



# Overlook Views

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## WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



The businesses of Overlook are as much a part of the fabric of the neighborhood as the families who live here. Sometimes our goals are not the same. OKNA makes a significant effort to bridge the gap between business and the neighborhood. For example, businesses are invited to present at our meetings. We have recently heard presentations from Sal's Famous Italian Kitchen, Freightliner, Overlook Village, and Kaiser. Our participation in the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Advisory Committee, with the PDC, on the Killingsworth Station selection committee, and in liquor license approvals are other recent examples of our efforts to work with the business community. In addition, your OKNA supports business through our Overlook Business Directory and with advertising in our New Neighbor packs.

When there is contention, the association works with businesses to establish a common understanding of the role business plays in the community through "Good Neighbor Agreements." Several GNAs are in place with local business to address litter, crime, an unsightly lot, or other issues. In rare situations the association opposes a business. In May the general membership voted unanimously to oppose an adult video store to be located across the street from Ockley Green Middle School. While pornography and adult businesses have always existed in Overlook, the location of this one, literally 45 feet from the school yard, makes all the difference. We offered the proprietor the opportunity to present the case that his business will not endanger our children. If you saw the late night news on May 24, you know the proprietor's representative responded by saying the "small minded people" of Ockley Green should not waste their time opposing this business and risk litigation if they do.

We think it is unfortunate that the proprietor and his representative felt the necessity of being this confrontational. Children's welfare is involved in this situation so we are ready to raise the decibel level of our diplomatic voice. The Ockley Green Citizens Committee has been formed to handle this effort and reach beyond Overlook. Over 150 people have joined. Still, OGCC could use more help. If you would like to become involved or would like more information about the adult video store, or if you would like to know about other planned development in the neighborhood, contact us at [info@overlookneighborhood.org](mailto:info@overlookneighborhood.org).

Jim Bennett, Chair  
Overlook Neighborhood Association (OKNA)

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### KP EXPANDS IN OVERLOOK

Kaiser Permanente is constructing a Radiation Therapy /Treatment Facility on the Interstate Campus. This 17,000-square-foot building is being designed around the specific needs of patients with cancer who are undergoing radiation therapy. Starting with "square one" fundamentals like making the building more accessible, we are envisioning ways to provide a supportive, comforting and soothing atmosphere. These include incorporating art work, natural light and transitional indoor- (see page 2)

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### OVERLOOK HOUSE RENTALS

The volunteers of Friends of the Overlook House encourage members of the Overlook community to consider using this special home and its beautiful grounds for special events including, but not limited to weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, reunions, memorials. Show proof of your Overlook residency and receive a discount on your rental fee. For more information, call 503-823-3188. Tours are offered Tuesday evenings, 5-7 p.m.

## KP EXPANDS (Cont'd)

outdoor landscaping. The landscaping surrounding the new building has been specially designed to soften the building exterior and to add the color and greenery that is so representative of our great Northwest environment.

As an organization dedicated to being a good neighbor, Kaiser Permanente recognizes the two major concerns surrounding this new facility. Does the new building fit in visually with the neighborhood? How do the construction phase and the added patients affect the Overlook neighborhood?

To serve the parking needs of the new patients, a new parking garage will be constructed on what is currently a surface parking lot next to the Kaiser Permanente East Interstate building. Construction on the parking garage will begin in July, and it should be finished in about five months. But for those five months, patients must have access to the most convenient parking spaces. This means that some spaces now used by employees will be re-designated for patients. Here's how we propose to accommodate the employees until the new parking structure is complete. In cooperation with Tri-Met and the Rose Quarter, Kaiser Permanente is exploring arrangements to exchange employee parking spaces. During the day, Kaiser Permanente employees might have the opportunity to park at the Rose Quarter and take MAX to the Interstate Campus. In exchange Rose Quarter employees might use the Kaiser parking facilities evenings and week-ends. To facilitate this, Tri-Met would discount monthly MAX passes for participating Kaiser Permanente employees. The proposed relocation of approximately 100 employee vehicles from the Kaiser Permanente Interstate Campus would help make up for the parking spaces impacted during construction. If it becomes necessary, we have a back-up plan in place: hiring a service to valet park staff cars on the campus. The project schedule will be:

- July-Dec 2004-Parking Garage construction
- Oct, 2004-Nov 2005-Radiation Therapy/Treatment Center construction.

Brad Halverson, from the Overlook Neighborhood Association, participated on the Parking Solution Committee and is expected to monitor the construction phases. Overlook Views will keep you updated.

