



Overlook Views

your neighborhood newsletter

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Overlook Neighborhood Association, Portland Oregon
www.OverlookNeighborhood.org

EARTH DAY 2010 Neighborhood Clean-Up

Saturday April 24 10:00am — Noon

Sponsored by OKNA
and:



City of Portland Bureau of
Planning and Sustainability
Sam Adams, Mayor | Susan Anderson, Director

Questions? Contact: **Alan Cranna** at
503.285.7944 or ascran3@hotmail.com

Refreshments will be provided!

Join Alan Cranna and other neighbors
for an Earth Day volunteer project
with a lot of bang!

Where: Meet with your neighbors at the Pittman
Addition HydroPark aka the North end of the
Concord Street overpass

Bring: leather gloves and wear heavy shoes or
boots



HEY, NEIGHBOR!

Remember to attend the
OKNA General Meeting



April 20th 7:00-9:00pm
@ Kaiser Town Hall

Corner of Interstate and Overlook Blvd

On the Agenda in April:

- ♦ "Going Green": improving access to Swan Island
- ♦ ICURA funds for a covered playground at Beach School
- ♦ URA boundary changes and more!

3RD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH!



North Portland
June 27th 10am-3pm

Are you interested in volunteering to represent the
Overlook neighborhood during Sunday Parkways?
If you won't be riding/walking/skating/etc this year,
or if you're only doing part of the route, this is an
other fun way to be involved.

The North Portland route is slightly different than
last year but still cuts through a portion of Over-
look. The Office of Transportation is encouraging
neighbors to become cheerleaders and do some-
thing fun to promote their corner of the city. Learn
more at www.portlandonline.com/transportation/

If you'd like to be involved in an Overlook effort,
please contact OKNA Board member Alan DeLa-
Torre at aland@pdx.edu or leave a message for
him at 503-544-7532.

Another Successful Tree Planting

by Cynthia Sulaski
OKNA Board Member

What a day we had on January 30th!
Breaking our previous record, we planted
100 yard and street trees in Overlook. And
our partner, the Arbor Lodge neighbor-
hood, planted 80 trees. Thankfully we had
access to the Kaiser Town Hall ballroom.
Otherwise, I don't know what venue would
have fit all of the homeowners and volun-
teers who showed up that morning to regis-
ter and enjoy some breakfast before head-
ing out. You might have noticed the flotilla
of pickup trucks filled with potted and bundled
trees slowly making their way up and down our
streets.

Our tree plantings are always successful because
of the commitment to Overlook shown by
neighborhood residents and businesses. This year
Jane Finch-Howell designed our flyers, **Mattie
Davis and Matt Scoggin** solicited raffle items,
and all three showed up early to help their
neighbors plant trees.

Again, **Kaiser Permanente Interstate adminis-
trator, Jay Bankhead**, generously made Town
Hall available for our morning meeting, which
accommodated so many people in a cheerful and
warm setting (and 180 trees in Kaiser parking
lots). He also approved our use of the Central
building's atrium cafeteria to feed the 80 or so
hungry and cold volunteers who returned after
their planting stint was done. Lastly, he provided a

Greenacres: parks, open spaces & other green things



The Kaiser Town Hall ballroom was standing room only as the
Overlook Friends of Trees tree planting January 30.
photo: Jim Heiman

terrific food services employee, **Kim**, to help us
set up and serve breakfast and lunch.

We are also grateful to the owners of **Arciform**
(**Richard and Anne DeWolf**) and **Kaya Con-
struction** (**Greg Martin**) for their financial contri-
butions that helped to subsidize the cost of trees to
homeowners. We thank **New Seasons, Beaterville
Café** and the **Nighthawk Restaurant** for donating
yummy food and drinks. And we acknowledge
adidas for being the Friends of Trees corporate
sponsor for our planting.

