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November meeting recap - New board member, holiday parade, and Election Day reminder

Hello neighbors! At the November meeting of the [Central Neighborhood Council](#), another new board member joined, there was discussion of a neighborhood holiday parade being planned, and the public forum was held.

Read on for a recap of the meeting.

New board member – The board approved the application of Neal Sartain, who becomes the Central Neighborhood Council's newest member. Neal is a longtime resident of the neighborhood who volunteered to join the board. With his participation, the CNC now has five board members. But we would welcome more! Visit cnc-tacoma.com/about-cnc for the board member roster.

Holiday parade – On Saturday, Dec. 2, the Puget Sound Revels Dragon Parade will hold an interactive holiday parade in the Central Neighborhood. Why is it called a Dragon Parade? Because it features a fire-breathing dragon! The route is still being finalized, but organizers are asking anyone who wants to join the parade to contact them. Visit facebook.com/pugetsoundrevels or the [parade flyer](#) for information on how to participate.

City Charter – There is still time to apply for a seat on the City of Tacoma Charter Review

Committee. It has been nearly 10 years since the last committee was formed. Applications are due at noon Monday, Nov. 6. Visit [the city website](#) for information and to apply.

Supporting seniors – MultiCare has two programs to support seniors - Senior Friends, which connects volunteers to make regular visits to local seniors, and



County. Volunteers are needed for the Senior Friends program and there is currently a waiting list of seniors. Email Wendy.Morris2@multicare.org for more information or to volunteer.

PorchFest – The CNC board discussed ways to ensure funding is available for PorchFest 2024. This past year, the organizers successfully applied for a grant, using the Central Neighborhood Council as fiscal sponsor. For next year, the council board may submit the grant application directly and play a more direct role in supporting the event financially.

Emergency preparedness – Are you familiar with Tacoma CERT? The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a free, all-volunteer program to train people on how to prepare and respond in an emergency. You can find out more by visiting the [Tacoma CERT webpage](#), including ways to participate.

Election '23 – Don't forget to submit your ballot. Tuesday, Nov. 7, is Election Day, so please vote! There is an open seat for District 3, which includes Central Tacoma. Candidates Jamika Scott and Chris Van Vechten spoke to the Central Neighborhood Council and you can view their presentations at [Facebook.com/CNCtacoma](https://www.facebook.com/CNCtacoma). There are several other important choices to make this year. Visit [Pierce County Elections Office](#) website for more information.



Next meeting

The next meeting of the Central Neighborhood Council will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7. Bring your questions for city officials, share ideas to improve our community, or just come to hear about happenings around Central Tacoma.

If you can spare a few hours a month, consider applying to join the board. Anyone who lives, works or owns property in the Central Neighborhood and has attended at least one of the public meetings, can apply to join the board. The application is at cnc-tacoma.com/about-cnc or you can view it directly here: [Board Membership Application](#).

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