



Overlook Views

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HOWDY NEIGHBOR!



OKNA Holiday Party: Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now to attend the annual **OKNA Holiday Potluck Party!**

Our traditional midwinter potluck dinner is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 15** in lieu of our monthly General Meeting. (Please note that your humble coordinator got the date wrong in the last issue of OV.)

Come meet and make merry with your OKNA friends, enjoy a delicious dinner and still be home early!

The OKNA supplies drinks, silverware, plates, and napkins.

You should bring a potluck dish of your choice; salads, desserts, chips, rolls and butter, and main dishes are all welcome. Please bring a serving spoon if your dish needs one.

We like to have some children activities; are you someone who can help coordinate this? Please reach us if so.

Your OKNA neighbors usually round up door prizes so we can draw for gifts but above all, this is a chance to see your friends and neighbors before the holiday crush overwhelms us all, and to celebrate our bounty and blessings with a shared meal.

We will meet at **Trillium Charter School** 5420 N. Interstate Ave. from 6:00pm-8pm

Be sure to take a look at the holiday tradition stories from some of the Beach students inside this issue; they may inspire a delicious dish!



Neighborhood Improvement Project: Construction is Underway

by Sally Kavanagh
Overlook Neighbor

The Willamette Boulevard Light Post project, located on the bluff between North Killingsworth Street and North Curtis Avenue, is well underway. Fifteen new decorative light poles have been installed with three different types of fixtures and lights: HPS, LED, and Induction. All light poles have underground wiring.

The next phase of construction will be the removal of the old wooden street light poles and overhead wiring.

In the coming months, a survey will ask those who live in the neighborhood for their preference on both the type of fixture and the type of light. Light levels, light color and other aspects will be evaluated and a report will be prepared to document the results of the study. The results will be published on the US Department of Energy's website.

The study is being performed in partnership with the Bureau of Transportation, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, U.S. Department of Energy, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Energy Trust of Oregon, and several street light manufacturers. When the study is complete all fifteen street lights will have matching light fixtures installed with one consistent light source type.

This neighborhood improvement project is made possible by grants provide by PGE (Portland General Electric) and BES (Bureau of Environmental Services).

For additional details or project related questions, please contact Sally Kavanagh at: sallytodaro@hotmail.com

OKNA Annual Picnic 2009

by Michelle Thompson
OV Coordinator

Ahhh, summer.. remember it? Yes, that's the time we had such a fun supper and visit at DiPrima Dolci, Hop & Vine and Queen's Mab over on Killingsworth. We had a bumper turnout and this writer is sorry that she didn't get enough time to visit with everyone. But that's what the Holiday Potluck is for!

Big thanks to Ella again for the photos; if you have some you'd like to add to our online album, please email the Overlook Views. If you missed the pix, surf to <http://tinyurl.com/yboppvb> so you can enjoy them all in color.



New OKNA Board Seated

by Matt Scoggin & Michelle Thompson
OKNA Board Members

The OKNA annual election was held on September 15, 2009. After much discussion over the past few months, we borrowed a page from other successful neighborhood associations and elected a slate to the Board instead of voting for individuals to specific positions. The aim in switching to a slate is to eliminate barriers for people who want to participate, affirm our commitment to working with a variety of neighbors in the way they would most like, and to foster leadership among a more interdependent board.

The following people put themselves forward to serve on the OKNA Board, and the entire slate was approved. Please welcome your 2009/2010 Overlook Neighborhood Association Board!

David Chott
Alan Cranna
Keith Daly
Alan DeLaTorre
Kent Hoddick
Tom Kilbane

Steve Lanigan
Clare Matthias
Shane Seawear
Matt Scoggin
George Spaulding
Cynthia Sulaski
Michelle Thompson

The new Board will meet just before press time for us at Overlook Views. As a group, they will select individuals for the officer positions, set goals for the coming year, appoint committee members and get down to work. We've got a party to plan for the holidays, and are looking for some assistance with the website!

If you have an interest in something specific for the neighborhood association to accomplish this year, please drop us a note or attend one of our meetings. You can still be involved in a big, or small, part of what OKNA does, and members can be appointed to a committee any time during the year. We know interest has been high; we have three new members on the Board this year!

**Submit your neighborhood photos for our
online albums to
Views@OverlookNeighborhood.org**



Change Coming to the Overlook House

The Friends of the Overlook House Board thanks the volunteers and staff for their dedication and hard work keeping the jewel of Overlook House alive. Our mission is to provide a venue for community-based activities; weddings merely pay the bills. The current economy reduced bookings and therefore income, while expenses remained unchanged. The shortfall forced the Board to make difficult decisions, including a staff restructure at the Overlook House, with the goal to reduce costs while continuing to serve the neighborhood.

New positions will be posted on craigslist. Resumes for all positions will be accepted through Monday, **October 26, 2009**. If you are interested in applying for any of the jobs, please check the posting at <http://portland.craigslist.org/>.

Business in Overlook

Neighborhood businesses are part of what makes living in Overlook so wonderful. Take a moment to find out what they have to offer...

Atomic Pizza is now open 7 days a week! NEW HOURS:
Sunday & Monday 4pm-9pm,
Tuesday thru Saturday 11am-9pm.
We now serve you hand-tossed gourmet pizza, calzones and salads every day of the week. Come in and see our local monthly artists or watch Monday night football while you enjoy your pizza or just grab your pie and head home, either way we hope to see you soon.
Atomic Pizza
2150 N Killingsworth St
Portland, OR 97217
503-285-5490
www.atomic-pizza.com

The Palms Motel, 3801 N Interstate Ave, is your home-next-door-to-home. We welcome your holiday out-of-town friends and family to The Palms with a 15% weekday and 10% weekend discount. Please reserve 2 weeks in advance by contacting Dirges Patel at info@PalmsMotel.com or 503-287-5788. Valid thru 12/31/09

It is Wine Tasting time again! **Ainsworth Drug & Gifts**, 4027 N Interstate Ave, hosts monthly wine tastings. Please join us on Fridays 10/23, 11/13 and 12/4 from 5:30pm-7:30pm to enjoy wine and nibbles. October's wine tasting will be catered by our new next-door neighbor Miho Izakaya. The season recap, Saturday, December 19th from Noon until 6 p.m. features the best of the season. Call for more info: 503-282-0787

What's happening in your Overlook business? Let us know:
views@OverlookNeighborhood.org

Thank You, Jim!
Moss and lichens have made the Overlook House concrete walks slick, and not in a good way! **Jim Leverich**, on-call staff facilitator at the OH has generously donated \$600 to clean and treat the concrete; look for safer walking conditions by November 1. Carol Padden would like to thank Mr. Leverich for this donation and other volunteer efforts he has shown in behalf of our North Portland treasure in the past.

