward Jabari Smith Jr., right, during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023. Lillard scored a franchise record 71 points as the Blazers won 131-114. (AP Photo/Steve Dykes)

Lillard has 71 pts and 13 3s, then gets drug tested

AP- The celebration surrounding Damian Lillard's record-breaking performance was short-lived.

Lillard set franchise and career marks with 71 points — tied for the most in the NBA this season and 13 3-pointers in the Portland Trail Blazers' 131-114 victory over the Houston Rockets on Sunday night.

"I enjoy those moments in the game when I'm just going after people," Lillard said, "when I'm in attack mode."

But soon after the streamers fell to the court and the crowd headed for the exits, Lillard was summoned for a drug test. Turns out, the seven-time All-Star who's unafraid of taking a 3-pointer from half court is afraid of needles.

"I know I've got a lot of tattoos, but when you're doing a blood draw, it's different from tattoos. It brought me down from here to the floor," Lillard said gesturing with his hand raised then dropping it.

And Lillard got tested on the night he tied Cleveland's Donovan Mitchell for the most points in a game this season after Mitchell also scored 71 in a win over Chicago on Jan. 2. His 13 3-pointers were also one shy of the NBA record set by Golden State's Klay Thompson in 2018. Thompson's Warriors teammate Stephen Curry (2016) and Chicago's Zach LaVine (2019) also made 13 3s. Lillard broke his own franchise mark of 61

points, which he'd done twice, on a 3-pointer with 4:42 left that also topped his previous career record for 3s, which was 11.

Known for his humility, Lillard was unsure how to mark the occasion.

"I think any hooper enjoys those moments when you're hot, you're in attack mode, you're feeling good," Lillard said. "But it's the stuff afterward that I struggle with, like when I walked off the court, was I supposed to be overly excited, or what?"

In the final minutes of the game, the crowd at the Moda Center was on its feet, phones recording the moment, while chanting "MVP! MVP!"

"It really, really was a masterful performance," Blazers coach Chauncey Billups said. "It was a piece of art. That was incredible."

Even Mitchell took notice. "My mom calls me and says @Dame_Lillard tied your record ... you gotta get 72 now," Mitchell posted on Twitter with some laughing emojis.

Lillard left the game with 44 seconds left, tied with Mitchell, Elgin Baylor (1960) and David Robinson (1994) for the eighth-most points scored in a game in NBA history. Wilt Chamberlain owns the league record with 100 for Philadelphia against New York on March 2, 1962, at Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Lillard had 41 points and eight 3-pointers by halftime. It was a career high in a half for Lillard and the most points in a half for any player in the league this season. He had 50 by the start of the fourth quarter. In the end, he made 22 of 38 shots from the floor and he hit on 13 of his 22 3-point attempts. He was also 14 of 14 from the foul line.



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Legacy Health Mobile ECMO Team and new Metro West Ambulance. Photo Credit: Metro West

Legacy Emanuel Unveils a Mobile ICU

A new form of transportation to the hospital for critically ill patients

Legacy Emanuel Medical Center used ECMO nonstop as a treatment option for respiratory or cardiac failure patients during the pandemic. Legacy Emanuel's mobile ECMO team completed 100 ground transports. They traveled to other hospitals to place critically ill patients

on ECMO for transport back to Legacy Emanuel for inpatient care.

The ECMO Team now has a new, oversized Metro West Ambulance specifically designed for the highest level of critical care. "This customized ambulance is an intensive care unit," says Shannon Shambley, RN, Legacy's ECMO program manager. "When a referring provider calls us for a consult on a patient who isn't responding to treatment, we can use this ambulance to safely transport patients within a three-hour radius back to Legacy Emanuel for ECMO," says Shambley. "We reach these patients as quickly as possible to try to save their lives, so we're pleased to have

this enhanced vehicle to use. Though we're beyond the pandemic, we're still busy."

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The hard work of the ECMO team during the pandemic contributed to their recently earned distinction as a Platinum Center of Excellence by the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization. The designation is awarded to less than 50 medical centers around the world. "Our Platinum Center of Excellence results from more than 30 years of hard work," Shambley emphasizes. "Our application reflected our innovation, protocols, and dedication to the ECMO community globally and the patients we serve. We were able to respond to the pandemic because of this work."

Supporting for Arts and Theater Education

Metropolitan Performing Arts Hosts Gala to Grow Live Arts Education

Metropolitan Performing Arts (MPA) will host their Annual Cabaret Gala featuring performances by their student talent on May 5th, 2023 at the Providence Academy Ballroom. This event aims to raise funds and create awareness about the arts and theater education in Vancouver WA and how it grows and strengthens the character and well-being of our youth.

