



# CONCORDIA NEWS

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## Vote for Concordia

CNA's annual election is Wednesday, Nov. 3. See details on Page 2 about the seven positions being filled. For sign-on details visit [ConcordiaPDX.org/CNAMeetings](http://ConcordiaPDX.org/CNAMeetings).

## More pick up on tap

Neighborhood Pick Up is back. See Page 8 for details. And check the December CNews for a full report on the October event.

## Holiday party slated

After last winter's hiatus, CNA is planning a holiday party for Wednesday, Dec. 17. Attendance is limited, social distancing is accommodated and proof of vaccination is required. Details are on Page 5. RSVP soon.

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To connect Concordia residents and businesses — inform, educate and report on activities, issues and opportunities of the neighborhood.

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## Simple concept aids food insecure

By Nancy Varekamp  
CNews Editor

It started as a handful of people collecting 237 pounds of supplies for food-insecure Portlanders from 14 donors in 2012. In 2019, Portland Food Project volunteers collected donations from about 1,500 households that totaled nearly 114,000 pounds of food.

Donors buy one extra grocery item a week, save those for an every-other-

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– Peggy Concillo

month collection, then put them in supplied green project bags outside for pick up.

Last year, the pandemic caused a reduction in pick ups that resulted in a drop to nearly 82,500 pounds. But donors increased their financial contributions. And just the first four collections – of six – this year have resulted in more than 95,000 pounds of food.

Peggy Concillo joined the citywide, all-volunteer project five years ago. The Alameda resident and other local neighborhood coordinators collect food from Concordians and residents across the city the second Saturday of each even-numbered month.

The food is divided between 19 Portland area food pantries. Among them are nearby Northeast Emergency Food Pantry, Sharon Community Services and Home Forward at Dekum Court.

The nonprofit organization's success lies in the neighborhood coordinators, according to Peggy. “They are an amazing bunch of people. They keep the project going.”

They come from all walks of life.



Portland Food Project volunteers collect donations from their neighbors. In four of this year's six planned events, they gathered more than 95,000 pounds of items for local food pantries. The next pick up is Dec. 11. Left to right are local volunteers Peggy Concillo; Nick, Alice and Rebecca O'Neil; and Erin Cooper. Photo by Nancy Varekamp

Peggy joined soon after her retirement as an educator.

“I wanted to do some volunteering, and I knew I wanted to do something different than being in schools. It sounded like a great concept, and it sounded easy,” she said.

“This is a local thing, building your own community and your neighborhood. People feel like they’re having a direct connection, a direct impact in their own community.”

To become a donor or neighborhood coordinator, visit [PortlandFoodProject.org](http://PortlandFoodProject.org). At the same website, financial donations are accepted. In fact, enough money was donated late last year to enable the project to purchase groceries for an extra distribution to pantries in January.

Most coordinators start out as donors, then form their own routes of nearby households, then grow their routes to 15-30 donors.

According to project estimates, coordinators spend four to five hours every

other month. That includes reminding their donors when to expect them, picking up the filled green bags from donors' porches, leaving bags for the next pick up and delivering donations to a drop-off site.

At latest count, 42 other towns across the country have initiated programs modeled after Portland's. Some of those are in the new hometowns of former Portland Food Project volunteers.

“Our motto serves other areas just as well as Portland,” Peggy explained. “Sharing food, building community.”



Nancy Varekamp is semiretired from her career in journalism, public relations and – her favorite work engagement – writing and editing targeted newsletters.

## Portland is giving away yard trees

The city of Portland is giving away yard trees Saturday, Nov. 6, in a drive-through event at Trinity Lutheran Christian School, 5520 N.E. Killingsworth St.

Advance registration is required for the 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. event Visit

[Portland.gov/free-yard-trees](http://Portland.gov/free-yard-trees) or call 503.823.4963.

The event is one of five throughout Portland that involve 1,800 trees of 16 varieties. Portland residents are eligible for two free trees per private property.

The events are geared toward neigh-

borhoods with the highest temperatures and fewest trees.

“By planting trees, we can provide shade and cooling for Portlanders, their homes and our city for generations to come,” reported Adena Long, city Parks & Recreation director.



