



Two toasts for Dr. Gary Oxman

Mark your calendars: the Health Department is planning a series of events in December and January to honor Dr. Gary Oxman. The Tri-County Health Officer has announced he will retire on Jan. 31, 2013.

On **Tuesday, Dec.18**, the Multnomah County Health Department will host a staff celebration for Oxman from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Pine Room of the Lincoln Building, 421 S.W. Oak St., Portland. Staff are advised to let supervisors know if they plan to attend.

On **Thursday, Jan.17**, the Board of County Commissioners will formally acknowledge Oxman's work at the board meeting, which begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Multnomah Building at 501 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., followed by a public reception in the anteroom. All are invited.



Oxman will continue in his current role through January to prepare his successor, Dr. Justin Denny. On Feb. 1, Denny will assume the role, duties and title of Health Officer for Multnomah County and the Tri-County Health Officer program.

Oxman became the Multnomah County Health Officer in 1987 and in 2006 assumed the leadership role for the Tri-County area with the creation of the Health Officer Collaborative for Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties.

You'll see more coverage of these two community leaders in the coming weeks in the Wednesday Wire and the Multnomah County homepage.

Gary leaves behind not only an extraordinary legacy, but a cadre of protégés, fans and committed colleagues that have been influenced by his unfettered dedication. One party was simply not enough.

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