(Bobbie O'Boyle for Kaiser Permanente)

## IMPORTANT NITTY-GRITTY STUFF

To be added to our mailing list or to contact the Overlook Neighborhood Association via email: [info@overlookneighborhood.org](mailto:info@overlookneighborhood.org) or

Via snail mail:

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### OVERLOOK VIEWS

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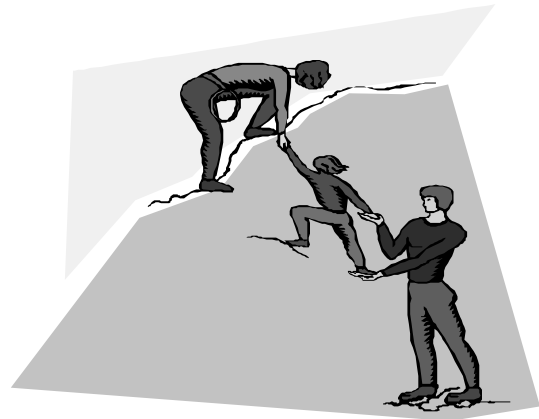
## EDITORIAL—BUY LOCAL

Enclosed with this newsletter is a business directory of local (for the most part) businesses owned by Overlook residents or situated in and about the Overlook neighborhood. We urge you to make an effort to support these business so they may survive and thrive. It is these small mom and pop, independent stores that help shape the character of a neighborhood. Many of us shop locally because neighborhood business people emphasize great customer service even though generally they can't compete with the big chains when it comes to price and selection. However, when you enter your local drug store, café, or auto repair, you will be frequently recognized by the establishment's owner and welcomed as an individual. Because of our commitment to locally owned and nearby businesses, we will try to feature a story about one in each issue of Overlook Views. This newsletter tells about our newest local business, Ainsworth Drug Store (see next page ). It is scheduled to open in June at 4027 North Interstate Avenue. For the record, we have neither financial interest in Ainsworth Drug Store nor are we related to the owners of Ainsworth or any other business featured in this newsletter. However, we strongly believe local businesses won't succeed unless they have the backing of their neighboring residents. If those businesses fail our alternatives for shopping become fewer and less varied---a loss to us all.

## WALK A MILE FOR OVERLOOK

The page your are holding  
got there by hand  
Actually by foot (well, you  
understand)  
We need volunteers to  
accomplish this feat  
of personal delivery (which we  
think is neat.)  
Can you help with dispensing  
this fine mini-book?  
It's a foot feat to walk  
that mile for Overlook.

(To volunteer or for further information, contact:  
Christine Quigley at 503-282-7960 or email  
quigleycandm@aol.com.)



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?

A while back OKNA's mentor and friend, Tom Griffin-Valade of North Portland Neighborhood Services, was talking to a group of us of about how neighborhood associations function within the community. His comment was that a neighborhood association is a *participatory* organization, not a *democratic* one. Although one can participate at a representative level, i.e., one voice speaking for a group of others, each of us also can bring individual agendas to the group. OKNA is the place to go if you feel passionately about something in your community, something you want to see happen or something you are concerned about. You not only have the opportunity to be heard, but may also find there are others who care about the same issues you do. In our world of high-speed Internet, radio and television coverage of world events, we are so bombarded with news of war, political upheavals, economic crises, corporate scandals and disasters that it becomes quite overwhelming (at least for me!) and is difficult to feel we have an impact on the world. One of the ways I've dealt with this onslaught of information is to find avenues in my daily life where I can have a voice and be a part of something positive. OKNA is one of those places. Don't wait until there is something to fight AGAINST before you get involved. Get involved when there is something to fight FOR. Come set agendas that are important to you and let your voice be heard. There is room for everyone.

Adrian Campbell

(Editor's note: Opportunities to participate will be found throughout this newsletter.)

## WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Ainsworth Drug is excited to become an integral part of the vibrant Overlook community. We will bring with us a level of customer service that you expect from a family owned pharmacy. Ken Hatch, R. Ph and owner, has 25 years of pharmacy experience. He was a pharmacist for 14 years at his parents' pharmacy in St. Johns. Eleven years ago he purchased Ainsworth Drug. Our retail manager, Cheri Wasco, has had 15 years experience. The majority of it was as manager of Norm Thompson's airport store. Teri Wasco has 29 years experience as a comptroller and handles the operations of the store. We are proud that our staff has been with us for many years: Joyce Jefferson (11), Phillip Faulk (10), Judy Schwartz (8) and Barbara Bomberg (2).