Lastly, the following businesses generously do-
nated many items that were raffled off the day of
the planting:

- ★ **Bridging Boro Glass Art**
- ★ **DiPrima Dolci Italian Bakery**
- ★ **Eddie's Flatiron Pizza**
- ★ **Edge Fitness**
- ★ **Harbor Freight**
- ★ **Hop & Vine**
- ★ **Krakow Café & Pub**
- ★ **Pause Restaurant**

"Passing on the Shovel"

For many, there comes a natural time to do
something different, change one's focus,
meet new challenges. After 11 plantings and
800 trees finding homes in our neighbor-
hood, I have decided to retire as Overlook's
neighborhood tree coordinator. I am happy
to report that two enthusiastic and competent



Planting a new street tree on N Gay is muddy, but happy work.
photo: Susan Hayden



Kria Lacher (Arbor Lodge planting coordinator), Kris Day
(Friends of Trees), Jim Gersbach (Kaiser) and Cynthia Sulaski
pose mid-planting, satisfied with another 180-odd trees added
to Overlook and Arbor Lodge.

photo: Whitney Doer

Overlook residents, **Erika Reiber** and **Garrett
Phillips**, will be coordinating next year's planting.
In the next issue, they will introduce themselves to
you and share their plans for the 2011 planting.

In reviewing my files filled with photos, notes,
articles and old order forms (no longer necessary
with computerization of the ordering process!), I
am left with the following thoughts. We live in
quite the special neighborhood; one that's made up
of generous residents and businesses willing to

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

Come experience **Exodus Spa & Salon**—Where Neighborhood Roots Meet Spa Quality—and enjoy 20% off any single service. We offer hair services, nail care, skin care and massage. Visit www.exodusspa.com or call 503.288.3110 to learn more.

Edward Jones - Keep your future on the right track. Schedule your free portfolio review. To find out about one-on-one personal service that makes sense, contact me today. **Dave Trabucco**, Financial Advisor: 7326 N Leavitt, 503.247.7374

Does your church, association or small business mail a newsletter? We can print, address and mail for significant savings. We have all business & resident addresses in North Portland. 503.289.7158. www.vrlmailingservices.net

Copy Pilot 5215 N Lombard between Hereford and Hodge streets open 9-7 weekdays 10-5 Saturdays. Overlook residents Dave & Michelle Schleiger owner/operators. Mention Overlook views for 10% off copy services.

Krakow Café features European ethnic cuisine including "Currywurst" and other succulent sausage experiences. New evening appetizers coming. More ice cream flavors and foreign beers than any family-owned bistro in N/NE Portland. Foreign-accented waitresses and weekend breakfasts. 3990 N I' state. 503.954.2200

DiPrima Dolci Italian Bakery & Café—Breakfast & lunch daily. Dinner till 9, Thurs-Sat. Dinners to go, Pizza, pasta, traditional pastries, Italian wine and beer, and fresh bread every day! 1936 N Killingsworth, 503.283.5936, www.diprimadolci.com

Miho Izakaya is now serving lunch and food To-Go! Yeah! Stop by for crazy-good plates of Japanese food! Full bar & huge patio. Lunch 11-2pm Wed-Fri. Dinner hours now 5-11pm Wed-Sun. 4057 N Interstate Ave. mihopdx.com

North Station Food Cart Pod on N Killingsworth at Greeley features covered, heated indoor seating and the following fabulous food:
El Rancho – Mexican
Savvy J's – Southern
Saucy's Ribs
Sila Thai Eatery
Caraquena – Venezuelan
Wicked Waffles
Yogio – Korean
Kettle Kitchen – Soups
Starchy & Husk – Comfort Foods
Brother Bob's Bakery
Pizza Depokos
Olympic Hotdogs
PDX Six Seven One – Guam
Brown Chicken Brown Cow PDX – Steamed Cheeseburgers
Scoop – Homemade Ice Cream
Follow us on Facebook – North Station Food Cart Pod!

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We are looking forward to spring here at the Overlook House. The gardens are beginning to bloom. The Easter Egg hunt was a great success! Thank you to all who helped plan and set up for this wonderful event. Local businesses have been utilizing the house for their meetings and workshops; it's a great way to meet off site, enjoy the wonderful house and gaze out at the view. Let us know if you would like to reserve the house for your meetings or gatherings.

There have been some changes for meetings and classes:

- We tried to add a **Blue Sky Mornings art class** from the knowledgeable and fun Susan Blythe, for kids ages 3-4 (limit is 6 kids). Blue Sky Mornings is a nurturing and joyful group experience designed to encourage creativity and expression in young children through activities in imaginary play and visual arts. However, due to lack of participation we had to cancel. Please let me know if you would be interested in this class.

- **Tales of Spring** a kids' theatre presentation is underway with Liz Hayden. Join Liz in the summer for another kids' theatre production. Cost \$80.00 per child.

