

Community Holiday Celebration

In the aftermath of a strong surge of revitalization and development throughout, the Northeast Portland community announces its first, annual "Spirit on the Boulevard" celebration to show off its new look and promote community pride and unity during the holiday season.

The celebration is the efforts of many in the community - residents, business owners, neighborhood and business associations, city leaders, non-profit organizations, city agencies, school children, communities of faith and other groups. Spearheaded by the Portland Police Bureau, the North-Northeast Business Association (N-NEBA), the Northeast Community Development Corporation (NECDC), and the NE Coalition of Neighborhoods, the "Spirit on the Boulevard" is a series of activities centered around raising funds to purchase large wreaths to be hung along the boulevard from NE Broadway Street to NE Columbia Boulevard beginning December 4.

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"SPIRIT ON THE BOULEVARD" - The "Spirit on the Boulevard" project is a partnership with the North-Northeast Business Association (N-NEBA), the NE Coalition of Neighborhoods, Northeast Community Development Corporation (NECDC), and the Portland Police Bureau to implement an annual holiday celebration on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

The "Spirit" project brings together business owners, neighbors, students, community organizations and civic leaders in an annual series of events to highlight the revitalization efforts taking place in the area and promote a sense of pride and unity during the holiday season. Activities for the "Spirit on the Boulevard" include:

HOLIDAY WREATHS - Funds are being raised through grants and donations from businesses and neighborhood associations to purchase and hang up to 100 large, artificial wreaths along the boulevard, from NE Broadway Street to NE Columbia Boulevard. A large holiday tree, to be designated the "Community Tree", will be placed at the Harry Jackson Plaza, 5020 NE MLK Jr. Blvd., for community decorations and as a center for community activities;

COMMUNITY TREE - All businesses along the boulevard have been asked to hang holiday lights in their storefront windows for the holiday, beginning from December 4 through January 4;

HOLIDAY LIGHTS - The retail businesses have also been asked to host "open house" at their sites on Saturday, December 5, and/or Sunday, December 6, and offer holiday specials, as appropriate;

ADVERTISING SUPPLEMENTS - In sponsorship with the N-NEBA, the Scanner and Portland Observer newspaper are creating holiday advertisement sections in their papers for the business to do group ads at special rates;

HOLIDAY DECORATION WORKSHOP - At NECDC's McCoy Village Apartments, workshops will be held to allow the children to make ornaments for the community tree. They will also make decorations for the windows of nearby businesses;

KICK-OFF RECEPTION - The festivities will begin on Friday, December 4, at a reception hosted by Adidas America at the Harry Jackson Plaza, site of the Community Tree. The Mayor or her designee will "light" the Tree and "hang" a wreath. At about the same time, the businesses along the boulevard will switch on their lights to begin the community celebration;

HOLIDAY CAROLING - Nearby church choirs and neighborhood community groups have been asked to carol at the reception, as well as during the times of the open house. The carolers will be positioned at key locations along the boulevard, for example, at the Safeway store, New Song Church, the Chevron at Fremont and the Reflections, as well as the Harry Jackson Plaza.

A Northeast Portland Building Under Investigation For Illegally Storing Hazardous Chemicals



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could afford. Cox was paying \$150 per month for a school bus that is furnished and has a fire-place. Grant and all the tenants shared a kitchen and ate vegetables that he grew in the garden. Most of the residents, including Cox's 14-year-old pregnant daughter were tested positive for lead.

"Two weeks after we moved in, we began to experience physical problems," said Cox. "I have lost three teeth and

I am worried about my grandson because the baby hasn't grown in a month," she said.

Even though residents were exposed to toxic chemicals in the building and suspect some of the health problems resulted from chemical exposures, Cox still appreciates and regards Grant's goodwill highly.

"He is a healthy man and was concerned about us eating the right food," said Cox. "He counseled us on how to better our lives and drove us around

to our appointments." Officials estimate the cleanup to take weeks to months and millions of dollars.

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Japanese mandarins are always a welcome hostess gift, special present for the hard-to-buy-for friend, or colorful addition to a holiday table.

Mandarin Orange Cookies

These cookies are a hit with kids from one to 92. This recipe comes with a caution: You'll be asked to make another batch!

- 1 1/2 cups chopped mandarins
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 1/4 cups brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp powdered ginger
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 cups white flour
- 4 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

In one bowl, cream the butter and sugar thoroughly and then add eggs, oranges and raisins.

In second bowl sift flour, baking powder and spices, add nuts. Add flour mixture to the creamed mixture and beat thoroughly. Blend in vanilla extract.

Drop from teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake for 15 minutes at 300°F. Makes about 2 dozen cookies.



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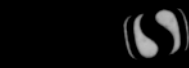


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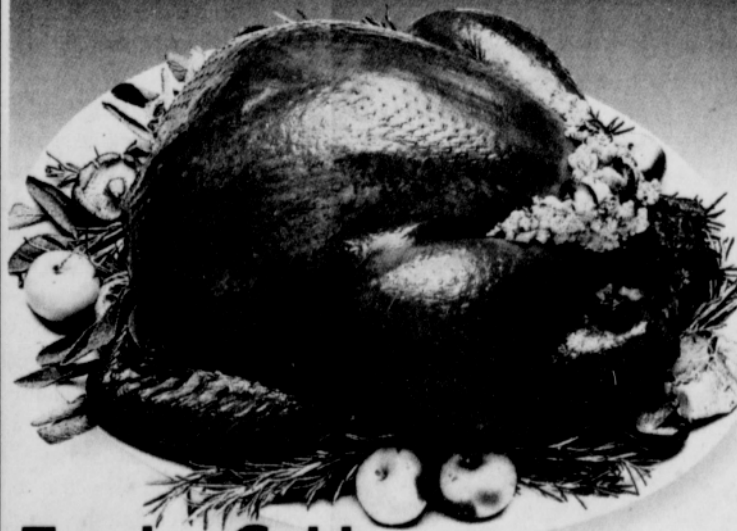


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