From the Board

By Peter Keller, CNA Chair



Join CNA for Nov. 3 annual board elections

Last month I let you know our Wednesday, Nov. 3, meeting opens with our annual election at 7 p.m.. Now’s the time to get involved, either by running for one of the positions on our board of directors or by joining the virtual meeting to vote – or both!

Concordia neighbors are always welcome to attend our monthly board meetings and we espe-

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cially encourage you to attend our quarterly general meetings.

Each November, half of the board seats come up for election. In addition to those six two-year board positions, the elections fill the one-year chair position.

Currently, one board member has announced he won’t run for re-election. That’s Truls Neal, who filled the At Large 5 seat. On behalf of the board, I thank Truls for his volunteer service over the years, and we look forward to volunteering with him again in the future.

As I mentioned last month, even if any of the other current incumbents run for re-election, any qualified candidates may also run for those positions. They are chair; East 1; Northwest 1; Southwest 1; and At Large 1, 3 and 5. See the district boundaries in the map directly below.

You are qualified to vote and/or serve if you live or work within the Concordia Neighborhood Associa-

tion (CNA) boundaries, also in the map below. You must also be at least 14 years old to run for election to the board and, if you’re younger than 18, have parent/guardian permission.

Additionally, one representative each from business licensees, government agencies, educational institutions and nonprofit organizations may vote.

What does it mean to serve on the board? All board members are expected to attend monthly meetings, attend CNA functions, participate in CNA committees, represent the association with partner organizations and otherwise contribute to our mission.

That mission is: “To connect Concordia residents and businesses and to inform, educate and report on activities, issues and opportunities of the neighborhood.”

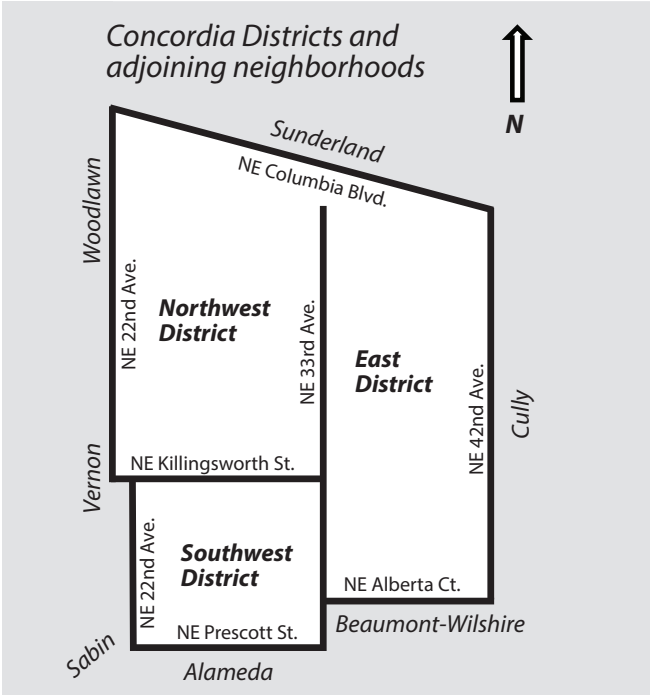
What does the chair do, you ask? The chair drafts agendas, presides over meetings, works with committees and board members, helps draft and/or signs communications, acts as spokesperson and communicates to neighbors via this column, email etc.

I’ve learned a lot in the past year and have enjoyed getting to know the board, Media Team and neighbors.

I encourage any interested and qualified neighbor to run!

Join us for the elections. Sign on details are at ConcordiaPDX.org/CNAMeetings.

*Native Portlander Peter Keller has lived in Concordia since 1997. He runs a small marketing agency with partner Max, out of their home studio. He loves exploring outdoors with and without his dogs.*



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*“I enjoy writing for the Concordia News because it puts me face to face with my community. And what a fascinating, talented and inspiring community it is!”*

**Carrie Wenninger,**  
CNA Media Team  
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Concordia Art Works

Sticker bombing abounds on Alberta Street

By Maquette Reeverts  
Alberta Art Works

If you want to get your art, political message, logo or just your name out there, stickers are the media of choice to reach the masses. Slap tagging – or sticker bombing – has been a viral art medium since before the internet even existed.

