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General Membership December 7

1st Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

Land Use/Livability/ Transportation Meeting December 2

1st Thursday of each month at 7 P.M.

Tree Team Meeting December 2 at New Seasons

1st Thursday of each month at 6 P.M.

Board Meeting December 14

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

Media Committee

December 8 at New Seasons

2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 P.M.

CNA Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 7

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Concordia University's Student
Event & Activity Center-Hagen
Campus Center**

(Building #3 on adjacent map)

The ANNUAL CNA HOLIDAY PARTY is just around the corner, so please mark your calendars! Once again, Concordia University has generously donated their Student Event and Activity Center (SEAC) for our event, which is located on the second floor of the Hagen Campus Center (Building #3 on adjacent map). There is an elevator to the second floor for those folks who are unable to use the stairs. All residents and business owners of the Concordia Neighborhood are invited to the free holiday festivities on Tuesday, December 7 in lieu of our general meeting. The holiday party is a great way to meet new neighbors and mix and mingle with friends, old and new, in a festive and family-friendly atmosphere.

This year we are delighted to be serving homemade Mexican food provided by Rosie Gomez. The CNA will also be providing nonalcoholic beverages. Additionally, we will be having a cookie decoration station for children so they can create their own tasty treats. New this year will be the Pie Walk for neighbors of all ages. The lucky winners will take home a delicious pie donated by some of our local businesses.

Additionally, we are pleased to announce Holiday Party festive music will be provided by Concordia University Brass Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. William Kuhn! On top of that, one of our own CNA Board members, Isham Harris will be leading us in a sing-along of holiday songs.

If you would like to help with our annual event, please contact Katie at (503) 449-9690. We hope to see you all there for this fun end-of-the-year event!

Donate at the CNA Holiday Party

At this year's Holiday Party, the CNA will be collecting donations for the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's (EMO) HIV Day Center.

The HIV Day Center is a non-denominational project of the EMO and is housed at the Ainsworth United Church of Christ located at NE 30th Avenue and Ainsworth Street. This center provides over 700 meals each month to low income people dealing with HIV in addition to providing counseling, clothing, showers, recreational therapy, access to computers & phones, and mutual support.

The CNA encourages neighbors to bring one or more of the following items to the Holiday Party to donate to the clientele at the HIV Day Center:

- Warm sleeping bags in good condition
- Shampoo and other miscellaneous toiletries, particularly for men



Concordia University Tree lighting Wednesday, December 1 at 6 p.m.

It's almost Christmas time, and the inaugural tree lighting ceremony at Concordia is upon us. It will be taking place on December 1 at 6 p.m. on campus outside of the library. Concordia's brass ensemble will be playing, and their choir will lead a sing along. Santa will also be there handing out candy canes.

We would love to encourage the neighborhood to join in the festivities. There will be a reception following the ceremony inside the library.