Summer Playhouse! The 4 C's Childrens Community Creative Camp. 9:00am-12:00 every day

- **Enchanted Playhouse/Theatre** Session 1, July 5th-July 16th — Come create a play! Through art, drama, games, & brainstorming, kids get to write their very own show to be performed for the parents on the last day of camp. Come create! There is always an adventure in mind! Directed by Liz Hayden. Performance on July 16th at 11am

- **Troll's Fairytale/Theatre** Session 2, July 19th- July 30th. Performance on July 30th at 11am

- Due to a lack of participation, Penny's Puppets will no longer be using the Overlook House for her shows.

- The Peninsular Garden Club will be meeting every third Tuesday from 7pm-9pm.

- Due to a lack of support the Parent/Infant group has been suspended until further notice, please let me know if you would be interested in continuing this meeting.

Tour nights are always happening every Tuesday night from 5pm-7pm. My office hours are M,T,W 10am-2pm and Th 12-1. Let me know if I can help you arrange a way to use the house for your needs. If you have ideas for classes or events, please let me know, I'd love to hear from you.

Best-Jessica Coolidge

Coming this summer....

An evening, historical tour through the Overlook neighborhood with café unknown blogger and Portland historian **Dan Haneckow**.

Details are still being worked out, but this is an evening you won't want to miss. Check in with the Overlook House or the Overlook Views staff to make sure you don't miss it.



Easter photo: Steve Lanigan

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

by Jane Finch-Howell
Friends of Overlook House



Easter photo: Steve Lanigan

Free Class For Preschoolers



The Story Lady

Thursday mornings
From 10 am-11 am
Beginning April 1st

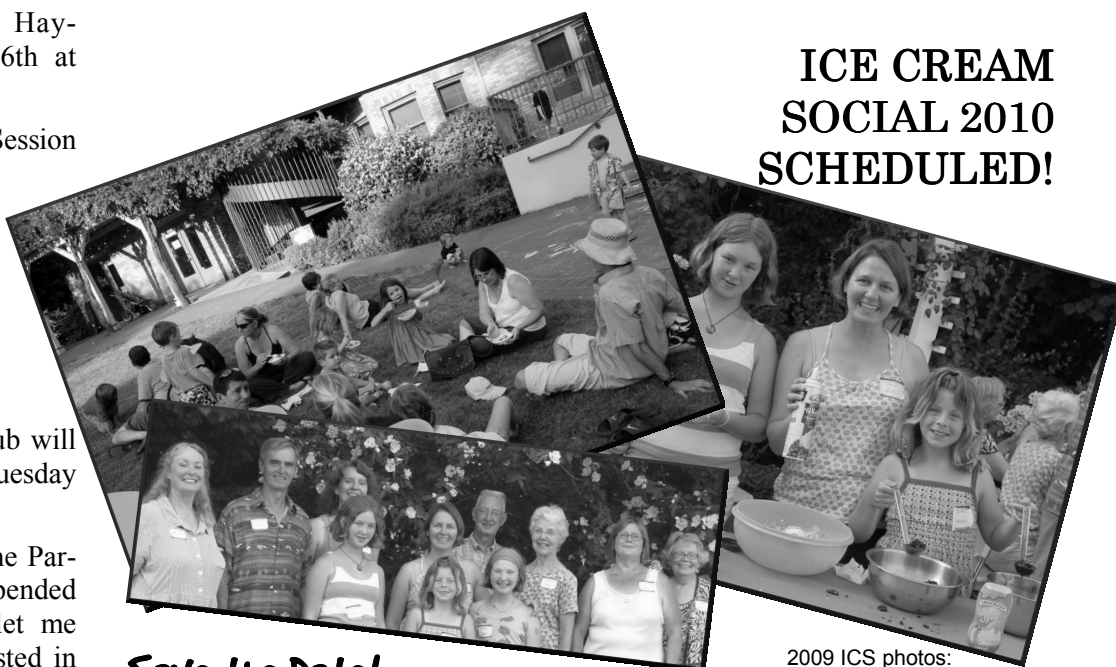
Mrs. Zee, the Story Lady, will share a story with preschool children and their parents every Thursday from 10 to 11 o'clock in the basement of Overlook House. Come and join her as she introduces your child to the joys, wonders and surprises to be found inside books!

This free, interactive performance includes music, storytelling, dance and lots of audience participation!