3rd Annual Halloween Party!
Please bring your little ghouls & goblins to a safe, fun neighborhood party for treats and a good time!



Saturday, October 31st
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Ages: 1 — 5 years old
* Wear your costumes!
* Enjoy fun activities
* Halloween story about 5:30pm
* Take home a pumpkin!
* Have a **Spooktacular** time!!!

Volunteers Wanted/Donations Accepted: Please email: catherinereynolds@comcast.net

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Japanese Pub Food Miho Izakaya meets Overlook

by Clare Matthias
OKNA Board Member

The Overlook neighborhood welcomed the arrival of Miho in mid-September, a casual eatery operated by co-owners Michael Carothers and Michael Miho (who is also the chef). Located at 4057 N. Interstate Avenue, next door to Ainsworth



Overlook Collaborative Preschool is located on a quiet street with wonderful neighbors. There is so much within walking distance of the school that we are able to regularly involve the children in the local commu-

nity. Having the children visible in the community is a key desire of our school, they are citizens of our community and have a lot to offer.

Drug and across Interstate Avenue from The Alibi, Miho offers a fresh new restaurant option to the area, known as *Izakaya*, a Japanese form of pub food.

Miho's menu fluctuates over an assortment of small, tapas-size entrees ranging from \$2-12. The selections will include items such as tempura, noodle dishes, marinated skewers, gyoza, sushi, and vegetarian and vegan items. A full bar, including a

Preschool provides the fundamentals for a desire to learn throughout the rest of life. With the Reggio philosophy we invite the children, teachers and parents to become co-learners and co-researchers investigating questions together. The research is supported with time for free play and exploration of the classroom, group meetings and class projects.

THE HISTORIC

Discover One Of North Portland's Timeless Treasures

OVERLOOK HOUSE

Annual Holiday Bazaar

Browse a winter wonderland of your artistic neighbors' handmade crafts – everything from jams to jewels – as well as all the home-baked goodies your holidays require, and try your luck in the raffle drawing.

This entertaining fundraiser makes possible the community and children's programs you love so much and everything is donated by our lovely neighbors, including area merchants.

Saturday, December 5th
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday, December 6th
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Do you want to:
Sell your art? Deadline October 20
Donate baked goods?
Donate a raffle item?
Help set up/break down the sale?

Reach Kathi Stoffel, Event Coordinator at kathistoffel@msn.com or 971-570-8412.

Free Estate Planning Course

Join Attorney at Law, Richard B. Schneider and co-author of "A Will Is Not Enough in Oregon" for a FREE "Estate Planning Made Easy" session.

Make sure your estate goes to the people you love! Don't procrastinate; receive practical advice to safeguard your assets and health care wishes during and after your lifetime. Acquire up-to-date knowledge about wills, living trusts, health care documents, issues regarding guardianship, conservatorship plus power of attorney. Explore strategies to minimize or eliminate Oregon estate taxes, avoid probate and retain complete control over to whom, how and when your estate is distributed — essential information for anyone! The seminar will be held in the Living Room of the Overlook House.

Saturday, November 7th
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Santa Is Coming to Town!

Santa makes his annual Overlook House stop again this year as he fuels up for the big night later in the month. Bring your children by for merriment, games and a photo op with the Big Guy himself.

Sunday, December 13th
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Kids Winter Theatre Camp

Theatre coach, Liz Hayden, presents another creative drama playhouse where students use their basic theatre skills and improvisation games to create and original performance piece. Students learn flexibility, team work, spontaneity and voice/body control.

Steeplly discounted enrollment rates are made possible by grants from HandinHand, a children's outreach program of the Hand2Mouth theatre company. It has been a staple to the community, enriching the lives of kids for 5+ years now, focusing on creating work from the heart, mouths, & imaginations of the children.

Saturdays: November 7, 14, 21, 28
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
\$40.00 per student
Ages: Mature 4 ½ to 7 years of age
Maximum number of students: 16
Deadline for sign-up: October 19th

For more information on Overlook House classes & events, please contact Program Director Carol Padden at 503-823-3188 or email coordinator@HistoricOverlookHouse.org and visit the website for details and directions to your community center.

saké selection rounds things out. Regular business hours will be 4pm to 12 midnight Wednesday through Sunday (closed Monday and Tuesday) to start; keep an eye out for changes.

Hop on the Yellow Line and come check out and support a new local business. They're situated about halfway between the Prescott and Overlook MAX stations.
Miho Izakaya: 503-719-6152

clude music, telling and reading stories, clay, dramatic play, building, painting, planting and gardening. Through play we learn about pre-reading, beginning math concepts and basic science too. This summer, we had a wonderful time, planting in the garden and taking trips to the park. We offer half-day classes Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 12:30pm.

Overlook Collaborative Preschool accepts enrollment applications year round for children between the ages of 3 to 5 years.

For more information about our school please visit us at: www.overlookpreschool.com

Parent & Infant Program

Could you benefit as a parent by meeting other parents with infants? This program wants parents to communicate with each other about their feelings, insights and questions. Parent-to-parent mentoring is an enormous help to individuals and strengthens our community. Share the joy of parenting with other!



This fun experience is free and will be held in the carpeted living room of the Overlook House.

Mondays: Oct 5 & 19, Nov 2 & 16, Dec 7, 14 & 21 from 12:00-1:00pm
Age group: Infant - 18 months

Ice Cream Social Gratitude

Overlook neighbors turned out August 2nd, 2009 for a delicious bowl of ice cream with toppings at the Overlook House.

THANK YOU!

Carol Cushman and Carol Hult greeted families. John and Chris Koonce, Mat Thorburn, and Jim Heiman dished up the ice cream. Cynthia Sulaski, Emilija, Sadia, & Nicole Thorburn and Matt Scoggin served the toppings. Jane Finch-Howell, Mark Kirchmeier and many people jumped into to help with clean up.