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Spray paint or a marker takes time and increases the chance of being caught. Stickers can be slapped up quickly. It is mostly an urban art form that focuses on walking, public transit and public spaces where people wait and look at their surroundings. Stickers are easy, cheap and can be made at home in bulk or printed at the local print shop. Priority Mail stickers can be obtained for free from the post office and make a great surface for drawings or tags. Sticker artists often trade their work with each other to expand their distribution. Some slap their stickers next to friends' stickers to say hello, or they place stickers next to better-known artists to get noticed. This is called spot jockeying or side busting. Portland is a hub for slap tagging and, over the course of the past decade, has elevated Portland to be the sticker capital with Alberta and Mississippi

districts having high concentrations. That's because both have specific walls that are popular with local and national sticker artists. Like other forms of graffiti, slap tagging can be seen as an unsightly nuisance that contributes to the negative impact on livability. Others see it as a form of chaotic and free human expres-

sion – an attempt to reclaim boring environments or public space. The Portland Bureau of Transportation spends an average \$42,000 a year on cleaning street signs and helps coordinate community volunteers to clean graffiti. There are also individuals who take the task upon themselves – which can end up stripping the reflective surfaces off street signs and rendering them illegible at night. *Michel Reeverts, aka Maquette, holds a master of arts degree in art education, serves Alberta Art Works as director and Alberta Street Gallery as a board member. She is also a practicing artist. Contact her at Maquette@AlbertaArtWorks.org*



Slap tagging, sticker bombing, unsightly nuisance, chaotic and free human expression. Call it what you will. The Alberta Street is one of two local areas that make Portland the sticker graffiti capital. Photo by Maquette Reeverts

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# Catalytic converter thefts plague Concordians

By Mac Larsen  
CNA Media Team

When you search “catalytic converter theft” on Concordia Nextdoor.com, you’ll see countless posts of desperate neighbors dismayed that they, too, have been victims of the crime.

This form of petty theft is so common

“The car, otherwise, was in good condition, and nobody had ever gotten inside it,” Michael said. “It was still locked.”

Auto mechanics are on the front lines of dealing with this problem. Ron Johnson, a local mechanic, has observed a steep increase in catalytic converter theft over the past few years. He said the

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in the Portland metro area that many car owners see catalytic converter theft as almost inevitable, leaving many wondering, “Why does this seem to always happen?” and “What can be done?”

Michael French awoke in his home in southwest Concordia to discover his car was missing from the spot he’d parallel parked it the evening before.

“Generally thieves will cut the converter out of a car without taking the entire car,” he said. His experience was the opposite. Three days later police found his car not far from home. The catalytic converter was the only thing that appeared to be missing or damaged.

shop is replacing the catalytic converters of about 50 Priuses a year.

According to Ron, for the Gen 2 Prius like Michael’s, it takes only three minutes to remove the catalytic converter if the thieves have the proper equipment and a makeshift tow jack. A neighbor who saw Michael’s Prius stolen noticed the thieves used the back of a pick-up truck to move the car away from the neighborhood.

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Peter Keller in south central Concordia had his own experience with



Catalytic converter thefts aren’t unusual these days in Concordia. But Michael French’s experience was. Thieves towed his car a few blocks away, removed the converter and left the car otherwise untouched. Photo by Edana French

would-be thieves when he was awakened at 5 a.m. to what he said sounded like a train derailing. Using two hacksaws, the thieves were halfway through removing the converter when Peter made a commotion and scared them off.

The tide may turn Jan. 1 when Oregon Senate Bill 803 takes effect. It prohibits scrap metal businesses from purchasing or receiving catalytic converters, and it passed by a majority in both the Senate and House.



Mac Larsen is a graduate student at the University of Oregon, pursuing a master’s degree in journalism. He grew up in Concordia neighborhood and can be found frequently on Alberta Street, complaining about all the construction.