On a rainy April 3rd, Easter Saturday, over 50 Overlook children scrambled for Easter eggs at Overlook House. Inside, children enjoyed coloring Easter pictures as they waited for the start time. Spirits were high and the showers held off as families eagerly gazed at 600 colorful plastic eggs strewn on the Overlook House lawns. Hidden among the toy and candy-filled eggs, a dozen Golden Eggs held special prize tickets for bunny ears, balloons and inflatable bunnies.

A wonderful time was had by all!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL 2010 SCHEDULED!



2009 ICS photos: Matt Scoggin

Save the Date!

Sunday, August 29th, 2010: Overlook Ice Cream Social

Neighbors and families had such a good time visiting over bowls of ice cream sundaes last summer at the Overlook House, let's do it again! This public event is both a benefit for, and celebration of, the Historic Overlook House. We are lucky to have this beautiful property available to us in Overlook and want to show it off. And did we mention ice cream?

The Ice Cream Social is an annual event produced by Friends of the Overlook House, an all-volunteer group who manage the property. This year sees the return of the Silent Auction, and its always-popular bidding for goodies from our local businesses. The ICS committee and volunteers are back and ready to celebrate our neighborhood.

Please mark your calendars for the next Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 29th, 2010.

Please join us as a volunteer. Contact Carol Cushman: 503-288-3888 CHCRail@aol.com or Mary Ellen Baldauff: 503-288-1739 m.baldauff@comcast.net.

See the entire Overlook House schedule posted at www.HistoricOverlookHouse.org

North Catholic High School All-Class Reunion

from Mike Parker, NCHS Class of '64

This summer brings an all-class reunion for students/ graduates /family members / teachers and staff from North Catholic High School, which was located at the corner of N Lombard and Emerald from 1958-July 1970 when the main part of the school burned.

Join us on **July 10, 2010** at DeLasalle North Catholic School (the old Kenton grade school) at N Lombard & Interstate from 5:00-9:00pm to reconnect with old friends. All classes from 1962-1973 are being contacted; let us know if you have updated contact information for anyone.

Cost is \$25 per person, which includes catered food (pay by June 1); a commemorative t-shirt will be available for an additional \$13.

Each class will get five minutes for a class 'memory' presentation, and memorial boards will be set up honoring those who have passed away.

Register on our website: www.northcatholicreunion2010.com or email nchsreunion2010@gmail.com or look for the group on Facebook.

If you are an alum or know one that has moved away, please contact him/her with this information.

Urban Wildlife: The Birds

by Cynthia Sulaski
OKNA Board Member

Seemingly dressed in formal wear and ready for a night on the town, Cedar Waxwings are sleek, elegant and colorful and one of my favorite bird species. They're often difficult to spot because of their tendency to congregate high in trees rather than closer down where us humans are more apt to notice them. I patiently wait for them to show up in our backyard when the fruit of the blue elderberry bush (*Sambucus cerulea*) ripens in late sum-



photo: Cynthia Sulaski

mer. So, I was happily surprised to see a grouping of them just before Thanksgiving munching on the, by-then, very ripe Japanese persimmons that were barely hanging onto the branches of our tree.

Expecting not to see any more waxwings until next summer, I was floored to spot a group of 50 of so in the large Catalpa tree in our front parking strip on January 11th. Actually, I first heard them, as they were making their presence known with loud, high-pitched whistles and trills. I guess they had chosen to hang around Portland that late in the winter because of the mild weather. But the reason they were in front of our house was to eat the fruit remaining on the highbush cranberry (*Viburnum trilobum*) bush planted in our front yard.

These fun encounters with waxwings have strengthened my resolve to plant more natives and fruiting plants to attract more birds and other wildlife onto our property for food and habitat. I can't wait to see who will drop by next!

Interstate Farmers Market 2010 Season Update

by Clare Matthias
OKNA Board Member

Farmers market season is almost here, and the folks at the Interstate Farmers Market have some exciting things planned for 2010.

For starters, the IFM will be hosting a fundraising benefit called **"Pancakes in the Park" on May 1 in Overlook Park**. The event will be held in the picnic shelter from 9 am to noon and will include a \$5 pancake breakfast (including a vegan option), a May basket making station for kids and a potting station for seeds to help all you DIY gardeners get started with your summer plantings. Garden starts will also be available for sale, and live entertainment will be also be on hand. Proceeds from the event will benefit the programs of the Interstate Farmers Market.