This will be the 6th annual Cabaret Gala that acknowledges theater and live arts in Vancouver and the ongoing need to have a place where all are accepted for who they are and where they are in their own discovery. This year, there will be performances of select excerpts by the very talented students at MPA along with a dessert dash, paddle raise, and silent auction.

"There are fun games, great entertainment, delicious apps, and complimentary wine! We raise both operational and scholarship funds at this gala. We have recently approved the establishment of a second scholarship fund" said Kathleen Jung, MPA Board Member & Theater Liaison. "MPA is a community treasure and it takes the support of our community to continue



MPA students showcase talent in performance. (Photo courtesy for MPA website)

providing live theater to SW Washington."

Scholarship funds at MPA are distributed to students in need to give them the opportunities to participate in group classes and private lessons, depending on the specific application. MPA truly embraces diversity and inclusivity as they welcome actors and students from all socioeconomic backgrounds, ages, and ethnic, racial, gender, sexual, and religious identities. This, along with community and donor support, pulls together people from all walks of life who may not meet along traditional paths.

"Without community involvement, theaters cannot sustain life on their own in order to continue to grow and provide new outreach and great performance opportunities for our community. We need support," said Kris Heller, Artistic & Education Director. "Performing Arts bring

people from all walks of life together. They make us laugh, heal our hearts and minds, and help us explore. The arts help students with their confidence, public speaking, and to have a place to feel safe enough to explore and create."

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Let's Talk About Race! radio show wins National and International Awards

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LTAR: Let's Talk About Race is an intergenerational, roundtable discussion of independent national journalists who engage in rigorous conversations and

analysis of news coverage regarding the role race plays in politics, government, the economy, education, and health. This show was created in the aftermath of the United States Supreme Court's decision to overturn the right to an abortion. The panelists digest the issue and find the complex, overlapping problems that this decision creates for Americans.

"I'm so proud of how our show has grown, and how we focus on the intersectionality of issues. We'll be banned in Florida soon, but that's a point of pride," said LaNita Duke, host, and moderator of LTAR.

Another highly lauded LTAR episode is "The Second Pandemic – Domestic Violence in America." That program won "Best Podcast" at the 4th Dimension Independent Film Festival in Bali, Indonesia, "Best Audio Podcast" at Bright International Film Festival in London, and won at the International Black & Diversity Film Festival in Toronto, Canada.

The roundtable line-up features: LaNita Duke, an award-winning audio and video producer who has written, directed, and produced political news and commentary for Grassroots NW and KBOO Radio for over 45 years. Dianne Johnson, a journalist from Texas co-host/musicologist on From the Grassroots, a political news magazine. Althea Billings, journalist, and radio producer. Cecil Prescod is a talk-show host on local, national, and international issues ranging from poverty in Portland to politics in Africa. Nia Gray, host and blogger of The Faith Report and The Woke Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mary Li, the Director of the Multnomah Idea Lab, a think tank in Portland, OR.

LTAR is a production of Grassroot News NW based in Portland, Oregon, and airs on KBOO Radio. Episodes come out twice monthly, and are available online wherever you find podcasts, by searching "LTAR: Let's Talk About Race." ltarshow@gmail.com



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— Lanita Duke, host, and moderator of LTAR. (pictured)



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S-17	Area 20, Area 30, and Area 40 Concrete	\$99M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-18	Finish Grading	\$8M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-19	Balance of Buried Piping	\$61M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-21	Areas 51, 61, and 92	\$20M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-22	Dewatering Building, Chemical Building, and Ozone Generation Building	\$25M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-23	Area 30 Mechanical	\$49M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-24	Balance of Plant Mechanical	\$33M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-25	Plant Electrical	\$142M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-26	Landscaping	\$6.25M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-27	Construction Power	\$7M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Bull Run Conveyance Partners
Bull Run Filtration Pipeline
PORTLAND WATER BUREAU'S
City of Portland

This Document is a legal notice informing all Applicants of MWH and James W. Fowler, A Construction Joint Venture (hereafter referred to as Bull Run Conveyance Partners) intent to solicit and receive Statements of Qualifications with the purpose of prequalifying Bidders to submit proposals to perform Work on specific Bid Packages listed in this advertisement for the Bull Run Pipeline Project.

The Bull Run Treatment Program will provide safer drinking water to nearly 1 million residents in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties. The City of Portland will construct a new filtration water treatment plant and pipelines to deliver treated water to the existing system.

