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## 2018 GROTTO FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The Grotto's annual Christmas Festival of Lights runs nightly, November 23 through December 30, 2018, 5:00-9:30pm. Boasting the largest Christmas choral festival in the world, five concerts per night are performed, featuring shows by regional school, church, and civic choirs. Nightly concerts begin at 5:15, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00pm; plan to arrive between 30 and 45 minutes in advance to find seating. Guests will also enjoy non-stop outdoor entertainment, including enchanting Christmas lighting; Debbie Doolittle's Indoor Petting Zoo live animals; caroling performances at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30pm; a Christmas themed puppet show at 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00pm; holiday foods and hot chocolate; and seasonal shopping. Dress for the weather, as most festival activities take place outside. The Grotto is located at NE 85th and Sandy Boulevard, and parking is free. Tickets are available at the gate or from the Grotto gift shop during regular business hours. All visitors are asked to bring a donation of canned/dry food to benefit Snow-Cap, an East-county extension of the Oregon Food Bank. The Grotto accepts all major credit cards. For more information, including the choir performance schedule, ticket prices, and tips for making your festival experience the best it can be, visit:

<https://thegrotto.org/christmas-festival-of-lights/>.



**\*\*Volunteers are needed for this event. Email Vinci Paterson at [volunteer@thegrotto.org](mailto:volunteer@thegrotto.org), or call 503-261-2433, for more volunteer information and sign-up details.\*\***

## PBOT SHARED ELECTRIC SCOOTER PILOT

Shared Electric Scooters, or e-scooters, are a shared mobility service currently being piloted in Portland by the Bureau of Transportation. The program is designed to determine whether e-scooters positively improve Portland's mobility, equity, safety, and climate action goals. Rental details can be found at provider websites: Lime, <https://www.li.me/>; Skip, <https://skipscooters.com/>; and Bird, <https://www.bird.co/>. The pilot period ends November 20, 2018, when PBOT will complete their evaluation. Important rules of the road for e-scooters include:

- Riders must be 16 years old minimum.
- One person per scooter.
- Wear a helmet!!!
- No sidewalk riding! Use bike or vehicle lane.
- Yield to pedestrians, bicyclists, and people with disabilities.
- No riding in Portland Parks.
- E-scooter sober! Don't ride under the influence of intoxicants, it's against the law and a DUI may be issued.
- No scooters on buses, MAX, or Streetcar.
- Park scooters on sidewalk, close to the curb, so as to not block the sidewalk, bike lane, or vehicle lanes.

For More Information: call 503-823-7483; email [e-scooter@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:e-scooter@portlandoregon.gov); or visit [www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/e-scooter](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/e-scooter).

## TIME TO SLOW DOWN!

On April 1, 2018, as part of Portland's Vision Zero work to eliminate traffic deaths and serious collision injuries, a Portland City Council ordinance took effect reducing the speed limit on all residential streets to 20 miles per hour. Due to the narrowness of most of these residential roads, with few marked crosswalks and no bike lanes, driving at a slower speed helps prevent crashes and reduce the harm that results from crashes that do occur. The number of residential speed limit signs will be doubled, and locations of some existing signs will be changed to maximize their effectiveness. The 20 mph speed limit is in effect on all residential streets in Portland, regardless of signage. For more detailed information, and answers to frequently asked questions, call 503-823-5831, email [visionzero@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:visionzero@portlandoregon.gov), or visit <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/669625>.



## EPIC MEETING

November 28, 2018, 6-8 pm  
Keynote on PPB's Air Support Unit  
East Precinct Community Room  
737 SE 106th Ave, Portland

## MSNA MEETING SCHEDULE

**\* ALL NEIGHBORS ARE INVITED \***  
MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE LUMBERYARD  
(2700 NE 82<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE)

*General meetings are held bi-monthly, on the first Thursday of even numbered months, starting at 7:00 pm*

- December 6<sup>th</sup>, General Meeting
- February 7<sup>th</sup>, General Meeting

**\*Board meeting dates, times, and locations posted on [www.madisonsouth.org](http://www.madisonsouth.org).\***

*Madison South Neighborhood Association thanks Central Northeast Neighbors for their grant to fund postage, Alison Stoll and Ronda Johnson for checking content, City Bible Church for donating the printing, and Gateway Communications, Inc. for assembling and distributing this newsletter.*

## TRI-MET ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Tri-Met has begun work on a \$22 million project to replace 17 aging and unreliable elevators at platforms in their system. Three elevators were scheduled for repair in 2018, with the NE 60th Avenue station completed, the NE 82nd Avenue station currently closed for repairs, and the Hollywood/NE 42 Avenue station starting by the end of the year. The repairs, which are expected to last 12-14 weeks, will include replacement of the electronics, doors, panels, and mechanical/HVAC equipment for each elevator. Passengers using a wheelchair or mobility device, or are unable to use the stairs, are encouraged to visit <https://trimet.org/alerts/elevators/#ne82ndave> to find alternate options to get you to your destination. The elevator replacement project is expected to last for several years, with only one elevator closed at a time to minimize the burden on riders.



