

Collins View Article for the October 2019 SW News

The Collins View Neighborhood Emergency Team will participate in the **Citywide Deployment Exercise** on October 17. Assistant NET Team Lead Nancy Holmes is again Exercise Coordinator. October's event, concentrating on radio communications in an emergency, is scheduled for 7 pm. Though we'll be in the dark until the very last minute about Nancy's secret scenarios, NETs will field these challenges by radio and candlelight from the comfort of their own homes.

The Gathering Thousands. Why do 15,000 Crows Spend Their Winters in the Rain? Every Portlander sees families of crows in their neighborhood on a daily basis, but what they may not know is that during the winter those local birds join thousands of others in a dramatic gathering in our downtown area forming a nightly roost. This urban roost is a unique natural spectacle, similar to the annual return of the Vaux Swifts in the Chapman School chimney, that makes Portland a special place. This Video Presentation by Gary Granger and Rebecca Provorse is scheduled for 7pm October 8, at the Multnomah Arts Center Auditorium, sponsored by Collins View Neighborhood Association. Find out about the history of crow roosts, persecution and transition to urban areas, details about this community science project, urban ecology and bird activism, data on the Portland urban crow roost, and more! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this free event.

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