We will be incorporating products from other small local businesses within the gift area of our store. These include Bloomin' Al's flowers and wines supplied by McClaskey Wines and Signature Wines distributors. We will also have a utility pay station, a postal annex and wine/cheese/hors d'oeuvre tastings. A concierge table will be provided for you to special order our products and to take suggestions on products you would like to see us carry.

We look forward to serving you and offering the utmost in customer service. Thank you all for allowing us into your lives and fine community. (Teri Wasco for Ainsworth Drug)

### OVERLOOK HOUSE MAINTENANCE

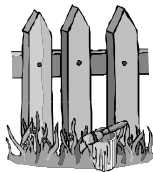
**WHEN** Wednesday July 14 6:30—8:30 P.M.

**WHAT**—Paint fence, some gardening & clean-up, general maintenance.

**WHO**—You marvelous neighborhood volunteers of course. Children over ten years of age with parents are welcome. Bring a paintbrush; we'll supply the paint.

**WHY**—A rose is a rose is a rose.

For further information, contact Jerry Lindsay at 503-281-5765 or email [jerryl@att.net](mailto:jerryl@att.net).



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**Have you ever Considered Becoming a Foster Parent?** Developmental Systems Incorporated is seeking caring, committed adults willing to open their home to a child with developmental disabilities. In exchange, they offer a competitive stipend, regularly scheduled time off and access to 24-hour professional support. For more information, call Leslie Mestman at 503-258-2440 ext. 107 or email [leslie.mestman@thementornetwork.com](mailto:leslie.mestman@thementornetwork.com)



### E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

(or A Dirge for Snails)

O Mollusk, slow— whom haste opposes  
Your day does dim and dwindle.  
You smell the coffee and the roses  
But technology works a swindle.  
Now thoughtful writers who employ you,  
And their readers who enjoy you,  
Must bow to the brash new boss— velocity,  
Whose prideful steed veers toward monstrosity.  
When bells and whistles all logic assail,  
The fast paced result is called e-mail.  
It besmirches our dear snail's quaint gait,  
With the smug announcement "There is no wait."  
OK, for now we capitulate,  
We'll be pragmatic for this rag.  
Send your email addresses so our wait can abate,  
While we sing of snails, there's no time lag.

For late breaking news please send us your name,  
email and snail mail addresses to  
[info@overlookneighborhood.org](mailto:info@overlookneighborhood.org).

## STEP-BY-STEP YOU GET A TEN

You're invited to get out and meet your neighbors on some great North Portland walks sponsored by Portland's Department of Transportation. The "Ten Toe" walks will occur through the summer and fall. Here's the list for July and August. We'll let you know about the others in future newsletters.

- July 8 (Thursday) 6:30 PM "Paul Bunyan to the Parks" Starts at the Paul Bunyan statue in Kenton and proceeds through Kenton, Gammans and Arbor Lodge Parks. 2.5 miles/60 minutes
- July 17 (Saturday) 9:00 AM "Overlook Views" Starts at the southeast corner of Overlook Park and proceeds through the Overlook neighborhood, including adidas Village and Madrona Park. 3.5 miles/90 minutes
- July 31 (Saturday) 9:00 AM "Going to the River" Starts at the Craftsman Cafe (Skidmore and Interstate) and proceeds to Swan Island to explore the scenic viewpoints of the Willamette River. 3.5 miles/90 minutes
- August 5 (Thursday) 6:30 PM "North Mississippi Historic District" Starts at the southeast corner of Overlook Park, over the Failing Pedestrian Bridge, and proceeds along North Mississippi Avenue in the Boise neighborhood. 2 miles/40 minutes
- August 14 (Saturday) 9:00 AM "Walking Wild" Starts at the Paul Bunyan statue in Kenton and proceeds along the North Columbia Slough. 4.5 miles/105 minutes
- August 19 (Thursday) 6:30 PM "Sunken Rose Garden" Starts at the North Portland Library, proceeds to the Peninsula Park sunken rose garden and ends at the Killingsworth MAX station. 2.5 miles/60 minutes
- August 28 (Saturday) 9:00 AM "Overlook Views" (see July 17 above)

(With thanks to Cynthia Sulaski for the above.)



There's a bridge  
on a street that's named Failing  
The span is quite sturdy  
not ailing.  
It's the sign that's deranged  
and soon to be changed  
With pleasure in walking  
prevailing.

## EARLY HEAD START

Early Head Start is a non-profit organization that provides free and low-cost, high quality child-care options and other services to low-income families with children three years old and younger. We provide full day/full week pre-school classes, half week /part day pre-school classes, home based services, and a prenatal program. In all of our programs, Family Advocates team with teachers to help connect families to community resources and coordinate family needs such as healthcare, education, and housing. All Early Head Start services are free or low-cost. To get more information or to apply, please contact the Enrollment Specialist at (503) 236-9389.