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# NAYA Gala turns to virtual fundraiser again

By Brittany van der Salm  
CNA Board Member, AL6

COVID-19 doesn't deter the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) from continuing to host NAYA Gala. The 18th annual gala and fundraiser is virtual for the second consecutive year. The livestream event begins at 6:30

bid in the auction and make donations, Vawn said. This year, NAYA will again offer guests the option of ordering a traditional Native-inspired dinner catered by ChefStable and delivered to their homes. They may also bid on an array of auction items, including a blue glass vase made by Lillian Pitt, Northwest Native artist

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p.m. Friday, Nov. 5. Prior to this, bidding on auction items was scheduled to begin Friday, Oct. 29, and ticket sales for a raffle on Monday, Oct 25. Registration for the event, raffle and auction is at NAYAgala.org. The page will be updated with more information as the event gets closer. Despite the format change, events manager Vawn Borges reported the organization still recorded over 800 unique viewers and 250 registered auction bidders last year. They generated similar donations to what the organization normally sees at in-person events. The 2020 move to the virtual format allowed attendees from as far as Australia and Germany to tune into the livestream,

and former Alberta Arts District gallery owner. Add to that a selection of jewelry from the Southwest, several travel packages and more. Although planning for the event is still underway, some changes to the program of the livestream event are expected, including several live performances. Vawn said he wants the gala to feature more entertainment by Native performers. "We hope our virtual attendees will find our program more engaging overall." Longtime gala emcee and NAYA board member Zeke Smith will again host the event, and he will be joined by Johnna Wells to run the auction. The annual gala is NAYA's largest source of unrestricted funding. Money raised through the event is used to fill budget shortfalls or gaps. That ensures programs not fully funded through government contracts or foundation grants can continue to run. NAYA is located on Columbia Boulevard and 52nd Avenue. It provides educational, housing, community building, foster care, elder and other services each year to over 10,000 self-identified Native Americans across the Portland metropolitan area.

Brittany is a board member of the CNA, and has lived in the neighborhood since 2019. She works as a Medicaid disability policy consultant with a national nonprofit firm. Brittany loves to bake and bird watch.



The 2020 annual NAYA Gala went virtual, and this year's gala follows suit. Live streaming of the fundraiser begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5. Attendance and raffle tickets, and auction bidding begins earlier. Photos courtesy of NAYA

## Concordia Neighborhood Holiday Party

**When:** Wednesday, December 15th  
from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Teote Alberta  
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**Details:** Due to current restrictions, space is limited.  
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Urbanism

Local planning code isn't friendly to ACUs

By Garlynn Woodsong  
CNA Board Member, SW1  
CNA LUTC Chair

In October, this column continued its series on accessory commercial units (ACUs). This is the fourth and final installment

The legend of Hewlett Packard's origin begins, effectively, in an accessory commercial unit (ACU), with Bill Hewlett and Dave Packard developing an audio oscillator in a garage in 1939.

It was not the first company, or the last, to begin in that way:

- Google was begun in a garage, which Larry Page and Sergey Brin rented from a friend, Susan Wijcicki, in September 1998.
- The first Apple computer was developed in 1976 by Steve Jobs – in his parents' garage – with Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne.
- Microsoft started in a small garage

Yet, in the Concordia neighborhood, it's unclear to what extent this – or other forms of ACUs – would be legal today.

in Albuquerque, where Bill Gates and Paul Allen first developed programming and operating systems for IBM.

- Jeff Bezos created the first version of Amazon in his garage in Seattle.
- Walt and Roy Disney even created their first films in their uncle's Los Angeles garage in 1923!

Yet, in the Concordia neighborhood, it's unclear to what extent this – or other forms of ACUs – would be legal today.

The residential zones are governed by Table 110-1 of the Portland Title 33 Zoning Code. It states none of the residential single-dwelling zones allow for retail, office or other commercial primary uses.

It does allow for accessory uses that comply with all development standards. But those development standards do not allow for structures within the front setback that would allow for pedestrian-oriented businesses fronting the sidewalk.

On sites served by alleys – because zero-setback buildings are allowed to front on alleys – it's possible to build structures there containing accessory uses. However:

- Hours are limited to 7 a.m.-9 p.m.
- No more than one nonresident

employee is allowed onsite.

- Service is limited to eight customers per day.
- No retail services are allowed onsite.
- The dwelling and site must remain residential in appearance and characteristics.

So, there are very limited types of commercial uses that would be legal under the existing code. Budding entrepreneurs would have to fit within these restrictions. Otherwise, they would not be able to engage legally in their commercial activities in residential zones.

As mentioned in the previous installment in this series, there are good questions to be answered about where – on lots, on which lots, in which parts of the city – ACUs should be allowed.

There are many ways to answer these questions, and no necessarily right or wrong answers. There are just different conclusions that people can come to through the process of community dialogue.

