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# CONCORDIA NEWS

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## CNA Holiday Party

*Tues., December 8th, 7pm - 9pm*

*Cerimon House, 5131 NE 23rd Ave (corner of NE 23rd & Sumner St.)*

Concordia Neighborhood Association will have its biggest & brightest Holiday Party on December 8th. There will be no shortage of food, fun, amazement and holiday wonder!

Hosted by our newest community partner; Cerimon House in their beautiful, newly renovated digs, the former Masonic Hall at NE 23rd and NE Sumner. The dust has settled, the paint has dried. The stage is set and our new friends at CH are eager to invite the neighborhood in to have a look.

An additional, extra-special holiday bonus: Cerimon House's wildly successful inaugural exhibit; Charles Addams Family & Friends will be available for us to view that night. This is the West Coast premiere of a world class exhibition of 52 original panels by the famed New Yorker cartoonist.

This year's party will feature a mostly dessert buffet, with some savory treats. Purely non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, including a hot holiday cider. So be sure to feed your little monsters (and your big ones too!) something nutritious beforehand.

We will have a cookie decorating station(icing, sprinkles & jimmies galore). Raffles, giveaways, and as always; a donation bin to benefit a local non-profit. This year we partner with the HIV Day Center in Concordia (NE 30th & NE Ainsworth). Now in its 25th year, our HIV Day Center is the oldest multi-service drop-in center for low-income individuals in the US! We need your help to provide their clients with winter coats (new or used), new underwear (in all sizes) and bath towels (new or used). Please consider rummaging through your closets for any items you could spare.

That's it folks! Sounds good right? Hope to see you there!

If you have any question or would like to help out please contact  
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## ~ ~ ~ Lit Up and Local on Alberta ~ ~ ~

Lit Up and Local: A Month of Merriment on Alberta Street, presented by Mimosa Studios, is a month-long series of holiday events and activities on NE Alberta Street.

Events and activities include a Living Tree Lighting, Get Lit (Lighting The Station), Gnome for the Holidays and Retail Happy Holidays. Lit Up and Local events are opportunities for community members to come together. They create a festive atmosphere for residents and visitors and promote Alberta Street's locally owned independent businesses, by encouraging local holiday shopping.

Austin Raglione, owner of Mimosa Studios stated, "Gnome for the Holidays is a community spirited event we are thrilled to support. It is fun for all ages; it's a rollicking good time. As Mimosa Studios turns 15, it continues to be an honor and a privilege to support events and activities that bring our community - neighbors and businesses - together. Lit up and Local: A Month of Merriment on Alberta Street events provide a vehicle for people to come together and support each other, allowing us all to experience the true meaning of the holidays."

**Get Lit** -Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 6PM at The Station, 2703 NE Alberta Street

Watch The Station light up the building while enjoying hot drinks, holiday carols, and other surprises full of holiday cheer. A percentage of December sales will be donated to pay utility bills of families in need.

**Living Tree Lighting** - Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, 4:30 PM at Alberta Central. (Courtyard at 18th & Alberta)

Get in the spirit of the season with free, family fun at the 4th Annual Living Tree Lighting on Alberta Street! Visit with Santa, enjoy a holiday performance by Maverick Main Stage Productions, join Representative Lew Frederick in "flipping the switch" and celebrate with cookies & hot drinks!

**Gnome for the Holidays** - December 12 through 20, 2015 at participating Alberta Street Businesses

Back by popular demand! Gnome for the Holidays is an event that invites participants of all ages to find festively painted gnomes hidden within 34 Alberta Street window displays. Pick up a game card at any participating business and find the gnomes. Completed game cards will be entered to win fabulous prizes from Alberta Street businesses, including a year's supply of candy from Candy Babel. Visit [albertamainst.org](http://albertamainst.org) for a list of participating businesses.

**Retail Happy Holidays** - Wednesdays, 3-6 PM at over 40 Alberta Street shops.

Retail Happy Holidays puts a holiday spin on Retail Happy Hour from 3-6p.m. on Wednesdays in December. Retail Happy Hour invites shoppers to visit Alberta Street on Wednesday afternoons for great deals and discounts. Find something for everyone on your list and support local independent retailers this holiday season. #retailhappyhour Visit [albertamainst.org](http://albertamainst.org) for a list of participating businesses.

**Lit Up and Local**  
A MONTH OF MERRIMENT ON ALBERTA STREET

**DEC. 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
*Get Lit*  
THE STATION  
2703 NE ALBERTA  
6PM  
Watch The Station light up the building. Enjoy hot drinks, holiday carols and other fun surprises.

**DEC. 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
*Tree Lighting*  
COURTYARD AT 18TH & ALBERTA  
4:30PM  
The 4th annual living tree lighting, including the "flipping of the switch", holiday entertainment, sweet treats and hot drinks.

**DEC. 12<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup>**  
*Gnome for the Holidays*  
Pick up a game card and find the gnomes hiding in Alberta Street window displays. Completed game cards will be entered to win awesome raffle prizes.

**WEDNESDAYS 3-6PM**  
*Retail Happy Holidays*  
Putting a holiday spin on Retail Happy Hour. Visit over 40 participating shops for great deals and discounts while supporting local independent retailers. #retailhappyhour

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## Concordia Christmas CELEBRATIONS

**Community Christmas Tree Lighting**  
Christmas Carol Sing-Along with Treats, Warm Drinks, and Santa Claus  
**Tuesday, December 1 | 6:00 pm**

**Christmas Chorale**  
CU's choral and instrumental ensembles perform Christmas music  
**December 4, 5 & 6**

Concordia's George R. White Library & Learning Center  
2800 NE Liberty Street, Portland Oregon

For more information:  
[events@cu-portland.edu](mailto:events@cu-portland.edu) | 503-280-8505



# Concordia Neighborhood Association

## Meetings & Updates

Get the latest news at [ConcordiaPdx.org](http://ConcordiaPdx.org)

These committees have direct results on the  
Livability of our neighborhood- with your participation.