The first official day of the Interstate Farmers Market this year will be Wednesday, May 19th from 3 to 7 p.m. This year's market will have two new regular features to watch out for. First, a home preserving information/demonstration series is planned, to provide information and know-how for all those wanting to make their summer produce bounty last longer into the year. Learn how to can and

preserve all those delicious berries, peaches, tomatoes and green beans you buy every week!



Next, the market folks are excited to introduce an **Interstate Farmer's Market CSA** for the first time. Through the CSA program (Community Supported Agriculture), participants will be able to buy a weekly share of produce and market goods, but unlike with traditional CSA programs, those buying into the IFM CSA won't have to commit to the entire season, but can instead decide on a weekly basis if they want to participate. The CSA will include a variety of produce from market vendors and will be available for pick-up at the market.

As in past years, each week the market will also feature entertainment by a local musician or musical group. Watch the back page calendar of future issues of this newsletter for an up to date listing of each week's featured artists.

More information about the Interstate Farmers Market can be found at www.interstatefarmersmarket.com.

See you at the market!

Quick Transition for IFCC?

by Michelle Thompson
Overlook Views coordinator

The story is evolving almost daily as we go to print this newsletter. You have probably already heard the First Big News: Effective May 1, the IFCC/Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center will cease operations. The nearly 28-year old non-profit arts organization faced significant budget shortfalls that caused the IFCC Board to close the program indefinitely.

However, Portland Parks & Recreation, which owns the firehouse building, has launched an urgent search for a new tenant, one that will continue to offer Overlook and North Portland an arts program with a focus on multiculturalism. "We want to move quickly to find a new tenant and limit any closure of the firehouse building," notes Lisa Turpel, PP&R's Workforce and Community Alliance Manager.

The proposal period is scheduled to be short, so that there is limited (if any) interruption of programming at the firehouse.

While we're sorry we don't have an answer for you at press time, **Watch That Space!** By the time you read this story, the firehouse may have a new arts program installed.

The person in charge is Todd Lofgren: Todd.Lofgren@portlandoregon.gov Follow online at www.portlandonline.com/parks/

that will be affected by the URA boundary redrawing to take a public stand.

The PDC committee deciding the boundary change has a webpage at North/Northeast Economic Development Initiative: <http://pdc.us/four/nnestudy>

"The Portland Development Commission (PDC) is conducting the N/NE Economic Development Initiative in partnership with the community to ensure that PDC investments enhance livability and economic opportunity within the two urban renewal areas and the city at-large.

There are still tremendous opportunities for Overlook under the ICURA umbrella; please see 'Programs Available in the Interstate Corridor URA: <http://www.pdc.us/ura/interstate/>



OVERLOOK PARK NEWS

The North American Organic Brewers Festival returns to Overlook Park this spring, aiming to save the planet, one beer at a time! The 6th annual event will take place **June 25 - 27, 2010** in Overlook Park .

Two of Portland's beloved industries — organic beer and sustainability — come together in an annual celebration designed to raise awareness about organic beer and sustainable living. Organic beers and ciders from around the world are served, accompanied by live music, organic food, sustainability-oriented vendors, non-profits and a children's area - all in our beautiful tree lined setting.

Learn more online at www.naobf.org



On the Grow!

OKNA Board members have been following the various committees and meetings, investing many evenings, to keep abreast of the fast-moving process for redrawing the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area (ICURA) to include portions of the property near the Memorial Coliseum/Rose Quarter and the renovation/repurposing of the Coliseum itself.

OKNA, your neighborhood association, would like our collective voice to be heard by the PDC/Portland Development Commission. We intend to summarize the findings at the April 20 OKNA General Meeting, and invite you to participate as we consider voting in opposition to adding the Rose Quarter to ICURA.

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OKNA Gardening Recipes
Starting a Garden Recipe Collection

by Mary Ellen Baldauff & Overlook Neighbors

In our last issue, we put out a call for garden veggie recipes to inspire our planting this season. As our temperatures are slowly creeping up, it’s time to start tilling, and reaping the eventual rewards.

Here are some garden-created recipes from Overlook neighbors; you can send your garden recipe ideas to me at m.baldauff@comcast.net or or mail to Mary Ellen Baldauff, 4054 N Massachusetts Ave., Portland OR 97227-1036.

Eric Gale offers us this:
“This recipe is great for using up kale (or other greens) when they're at the end of their life. They're actually really good.”