Neighbors interested in discussing ACUs further are welcome to join the monthly meeting of the Concordia Neighborhood Association Land Use & Transportation Committee. Find details at [ConcordiaPDX.org/CNAMeetings](https://ConcordiaPDX.org/CNAMeetings) and [ConcordiaPDX.org/lutc](https://ConcordiaPDX.org/lutc).

Editor's note: The first three installments of this Urbanism series about ACUs were published in July, August and October. Find them at [ConcordiaPDX.org/2021/07/urbanism-acus-could-make-shopping-by-bike-more-safe](https://ConcordiaPDX.org/2021/07/urbanism-acus-could-make-shopping-by-bike-more-safe), [ConcordiaPDX.org/2021/08/urbanism-what-placements-might-be-best-for-acus](https://ConcordiaPDX.org/2021/08/urbanism-what-placements-might-be-best-for-acus) and [ConcordiaPDX.org/2021/10/urbanism-affordability-is-vital-to-develop-acus-here/](https://ConcordiaPDX.org/2021/10/urbanism-affordability-is-vital-to-develop-acus-here/).



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Visit [ConcordiaPDX.org/lutc](https://ConcordiaPDX.org/lutc) or use this QR code to learn more about the Land Use and Transportation Committee.



News from the NET

Make plans for how to reunite after a disaster

By Erin E. Cooper  
Concordia/Vernon/Woodlawn  
Neighborhood Emergency Team

Does your family have a plan for what each member will do in case of a major disaster?

In the chaos that can follow a natural disaster, a family plan can help you reunite with your family more quickly and ensure everyone's safety. While every household's plan will be different, most should include two scenarios:

- Nighttime, when all family members are at home
- Daytime, when family members may be at work or school

Both should include a primary meeting place, such as the front or back yard. You should also have a secondary meeting place – such as a nearby park or neighbor's house – in case your home is an unsafe place, such as on fire.

Recall, if your children are at daycare or school, they will need to be picked up by an adult on the pre-approved reunification list.

After a major earthquake, many roads – and possibly all of Portland's bridges – will be impassable by car. Roads that are drivable should be left open for

emergency responders. So consider the amount of time required to walk or bike home from work or school. Make sure your family is aware of how long you may be delayed, even if you are uninjured.

If your commute requires crossing one of Portland's bridges, plan to walk across the Tilikum Crossing, the bridge most likely to be open for pedestrians after a major earthquake.

If your family plan can confirm all family members are safe, first responders can devote their resources to the safety and recovery of the rest of your community.

For more information on how to develop a family plan and on what it should include, visit [Ready.gov/plan](https://Ready.gov/plan) or [RedCross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/make-a-plan.html](https://RedCross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/make-a-plan.html).



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# Stay Pet Hotel amenities aren't a dog's tale

By Malcolm  
As told to Steve Elder  
CNA Media Team

Call me Malcolm. Just Malcolm. We dogs don't usually have last names. Sometimes in veterinarian's offices, animals are called by their first names plus the last names of the people they're with, but that's usually for treatment or billing.

I'm a fairly large dog, called a Doberman mix for half my parentage. As a puppy people called me "adorable." Now I'm just called "good looking." Sometimes people are apprehensive about my size.

When my people – Concordians Steve and Tricia Elder – needed to go out of town, I stayed at a local doggy hotel. It's one of two in the neighborhood, both operated by the same team of people. They offer doggy daycare at the facilities too.

My overnigher was at Stay Pet Hotel, 3606 N.E. Columbia Blvd., where its 15th anniversary was celebrated this year. It's owned and operated by Anne Graves, a veterinary technician, and Mike Lauria, a dog trainer.

They started 3 Dogs Boarding and Daycare, 5340 N.E. 42nd Ave., 13 years ago, and they bought Stay Pet Hotel five



Steve Elder, elder. monaville@gmail. com, is an inactive lawyer, a developer, activist and old grouch.

years ago. They entertain an average of 80 dogs at each location at any given time.

"The timing was right for us," Anne explained. "We were both looking for a new adventure, and we saw the need for cage-free boarding in the area. The proximity to the airport was a bonus, and both locations having lots of outdoor space just sealed the deal."