**CNA Holiday Party**  
December 8th  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Cerimon House  
5131 NE 23rd Ave  
In lieu of Dec Board Meeting

**Social Committee**  
Please contact Katie Ugolini if you are interested in helping with the planning of the CNA Holiday Party. Please contact Katie Ugolini at [ktugolini@gmail.com](mailto:ktugolini@gmail.com) or 503-449-9690

**Finance Committee**  
For Meeting times and location visit our website or email: [treasurer@concordiapdx.org](mailto:treasurer@concordiapdx.org)

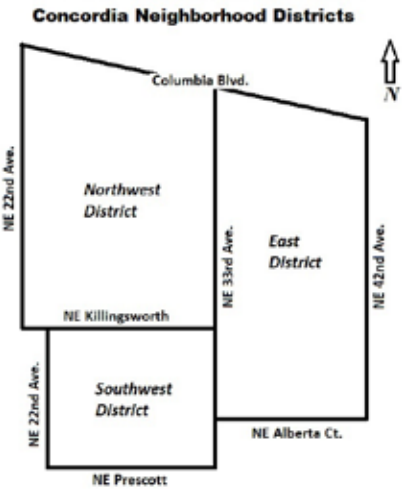
**Policies/Procedures**  
Contact Katie Ugolini  
503-449-9690 for meeting time & place

**Tree Team Meeting**  
First Thursday of Every Month  
December 3rd at 6 pm  
Dining Area at New Seasons  
[www.concordiatreeteam.wordpress.com](http://www.concordiatreeteam.wordpress.com)

**Media Team**  
Newspaper and Website  
Volunteer and join the media team as “Beat Reporter” or manage the CNA Wordpress website.  
Email: [CNewsEditor@ConcordiaPDX.org](mailto:CNewsEditor@ConcordiaPDX.org)

**Land Use, Livability and Transportation Committee**  
Third Tuesday of the Month  
December 17th at 7:00 pm  
McMenamin’s Kennedy School Community Room

The land use committee grants approval for neighborhood projects. To hear about and try to solve issues affecting quality of life in Concordia brought to us by community members.



### CONCORDIA NEWS

Concordia News is a free monthly publication of the Concordia Neighborhood Association. Newspapers are delivered to all residences and many community locations in the Concordia Neighborhood.

**Mission Statement**  
To connect Concordia residents and businesses- inform, educate, and report on activities, issues, and opportunities of the neighborhood.

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Please enjoy your this community and the people and businesses that make this neighborhood great!

## Chair’s Corner ~ *Happy Holidays Neighbor!*

I hope you had a terrific Thanksgiving Holiday with the special people in your life. On behalf of the CNA Board of Directors and me, we wish you and yours a joyous season.

Personal Note: I’m spending the next 30 days reflecting on the last year and completing all of my 2015 projects. I plan to be ready to jump into 2016 with energy and optimism. I eagerly look forward to 2016 not only for myself but also for our community. Working with this board of directors and meeting the two new board members voted in November has given me the confidence to say our neighborhood association is on the right track. These are people who I know have your interests at heart. They are some of the most capable and professional people I have met. We are a very fortunate community to have such talent in our midst, and I know they are up to any challenge or goal this community desires.

### Highlights ...November 10, 2015 Board Meeting

- The Board approved \$900 to be used for the CNA Holiday Party. This year’s annual event will be held at Cerimon House.
- The Board hired Susan Millhauser to serve as Recording Secretary for the Board of Directors.
- The Board heard Standing Committee Reports from Land Use, Media, Social, and Policies & Procedures.

### Highlights ...November 10, 2015 CNA General Meeting

Introduction of Board Members and Officer Anthony Zoller, Portland Police Department, Assigned Community Liaison.

Emergency Preparedness Preparation - Holly Powell, Member of the Concordia NET Team. Holly reviewed :

- Principals for general emergency preparedness
- Role of internet and how the community can interface
- Anticipating potential natural and manmade disasters by being prepared
- Potential conditions to prepare for following a disaster
- Organizing after a disaster
- Surviving a disaster

The presentation was captivating and enthusiastically welcomed by those attending. To learn more about how you can be prepared and/or involved, please contact Portland Bureau of Emergency Management Readiness, Response & Recovery. <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/31667>? We have asked Holly to write about preparedness in upcoming issues of the Concordia News. Holly Powell, while not out saving the world, is a Concordia Resident and Proprietress of Pencil Test on Alberta Street specializing in Custom Bras.

### Election of new Board Members

Adam Lyons with Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods conducted the elections with the following results:

|                                  |                                                    |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Chairman (2-yr. term)            | Isaac Quintero                                     |
| NW-1 Representative (2-yr. term) | Ike Harris                                         |
| SW-1 Representative (2-yr. term) | Garlynn Woodsong                                   |
| SW-2 Representative (1-yr term)  | Daniel Greenstadt                                  |
| At-large Representatives         | Robert Bowles (2-yr term), Donn Dennis (1-yr term) |
|                                  | Joe Culhane (2-yr. term) , Truls Neal (2-yr term)  |

Your Board. Please welcome our two new Board Members, Donn Dennis and Joe Culhane. Thank you, Donn and Joe, for standing up to the occasion of serving our community. I have not yet had sufficient time to meet with them in order to provide a profile of your newest representatives. However, I will take the opportunity in the January issue of the Concordia News for a proper introduction of these two luminaries. Each month beginning in February, I will provide a short biography of each board member.

Speaking of introductions, and I know you will want to be there, I will be inviting Mayor Hales and one of our City Commissioners to attend the next CAN General Meeting. At that time I will also present our Goals and Objectives for 2016. I hope you can be there to give us your input as well.

**Requesting of YOU.** I have submitted a tentative agenda for the December Board Meeting that includes:

- Proposing a formal budget. (We handle close to \$20,000 annually.)
- Identifying our top 5 priorities for 2016. WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU TO PROVIDE US DIRECTION. Email me your top 5 to [Chair@concordiapdx.org](mailto:Chair@concordiapdx.org) or call me at 503 351 4585)
- Proposing the renaming of Faubion Elementary School... As an individual, I have suggested a campaign to rename Faubion School in order to give future students their own reputation to look forward to and be proud of ... New School - New Start . . . Our kids deserve it.

That’s all for now. Just wanted to bring you up to speed to close out the year out properly. I’ll be back in this corner in January to rant on your behalf. Let me know how we are doing or what conversation we should be having next.