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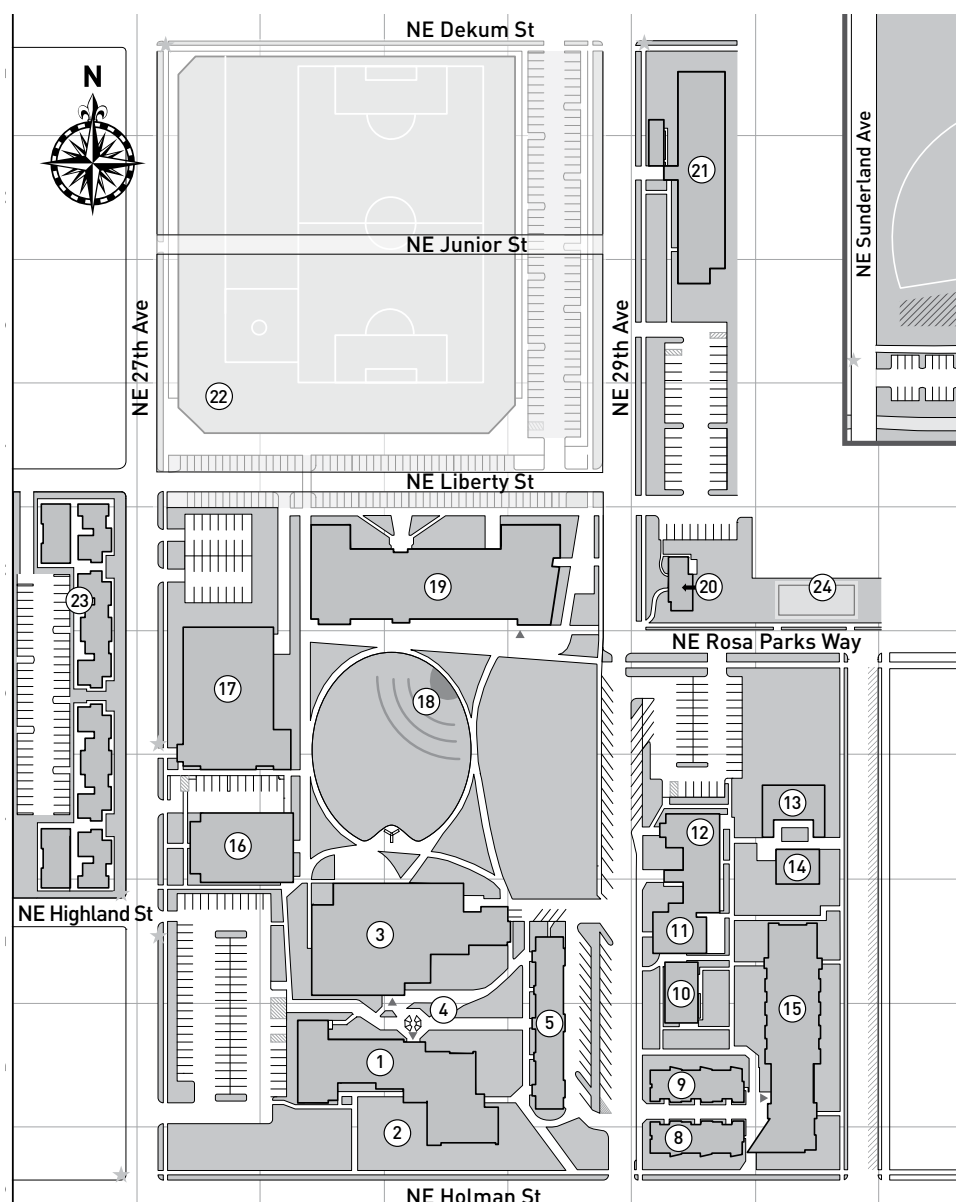
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Chair’s Corner

By Anne Rothert

Here we are in the midst of another holiday season, nearing the end of the first decade of the 21st century. Weren’t we only just celebrating the new year, singing along with Prince and partying like it was ‘1999’? Whoosh, how time flies. So quickly too has my term as chair come to an end. Before I go any further I must thank my co-chair Belinda Clark. I truly could not have done it without her. She is dedicated and always there, working hard to keep me on track. The last couple editions (including this one) of the Concordia News would not have been possible without her tireless work. So Belinda: THANK YOU!

I’ve enjoyed being chair. This is a wonderful neighborhood and I’ve been proud to be a representative. This has been a board full of people volunteering their time and talents to make Concordia the very best place to live. And they’ve been so much fun to work with on all the projects, big and small.

I am so happy to say I will hand over the torch (or gavel?) to Ken Forcier, our newly elected chair. Robin Johnson will be the new co-chair. They will be a great team, a powerful blend of all the talents needed to head the Association. In January we will have other new board members to welcome: Jeff Hilber, Clifford Dimoff Katie Steinhauer, David McKenzie, Michael DeMarco and Signe Todd. Yeah and welcome! I hope you can make it to our annual holiday party held December 7 at Concordia University (see front page article) to meet them along with your neighbors. My good friend and heck of a cook, Rosie Gomez will be cooking up the snacks and I know you’ll enjoy her offerings. This event grows each year in turnout and it’s a wonderful time to visit with one another.