Kale Chips

- 1 bunch kale
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt

Wash kale, remove stems, and tear into bite sized pieces. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt. Bake 10-15 minutes (until edges are brown but not burnt) at 350 on a cookie sheet with parchment paper

share their time, money and energy for a common purpose. Individuals *can* make a difference. In 1999, when Pat DiPrima-LeConche and I decided to co-coordinate a tree planting in Overlook, we weren’t thinking of organizing an annual event. We just focused on that first planting. Each one after the first became slightly easier. Patterns developed, processes were established and enhanced, and funding was secured

to sustain future



Pat DiPrima-LeConche & her tree. photo by: Matt Scoggin

plantings. But maybe more importantly than any other reason for our success, the plantings became a community-building experience. People expected them to occur each year; they wanted to get involved with them; they wanted to plant their own and/or their neighbors’ trees. We have all contributed to creating a community legacy, and for that, we should celebrate!

The following are a few of many memories I have of past plantings:

- Listening to a Kaiser psychiatrist talk about her husband who had recently died. He had planted over 100 trees on their property in Hillsboro and Kaiser planted a tree in his honor on the Interstate property.
- Watching three PSU students from Saudi Arabia enthusiastically register for a planting. Although not properly dressed for the cold

Ray Erickson write in: “I just created a spring recipe using garden items....I served it at a meeting, and.... people loved it.....”

Pan-Roasted Asparagus and Garden Sorrel

- 1 bunch asparagus (the bigger the better)
 - 1 cup chopped sorrel (plot 23 @ Beach Community Garden - grows like weed)
 - 1/2 a lemon (juice and zest)
 - Celtic sea salt (lots of it)
 - Pepper (freshly ground or just smashed)
 - 1 1/2 Tbsp virgin olive oil.
- Slice asparagus lengthwise (unless super thin) and drop into scorching hot sauté pan (if a thick bottomed stainless steel pan is not available, substitute a well seasoned cast iron skillet) and roast with out any fat, just salt (salt will begin to draw out juice from asparagus - slicing helps this process). Watch closely. Allow asparagus to just slightly caramelize on edges. When tender add sorrel and lemon zest, mix thoroughly and deposit très vite (fast!) on lovely serving plate. Adorn with pepper, a little juice from lemon, and healthy drizzle of olive oil. To eat: Dip in favorite mayo-based sauce (aioli, remulade, dressing etc...). This spring ...mine is avocado, yogurt and Veganaise! Muy Rico!

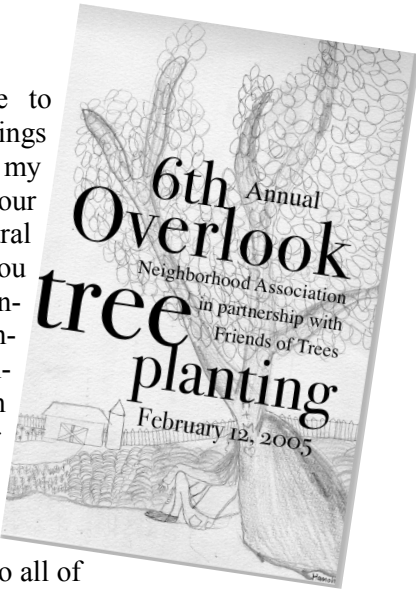
weather, they persevered and returned for lunch, happy with their participation.

- Helping Mary Ellen Baldauff and friends dedicate a newly planted tree to her husband, long-time Overlook resident, John Brassard.
- Helping to plant eight trees on the Kaiser Interstate campus, always under the supervision and dedicated stewardship of Jim Gersbach, Kaiser employee and Friends of Trees crew leader.
- The drawings that several neighborhood children drew for our annual flyer. Here’s my favorite one created by Hannah Haugen.



Golden Raindrop Crabapple planted in 2003. photo by: Matt Scoggin

I will continue to help with plantings and will focus my energies on our parks and natural areas. I invite you to become involved or continue your involvement in increasing our tree canopy for the social, financial and health benefits to all of us. Go out and “hug” a tree!



Eric Gale offered us another recipe worth planting for:
“Here's a recipe that I love. It's too expensive to buy enough basil to do this so I always plant a lot and freeze as many batches as I can.”

Sicilian Pesto

- 4 gloves garlic
- 1/4 cup toasted almonds
- 1/4 cup mint
- 1 cup basil
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- red pepper flakes, salt, pepper to taste

Put in a food processor. Freezes well (looses its green but you won't care in January). Mint is optional. 1/2 cup olive oil works as well.