***Happy Trails and SF– Isaac Quintero, Chair, Concordia Neighborhood Association***

P.S. Marine Corps birthday November 10th. Veteran’s Day November 11. I forgot to extend my gratitude and respect for the service performed by our Veterans. Happy birthday to my fellow Marines.

## Alley Names Ballot

By Garlynn Woodsong, Chair, CNA Land Use & Transportation Committee

Voting continues this month for the future names of our beloved alleys! You can pick from amongst the names already submitted, or write-in your own favorite.

Voting started at the beginning of November and continues until midnight December 31st, 2015. Voting is open to Concordia residents and businesses, and you can pick a name for each alley, some, or just one. All entries will be counted – just one per person please – with the winners announced early in the new year! For background info, see the Portland Alley Project at: <https://dsdauphin.wordpress.com/2013/12/25/alley-allies>

There are three ways to vote:

- 1) Go to [kwiksurveys.com/s/kfINWMOw](https://www.kwiksurveys.com/s/kfINWMOw), and vote online!
- 2) Email this ballot to: [landuse@concordiapdx.org](mailto:landuse@concordiapdx.org) (either type in your choices, or take a digital photo of your completed ballot and attach it to the email).
- 3) Cut out this ballot, place it in an envelope, and mail it to:

Concordia Neighborhood Association  
Attn: Alley Names Ballot Entry  
PO Box 11194, Portland, OR 97211

N. Ainsworth Alley:

1. Tin Pan Alley
2. Laurel Lane
3. Olmsted Alley
4. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
5. No Name. Do not name this alley.

S. Ainsworth Alley:

1. Oop Alley
2. Beethoven Alley
3. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
4. No Name. Do not name this alley

21st Ave & 22nd Ave Alley

1. Michelangelo Alley
2. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
3. No Name. Do not name this alley.

## Veteran Focused Shelter Opens

Mayor Hales supports new shelter for Veterans and their companion animals, highlighting unique partnership between Do Good Multnomah, First Congregational United Church of Christ, US Bank, the City of Portland and Multnomah County.

Do Good Multnomah (“DGM”), a Portland-based non-profit, is providing emergency shelter services for up to 13 homeless Veterans and 7 companion animals. In partnership with numerous community organizations, DGM has developed a model that creates synergy between neighborhood groups, faith communities, and the business sector to address Portland’s homelessness crisis in an immediate and focused way.

“Portland is going to move the needle on homelessness through partnerships like this,” Mayor Charlie Hales said. “Providing shelter for Veterans and their companion animals provides compassionate transitional shelter as we work to get all of our homeless Veterans into housing. Thank you Do Good Multnomah, First Congregational, and US Bank for partnering with government to benefit some of our most vulnerable neighbors.”

The Do Good Veterans Shelter is

22nd Ave & 23rd Ave Alley

1. da Vinci Alley
2. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
3. No Name. Do not name this alley.

23rd Ave & 24th Ave Alley

1. The Back Nine
2. Dali Alley
3. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
4. No Name. Do not name this alley.

24th Ave & 25th Ave Alley

1. Duncan Alley
2. Kandinsky Alley
3. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
4. No Name. Do not name this alley.

25th Ave & 26th Ave Alley

1. Blackberry Alley
2. King Cat Alley
3. Little Ohio Alley
4. Song Bird Alley
5. Lester Lane
6. Tchaikovsky Alley
7. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
8. No Name. Do not name this alley.

26th Ave & 27th Ave Alley

1. Forgotten Lane
2. Frank Cobb Jr Alley
3. Adventure Alley
4. Bach Alley
5. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
6. No Name. Do not name this alley.

27th Ave & 28th Ave Alley

1. Chicken Alley
2. Harriet Lane
3. Love Fest Lane
4. Raspberry Lane
5. Coltrane Alley
6. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
7. No Name. Do not name this alley.

the only low-barrier, Veteran-exclusive shelter for men in the City of Portland, and one of only a few Portland shelters to allow companion animals. DGM staff will help the Veterans navigate through the available housing and employment resources offered by other service providers across the county. The shelter is free of charge to Veterans and is available to all male-identifying Veterans, regardless of discharge type.

The nighttime shelter is located inside the chapel of First Congregational United Church of Christ, who along with various faith communities, student groups, and community organizations will provide volunteer support. Church members will coordinate volunteer efforts, but religious belief or church affiliation is not a requirement to participate.

“This kind of shelter depends on the support and good will of many people,” said UCC Senior Minister, Michael Ellick. “Each of us has different gifts to bring to the table. We are honored to work with Do Good Multnomah and to open our building to our neighbors who sleep outside.”

Community partners (VA, TPI, CCC, DePaul, etc.) can submit veteran referrals directly to DGM for Veterans requiring immediate shelter. Organizations and individuals must be able to verify Veteran status. Veterans in need of housing assistance or emergency shelter are also encouraged to call 211.

28th Ave & 29th Ave Alley

1. Fir Way
2. Beatles Alley
3. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
4. No Name. Do not name this alley.

29th Ave & 30th Ave Alley

1. Ice Cream Alley
2. Guardino Lane
3. Fox Chase Alley
4. LeGuin Alley
5. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
6. No Name. Do not name this alley.

30th Ave & 31st Ave Alley

1. Mozart Alley
2. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
3. No Name. Do not name this alley.

31st Ave & 32nd Ave Alley

1. Oakley Alley
2. Marley Alley
3. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
4. No Name. Do not name this alley.

32nd Ave & 32nd Pl Alley

1. Charollet and Walter’s Run
2. Santana Alley
3. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
4. No Name. Do not name this alley.

32nd Pl & 33rd Ave Alley

1. Scrap Alley
2. Alley Cat Alley
3. Cat Alley
4. Hendrix Alley
5. Write-In:\_\_\_\_\_
6. No Name. Do not name this alley.

Concordia residents interested in discussing this or any other issue related to land use and transportation are invited to attend the Concordia Neighborhood Association Land Use and Transportation Committee (CNA LUTC) meetings at 7pm on the third Wednesday of the month, in the Community Room in the SE corner of McMenamins Kennedy School. To join the LUTC mailing list, send an email to: [pdx\\_cna\\_lu\\_and\\_t\\_committee@googlegroups.com](mailto:pdx_cna_lu_and_t_committee@googlegroups.com)

## Join the Aquatics Team @ PDX Parks

Join our Aquatics team! Hiring for current positions AND for the 2016 summer

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) is hiring for both immediate aquatics vacancies and for similar positions during the summer 2016. The bureau is accepting applications now for lifeguard, swim instructor and water fitness instructor positions. Jobs are and will be open at PP&R swimming pools located throughout the city.