The lovely flower arrangements were donated by Annegret Wolford, Chad Jibril, Kathi Murphy, Adele Harris, Marsha Parks, Marcella McGee, Carol Cushman, and Jane Finch-Howell.

The ICS committee wants to thank our wonderful volunteers who contributed to the social's success. Please join us as a volunteer by contacting Carol Cushman: 503-288-3888 CHCRail@aol.com or Mary Ellen Baldauff: 503.288.1739 m.baldauff@comcast.net

Making a Difference, One Yard at a Time

By Cynthia Sulaski
OKNA Board Member

Wildlife doesn't just live in forests and rural areas. They live in (or pass through) cities like Portland and neighborhoods like Overlook. But they tend to live where they can meet their basic needs for food, water, shelter and places to raise their young. Homeowners can provide the valuable habitat that birds, butterflies, bees, amphibians, and mammals require by gardening for wildlife.

The Audubon Society of Portland and Three Rivers Land Conservancy launched their **Backyard Habitat Certification Program** last January to provide technical assistance to small lot, private property owners to restore native wildlife habitat in their backyards. The program focuses on the removal of aggressive weeds, naturescaping with native plants, stormwater management and wildlife stewardship.

If you're interested in seeking certification, just visit <http://audubonportland.org> or <http://trlc.org> to complete an application. A site visit by a knowledgeable backyard certification staff person will be arranged. You'll receive technical assistance and a site plan as well as discounts and incentives for native plants and other materials. You'll be asked to pay a \$25 fee prior to your site visit. Upon certification, you'll receive a sign from Audubon and Three Rivers that will identify your yard as certified wildlife habitat.

Several of us from Overlook and other North Portland neighborhoods have had our yards certified. Join us and help make Overlook the most hospitable neighborhood for wildlife!

Friends of the Bluff Parklet

If you are interested in joining a Friends group for the bluff parklet at the foot of Skidmore, please contact Steve Lanigan at lanoman@worldaccessnet.com or Cynthia Sulaski at csulaski@comcast.net

www.conserveh2o.org offers ideas and information

by Jan O'Dell
Regional Water Providers Consortium

Late summer and fall are great times to rethink your yard. You can minimize your lawn (for example, many people are replanting their lawn parking strips in ground cover and flowering shrubs), re-landscape areas of your yard with plants that use less water, and think about installing a more efficient irrigation system.

The Regional Water Providers Consortium is a great one-stop shop for all kinds of information to help you create landscapes that are beautiful and also make good use of our area's water supplies. The Consortium's website, www.conserveh2o.org, has always been a rich source of information about using water wisely inside the home and outdoors. Now there are even more useful and fun on-line tools to help you create a water-wise yard and garden.

How-to videos – Learn how to check for leaks using your water meter, how to maintain your irrigation system and alternatives to turf (lawn).

Plant slideshow – See actual plants in actual landscapes. Plants are identified when you run your cursor over the plant in the photo.

Need Yard Trees? Have I Got a Deal for You!

By Cynthia Sulaski
OKNA Board Member

Do the windows facing your back yard bake in the summer because they're exposed to constant sunlight? Do you enjoy watching finches, chickadees and bushtits fly from tree to tree—except you don't have any trees for them to fly to?

What about planting a yard tree or two? Go to www.friendsoftrees.org/tree_database/yard.php and check out the yard trees that will be available on January 30th – the day we'll plant trees in Overlook. Like the street trees, they'll only cost \$15 apiece. Now that is a pretty sweet deal!



We're fortunate to have Arciform again donating money to keep the price of our trees so low. Kaya General Contractors has agreed to contribute as well. Thank you Richard and Anne DeWolf and Greg Martin for your generous support of this Overlook neighborhood project.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is now.
~Chinese Proverb

So, don't wait too long to sign up for street and/or yard trees. The deadline to register is November 30th. But the sooner you register at <http://www.friendsoftrees.org>, the sooner the urban forester will inspect your property and the sooner you can order your trees. Some of the more popular trees go quickly.

Don't forget, even if you aren't buying a tree for your own yard this year, you can participate in the tree planting on Saturday, January 30. Contact Cynthia at csulaski@comcast.net to sign up.



Pittman Addition HydroPark: Unveiling and Art!

by Darcy Cronin
Facilities Services Specialist
Portland Water Bureau

Autumn sunshine glittered above Overlook neighbors, as we celebrated the grand opening of the new Pittman Addition HydroPark on Saturday September 26th. Commissioner Leonard toured the HydroPark, and complimented everyone who was involved in the design and implementation process. Darcy Cronin also thanked community members who helped polish this new little neighborhood gem, and the Portland Water Bureau for sponsoring this project. Community members also stepped up to make the celebration festive with food donations from Lovely Hula Hands, New Seasons, Red Fox, Grand Central Baking and Purity Organic. The Electric Opera Company also delighted park visitors with their unique brand of classical music. Thanks to everyone who helped plan and host the celebration: Marci Macfarlane, Chris Radcliffe, Amy Eschelby, and Dale and Patty Walhood.



*Merrymaking and relaxing in the new park
photo courtesy Darcy Cronin*

The fun isn't over yet though...during the planning process community members expressed an interest in making Pittman Addition HydroPark a place for artists to showcase temporary art. Come learn about the next steps for turning the new Pittman Addition HydroPark into a place for temporary public art installations. Developing a jury process and gathering funds will be a long term effort, but we now have a beautiful "canvas" and there are several community members ready to make the commitment. This meeting is meant to inspire you to support this community project and inform you about how you can be involved.

Public Art Planning Meeting for Pittman Addition HydroPark
Wednesday, Nov 4th, 6-9 p.m.
Krakow Café - 3990 N Interstate Ave

If you haven't seen the new HydroPark, check it out for yourself, it's just north of Going Street soundwall and the Concord St pedestrian overpass.

For more background information about the project visit, www.portlandonline.com/water/pittman_addition or call Darcy Cronin, Facilities Services Specialist at the Portland Water Bureau, 503-823-3520.



Should we know?
Email Michelle with
your school or
neighborhood info:
views@overlookneighborhood.org

Overlook Kids &..

by Beach School Students & Michelle Thompson

The talented kids of the Overlook neighborhood are already working hard at school this year and their teachers and OKNA would like to share their efforts with you.

