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Thank you PGE and Asplundh Crews, for all your work during December's ice storms' cold, wet, windy weather to restore us to normal.

Consider the inconveniences of several hours without power a warning strip on our skid toward the overdue major Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake, with its days and weeks without power, potable water, city services and assured safe shelter. In December, we had plenty of advance notice of the weather. We had cell phone communication, water and shelter (cooler and darker than what we wanted, but-hey). We had restaurants open if we hankered for a hot meal. It was just an ice storm, but we had to rely on our own preparedness, PGE, and the tree cutter Asplundh. None of the above will be available after the major earthquake except our own preparedness. If we were fumbling in the dark looking for batteries, or trying to read the directions and knobs on our new untested "preparedness" gizmo, or finding that our recharger does not support our phones, take advantage of December's challenges as a heads up and do something about it.

Yet another non-permitted takedown of big trees in Collins View. No permit, no neighborhood notice. "We will apply for the permit retroactively," said the owner of the tree service. Not good enough. Tree Code? City? Are you listening to us?

On a happier tree note, just during Principal Paula Robinson's tenure, Riverdale High School has planted 41 trees to maintain their healthy tree canopy. Thank you Paula and Riverdale!