Well, I feel it wouldn’t be a holiday unless I start spouting off about the importance and impact of shopping local. We are lucky to have so many fantastic stores in the area. You can do your shopping for gifts and food alike within walking distance, or a short drive/bike ride. There are merchants offering everything from gourmet dog treats to shoes to baked goods.

While I’m on the topic of shopping, let me make a plug for the Campaign for Commercial Free Childhood. They do some fantastic work and are the new owners of the Turn Off TV Week website. There has been marketing to children since the

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dawn of advertising but it is at such a level now, it is, well in my humble opinion, downright appalling. But maybe that’s just me. Without more of my soapbox (my last chair’s corner!) preaching, let me just share their website with you:. www.commercialexploitation.org. Their latest newsletter includes a guide to a commercial-free holiday.

With that I bid you, well, not farewell, but see you later!

CONCORDIA NEWS

Concordia News is a free monthly publication of the Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA). 5,693 newspapers are mailed to its members and surrounding neighbors. 1,000 are delivered to community locations.

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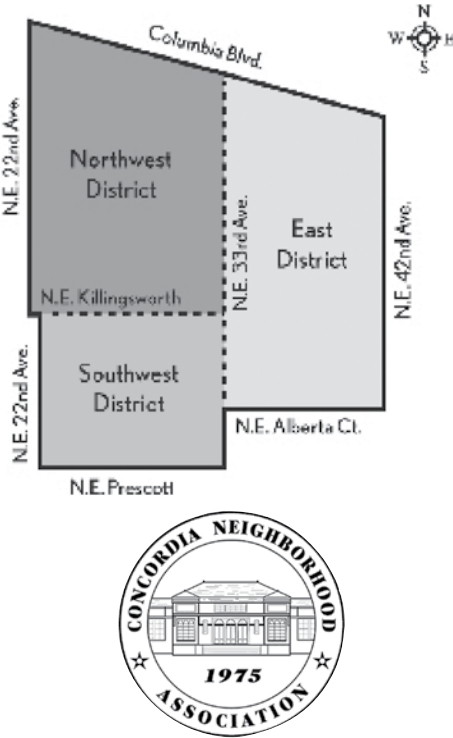
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If you like working with people and building relationships in the community while increasing your skills, this could be the place for you! If you would like more information or to apply, please submit a letter of interest to: Concordianews@yahoo.com. Please list “Editor opening” in the subject line of your email.

Past, Present and Future Chairman

By Ken Forcier

The Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA) has elected me to be the chair of their board in 2011. I owe much thanks to my new co-chair, Robin Johnson, and to Anne Rothert and Belinda Clark, our departing chair and co-chair, respectively. Thanks to their leadership, Robin and I are inheriting a full roster of board members committed to one of the most active neighborhood associations in our twelve neighborhood coalition.

At a glance, the CNA takes on local issues of concern to our neighbors like new crosswalks with flashing lights, crime prevention, and airport noise. We plant trees, sponsor concerts in the park and put on the Easter egg hunt. We’ve secured play structures in the park and we are working on signage to remind people to keep their pets on a lead unless they are in the “off leash” zone so that parents and children can feel safe.

Many neighborhood issues are brought before us and we resolve them one by one. In the bigger picture we are participants in the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN). Some of our board members also serve on the board of this umbrella organization for the twelve neighborhoods that comprise northeast Portland. At this level, we take on bigger neighborhood and city-wide issues.

We at the NECN are concerned about the effects on our neighborhoods of the Columbia River Crossing (CRC), which is the new Interstate 5 bridge design. There is a food waste, bio-gas generating plant proposed for a site upwind of us at 6849 NE Columbia Blvd. which we have taken up. Additionally, the NECN disagrees with the new city policy of charging for leaf removal in the better-treed neighborhoods.

Above the NECN is the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI), representing all of the city’s neighborhoods. At that level we speak with a unified voice directly to the city council members and the mayor. Our voices together are amplified and the call for action and results begins with your neighborhood association. I hope that you too will come to our neighborhood meetings and help us to provide an ever improving quality of life for you and your fellow neighbors.