Portland Parks & Recreation values a diverse workforce and seeks ways to promote equity and inclusion within the organization. PP&R encourages candidates with knowledge, ability and experience working with a broad range of individuals and diverse communities to apply. PP&R encourages candidates that can fluently speak more than one language.

“As we continue our efforts for ‘Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland’, it is important that we hire the best and most diverse workforce to best serve our community,” says Portland Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz. “Our aquatics staff have received many awards and accolades for their excellence, and I continue to be very proud of them.”

Portland Parks & Recreation



## Charles Addams Exhibit 2 for 1 Coupon

The Macabre Charm of Charles Addams, a presentation on the life and works of Charles Addams by Kevin Miserocchi, the Executive Director of the Tee and Charles Addams Foundation. The talk will coincide with the closing of the art exhibit Charles Addams: Family and Friends, featuring 52 original works by the beloved New Yorker comic illustrator, Charles Addams, on display now at Cerimon House.

## Sunday, December 13th, 2015 at 5:00pm

At Cerimon House – 5131 NE 23rd Avenue, Portland, OR 97211 (at the crossroads of NE 23rd Ave. and NE Sumner St.)

### Suggested Donation \$15

Cut out this coupon and bring it in to the event to get 2–for–1 admission!

Special thanks to the Concordia Neighborhood Association for sponsoring this exhibit.

## Neighborhood Community Room

Rent it for your next gathering, book club, celebrate a special occasion, birthday, baby or wedding shower? CNA manages the rental space & benefits from the proceeds. Non-Profit Organization for or \$15 an hour  
All others for \$25 an hour  
[CNAroomKennedy@gmail.com](mailto:CNAroomKennedy@gmail.com)

Aquatics offers competitive wages, a positive working environment, flexible hours, opportunity for advancement and an employee recognition program.

With six indoor and seven outdoor pools throughout the city, our “Parkies” have the opportunity to provide a service to their community while earning wages ranging from \$9.75-13.25 per hour.

“Our pools are wonderful recreational sites,” says PP&R Director Mike Abbaté. “They are the places where thousands of Portlanders have learned to swim, and can be enjoyed all year round by all ages. I look forward to a strong pool – pun intended – of candidates to help PP&R round off our staffing!”

Training courses for those interested in becoming a lifeguard and swim instructor are available through Portland Parks & Recreation. Lifeguard and swim instructor training courses are offered during Winter Break – December 27-30, 2015.

For more information regarding training courses and employment opportunities or to request an employment application call Portland Parks & Recreation Aquatics at 503-823-5130.



~ Community ~

Winter Cycling Essentials

by Jonathan Scarboro, Owner/Operator Cat Six Cycles

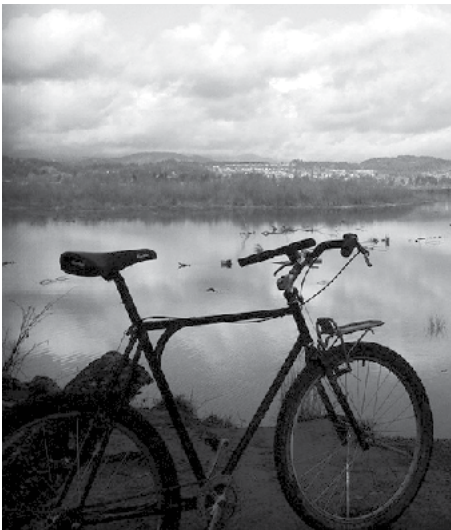
With its early sunsets, chilly temperatures, and wet pavement, Portland winters can be challenging for novice and seasoned cyclists alike. For those aspiring to ride year-round, a combination of the right gear and the right attitude can make those dark soggy rides a pleasure instead of a chore. Investing in a few basics such as bright lights, fenders, and some waterproof apparel can make all the difference.

Luminescent front and rear lights -not just reflectors- are legally required after dusk at no matter the time of year, but the rain and early onset of darkness make good quality lighting especially important in winter. Most bicycle shops carry an array of light options that fall into three general categories: battery-operated, USB rechargeable, and dynamo-powered. Cheaper sets of battery-powered lights (\$20+) help the rider to be seen by drivers and nicer sets (\$35+) will allow the rider to see potholes and objects a few feet ahead of their bike. USB light sets start around \$55 -they're brighter and keep dead batteries out of the landfill. Dynamo lights are powered as the wheel rotates, meaning they never need to be charged or removed from the bicycle, making them an ideal choice for everyday commuters. Complete wheels with dynamo hubs start at \$150, and a quality set of compatible lights starts at \$75. However, lights aren't everything. Even the best-lit riders should be considerate of the limits of their equipment and ride defensively, especially in high-traffic areas.

Wet underwear and feet can take the fun out of any activity, cycling included. When the skies are dry but the streets are wet, fenders allow you to get out around town without a soggy backside! Fenders also keep mud and crud off of your bike, especially the crud-sensitive drivetrain, which includes the bike's chain, sprockets, and shifting mechanisms. Keeping these components free of gunk will help ensure they function properly and live a long and healthy life. Plastic fenders (\$40+) generally last a few seasons before cracking at the mounting rivet from impact. Metal fenders are pricier (\$55+), but tend to bend before they break. With or without fenders, all bikes ridden through the Portland winter will appreciate having the chain wiped down with a cloth rag and freshened up with a light chain lubricant once every week or two. Using another rag to clean the braking surfaces on the rims will increase your stopping power and the longevity of your brake pads.

Most Portlanders already have a waterproof jacket for daily use, but many shops also carry waterproof gloves and neoprene shoe covers to help keep your fingers and toes from becoming icy claws as you brave your daily commute or ride on Marine Drive. Combine these with a cap under your helmet and your most cold-sensitive bits are covered. Feel free to stop by to browse our selection of winter cycling goodies or pick our brains about the best way to keep yourself and your bike on the road all year long.