**A MESSAGE FROM  
PAIGE FOX  
PRINCIPAL, BEACH SCHOOL**

As I reflect on my move to Portland and my acceptance of the position as principal at Beach Elementary, I am pleased to say that the decision for me was a positive one.

This year has been busy at Beach with big changes in the areas of technology, reading and dual language.

With regard to technology, we received a grant which allowed us to have a brand new state of the art computer lab. This led to intensive teacher training---which in turn resulted in enhanced student learning. Our kids have created PowerPoint presentations, web searches and are involved in keyboarding and writing activities.

In addition to technology, reading has been a focus for our teachers because we also received a Reading First Grant. This grant has allowed us to purchase all new reading materials as well as hire a full time Literacy Coach whose goal is to increase the capacity of teachers as they address the literacy needs of their students. Moreover, our staff has benefited from a great deal of in-depth development in the area of literacy which really helps us get better at our craft.

Finally, our Dual Language program has really forged ahead this year. As a reminder, Dual Language is a type of bilingual education in which 50% of students are native English speakers and 50% are native Speakers of Spanish. The goal of the program is that all students will be both bilingual and biliterate by grade 5. This program has both grown and changed. We will be having a section of Dual Immersion taught in Pre Kindergarten next year. Also, more curriculum will be taught in Spanish, at the lower grades, and there

will be more use of theme based instruction at all grade levels.

Although Beach has experienced a lot of transformation over the past year, I am pleased to report that working together with staff and parents has enabled us to make progress. We are building a strong community meaningful for our students and families. It is our hope that we can continue to build a positive relationship with our neighbors and continue to contribute to our neighborhood in a positive way for years to come. Please do come and visit us; see the great things that are happening for kids in our school. We have many opportunities to volunteer here. Are you good at writing grants and want to help us fund a new outdoor play structure for our? How about joining our SMART program and reading with our kids? Our PTA meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7:15 P.M.; it would be great to have your thoughts and ideas. Is painting your strength? We are hoping to spruce up our school this summer and could always use a little help. As you can see there are many opportunities to help out here at Beach. We also want you to know that we would welcome community service opportunities for students in the fall.

In sum, this year has been for me a great adventure at Beach filled with exciting changes that will have wonderful effects on student learning in the years to come. I look forward to the future at Beach and in the Overlook Neighborhood Association. Have a great summer with your children.

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**BICYCLE SAFETY**

The Friends of Overlook House Committee is pleased to announce an exciting and important presentation about bicycle safety for kids of all ages from five to seventy-five. An OHSU "Think First" team will hold the program at OH on Monday, July 12 from 6:30 to 7:15 P.M. Not only is there no charge for admission, but one adult and one child's helmet will be given away in a drawing. Melon Drop demonstration helmets will be available in all sizes at a cost of \$3.50 each. Please note that elementary school age children need to be accompanied by an adult. For additional information and/or questions, call Linda Gorg at 503-287-2614 or email [llgorg@aol.com](mailto:llgorg@aol.com).

## NEWS FROM OVERLOOK HOUSE

**FLOWER ARRANGING SEMINAR**—Sponsored by the OH Garden Committee, Katherine Cude of Sugars Flowers will present an informative and practical session on flower arrangements the evening of Wednesday, July 21 at 7:00 P.M. Some of the material to be covered will include tips for buying, picking and conditioning fresh flowers. Katherine will also cover design basics, and simple, innovative ideas for creating beautiful arrangements using a colorful variety of flowers, greens and herbs. Flowers, greens, vases and tools will be provided. Participants may also incorporate material from their own gardens. The cost is \$35.00 per person with a percentage of the fee donated to the Overlook House. Katherine Cude has been in the floral business for over twenty-five years and recently opened Sugars Flowers, a full service florist offering local deliveries. They are located at 3636 N. Mississippi Avenue. (Note: the editors can attest to the brilliance of Katherine's arrangements.) For more information call her at 503-705-0174 or email [cudegras@msn.com](mailto:cudegras@msn.com).

## FOOD & WINE COMMITTEE—NOTES

Overlook House recently hosted two wine tasting seminars. These were part of a three session series attended by twenty fortunate Overlook residents. The panels were informal and the tone of the group jocular—with one participant saying that his goal in attending was to get his neighbor to select something other than “Two Buck Chuck.” Jerry McGinn, proprietor of Russell Street Wine Merchants provided the structure, expertise and the wines for the seminars. He discussed the varietals and their transition from native European soils to U.S. locations. The class tasted whites in the first session and also contrasted French and West Coast American wines. The red varietals from France to North America with one Aussie stowaway were compared in the second session. The third class has been promised a world crush. These sessions have been fun for the participants and it appears that the more than twenty years of discerning decanting experience of our instructor are pleasantly creating a group of fine wine appreciators. For more information, contact Linda Gorg at 503-287-2614 or email [llgorg@aol.com](mailto:llgorg@aol.com).