Learning Landscape Tree Plantings Friday December 10

On Friday, December 10 the Concordia Tree Team will be planting its second installment of the “Learning Landscape Plantings” at the Meek Protech High School, 4039 NE Alberta Ct. We’ll be planting rain or shine. If you want to help out, please sign in at the school at 9:45 a.m. the morning of the event. We’ll gather in the asphalted area behind the school.

A Safe Driving Alternative for Older Adults Local nonprofit, Ride Connection, seeks to alleviate the affects of giving up the keys.

Beaverton resident Judy Melcher has been using Ride Connection transportation services for about two years. After living in the same home for thirty years, Judy voluntarily gave up driving over time. Too much traffic, she says. She states firmly that after reaching a certain age, people probably shouldn’t be driving. But she adds, “Giving up driving is a big thing.” And, she says, being alone gets worse when you give up driving.

That is where Ride Connection and their network of community service partners come into play. Since May of 1985 Ride Connection has provided transportation options, resources, and services for older adults (60+) and people with disabilities in the tri-county region. Last year alone, Ride Connection provided over 393,000 rides.

Bill and Joyce Malk, of Troutdale, who gave up their keys long ago and utilize Ride Connection’s services, not only are they thankful for the service, so is Vickee, their daughter. Vickee states, “For me living here in Bend, it is a gift to know my folks can have safe and reliable transportation.”

Getting a ride is simple: someone calls three to four days in advance and Ride Connection schedules a ride to the grocery store, pharmacy, visit a loved one, or wherever. One of the best things is that there is no cost for the service, though donations are greatly appreciated and needed. “There is a tsunami of baby boomers coming. In 15 years, one in five drivers will be 65 or older which will nearly double the number from 30 million to 57 million,” states Executive Director Elaine Wells. “With the increasing population of older adults, it is important that Ride Connection is there to provide a solution for drivers who are giving up their keys.”

Want to be a part of the solution? Ride Connection and its partners have over 600 drivers with 2/3

of those being volunteers. For those people not interested in driving, the average cost of a trip to the grocery store is \$12.50. For more information call (503) 226-0700



About Ride Connection

Ride Connection, a private non-profit organization, and its network of service partners work in collaboration to provide vital services that strengthen our region’s current transportation services. For over 25 years, the Ride Connection network has provided customer-focused, safe, reliable transportation options for individuals in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties. Our services are aimed at maintaining an individual’s independence. Whether it’s door-to-door transportation, travel training using public transit, helping low income job seekers get to an interview or providing general public services in rural communities, Ride Connection delivers transportation options for those in need: older adults, people with disabilities, rural residents, and low income job seekers.

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Tree team chair Dove Hotz working with Meek students at the first planting in April. Photo by Bob Pallesen

What Has CNA and Its Committees Done For Me?

A good question. And we wouldn't have asked that question if we didn't have a lot of ammunition to back up a positive response. CNA acts both as a group of neighbors and businesses working together through its elected board and as volunteer committees and individuals.

In the past five or so years, Concordia NA has been recognized throughout Portland as an active, can-do organization thanks to the folks who have stepped forward and taken on tasks and issues that needed to be addressed. Here's just a quick list of small and large accomplishments. As you read the list, we encourage you to join in new and continuing projects. All you have to do is ask – or propose ideas of your own.

- 30th Avenue and Killingsworth Street: marked crosswalks and a flashing pedestrian light across the busy Foxchase intersection.
- The flashing pedestrian crossing light at New Seasons Market on NE 33rd Avenue.
- The marked pedestrian crosswalk at NE 37th Avenue and Killingsworth Street.
- Speed bumps on NE 37th Avenue near Fernhill Park.
- Yellow no-parking curb markings on the cul-de-sac and by driveways on NE Sumner Street near

the park, and increased parking patrols.