For more information contact Jonathan or Kirk at Cat Six Cycles at 503.282.1178 or catsixcycles.com



Impact NW

**WHAT IS THE HOLIDAY HOPE DRIVE?**

While most of us prepare for a joyful holiday season, many families are struggling to secure food, warm clothing, a safe place to live and most of all, HOPE. The Holiday Hope Drive is an opportunity for you to support people experiencing poverty in the Portland metro area by providing a blanket for a baby, warm coat for a child, food for a senior or other necessities.

Impact NW provides comprehensive range of anti-poverty services for more than 36,000 children, adults, families and seniors each year receive nurturing, effective and quality services each year through area schools, businesses, community-based organizations and governmental agencies.

They help people prosper through a community of support. 12,000 Meals are served weekly to hungry children

DONATE at <http://impactnw.org/main-navigation/how-to-help/donate/>

Eugene-Portland Train

The Oregon Department of Transportation is studying options for improved passenger rail service between Eugene-Springfield and Portland – a 125 mile segment. This segment is part of the federally designated Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor.

ODOT and the Federal Railroad Administration are now preparing a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This environmental review will help ODOT and FRA make important decisions, including selecting the general rail alignment and communities where stations would be located. We will also determine several service characteristics, such as the number of daily trips, travel time objectives and the technologies to be used - for example, whether the trains will be powered by electric or diesel electric engines. The project includes a public involvement strategy to ensure that your voice is heard in the decision making process.

Learn more at: <http://oregonpassengerrail.org/page/overview>

Concordia News & Website

**WHAT DO CONCORDIANS WANT?**  
By Steve Elder

The Concordia Neighborhood has named a committee to carry out the membership's directions for the newspaper and website. Community input is needed. All ideas and recommendations will be considered. So what do you want? Is the paper OK or in need of improvement? If improvement, what kind? Can you point out another neighborhood or other local paper with the look and feel you would like to see?

Bear in mind the paper is a financial thing. It has a budget with income and expenses. The paper is printed and mailed out to several thousand households. To pay for this advertisements are sold and paid for or it comes out of the association treasury. Our goal is to break even and maybe put a little something in the treasury for things like concerts in the park. Any suggestions that will cost money will hopefully be accompanied with recommendations how any increased expenses might be met. Even if you just know what you'd like to see and haven't business expertise to say how to pay for it, please send us your ideas.

If the paper his hunky dory or is good as we deserve or can get, we need to know that too. Send recommendations to [east1@concordapdx.org](mailto:east1@concordapdx.org).

Same thing with the website. Could it be better? I think the website is a little harder to defend. It is littered with notices of events that happened years ago. If it's to be replaced or overhauled, with what? Bear in mind that even though the paper has a budget, the website does not. The committee has lots of talent, but it's all volunteer. The site is in WordPress a widely used free program. Any recommendations for betterment might be accompanied with answers to the "how" question. A website I like for a neighborhood just up the street is the King Neighborhood site. <http://kingneighborhood.org>. It's simple and appears to be mostly up to date. WordPress permits several collaborators to work on a site. Authorized users can make blog posts and move things around the calendar. It's like a community bulletin board.

Again, input wanted and will be considered. [east1@concordiapdx.org](mailto:east1@concordiapdx.org).

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

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This is an opportunity to honor and celebrate those in our communities who live daily with HIV/AIDS, and those who support the work we do at EMO's Daily Bread Express and HIV Day Center—the only HIV drop-in center serving greater Portland's most vulnerable, low-income, HIV-positive individuals.

■ Special recognition will be given to Russ Miller, EMO's Food Services Manager, for his 20 years of service within EMO's HIV Services community.

■ As our guest, there is no charge to attend the lunch; donations will be solicited. All contributions go towards sustaining the HIV Day Center.

If you can't attend the event please consider making an online donation at [www.emoregon.org](http://www.emoregon.org) (click "donations" and specify HIV Services).

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# ~ Enjoy the Holidays! ~

## Guest for the Holidays

By Michelle Ruber, Shift Vacation Rentals

When the folks at Concordia News asked us to write an article about how to create a comfortable environment for guests, we were thrilled. At Shift Vacation Rentals, this is one of our favorite things to do. We find that attention to detail adds a warmth and intention that make our guests feel immediately comfortable.

The holidays are upon us and that means family and friends are coming to town. What better way to show your loved ones your excitement then by planning special touches.

Let's start with cleanliness. You know that saying "cleanliness is next to godliness"? Well, we find cleanliness to be a key factor in people's comfort. Is your house clean? Perhaps this is a perfect time of year to do a deep cleaning. Next, organization, are their numerous piles of stuff laying about? Condense, recycle, file, purge, and place so when your guests first set eyes on your space it feels calm and welcoming.

Now for the magic! Have a welcome gift and note ready for your guests. At Shift Vacation Rentals, we like to leave some pastries from the local bakery, or a bottle of wine. With those treats, we leave a welcome note and often add a personalized tip, such as letting them know if there is an event occurring during their stay that we think they will enjoy. It's so much fun to do, and offers an opportunity to immediately show some of the talent in our area. It sets the tone for your guests feeling welcome and appreciated.

Other thoughtful touches include fresh flowers, folded towels on their bed, shampoo, conditioner and a hair dryer in the bathroom, and clearing out a closet for a place to hang up their clothes. You can stop by the visitor's center and get maps and have those placed in a tray in their room. Pick up a local paper or magazine to have at the bedside table. These few steps are easy to do in your own home and set a gracious tone for your guests' visit.

Although it can be stressful to entertain, it's important to remember that people have made an effort to come see you because you're the one with whom they want to share this special time. If you need more space to host people we have houses on Alberta Street and in the Mississippi District. Please visit our web site for more info and to check availability. Enjoy!

For more information about Shift Vacation Rentals please visit:www.shiftvacationrentals.com, 503-208-2581



## Simplicity Holidays

By Yvonne de Maat

As you are reading this you probably feel like you are in the midst of the holiday season, either enwrapped or engulfed. It's really a miracle of sorts you have time to read an article about making the holidays simpler. Read on and you will see how you can dial back the holiday buzz with a few simple steps.