Together, the two facilities include 10,000 square feet of outdoor play structures, doggy wading pools, sprinklers and sandboxes. Indoors they have 5,000 square feet of climate-controlled area with chairs, beds and more play structures.

Employees at both locations supervise furry guests 24/7.

Overnight guest dogs sleep kennel free, Anne explained. "By night they have the run of the sleeping areas. Our furry guests are free to sleep on a bed next to a buddy or two or three, on a cushy chair alone or on the floor."

For shy dogs and/or ones in search of privacy – or hanging out with their own packs – both Stay and 3Dogs offer private suites.

"We work hard to create a stress-free environment," Anne said. "We play music specifically selected to soothe anxious pups. Also, our staff provides lots of individual attention."

Before my lodging at Stay, I made a visit there to be checked out for disposition issues with the staff and/or other dog guests. And we talked about special needs. (I didn't have any.) Medication and special diet services are included with boarding fees.



Malcolm frolics with Anne Graves who, with partner Mike Lauria, celebrated the 15th anniversary this year of Stay Pet Hotel. Photo by Nancy Varekamp

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Wednesday, Nov. 3, 7pm  
**CNA ANNUAL ELECTIONS**  
**Location:** virtual  
CNA holds its annual election virtually. See Page 2 for information about the 6 board positions & chair seat being filled.  
**Details:** Page 2, ConcordiaPDX.org/CNAMeetings



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Friday, Nov. 5, 6:30pm  
**NAYA GALA**  
**Location:** virtual  
The annual fundraiser is livestreamed for the second year. Auction bidding begins Friday, Oct. 29, & ticket sales for a raffle on Monday, Oct. 25. Entertainment is offered, & delivery is available for Native-inspired dinners catered by ChefStable.  
**Details:** Page 5, NAYAgala.org



Saturday, Nov. 6, 9-11am  
**BIRDING AT SMITH & BYBEE**  
**Location:** Smith & Bybee Wetlands Natural Area  
Birder & naturalist Thomas Meinzen leads a free, socially-distanced bird walk.  
**Details:** cumbiaslough.org/events-list/birds-amp-botany-at-smith-amp-bybee-2lte5  
Saturdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10am-noon  
**ST. CHARLES FOOD PANTRY**  
**Location:** 5310 NE 42nd  
"Shop" at the food pantry Saturdays this

month, or request contactless delivery of food boxes. The 9.53-square-mile service area is 28th to 82nd avenues & the Columbia River to Mason Street, including Dignity Village.  
**Details:** stcharlespdx.org/food-help.html, svdpdxsc@outlook.com

Sundays, Nov. 14 & 28, 4pm  
**SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Location:** McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room  
This is not a choir, & there are no auditions & no performances. Each session is composed of whomever attends, including every possible level of musical experience & ability — even those who were asked not to sing in their church choirs.  
**Details:** portlandsacredharp.org, 503.539.7373

Tuesday, Nov. 16  
**OMSI SCIENCE PUB**  
**Location:** McMenamins Kennedy School  
The topic for this installment of the monthly event is TBD. It's open to everyone, no scientific background is required & OMSI invites you to bring your curiosity, sense of humor & appetite for food, drinks & knowledge. Suggested \$5 donation goes to OMSI.  
**Details:** sciencepub@omsi.edu

Saturdays, Nov. 20 & 27, 2-4pm  
**FOOD PANTRY**  
**Location:** 5209 NE 22nd Ave.  
Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church hosts the Food Pantry the last two Saturdays each month with restrictions & strict adherence to physical distancing procedures.  
**Details:** sharonsda.net, office@SharonChurch.comcastbiz.net



## Concordia Neighborhood Litter Pick Up

On Saturday, October 9, the Concordia Neighborhood Association held a neighborhood litter pick up which started at Fernhill Park. It was a huge success with an estimated 1000 pounds of trash removed from our neighborhood!

THANK YOU to all that helped with the planning, the pick up and the promotion!

**CNA's next neighborhood litter pick up will be held on  
Saturday, December 4th from 9-noon, starting location TBD.**

**Stay tuned** for details in the December CNews and at ConcordiaPDX.org/NeighborhoodLitterPickUp.

**Questions?**  
Contact Gina Levine at CNewsBusiness@ConcordiaPDX.org or call 503.891.7178.