- A return of Fernhill Park to neighborhood use and a decrease of use by out of area soccer and other sports teams.
- After seven years of effort, new and now heavily used playground equipment at Fernhill.
- Friday night summer concerts with hundreds in attendance.
- Blocks of new handicapped-access curb cuts and extensions.
- Much wider area and spread out flight paths for cargo planes, instead of flying a single route directly over the Concordia neighborhood.
- Success in convincing PDX to include many more neighborhood representatives in its 30-year expansion plans now before the city council. Prior to that, we had 3 reps.
- A stop to city-wide teardown of good, restorable homes and their replacement by rows of "skinny houses" and split lots.
- Taking on housing developers who violate regulations and the spirit of the law, and appealing the bad practices to city and state hearings.

- Securing Good Neighbor Agreements, including compromises between neighbors and a) liquor-serving establishments, b) new housing and commercial development, and c) major construction projects (like Concordia Univ.'s expansion and Meek High School's remodel).
- Concordia-wide yard sales and clean-ups.
- Massive tree planting projects. Adding to the Ainsworth Street "horizontal arboretum" and orchestrating a first-of-its-kind street tree assessment.
- Maintaining our community room at Kennedy School and making it available for many community groups and activities, as well as improving street parking and driveway access for nearby neighbors.
- Obtaining a reduction in VOCs (volatile organic compounds) that are being released into our airshed by Boeing's two paint factories. Boeing committed to major million-dollar retrofitting to meet tougher standards.
- Lastly, our annual Christmas parties, which because of crowds have had to move to much larger facilities at Concordia University.

This is just a sampling. Please join us.

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Buying Gift Trees leaves a living legacy both for the people who receive your gift and for the Portland metro area. Gift Trees help restore the Collins Sanctuary, part of our urban forest and a legacy from the Collins Family Foundation to Portland area residents. Restoration of the sanctuary is underway through a partnership between Metro, Audubon Society of Portland, and Friends of Trees.

Gift Tree plantings have already resulted in 745 native trees and plants restoring the newly ivy-free slopes of the Collins Sanctuary. Even more exciting is that these plantings will take place at least through the year 2016, resulting in the planting of thousands of trees.

Last year, Friends of Trees celebrated 20 years of bringing people in the Portland-Vancouver metro area together to plant and care for city trees and green spaces. Since 1989, thousands of Friends of Trees volunteers have planted more than 390,000 trees and native plants.