**Environment; Heirloom decorations and gifts from nature!**

The beauty of holidays is that we can count on their annual return. We carefully wrap and store decorations we're gathered through the years. Hopefully, each one will have a memory of a person or event connected to them. If a tree is part of your cultural heritage, make it a major event, not something you pick up as the last thing on your errand list. If you can, go to a farm and cut your own. Then make sure you have lots of time to decorate, and remember the stories behind those decorations and share them with your family. That way you emphasize that connections are what is important this season! Re-evaluate just how much decorating you truly want to do. A wreath on the front door is festive, so is a little crèche and a few branches on the stair banisters. And perhaps, that's enough! Turning the lights low and lighting a few candles is a wonderful way to create a mood of peace and reflection. Don't forget about the sense of smell and bake some cookies!

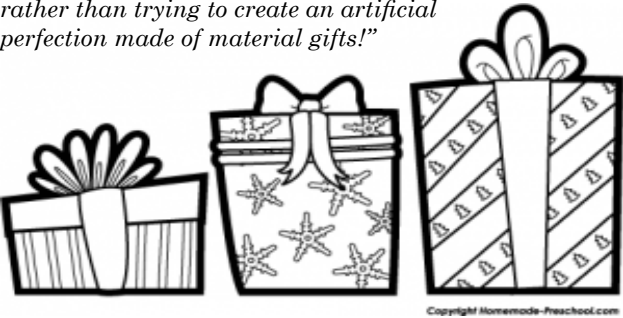
**Gifts; Less is More!**

Ask anyone what the holidays are about and most people will say that it's about connections, gratitude and love. Not many will say gifts, though that is what our culture has skillfully crafted it to be. Watch less TV, because this is where desire and expectations get amped up. Have a corner where the children can make their own gifts, stock it with craft materials and fabrics and make sweet tree decorations for friends and loved ones. If you make gifts yourself, make some of them in front of the children, so they can see what energy and dedication goes into it. You could have a conversation with the children about gift giving, how many gifts they might expect. Perhaps you could also help people who are in need, or an organization which takes care of animals.

**Schedules; Say 'Yes!', selectively.**

The social demands can be overwhelming this time of the year. It helps to make a calendar just for the events you do want to participate in. If you have small children make a calendar together with some images to indicate the event. If the Tubas on Pioneer Square are a 'must' tradition, put it on the calendar and keep it as the activity for that day. Limiting yourself to one big event a day, or even planning some 'off-days', can bring into focus what is truly meaningful to you. If your child really wants to see the model trains, don't plan anything else, and you will be rewarded by a sweet afterglow instead of the tantrums of 'too much'. We often end up barreling from one event to another, and bypassing the joyful anticipation.

To end with Fred Rogers about the holidays; *"And that is what is important on Christmas Day-accepting our children and each other for what we really are, rather than trying to create an artificial perfection made of material gifts!"*



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Vernon Maker’s Fair

Do Your Holiday Shopping Locally While Supporting Our Neighborhood School At The 1st Annual Vernon Maker’s Fair

Would you like to avoid the traffic, long lines and all the time spent driving from store to store looking for those perfect holiday gifts? Or crossing your fingers hoping the gifts you ordered online will arrive in time?

This year, there is a new place to get your holiday shopping done without having to leave your neighborhood. Give unique, one-of-a-kind gifts to your friends and family. Support your local crafts people, and make an investment in your neighborhood school.

Skip the holiday crowds and attend the 1st Annual Vernon Maker’s Fair. The Fair takes place on Saturday, December 5th from 1:00 – 5:00 PM at Vernon School (2044 NE Killingsworth Street).

Find authentic, unique gifts hand-made by Vernon students, staff, family members and alumni. Your friends and family will love the one-of-a-kind gifts available at the Fair.

Some of the handcrafted items on sale include: organic jams and pickles, jewelry, wood crafts and toys, greeting cards, art prints, ornaments, shirts, stationary and much more.

The Maker’s Fair features door prizes, music, food and drinks. Enjoy kid activities and fun for the whole family. Mark it down as a fun annual event on your holiday calendar.

Support Our Local Kids.

The Maker’s Fair is organized by the Vernon PTA. A percentage of the proceeds support the PTA’s mission to improve the learning conditions at Vernon. So, not only can you get your holiday shopping done locally and support neighborhood crafts people, you can help our community build a better place for our kids to learn.

Money raised by the Maker’s Fair will help fund field trips, classroom support and improvements to school facilities. Funds raised will support music education, art enhancements and educational clubs for Vernon students.

“The Maker’s Fair is a great opportunity for community residents to support our kids, our school and our local crafts people. Since a percentage of the proceeds go back to the school, the whole community benefits by helping our school become a destination of choice for neighborhood families. When our kids have greater opportunities to learn, it creates stronger schools. And stronger schools mean stronger communities,” said Greg Rochford, Vernon parent and PTA member.

December 5th

Join your neighbors at the

1st Annual Vernon Maker’s Fair

Saturday, December 5th

1:00 – 5:00 PM at Vernon School

For information on participating in the Maker’s Fair as a vendor, please submit a Maker’s Fair Registration Form (<http://www.vernonpta.org/makersfair/>) to the PTA box in the Vernon main office by November 15th.



Vernon Tree Recycling

Please support your neighborhood school

Vernon Tree Recycle Fundraiser

Sat 9-4 Sun 12-4, Jan 2 & 3 2015

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\$10-\$20 for pick up

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Community Kitchen Events

St. Mike’s Community Kitchen Events for December

6-8 p.m. December 3rd: The theme for the 1st Thursday cooking group in December is quick appetizers for holiday entertaining. Join us to make Cranberry Chili Meatballs, Sweet and Spicy Nuts, Bruschetta Melts, Pastry Wrapped Brie (served with crackers and apple slices) and Bacon Wrapped Jalapenos! Contact Rachel Schweitzer at [st.mikes@kitchencommons.net](mailto:st.mikes@kitchencommons.net) or 503-997-2003 with questions or to RSVP.

11:15 a.m. December 13th: We will be sharing a meal (the meal will be provided) and then singing some carols and decorating the church Christmas trees. Contact Rachel Schweitzer at [st.mikes@kitchencommons.net](mailto:st.mikes@kitchencommons.net) or 503-997-2003 with questions or to RSVP.

6-8 p.m. December 17th: The 3rd Thursday cooking group will be making some Czech Christmas dishes! Contact Rachel Schweitzer at [st.mikes@kitchencommons.net](mailto:st.mikes@kitchencommons.net) or 503-997-2003 with questions or to RSVP.