Oregon requires **TWO** license plates displayed on all automobiles. Make sure you are in compliance!



## COYOTE SIGHTINGS IN MADISON SOUTH

Coyotes are often drawn to cemeteries, golf courses, and large parks in urban areas, where they can find shelter and food. Coyotes typically disappear once they're spotted, but in order to keep coyotes wary of humans you should startle them with loud noise, stomp your feet, and wave your arms. If a coyote has killed a pet in broad daylight, approached people without fear, acted aggressively, or followed children, contact the nearest ODFW Field Office <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/>. For a full list of steps you can take to reduce negative coyote interactions in Madison South, visit [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living\\_with/](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with/).

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### Central NE Neighbors Reps., Continued

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS BITS

### • HAVE A SAFE AND SPOOKY HALLOWEEN

The 7th annual Trick or Treat Alberta Street will be held on Wednesday, October 31st, from 3:30 to 6pm. Participating businesses on Alberta St will display Trick or Treat Alberta Street posters, and costumed children can trick or treat up and down NE Alberta St.

On Sunday, October 28th, from 4 to 6pm, the Parkrose Business Association is hosting the annual Parkrose Trunk-or-Treat, a safe and fun, Halloween themed event. Come dressed in costume and visit the many businesses and organizations providing treats. Join in at the east parking lot of Parkrose High School, located at 12003 NE Shaver St.

Remember to practice Halloween trick-or-treating safety by wearing visible clothing, using safety lighting, waiting to eat treats until an adult has inspected them, taking extreme care when crossing streets and walking through neighborhoods, and always having adult supervision. Happy haunting! Boo!

### • CNN SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) is currently accepting applications for Community & Civic Engagement Small Grants for 2019 projects. Proposals are due by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. This year, a total of \$10,000 will be awarded in grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000, with the program goal to increase the diversity of community participation, as well as build and strengthen leadership and community connections. Download the application and find out about goals and requirements, at: <http://cnncoalition.org/small-grants/>. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact CNN Grant Program Manager, Sandra LeFrancois, at 503-823-2780 or [sandral@cnncoalition.org](mailto:sandral@cnncoalition.org), for feedback on project ideas and proposals. Late and incomplete proposals will not be accepted. Grants will be awarded in January of 2019.

### • OUTDOOR LIGHTING REDUCES CRIME

Keep your porch light on as a deterrent to crime. Prowlers and burglars target dark locations. Make sure your outside lights are on at each door all night; this will discourage theft as well as assisting police and emergency personnel to find house numbers promptly.

### • CENTRAL NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS (CNN)

CNN is a community-based, nonprofit coalition of nine neighborhoods in NE Portland. The CNN Board of Directors consists of volunteer representatives who live and/or work in the Beaumont-Wilshire, Cully, Grant Park, Hollywood, Madison South, Rose City Park, Roseway, Sumner, and Sunderland neighborhoods. CNN provides support and technical assistance to these volunteer-based neighborhood associations, community groups, individuals, and business associations. They encourage neighborhood-driven activities that contribute to community livability, diversity, safety, vitality, and equity. The coalition acts as a forum to strengthen communities in order to take action on issues identified by those communities. CNN offers leadership training, event planning, community organizing, a small grants program, fiscal sponsorship, land use guidance, and more. Community calendar and more information available on the CNN web site at [www.cnncoalition.org](http://www.cnncoalition.org), or you can call 503-823-3156.



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Seating is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For a full schedule of events at all library locations, visit:

<https://multcolib.org/events>.

Upcoming events include: Hands-on Henna for Teens; Día De Los Muertos/Day of the Dead Crafts and Celebration; Meet DASH'KA'YAH and COYOTE; Make Mozzarella and String Cheese in One Hour; Bored? Games!; Take-Apart Mechanic; The Snowy Bus Stop; and more!

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