Beach School is the Portland Public Schools (PPS) preK-8th grade school for Overlook and is one of the few dual immersion and community based schools in the city – Dual Immersion means that some students take their classes in Spanish and English while others are in the traditional Community (non-immersion) program.



Kris Meyer, Beach Vice Principal and Charity Chesnek from the Beach Parent/Teachers Association (PTA) connected with the OKNA members so that all of us can be aware of the great things going on at our schools and so that we can better

Holiday Traditions

support each other as our neighborhood students learn and grow in the Overlook community.

This year, the kids are focused on their writing skills, and teacher Janet Range’s 6th graders tell us about one of their special family holiday traditions or celebrations and why they enjoy it.

I know I enjoyed their stories and hope you do too!



by Helen

Breathe in, breathe out, breathe in, and out. It was stage fright, I guess. “So you’re ready?” my cousin Olathe whispered to me. I sure wasn’t, but I nodded my head anyway. I saw lots of people out there waiting for us to begin and many people were there.

As the music began, I wasn’t as frightened as I was a few minutes before. Eventually I was calm like everyone else on stage with me, including my two cousins Whitney and Olathe, my sister Christine and my friends Uyen, Rachel, and Gia Hun. We danced to the steps our teachers taught us a few weeks ago during winter break. It was incredibly fun!

We were dancing and practicing for New Years Eve! In Vietnam we call it Tet! We

celebrate it every year in our church, the Temple Baptist Church. Anyone can come. We also do many activities and fun games. My favorite is the one where you throw the darts and if you pop one or two balloons then you win a prize!

During Tet, we watch many people perform and we eat many delicious foods made by our chefs. We have pancakes, chicken, eggs, Asian food and pop. At the end we have dessert, which is an ice cream banana split with chocolate fudge on top. It is the best dessert I have ever tasted!

At the end of the feast, we have a drawing. Each person gets a card that has a word on it, and then the pastor chooses a card, too. Anyone who has the same word as he does wins a big prize! I’m hoping to win this year. Next year you should come and join the fun!



by Chrissy

“Happy holidays” Mom said. “Ready to open presents?” “Let me sleep!” I screamed with a groan. “But it’s Christmas,” she replied. “Fine,” I said as I jumped out of bed and ran to the living room. There sat Mom and Grandma. Then my grandma said “Merry Christmas” and I said it back. Now I’m going to tell you more about my family’s traditions.

First I give my mom a hug and then my grandma a hug as well. I look at the presents behind her all wrapped in shiny paper. Then I stand up and am sprinting to my presents. I rip off all the shiny paper which is always followed by a THANK YOU! Then we talk and talk while more friends and family stop for dinner. We listen to music and watch movies until about six PM.

For dinner we have turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, asparagus, bread and butter. It’s like Thanksgiving all over again. We talk a lot over dinner after giving thanks for the good food. It is so much fun to catch up and see people you haven’t seen in a long time.

Part of the reason I like this holiday is because at night we go to homes of people who might need more help or the homeless. We bring hats, coats, mittens, gloves and blankets. We also bring food left over from dinner. The second reason I like this holiday is the looks on their faces when you give people food and clothing. They smile and some cry and some dig in to the food. They say thank you and we go to a new person and we do this until 11pm. The third reason I like this holiday is that when we get home we get a warm brownie and hot cocoa. Then we say good night and we go to sleep.

by Cassidy



Have you ever gone trick-or-treating with a three-headed vampire, a scary dragon, and a lizard all at once? Every year on October 31st, my family and I celebrate Halloween. My aunts, uncles, cousins and friends join us for our celebration.

A few days before, we decorate with all kinds of things to make it look scary. We all gather at my house for activities. During the night we do many different things. We also make up different games we can play. My favorite so far is a card game with different pictures. Another thing we do is go hide somewhere and

when a kid approaches I jump up and scare them out of their little polka dot socks!

One important part of Halloween is the food. My mom will make a chili that is so dark it looks like the color black. We make biscuits that are shaped like bats, but they don’t have real ones in them! For our drink my mom will usually make coffee for the adults and hot cocoa for the kids.

There are so many reasons why I love Halloween, but there’s too many to name. I like this holiday because I love to make the food, and it’s a great way to bring the family together. It’s also fun to scare the kids. I also really enjoy walking around the neighborhood and looking at all the yards that are lit up and have colorful objects. If you have to have a favorite holiday, it has to be Halloween!

Beach School Auction Alert!

by Charity Chesneck
Beach School PTA

\$30,000 for arts enrichment and after school programs. That’s the goal for the 2010 Beach School Auction, an annual event that is always widely supported by our neighbors and community. Beach School is the pre-K through 8th grade Portland Public school serving Overlook and the annual Auction is their single biggest fundraiser.

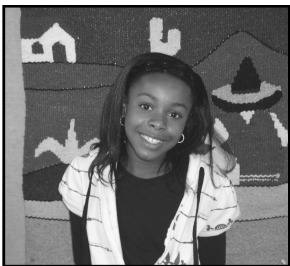
The 2009 Auction brought in over \$26,000 and an Artist Residency experience to every classroom! In 2008, the nearly \$25,000 raised supported an academic enrichment program for homeless students, after school programs and support for Beach teachers, students and families.

Now is the time to come together to support our neighborhood school and ensure the best possible



education for our community’s children. We’ve enjoyed generous support from past donors like Widmer Bros Brewing, Frank’s 76 and DiPrima Dolci; won’t you join them this year with a donation of an auction item or cash? The Beach Auction not only raises much-needed fund but fosters a sense of community among our families and community members.

You can work side by side with us toward this important goal by making a donation, attending the auction and its festive dinner party or both! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, February 27 for 6pm at The Madeleine Parish Hall. The ticket price includes admission to the auction, appetizers, dinner and live entertainment. Please contact Charity Chesneck for donations, information and tickets at 503-997-1372 or cchesnek@gmail.com



by Naya

Every year on Thanksgiving day my two cousins, my four brothers, my mom, dad, and my auntie get together at my house. “Man, my stomach is growling. Hey Mom, when is the food going to be done?” “It is done right now,” Mom says. Everyone’s faces light up like a candle when she says that because everyone loves Mom’s cooking. She cooks peach cobbler, turkey, coconut cake, and apple pie. Yum! She also makes all kinds of other good stuff.

