

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### Pancake Breakfast at Peninsula Park

The Piedmont Neighborhood Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, Dec. 1, 8-11 a.m., at the Peninsula Park Community Center gym, 700 N. Rosa Parks Way. Get your picture taken with Santa Claus, learn about the inter-generational community gardens and help build a better neighborhood.

Tickets are \$4 advance, \$5 at the door, \$3 for children and seniors. All proceeds benefit the PNA. For more information write to PNAChair@gmail.com.

### MHCC Offers Students Discounted TriMet Passes

Mt. Hood Community College is making the commute to and from campus more affordable for students by offering a 10 percent discount on public transportation.

Discounted tickets and passes are available to enrolled students. To purchase, students must bring a

valid driver's license, student photo identification (ID) or other photo ID and a copy of their current class schedule to the Bookstore. Hours are Monday – Thursday, 7:45 a.m. – 6:15 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Prices are subject to change due to TriMet fare increases.

### Holiday Cheer Needed for Northeast Schools

The Northeast Backpack Lunch Program, which serves needy students at Northeast Portland's King, Harvey Scott, and Woodlawn schools, is seeking donations to provide families with turkeys and hams for the holidays.

Over the next month, the Backpack Lunch Program hopes to provide each family that is part of the program with a ham or turkey. If you are interested in donating a turkey or ham, or would like to make a cash contribution to cover the cost of a turkey ham, contact Alan at Fremont United Methodist Church. Donations are tax deductible; the church's telephone number is 503-284-4647.

### Thanksgiving Mission



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Union Gospel Mission served 1,287 Thanksgiving meals to the homeless and people in need last week, running over the number of meals they expected to serve – 1,000. Over 200 volunteers prepared and served in a 120 foot tent in front of Union Gospel Mission on NW Third Avenue between Burnside and Couch streets. Guests also enjoyed live music and received hygiene kits and snack packs. A family organized a blanket drive and gave away over 1,000 blankets to guests, which was an unexpected, but welcome surprise for guests as they departed the meal.

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at [info@theskanner.com](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

Thursday November 29

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS. Concordia University's George R. White Library and Learning Center cordially invites you to a presentation by Judith Nixon on the story behind Clement Moore's famous Christmas poem. Light refreshments will be served. Concordia University, 2811 NE Holman St. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday December 1

1ST ANNUAL INTERFAITH WORLD AIDS DAY CONCERT: "I SPEAK LIFE." Touting the Northwest's finest performing arts, 6 p.m. Exhibitors and reception. 7 p.m. Concert for Life. Many featured artists and speakers. Moriarity Arts & Humanities Auditorium. Portland Community College, Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St. & Albina Ave. Public welcome – Free admission.

Monday December 3

PET NIGHT WITH SANTA. Come get your Pet Photo with Santa! Pets must be on a leash or in a crate. 5 – 8 p.m. Lloyd Center Mall.

OREGON ENCYCLOPEDIA HISTORY NIGHT. The Life of Vesper Geer! A biographic documentary by Michael Turner. 7 p.m. Free for all. Minors welcome with parent. McMenamins Mission Theater, 1625 NW Glisan St.

Tuesday – Wednesday December 4 – 5

43RD ANNUAL SCROOGE LIVES CRAFT SALE. Nearly 50 vendors will be on hand this year. Numerous vendors will offer "green" products and there will be much more. Mt. Hood Community College,

26000 SE Stark St. Parking on M.H.C.C. Campus is free. All days., all times. Tuesday December 4 hours 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 5, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday December 7

3RD ANNUAL FREMONT FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS. Santa's Village will be near The Arrangement on NE Fremont at 42nd. There will also be children's craft activities at Umpqua Bank, near Santa's Village. Families can enjoy live music, entertainment, sidewalk vendors, food and beverages during the evening. 5 – 9 p.m.

Saturday December 8

THE BLACK UNITED FUND'S THIRD ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Concordia University. Open to all parents and high school Juniors and Seniors. Doors open at 8 a.m. Free admission.

22ND ANNUAL TUBA CHRISTMAS CONCERT. Downtown will pulse with the melodic sounds of big brass led by Chuck Bolton as over 225 tubas play in unison at Pioneer Courthouse Square. 1:30 p.m.