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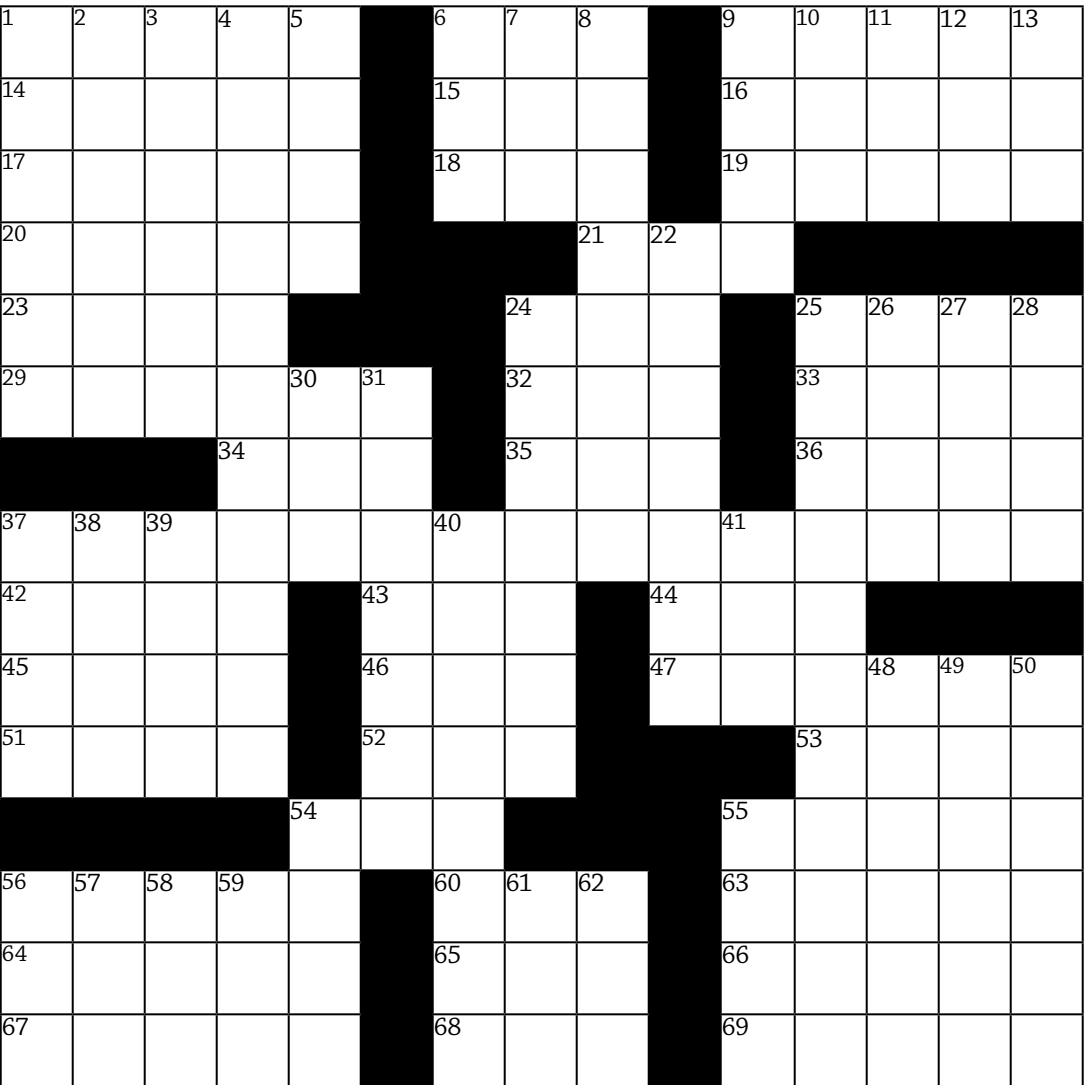
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- 6. Christmas tree
- 9. Island of coral
- 14. Headphone type
- 15. Salmon eggs
- 16. Courage
- 17. Respond to
- 18. Yes, in Paris
- 19. Choose
- 20. The ____ Brothers ('50s Rockabilly act)
- 21. No, slangily
- 23. UK postgrad cert.
- 24. Earth Day Network (Abbr.)
- 25. Attention getting sound
- 29. Well-known luggage company out of CA
- 32. Journey segment
- 33. Kurdish poet (1797- 1856)
- 34. Architect's assoc.
- 35. Private Austin, TX Univ.
- 36. Precedes major or minor
- 37. "We wish you ____ . . ."
- 42. Broad bean variety
- 43. "I caught you!"
- 44. Shorter than a min.
- 45. Newspaper page
- 46. Rudyard Kipling title
- 47. ____-Coupigny (Northern France commune)
- 51. Wilder or Hackman
- 52. Yale student, slangily
- 53. ____ Domini
- 54. Not even
- 55. " ____ All Ye Faithful"
- 56. Feathered projectile
- 60. Knock lightly
- 63. Nordic toast
- 64. Harmony

- 65. Compass pt.
- 66. Seven in Salerno
- 67. Uses a blue pencil
- 68. Egg ____
- 69. "What's your answer? No ____?"

DOWN

- 1. Author McCarthy
- 2. " ____ time, please!"
- 3. Of the ear canal
- 4. Annual New York City float festivity
- 5. Crafts partner
- 6. Bushy hairstyle, briefly
- 7. Promissory note, of sorts
- 8. Rudolph, et al
- 9. Fresh start
- 10. ____ Aviv
- 11. Raw mineral
- 12. Private PA Univ.
- 13. Allow
- 22. Mental suffering
- 24. Nadeam ____ (Adviser to Speaker of the House)
- 25. Subject of a Christmas ballet
- 26. Damage
- 27. Famous lion
- 28. Woody's ex, and others
- 30. Oxygen
- 31. Paddled a covered canoe
- 37. In ____ (confused)
- 38. Figure skating toe-loop jump
- 39. Not odd
- 40. Tiny tots
- 41. To match (a bet)
- 48. Haughty
- 49. Cellblock denizen
- 50. Christmasy girls' names
- 54. Is indebted to




- 55. ____ bucco
- 56. Mimic
- 57. Cardinal's color
- 58. Italy's biggest TV co.