MWH-Kiewit Joint Venture is requesting qualification for the following packages:

Pkg No.	Package Name	Order of Magnitude (\$Millions)	Method	Notes
S-03	Finish Water Clearwell Trenchless	\$10M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-04	Finished Water Pipeline - Dodge Park and Farm Road (AFWP & LFWP)	\$50M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-05	Finish Water Intertie Facility	\$15M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-08	Cottrell Road Distribution Main	\$2M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-09	Finished Water Pipeline - Lusted and Altman Rd (C2 & C4)	\$30M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-10	Pleasant Home Waterline Relocations	\$1.25M	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified
S-11	Place Detours and Storm Drainage System	\$5M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-12	Remove Detours/Storm Drainage and Restore Right of Ways	\$3M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-13	Fiber Optic Conduit/ Vaults	\$0.5M	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified
S-15	Traffic Control	Multiple <\$1M Packages	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified
S-17	Finished Water Pipeline - Lusted Rd (C3) - Post Plant Startup	\$6M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-18	Abandon Existing Conduits (C2, C3, C4) including Access	\$4M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-19	Site Services - Sweeping	Multiple <\$1M Packages	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified
S-20	Site Services - Dust Control	Multiple <\$1M Packages	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified
S-21	Site Services- Waste Managemen & Janitorial Services	\$0.5M	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified
S-22	Site Services - Construction Surveying	Multiple <\$1M Packages	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified
S-23	Site Services - Temporary Electrical	\$1,25M	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified

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Clean Water SRF Funding Project: Applicants who pre-qualify as Bidders are hereby notified that work to be performed under this contract will be in full or in part financed by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF), administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), also administered by the US EPA.

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3rd Annual Day of Empathy Events

Raising Awareness of the Impacts of Prison on Oregon Families

Families are raising awareness of the impacts of incarceration in Oregon at the 3rd Annual Day of Empathy on March 8 and 9. The events benefit the YWCA Family Preservation Project which serves mothers in prison, their children, and caregivers to reduce trauma for children whose parents are incarcerated.

The vast majority of incarcerated women are mothers, most of whom have two or more children. In Oregon, close to 68,000 children have a parent who is incarcerated. The YWCA Family Preservation Project (FPP) helps mothers at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville maintain family connectivity, which is the single best predictor of post-incarceration

success for women. FPP also provides essential support for children and their caregivers.

Ashley Dorety, an alumni of the group, said participating in FPP was life changing for both her and her daughter. "It was so important for my little girl to know that I had not abandoned her, that I loved her, and that I was still there for her. I had to work on myself so that I can be the best me possible. She deserves the best me, and so do I."

Moms who have been through FPP continue to offer support to other moms as they are released from prison providing peer support, clothes, toiletries, food and more. Their families also organize for change together, including at Day of Empathy events.

"The impacts of incarceration extend far beyond the walls of our prisons," said Vanessa Sherrod, an alumni and outreach specialist with FPP. "We support each other and work together to ensure that the voices of our families are heard."



The Day of Empathy is meant to raise awareness and benefit children of prisoners. Photo courtesy of the Family Preservation Project website.

Goals for the City of Portland



City officials on the building site.

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my, so I was happy to welcome the U.S. Small Business Administration's 27th Administrator, Isabella Casillas Guzman, on her visit to Portland hosted by Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon. Self-employment, entrepreneurship, and business ownership are fundamental economic engines representing not only a source of income, but an opportunity to build wealth, and a critical path to economic self-sufficiency.

Launching Portland's next great neighborhood: It was a thrill to join Prosper Portland for the start of work to demolish the former U.S. Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center — a big step toward creating a diverse, vibrant, and sustainable mixed-use development in Northwest Portland. Future development of the Broadway Corridor will prioritize climate resilience; create connections among this site, adjacent neighborhoods

and across the city; and deliver on affordable housing goals.

Expanding electric vehicle charging stations: As we continue to shape a future that transitions us away from traditional fossil fuels, this project will ensure that our new residential development projects will have adequate electric vehicle infrastructure, allowing more Portlanders access to charging stations.

Increasing solar panel installation: This three-month effort seeks to streamline evaluations of residential solar panel installations requiring engineering reviews. Sustainability and climate action have long been deeply held values in our community, and shifting from fossil fuels to alternative energy sources is vital to our region and our planet. We all hope to see measurable improvements in the time, energy, and experience of solar permit approvals. This pilot is part of a larger effort to improve permitting services across the city.

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