I always make cards for family and friends. I also help the little kids make turkeys with their hands. Oh, and I also help mom cook. Thanksgiving is awesome because I love seeing family, I love the food, and I love making cards!

Overlook Kids Have Options!

Trillium Charter School, the other ‘public option’

by Kerri Creager
TFT President

Trillium Charter School is a public school option in the Overlook neighborhood. My husband and I have lived in Overlook for over 15 years now; our 6th grade daughter has been a student at Trillium since she started kindergarten and our son has just started kindergarten there this year. Since Trillium is a K-12 school, we expect to be a part of Trillium, and Overlook, for at least another 13 years.

Trillium Charter School is a public school that nurtures each child’s inherent curiosity, creativity and connection to community. We support diverse learning styles and use democratic processes to help students grow fully as human beings and contribute to and enhance the world.

www.trilliumcharterschool.org. Or, feel free to contact me: kerri@trilliumcharterschool.org

You can find out lots more about this creative school and their programs by visiting

Serving on the Trillium board and participating in their parent-teacher-student group, Together For Trillium, reaffirms our family’s commitment to the Trillium mission (see inset)

Live Safe

Livability: Time to Step Up

by Mark Wells
Your Crime Prevention Coordinator



I am sorry to report that the Neighborhood Inspections Team (NIT) is also suffering in the evolving BDS budget crisis. The Bureau of Development Services is funded heavily by revenue from permit fees — they have relatively little general fund money. As building and remodeling projects have dried up with the economy, BDS’ revenue has taken a nose dive. They are facing massive layoffs and program cuts.

Nuisance abatement money has been used for clean ups at vacant/derelict and also occupied properties, ones where notices have not produced any response or compliance from the property owners. With nuisance abatement funds, Neighborhood Inspections would obtain a search warrant to come onto the properties with a contractor and clean up nuisance conditions, such as garbage, trash and debris, securing open and vacant structures, cutting back vegetation off of adjacent rights of ways, sewer breaks, rat harborages, drug labs, tall grass and weeds, dead/dying trees, etc. This budget has been reduced from \$300K to \$40K, which will be only enough money for the very worst of worst cases. Lesser cases will probably simply be fined and liened, and the neighbors will have to put up with the eyesore. Response times on inspections will also be increased. This is really bad news for neighborhood livability.

As of October 1, Level 4 Nuisance complaints may not be taken. These include: disabled vehicles, tall grass & weeds, blackberry vines and overgrowth within 5’ of the property line, overgrowth over the adjacent right of ways, non-trash storage, dead bushes and trees.

Budget cuts are no reason for you to stop reporting the nuisances on your block! Your continued calls, as with crime reporting calls, record what is actually happening on the streets. These calls are tallied when budgets are set; don’t leave Overlook out of the picture by not reporting nuisances and crimes. **Please report your nuisance complaints to 503-823-2633.**

While Graffiti Abatement is not part of the same program, that unit is feeling the pinch as well, and the result is more graffiti that stays up longer. If you have graffiti on your property, please contact me about resources for removal. If you see graffiti on public property and signs, please report it to the Graffiti Hotline, 503.823.4824

If neighbors have questions/concerns about the BDS/NIT changes, they can direct them to NIT supervisor Ed Marihart, and/or BDS Bureau Director Paul Scarlett, and/or to BDS’ commissioner, Randy Leonard.
The BDS website is at: portland online.com/bds/

Why Trillium? The school being in North Portland was always important for us, even before it moved in next to the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in 2007. The school’s focus on community, service, sustainability and student-led learning were all things that drew us. It’s been a great school for our daughter as she’s been able to learn at her own unique pace while maintaining a love of learning. She has been empowered to find what she’s passionate about and use that as a base from which to grow. We expect to see the same great results for our son.

The OKNA Holiday Potluck Dinner will be held at Trillium on December 15, at 6:00pm

Crime Prevention Coordinator Mark Wells
8134 N Denver
503.823.4098
mark.wells@ci.portland.or.us

North Portlanders Needed:
Public Safety Action Committee
aka: PSAC

What is PSAC?

PSAC is a monthly meeting held to address local North Portland resident and business concerns related to public safety and livability issues.

Who attends PSAC?

The meeting is facilitated by the City of Portland and is open to the public. Representatives from Crime Prevention, Portland Police Bureau, Bureau of Development Services, Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office, and local Neighborhood and Business Associations attend this meeting to field your questions and concerns and provide updates on their activities.

Why attend PSAC?

With the recession and recent closure of the old North Precinct in early June, **it is more important than ever to become a part of our public safety system.** Police and other agencies need to hear from **you**, the community, about problems and issues specific to North Portland. This meeting also helps facilitate and coordinate communication and ensures our community policing goals continue in a time of shrinking resources.

When: The fourth Wednesday of each month
Where: Historic Kenton Firehouse:
2209 N. Schofield
Time: 7:00 – 8:30pm

Questions: Contact Mark Wells at 503-823-4098 or mark.wells@ci.portland.or.us

Agents from the FBI will attend October’s meeting to teach us about protecting ourselves against Fraud and ID Theft.

Please, support your local community policing programs!



Should we know?
Email Michelle with
your neighborhood info:
views@OverlookNeighborhood.org

Website
Manager?



Dear OKNAites,
It’s nearly 2010 and the times they are a changing. It’s past time for a website update at www.OverlookNeighborhood.org and while we are getting on that, we see that we need a Website Manager.

This person will work closely with newsletter coordinator and the communications coordinator to update the website content frequently. The best part? You don’t have to be a member of the creative class to do this; attention to detail and a commitment to regular publishing is more important.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity (or you will nominate someone while she is out of town) or have ideas to share about our e-communications, please email Michelle at Views@OverlookNeighborhood.org ASAP ☺

Providence Bridge Pedal ‘09

by Alan Cranna
OKNA Board Member

The Providence Bridge Pedal this year was a great success. I had about 40 volunteers from the Overlook neighborhood and Bethel Lutheran Church on N. Denver Ave.



I have been volunteering at the Bridge Pedal for about 10 years, and this year we raised the most money ever. My volunteers manned the St. Johns rest stop at the U.S. Bank Plaza and this year also manned traffic control spots on N. Willamette Ave.