- 59. Halloween's mo.
- 61. A year in Spain
- 62. A pirate's leg?

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Creating Community at Vernon School

by Jennifer Kerns-Robison

The parents and faculty of Vernon K-8 school on NE 20th Avenue and Killingsworth Street participate in the school’s growing Parent Teacher Association for many reasons, but we all can identify a principle that we all share: we want to invest in our children’s school and foster a vibrant community that will create a positive impact on our family, our neighbors, and the city at large.

Many Vernon families have made deliberate choices to have our children attend Vernon school not only because we have high hopes for our child’s education, but because we live, shop, play, bike, eat, walk, and gather near the streets, shops, parks, and sidewalks of this neighborhood. This neighborhood is important to us, and in perhaps

brought their fire engine, wowing young and old. Meanwhile, the parents talked about how the school year was starting, floated ideas around about ways that they can help the school, and, maybe more importantly, fostered friendships and deepened their relationship with this neighborhood and its members. We saw this event as very successful because we witnessed manifest what we hoped to promote: the creation of community.

More recently, many of us in the PTA also helped with our SUN School-sponsored “Family Craft Night,” which was another opportunity for members of the Vernon community to gather. Kids made gingerbread houses, holiday cards, ornaments, and much more. It was a bonanza of

CNA Passes Important Community Resolutions

Although Concordia neighborhood is not directly on the route of the proposed Columbia River Crossing, we might be close enough to feel many impacts of the current design. Concordia’s neighbors along the I-5 corridor - who will definitely be affected - took their concerns to the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN), a coalition of Concordia and 11 other neighborhood associations. NECN and its Board are asking that the leadership of CRC reconsider the possible effects of its current plan and look at alternatives that are less expensive, less intrusive on people’s livability, more viable, and more socially just.

At our last general meeting, CNA’s land use and transportation committees asked those in attendance to discuss their ideas about the project and to approve a resolution of concern. It passed (with one abstention) as follows: “The Concordia Neighborhood Association encourages the CRC Commission to revisit the alternatives to their current plan

and to engage and involve all the neighborhoods to be affected.”

A second step was to take the resolution to the full CNA Board. They approved the previous resolution and added a second one: “The Concordia Neighborhood Association Board specifically encourages the Portland area’s elected officials to rethink the existing capacity and structure of our transportation system. This should include studying the inclusion of high speed rail (HSR) in the plans for the CRC and for future transportation development in the I-5 corridor.”

These resolutions have been sent to the CRC Commission and to local elected officials. Additionally the board is planning to invite our local elected officials to meet with our Concordia NA residents at our Tuesday, January 4 general meeting. We hope that you can make it and have a say in one of the major public construction projects in Oregon history.



a big way, sending our children to our neighborhood’s school reminds us of this fact. This is where we live and we make our investment in this community stronger by being an active member of this neighborhood school.

The Vernon PTA fosters this sense of commitment by hosting frequent gatherings for our school families. For example, earlier this fall the PTA hosted a “Recess Night” on our school’s playground. Many families gathered at the school early on this Friday night and played soccer with the children, hosted four-square games, watched their children transform into monkeys on the jungle gym, and admired a few of the younger children skateboarding and scooting around on the asphalt. Particularly exciting was a visit from the local firefighters who

glue and glitter and we all enjoyed ourselves.

More community events are coming. The Vernon PTA is hosting an additional “family night” on December 17 where parents and children will all play Bingo together. More events will follow after the winter holidays.

You are welcome to help us with our mission to invest in our school and neighborhood. All members of the community may join the PTA. Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 7 at 5:45 p.m. The PTA will provide dinner and childcare for this gathering.

Join us as we continue to grow and celebrate this diverse and vibrant community. Additional information can be found at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/vernon/216.htm>.

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