Faubion, Be Mine

On February 20, 2016, Faubion PTA will hold its second annual silent auction & raffle fundraiser. Please join us in showing the love for our sweet school at **“Faubion, Be Mine”**

Faubion School is a PK-8 public school located in the heart of Portland’s Concordia neighborhood. While a new, modern Faubion is being built at 3039 NE Rosa Parks Blvd, our students, teachers, and staff have temporarily relocated to the Tubman campus at 2231 N Flint Ave. The Faubion@Tubman community — rich with diversity, cultural heritage, and academic success — is deeply committed to students and their achievement.

Faubion@Tubman aspires to provide a full range of educational opportunities for all of its students. At the same time, enrollment has grown, with over 480 children in attendance. Over 90% of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches, and many families are struggling. Resources are stretched thin. The PTA raises funds to supplement basic classroom needs for student enrichment including: reimbursing teachers who purchase supplies out-of-pocket, funding arts programs, and providing transportation for field trips.

We are proud to announce that the 2015 “Faubion, Be Mine” Auction raised over \$15,000, exceeding our original goal by nearly 50%. This year, we know we can do more. Please help us raise \$25,000 so we can continue to support our students and our community.

Please help make our 2016 “Faubion, Be Mine” Auction a success by becoming a sponsor, making a financial contribution, or donating an auction item. Your donation will have a positive impact on students, and your business will get some great visibility. Faubion PTA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your donation is tax-deductible.

There are many ways that you can show your support and help make this a successful event! 1. Donate an item or service for the auction 2. Offer you or your home for a dinner or theme party. 3. Procure an item or service or sponsorship donation for the Auction 4. Work with students and teacher to create a classroom art project.

Thank you in advance for your support of Faubion@Tubman. Questions or wish to volunteer, please contact [paisleydoc@gmail.com](mailto:paisleydoc@gmail.com)



~ Family ~

Change the Wor[L]d



Annual Giving Campaign #DISABILITY: change the wor[L]d

Family and Community Together [FACT] is announcing launch of the annual giving campaign, #DISABILITY: change the wor[L]d. Over 6,000 Oregon parents have turned to FACT in the last year as they pursue hopes and dreams of their children being independent, integrated, and valued members of our communities. Each week between now and the end of the year, FACT will release an update highlighting success stories of Oregon families empowered to advocate for their children experiencing disability.

Recent data from Oregon Department of Education shows that only 37.2% of students experiencing disability graduated with a diploma. FACT wants to change that number by breaking down the barriers and increasing successful outcomes for all. FACT works closely with families to support programming improving graduation rates of students experiencing disabilities. Result show this helps young adults to pursue additional education, employment and active lives in their community.

“More than just delivering services, FACT is committed to empowering Oregon families to become change agents in their community,” explains FACT Executive Director Roberta Dunn. “Transformation occurs when empowered families engage in community building and system change.” Over the coming weeks, families will share their stories showing the magnitude of what is possible in the area of inclusive communities, assistive technology, and graduation.

FACT is a statewide nonprofit by families for families; the leading family advocate organization empowering Oregon families experiencing disability. Staff are each a parent of a child experiencing disability, sharing what they have learned on their personal journeys. Support for families includes free trainings, workshops for families and professionals, parent-to-parent connections, and support in any area of raising a child experiencing disability. FACT serves over 6,000 Oregonians annually.

#DISABILITY: change the wor[L]d is a movement about change; it focuses on how we perceive disability and create welcoming communities for all. To learn more about FACT and the #DISABILITY: change the wor[L]d campaign, please visit: <http://factoregon.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FACTOregon>

Holiday Wishes for Pets

Santa Paws Party at the Hotel Monaco  
Noon – 3 pm, December 12

Tis' the most wonderful time of the year for you and your four-legged friend to meet with Santa for a fun and festive holiday photo. Join OHS in the beautiful lobby at Hotel Monaco in downtown Portland to get your photo with Santa. All photos taken will be emailed to participants within one week of the event. There is no cost to attend but donations to benefit the pets at OHS are greatly appreciated. Hotel Monaco, 506 SW Washington St, Portland, OR 97204.

Adoption Outreach at America’s Largest Christmas Bazaar, Portland Expo Center,  
10 am – 6 pm Friday, Saturday & Sunday, Dec.4 - 6

Visit America's Largest Christmas Bazaar at the Portland Expo Center and discover an array of holiday arts and crafts. While there, visit the OHS booth to purchase gifts for everyone on your list - including your favorite four-legged friends. OHS cats will be available for adoption 12-3pm each day.

**Fill the Bowl: Pet Supplies Donation Drive**, every day in December: Join Rodda Paint this holiday season and they collect donations of pet supplies and food for pets in need. Stop by anytime during regular business hours to drop off your donations and receive a coupon good for a discount on Rodda products for a future visit. Visit the OHS Wish List to see what supplies are greatly needed at this time.



~ Home & Neighborhood ~

~ Garden ~

Diary of Demo: Pt 4

By Luke Griffin

Diary of Demolition and Development: Part 4

Everyone in Concordia has had the opportunity to watch a house be torn down to make way for new houses, duplexes, and “skinnies”, for better and/or for worse. This is the continued chronicle of my personal experience.

Construction has been in full swing for the past month. The dump truck, earth mover, and piles of materials are semi-permanent fixtures on our street narrowing the avenue to just one lane. The sidewalk has been ripped apart so the path is now closed. Limbs from one of my trees that overhung into the other property were hacked off and it is possible that another two trees will experience the same fate in the coming months. Sounds of building echo through my house for most of the day, rattling our glassware and driving our dog crazy. The workers, though courteous, use my front yard to get to the back of the construction site, and on street parking on my end of the block is quite limited. In general, the neighborhood is being impacted in the way one might expect from such a project and I find myself simply thankful that it was stalled through the summer so that I could still enjoy BBQs, porch time, open windows, and the sound of children playing outside while the weather was nice. Like many of the new homes, this one will have almost no front yard and due to its vertical design, will create an imposing feel for those walking by in the future. It will also block much of my front porch view and will look out of place amongst the artsy bungalows and working class 50s style houses.