The volunteers from Overlook neighborhood chose to give the money they earned to the Portland YWCA program LearnLinks for homeless and low-income children.

Here is part of the letter in thank from Eric Brown of LearnLinks;
On August 18, 2009, the YWCA of Greater Portland received your gift in the amount of \$500 to be applied towards programs and services at LearnLinks, our tutoring, trauma therapy, and outdoor activity program for low-income and homeless children. In this current economic climate it is more important than ever that low-income children are encouraged to remain and succeed in school so that they can avoid the potential for generational poverty.

The September, 2009 *Bethel Beacon* had the following article from Gregg Hamilton about the Bridge Pedal:

BRIDGE PEDAL: THANKS TO ALL THAT HELPED !!!!
For the past few years, Bethel has partnered with the Overlook Neighborhood Association to help with North Portland’s part of the annual Bridge Pedal.
The day of the Bridge Pedal we had 20 FOB’s show up. A gift was non-member FOB’s who came thru for us: A family of 5 from Trinity Lutheran in Gresham and a couple of councilors from Bethel Drop-in. It was a nice day.. a fun day. So the only thing left to do is thank everyone who came to help make this event a success not only for Bethel but Bethel’s commitment to our neighborhood. The \$500 was put into the general fund.



Season Wrap-Up

by Clare Matthias
OKNA Board Member

September 30 brought to a close the 2009 Interstate Farmers Market season. Market Manager Laresa Beck, who joined the IFM this summer, notes some key accomplishments for this most recent season, including the addition of several new produce vendors to round out the selection at the market each week. This year the market also added a new regular feature—guest chefs who gave cooking demonstrations using up-to-the-moment in-season produce and ingredients to inspire ways to use all of the healthy, fresh food the market makes available. More are being planned for the 2010 season.

The arrival of Ms. Beck as market manager was another positive for the market this year, as she brings a lot of experience and enthusiasm to the role and to the market. “Working with the Interstate Farmers Market has been wonderful,” says Beck. “This season was one of transition; we learned a lot and we’re looking forward to next season being the best yet!” Ms. Beck also notes that the market greatly appreciates feedback from its customers and neighbors on what they love about the market, what changes they’d like and what they’d like to see more of.

Coming for the 2010 season, Beck says the market is hoping to introduce its own CSA (community supported agriculture) subscription program, allowing interested market customers to pre-order and pre-pay for a box of selected produce and products each week for pick up at the market. CSA subscriptions can be an ideal arrangement for would-be market customers who find themselves too busy to stop by the market regularly but who would still like to enjoy the weekly fresh bounty. More details to come.

Please direct all market feedback to: Laresa Beck, Market Manager
contact@interstatefarmersmarket.com
971-344-0115

Coming Soon! Interstate Farmers Market Fundraiser Event :

The Interstate Farmers Market will host its first-ever fundraising event in early 2010. This family-friendly event is tentatively slated for March, before the start of the Market season, and will involve partaking in some kind of delicious food for all who attend.

Watch the *Overlook Views* and/or your neighborhood association emails for more details to come.



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Neighborhood.org &
sign up for the email list!

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First Gear Academy: An Environment For Learning On Swan Island

by Hoda Pishvaie
Admissions Coordinator

Nestled among the buildings on Swan Island is First Gear Academy, an early childhood education center, located on the Daimler Trucks North America Campus. Operated by Childrens' Creative Learning Centers (CCLC), the center is staffed with qualified teachers, providing a rich learning environment, clearly-defined standards and outcomes that put attending children on track for success in school and in life.

The center opened in January 2009 and serves children ages six weeks to five years of age for employees of Daimler Trucks North America as well as businesses and the community surrounding the center. The center reflects creative touches that showcase the transportation heritage of Daimler, which add to the charm, warmth and creative environment the center offers. For instance, center hallways feature transportation themed artwork and murals, one outdoor play structure is shaped like a truck and the reception desk in the center lobby includes lighting to resemble that you'd see on a vehicle.

“CCLC has found a true partner in Daimler Trucks North America to offer its employees and the Swan Island community an exceptional child care option,” said Wendy Bruno, Director of the First Gear Academy. “We’re proud of our new facility. The warm, comfortable environment, combined with our stimulating curriculum and enrichment

programs, will enhance each child’s learning opportunity and inspire growth.”

The First Gear Academy has an Eco-Healthy focus. Environmental practices are incorporated into the center curriculum and daily routines. Many earth-friendly materials and practices also went into the construction of the center and its furnishings as well. Children learn to care for their environment, to not be wasteful and participate in environmental classroom projects.

First Gear Academy uses CCLC’s exclusive Guided Discovery™ curriculum. Guided Discovery is a “whole child” approach to learning that incorporates different aspects of a child’s physical, social, linguistic, cognitive, and emotional develop-



ment into a variety of daily activities. Guided Discovery is rooted in educational philosophy and theory as well as practice. It relies heavily on Erik Erikson’s stages of socio-emotional development, Jean Piaget’s theories of how children think and learn, and on principles of physical development. The curriculum reflects the criteria set by the

NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accreditation process.

CCLC is a national child care provider dedicated to developing unique and effective employer-sponsored child care programs. Founded in 1992, CCLC currently operates more than 100 employer-sponsored child development centers. In 2009, CCLC was recognized with the Moving Into the Future Award from The Conference Board’s Work Life Leadership Council for its eco-healthy child care initiative and was named to the prestigious Companies that Care 2009 Honor Roll. CCLC offers high-quality child care programs for children ages six weeks to 12 years through on-site or near-site child development centers, before and after school programs, summer camps and specialized dependent care programs such as priority access and back-up child care. CCLC has extensive experience providing quality, convenient and affordable child care programs for working families, creating professional work environments for early childhood

educators and helping clients realize their goals for recruitment, retention and work-life benefits. For more information visit www.cclc.com.

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Wendy Bruno, Center Director

An Age-Friendly Overlook

by Alan DeLaTorre
OKNA Board Member

On Tuesday, August 11, 2009, the course *Creating Livable Communities for an Aging Society* came to an end with a presentation at the Portland State University. Students and the instructor presented findings to a group of more than 50 partners from the project and community members from Overlook, Hollywood, and others interested in aging issues from the Portland region. The response to



Overlook neighbors enjoy a beer & a natter at Hop & Vine this summer. photo from Ella at Queens Mab

the course was extremely positive, but it was clear that this project was just the tip of the iceberg in preparing our neighborhood to be more livable for those of all ages and abilities.