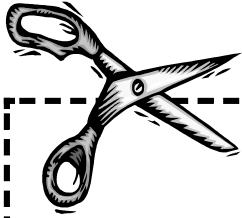
## A SUNDAY SUNDAE

Please join your neighbors for an old-fashioned ice cream social on Sunday, August 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. Ice cream with toppings will cost the old-fashioned price of one dollar. Featured also will be a first ever neighborhood silent auction. Please bring “white elephant” items to contribute. These can be new or gently used—but not junk. Ideas include an outgrown bicycle, used books, home décor that you’ve grown tired of but someone else might love. Items auctioned can also be baked goods, offers of gardening/yard assistance, use of beach or mountain cabins. All proceeds go toward defraying costs of the ice cream social and any funds left over will foster continued programming at Overlook House. If you have any questions call Julie Rawls at 503-282-7198 or email [RawlsJ@pdc.us](mailto:RawlsJ@pdc.us).

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.....Inspired by the above: Editor's Addendum

The thing about an auction soundless, is that the possibilities are boundless.  
White elephants can find their herd which some call sacred, some absurd.  
Doesn't this prospect just entrance you? Isn't there a song and dance you  
can imagine creating from the flotsam  
And jetsam of which you have such a lotsam?  
Bring all the treasures (for you unusable), someone may find them delightfully choosable.  
It will happen at Overlook's ice cream bash. You'll find unique treasure in this neighborly stash.  
The bidding (so quiet) will fatten our kitty and this scrawl has to stop 'cause I've run out of  
witty.



## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Make sure to clip this section and post it on your fridge, PDA or anyplace else you save notices of important events, activities and meetings you just can't miss.

### OVERLOOK HOUSE

July 12 Bicycle Safety 6:30-7:15 P.M.  
July 14 Overlook House Maintenance  
fest 6:30-8:30  
July 21 Flower Arranging Seminar 7:00 P.M.  
Aug 8 Family Ice Cream Social 6:30-8:30 P.M.  
Aug 17 Neighborhood Potluck 6:00—8:00 P.M.

(Note: At this potluck, we'll have the pleasure of live entertainment courtesy of Wendy Sadow and her 'Con Grazia Wind Quintet.' Now, that's exciting!)

### OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

June 21 Ainsworth Drug scheduled opening  
July— Kaiser starts garage construction  
July 13— Ockley Green Citizens Committee  
at Ockley Green school  
Aug 3—National Night Out

### FAMILY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Singers, dancers, strummers, drummers  
Story tellers, buskers, mummers!  
We need your talent and your presence  
To enliven events and enlighten their essence.

To be specific—here's one such date  
Can you perform on August 8?  
Magic, music jigs with grace  
And, oh yes, can you paint a face?  
Ice cream will be the delicious edible  
We need entertainers,  
So come, be incredible.

(To volunteer or for further info call Adrian Campbell at 503331-919 or email [adyinoregon@comcast.net](mailto:adyinoregon@comcast.net).)

### OVERLOOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

July 20 **General Meeting Agenda**  
Overlook Village Presentation  
by Mark Kirchmeier  
at Kaiser Town Hall

August 17 **General Meeting Agenda**  
Neighborhood Potluck  
at Overlook House

General Association meetings and OKNA Board meetings are open to all Overlook residents. General meetings are scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month at Kaiser Town Hall and Board meetings are scheduled the first Tuesday of each month at Overlook House. Meetings start at 7:00 P.M.

For additional information:  
[info@overlookneighborhood.org](mailto:info@overlookneighborhood.org)

### CALLING ALL ARTIFACTS-AGAIN

One newsletter ago we sent out a call  
For Overlook artifacts, photos, clippings, Et. Al.  
Anything you may have that celebrates the history  
Of this neighborhood's passage to the present:  
The mystery  
Of memory —the parade of events  
Since the time when some prices were measured in cents.  
Carol Cushman's in charge of this wondrous array  
And she's still seeking things  
That can go on display.  
So please rummage and dig and discover lost treasure  
Our thanks will expand and be yours beyond measure.

Call Carol Cushman at 503-288-3888 or email [CHCRail@aol.com](mailto:CHCRail@aol.com).