There are certainly many aspects of the project that are not enjoyable or desirable from my point of view. However, there is some silver lining such as the seasonal work hour constraints due to fading light and the fact that my lovely summer was not filled with the sounds of power tools, yelling workers, and big rigs. The footprint of the building is quite a bit smaller than some other places in the neighborhood, the developer opting for a more modest structure. The final height will be well short than what is allowed and although the width has been maximized, the length has not which will allow my property to maintain much of our backyard privacy. Unlike many of the new buildings, there will not be a garage underneath the unit but instead a parking pad in back accessed by the alley. The workers also are generally friendly and clean up after themselves each night with only minimal trash and debris left behind. Thus far, they have not worked on Saturday, something allowed by City regulations, and I suspect that they will likely refrain from doing any holiday work as well.

The first order of business in constructing the new home was to lay the foundation. As explained to me by the developer, hardly any new residential units have basements as structural regulations regarding earthquake safety negate any positive economic motives they might have in creating earth bound space. Instead, two foot high cement retaining walls were erected. After plastic piping and sewer lines had been put in the foundation was capped with framing and plywood to create the ground level floor. Next, they constructed the wall frame that will separate the two units of the townhouse/duplex. By the looks of it, the dividing wall will be thicker than the other walls which, hopefully for the future buyers, will provide a sound buffer.

Today, the workers began digging out the alley where they will presumably lay down gravel. Unfortunately the alley entrance may not be used as often as desired as the City of Portland allowed a triplex to be built five years ago that intrudes into the alley. In fact, an external gas line and meter was attached two feet into the public domain. Though posts have been placed to protect against possible catastrophic explosions, dents and paint chips indicate the gas line truly does impede traffic. While this has limited automobiles in the alley up until now, the future neighbors are supposed to drive it on a regular basis.

As one who has done construction work and whose family members make a living on it, I understand that there will be inconveniences to neighbors that are unavoidable with such a project. None the less, other than a vague suggestion that my property value will increase and that sometime in the far off future when I sell my house, it will be worth more, there is really no benefit to me to have this construction. I only get negative impacts on my daily life and though to some, they may be trivial (and indeed, within the global context, they truly are) living the day to day realty is a bit lame. Due to my work I sleep odd hours but cannot do so in my own bed. My dog barks like crazy and I feel a bit on edge. There is never any notices to the neighbors for anything

Energy/Safety Workshops

Weatherization Workshop

Free workshop where participants learn how to stop drafts in their home, especially around doors and windows to save energy and increase comfort. Great for renters too! Qualified participants receive a free kit of weatherization supplies. Register info below.

Mon, Dec 14, 6-8pm - Community Energy Project, 2900 SE Stark St, Suite A, Portland, OR 97214

Tues, Dec 15, 6:30-8:30pm - Peninsula Park Community Center 700 N Rosa Parks Ave Portland OR 97211

Wed, Dec 16, 6-8pm - Community Energy Project, 2900 SE Stark St, Suite A, Portland, OR 97214

Lead Poisoning Prevention Workshop

Free workshop where participants learn how to prevent lead exposure in their home. Great for households with children or pregnant women in housing older than 1978, or those concerned about lead exposure. Qualified participants receive a free kit of safety and testing supplies! Register info below.

Tues, Dec 15, 6-7:30pm - Community Energy Project - 2900 SE Stark St, Suite A, Portland, OR 97214

Lead-Safe Home Projects Workshop

Before any demo, scraping, sanding, or remodeling in pre-1978 housing, check out this class! Great for people who want to do a small project that may involve exposure to lead paint, such as sanding down an old window frame or a reused door with potential lead paint, or a small construction project in an older home. Register info below.

Thurs, Dec 10, 6-7:30pm - Community Energy Project - 2900 SE Stark St, Suite A, Portland, OR 97214

**Do-It-Yourself Insulation Workshop**

This free workshop teaches participants how to weatherize a flat attic. Topics covered include safety, air sealing, ventilation, installing insulation, and incentives to help cover the cost of your project. Sat, Dec 12, 1-4pm - NE Portland Tool Library @ Redeemer Lutheran Church 5472 NE 20th Ave Portland, OR 97211

**Learn more and register for the workshop at [www.communityenergyproject.org](http://www.communityenergyproject.org) or call 503.284.6827 x108**

and whatever rules may exist regarding construction, they are unclear and hard to access. For now, I must just tolerate the noise, the dirt, the street blockage, the lack of parking, and did I mention the noise? I appreciate the polite workers though and am glad that this building is not as huge as many I have seen. I do wish that there was more deference given to the surrounding community, which is hard to have when the developer is not from here, and has no connection to Concordia other than his project that will make him richer. The City too, seems to have an inherent disinterest in getting community feedback as it would mean more work and possibly less tax revenue. In the end, this is a little lame but it could be worse. *Next month: Construction Continues*

Planting Paperwhite Bulbs

By Jolie Ann Donohue, The Gardening Goddess

As the winter solstice, the longest night of the year, approaches why not brighten up your home with paperwhite bulbs? December is full of celebrations of light and paperwhites forced indoors are a welcome addition to your holiday décor and gift giving.

Narcissus papyraceus or paperwhite is a perennial plant native to the Mediterranean. Paperwhites are related to daffodils. They are grown from a bulb and are often grown as a houseplant during Christmas time for their very fragrant beautiful white flowers.

You can purchase paperwhite bulbs at your local nursery or garden center. They are quite easy to grow indoors. To force a paperwhite into bloom, plant it root side down in just enough moist potting soil to cover the bulb up to its neck, leaving the tip exposed. Lightly water the soil. Or rest the bulb on a bed of decorative rocks or glass chunks 2-4 inches deep in a vase. Set the bulbs on top of the rocks/glass and water to fill the vase up to the base of the bulbs. You do not want your paperwhites sitting in water or they will mildew and rot.



Place your potted paperwhites in a cool place inside your home out of direct sunlight. In a few weeks they should be rooted in and sprouted. At this point you can place them in a bright spot in your home. After forcing paperwhite bulbs into bloom indoors, dispose of them in your compost waste.

Paperwhites will brighten your home through the celebrations of light and onward into the gloom of winter. For more information:[jolieannndonohue.com](mailto:jolieannndonohue.com) [missjolieannkitchengarden.blogspot.com](http://missjolieannkitchengarden.blogspot.com)



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