In Overlook, in addition to the course, several efforts have been undertaken to support its aging population, which include: Growing Old at Home (GOAH), Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC), and outreach by Our

Are you aging? Of course you are! If you are interested in participating in an **Overlook Inter-generational Committee** to discuss and deal with some of the issues we face due to age or ability, please contact Alan at 503.544.7532 or aland@pdx.edu.

United Villages. Each of these endeavors has sought to prepare for the future by tapping into one of Overlook’s most valuable resources, its residents. All of these efforts have been valuable in raising awareness, building social capital, and moving use forward in some capacity. So what comes next?

Based on the findings of the students in the summer course, Overlook has many age-friendly features and is considered to be a great place to live, and age, by many who are living here. However, there are concerns that have been expressed regarding aging in the community, including safety issues, developing formal and informal support systems, and needed infrastructure such as a community/senior center. These issues will continue to be explored over the upcoming years in a number of ways.

The final report for the course is almost complete and a follow-up grant with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement is being explored. Additionally, I am excited about the opportunity to join to the OKNA Neighborhood Association board and I plan to continue to work on these issues into the future.

Big Pipe Makes Big Art

by Lenny Anderson
Swan Island TMA

A nice crowd celebrated new public art along the Willamette Greenway Trail next to the Swan Island Pump Station in beautiful weather September 24th. Artists from the design firm rhiza A+D created the “Big Pipe Portal” from materials used in constructing Portland’s East Side Big Pipe, whose 22 foot diameter is captured as well by the piece. Landscaping is nearly complete along this new section of the Willamette Greenway Trail.

Ribbon cutting and brief comments from Dean Marriott, BES; lead artist Ean Eldred; and Regional Arts & Culture Commission Executive Director Eloise Damrosch were followed by tours of the 12 story DEEP pump station and the one mile LONG Willamette Greenway Trail, including the new Channel Avenue section. 50 Daimler Trucks NA volunteers had recently picked the beach and Trail clean, gathering a dumpster full of debris in the 91 degree heat. Everything sparkled for this celebration of art and a cleaner river.



photo from the Regional Arts & Culture Council: www.racc.org

Rebuilding The Future: The Recycled Remodel

ultra-green, cost-effective “re-building”

by Corey Omeý
Overlook neighbor

In renovating their 1925 North Portland home, Corey and Deb Omeý decided to forego the demolition dumpster and go ultra-green, utilizing 90% recycled and reclaimed materials, many of them “harvested” on site. The result is a modern home that is both cutting-edge and commonsense, and reflective of a growing trend toward low-impact “re-building”.

It’s a new house with a lot of history: the kitchen countertops were once bowling alley lanes, re-used mortgage signs sheath the walls, and the cabinetry in the bedroom closets were sawn from a cedar tree from the front yard. Recycled building materials were used in every inch of the home, from the framing to the fixtures, and came from a variety of sources—including the original structure, local re-building centers, reclaimed and re-sawn timber from a local door company warehouse loft, and “seconds” or post-production rejects from tile and siding manufacturers. “The materials and process personalize the house,” Omeý said. “There is a story behind everything we found and incorporated into the finished product.”

But contrary to what many might expect from using recycled materials, the finished home reflects the clean lines and sharp edges of contemporary design, with detailing reflective of a modern house, making the Omeý house a true modern “eco statement.”

“The choice to utilize recycled materials does not pre-determine a “funky” aesthetic,” said Omeý, “The program elements that most effected the design of our house are natural light, durability, energy and space efficiency, and community. The recycled, reclaimed, and re-used materials were a way for us to meet our goals within our budget, while at the same time limiting our impact on the environment.”

Corey Omeý, architect and co-owner, estimates the cost of recycled and reclaimed building materials at 50-80% less than those off the shelf. He notes that re-use can add extra labor in the form of sourcing, delivering and preparation of materials, however these costs can be offset by “sweat-equity” on the part of the owner-builder and volunteer labor.

“Our house was a community effort in more ways than one,” said Omeý. “Our friends and neighbors



An eco roof is just one of the green features you can adopt.
photo from Corey Omeý

helped with de-construction, planting the eco-roof, removing stucco-you name it. It turned out to be a neighborhood event.” He also notes that community networks such as Craigslist helped to locate the right materials at the right time—a key challenge in utilizing recycled materials.

The Omeýs’ house was featured on Planet Green’s Renovation Nation, and is one of the stops on the Build It Green! Home Tour on September 19th, presented by the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. <http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=41893>

The house is the third Portland-area green home using almost exclusively recycled materials to step into the national spotlight recently. Portland is home to the largest re-building home materials store in the country, The Re-Building Center, benefiting Our United Villages, an area nonprofit.

“We are fortunate that Portland has one of the best networks of rebuilding resources in the world,” Omeý said, “however resources like the Habitat for Humanity Re-Stores, Craigslist, Freecycle and seconds from different types of manufacturers are available almost anywhere.” He adds that he and his wife Deb hope their recycled remodel can provide a source of inspiration for others looking to do the same.

An eco roof is among the many green features of the project, with incentives provided by the City of Portland BES and the Watershed Stewardship Council. More information on the City of Portland’s Eco-Roof grant program is available at <http://www.portlandonline.com/BES/index.cfm?c=48724>

A list of contractors involved with the Omeý house recycled remodel, is available from Omeý at Corey.Omeý@ERMunch.com. For a press release video and sneak preview of the Omeý House, visit <http://vimeo.com/6442371>. Tours, interviews, additional videos, and photos are available by request or appointment.

http://www.ermunch.com/projects/omey_house.html links to the project webpage.



The recent Portland Fire & Rescue ‘Burn to Learn’ exercise was certainly the most excitement the Prescott block project has generated in a year! Neighbors, media and retired firemen turned out to watch the practice burns.



photo courtesy Lt Robert Hartsock

Overlook neighbors have generously shared their photos of the burn for our enjoyment, but



photo courtesy Deborah Kalapsa

black and white really does not do them all justice. An exception is the photo on the far right, one of my favorites from the day. If you’d like to see all the photos in blazing color, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/yes4dc8> to see our online album. If you’ve got some photos to share, email Michelle at Views@OverlookNeighborhood.org



photo courtesy Michelle Thompson

Firefighting is often a family business; you can imagine how thrilled Lt Robert Hartsock was to have his son’s Explorer Scout group attend the final day to gear up (far left). PF&R staffer Lindsay tells me that she is closely related to the Overlook House!



photo courtesy John Q Porter

Interstate Green Features Grant Recipients Announced

Eight businesses in the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area (ICURA) have been awarded grants by the Portland Development Commission to implement green, sustainable improvements. The Interstate Green Features Grant for Business recipients were selected from sixteen applicants by a committee composed of community members, green building professionals and PDC staff. The committee evaluated the grant proposals on quality, integration of conservation and efficiency into business operations, feasibility and likelihood of implementation.

Recipients of the Interstate Green Features Grant are:

* DiPrima Dolce, an Italian bakery and café, to install a high efficiency walk-in cooler, energy-efficient hand dryers and a storm water collection tank.

* N. Killingsworth & Gray LLC, a family-owned local development, which is renovating and upgrading a historic building with a photovoltaic solar system.

* North Star Coffeehouse, a neighborhood coffeehouse, which is installing solar powered vent fans and a multi-zone heating and cooling system.

* Cherry Sprout Produce, an independent produce and grocery market, for upgrades to their electrical system and installation of a passive energy management system to control electrical use.

* Ethos Music Center, a non-profit that promotes music and music-based education for youth in underserved communities, for a solar project and related efficiency upgrades.

* Interior Components NW, a brokerage for commercial and residential tenant improvement projects, to install permeable pavers and a landscape feature to divert storm water.

* Por Que No Taqueria, a restaurant, is enlarging patio space and installing a solar hot water heater, an eco-roof and rain water harvesting system.

* Shin-Shin Foods, a manufacturer of cooked and dried noodle products, will install a recycled and refrigerated loop system that reduces water usage and sewer discharges.

“This grant was a pilot project to measure small business interest in undertaking sustainable design projects. With sixteen applicants and eight outstanding proposals, we consider the pilot to be an unqualified success,” said PDC Senior Program Manager Randy Evans.

The maximum amount awarded per applicant is \$25,000 and is available on a reimbursable basis. The grant was available to neighborhood-based businesses and small to medium-sized wholesalers and manufacturers in the ICURA as an incentive to consider and implement sustainable features that increase productivity, demonstrate cost savings, reduce environmental impact and contribute to Portland’s environmental, economic and social goals.

<http://www.pdc.us/ura/interstate/greenfeatures.asp>. For more information contact Randy Evans at 503-832-0119 or evansr@pdc.us.

OVERLOOK ESSENTIALS

October 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 Sign up deadline for Children's Theatre Camp at Overlook House is tomorrow!	19 Overlook House •Parent/Infant Group •Penny's Puppets •Mindfulness Meditation (upstairs)	20 OKNA General Meeting 7-9pm Kaiser Town Hall	21 Overlook House •Yoga	22 Overlook House •Bean Sprout Story Hour •T'ai Chi Chih	23	24
25	26 Overlook House •Yoga •Knitting & Crochet •Mindfulness Meditation (upstairs)	27	28 Overlook House •Yoga PSAC: 7-8:30pm Kenton Firehouse	29 Overlook House •Bean Sprout Story Hour •T'ai Chi Chih	30	31 Overlook House •Halloween Party 4:00-6:00pm Ages 1-5 y/o

November 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Overlook House •Parent/Infant Group •Penny's Puppets •Mindfulness Meditation (upstairs)	3 OKNA Board Meeting 7-9pm Overlook House	4 Overlook House •Yoga •HydroPark Public Art Mtg 6-9 p.m. Krakow Café	5 Overlook House •Bean Sprout Story Hour •T'ai Chi Chih	6	7 Overlook House •Estate Planning Class 10:30am-12
8	9 Overlook House •Yoga •Knitting & Crochet •Mindfulness Meditation	10	11 Overlook House •Yoga Veterans Day	12 Overlook House •Bean Sprout Story Hour	13	14
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29 Deadline to register for discounted trees is tomorrow!	30 Overlook House •Yoga •Knitting & Crochet •Mindfulness Meditation (upstairs)					

December 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Tickets to the Beach Auction make a great gift!		1 OKNA Board Meeting 7-9pm Overlook House	2	3 Overlook House •Bean Sprout Story Hour	4	5 Overlook House •Holiday Bazaar 9am-5pm
6 Overlook House •Holiday Bazaar 9am-3pm	7 Overlook House •Parent/Infant Group •Penny's Puppets •Mindfulness Meditation (upstairs)	8	9 Overlook House •Yoga	10 Overlook House •Bean Sprout Story Hour	11	12
13 Overlook House Santa Visits! 11am-1pm	14 Overlook House •Parent/Infant Group •Penny's Puppets •Mindfulness Meditation (upstairs)	15 OKNA Holiday Potluck Dinner 6-8pm Trillium School	16 Overlook House •Yoga	17 Overlook House •Bean Sprout Story Hour	18	19
20 Winter School Break Begins this week! Winter Solstice is tomorrow.	21 Overlook House •Parent/Infant Group •Penny's Puppets •Mindfulness Meditation (upstairs)	22	23 Overlook House •Yoga	24 Overlook House •Bean Sprout Story Hour	25 Christmas Day	26
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Always check times and dates for events around the holidays. Overlook House events are posted at .HistoricOverlookHouse.org

Where to go? Who to call?

Overlook House
503.823.3188
3839 N. Melrose Drive
www.HistoricOverlookHouse.org
OKNA Board Meetings
1st Tuesday Monthly 7-9pm

Kaiser Town Hall
Corner of Interstate and Overlook Blvd
OKNA General Meetings
3rd Tuesday Monthly 7-9pm
Please join us!

Crime Prevention Coordinator
Mark Wells
503.823.4098

Police Non-emergency
503.823.3333
Report it!

Graffiti Hotline, 503.823.4824
Cell phone photos help!

Abandoned Auto 24hr Hotline
503.823.7309

Metro Recycling Information
503.234.3000
www.metro-region.org

Beach School
www.beach.pps.k12.or.us
503.916.6236



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