Going Green and Saving Resources

- Looking for effective ways to save money on utility bills?
- Where jobs and training in sustainability are posted?
- How to go about to hiring an eco-friendly contractor?
- Where to donate used building materials for a tax-donation?
- Get green home design ideas for little or no cash?
- Where you can attend a free class to build a rain garden?
- How to make your home elderly-friendly and wheelchair accessible?
- Which local green programs and incentives are out there?
- How to start harvesting rainwater, or recycling graywater?

Try this FREE service from Metro | City of Portland | Multnomah | Clackamas | Washington Counties:
Regional Green Building Hotline:
503.823.5431
<http://www.buildgreen411.com>
greenhotline@ci.portland.or.us

Facebook | Green Development Resource Center
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Street Tree Pruning Social Club

by Karl Dawson
Urban Forestry Outreach Specialist
Portland Parks & Recreation City Nature

Portland Parks & Recreation Neighborhood Tree Stewards program continues the street tree pruning workshops discussed in the last issue of Overlook Views. City code requires that tree branches must be higher than 7.5 feet over the sidewalk and 11 feet over the road. Proper pruning extends the health and life of the street trees.

If you would like to have your trees pruned or know of trees that are in need of pruning please call 503-823-1650. If a homeowner would like to prune a street tree themselves, they will need a street tree pruning permit issued by the Urban Forestry Division. The permit is free and includes general tree care and pruning information, Urban Forestry's phone number is 503-823-4489.

No pruning experience is necessary for these classes. Portland Parks & Recreation arborists will teach basic pruning techniques and supervise the tree pruning. Please register for this class by calling Portland Parks & Recreation at 503-823-1650 or kdawson@ci.portland.or.us Workshops are the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00pm, April - July.

With everyone's help we can improve the health of Overlook's trees, save money and keep Overlook the greenest neighborhood in Portland.

Workshop Schedule:
April 14th 7-9pm **Krakow Cafe**
3990 N Interstate
May 12th 7-9pm **Beach Elementary**
710 N Humboldt
June 9th 7-9pm **Atomic Pizza**
2150 N Killingsworth
July 14th 7-9 pm **Atomic Pizza**



Should we know?
Email Michelle with
your neighborhood info:

views@overlookneighborhood.org

Live Safe

Overlook Livability Team Update

by Mark Wells
Crime Prevention Coordinator



Hi neighbors! I'm happy to bring you the first of hopefully many updates on our newly created Livability Team. In case you haven't heard, about 20 Overlook residents have volunteered one Sunday morning a month since February to help document and remove graffiti and pick up trash and litter around our streets.

The first event took place in February and we removed almost **90 graffiti tags** and painted 15 wooden power poles. The team went on N Killingsworth from Greeley to Interstate and then down Interstate to Kaiser including the Failing Street pedestrian bridge. Thanks to the great folks at Di Prima Dolci and the Hop and Vine for the free coffee and cocktails afterward.

For March, we all met up at Krakow Cafe and we split the team into three separate teams to be more efficient and for volunteers to take ownership of their preferred part of the neighborhood. Currently the teams cover the follow streets in Overlook:

Team 1: N Killingsworth from Greeley to I-5
Team 2: N Interstate from Ainsworth to N Going
Team 3: N Interstate from N Going to Kaiser and including the Failing Street Bridge
Power Pole 1: All over, wherever graffiti strikes

Each team now has its own graffiti removal supplies and can document and report the graffiti right before removal that day. Each team has 4-6 volunteers and will focus on these assigned areas for the rest of this year. The day ended with drinks and yummy food at Fire on the Mountain!

Future plans for our team include doing several, larger events where the team works on a single project for that month. We're hoping to help Beach Elementary school with some of their graffiti problems in the early summer, along with other buildings and businesses with chronic graffiti problems.

We are always looking for more volunteers and residents who would like to adopt another area of our neighborhood. Please contact me anytime if you would like more information on the Overlook Livability Team and how you can help or donate to the team. Although the City has been great in their support of our team and provides us with plenty of removal solvent and rags, we still need other supplies.

Again, we meet the first Sundays of each month (the second if it falls on a holiday), so please honk and thank our amazing resident volunteers if you see them out removing graffiti and keeping our neighborhood clean and safe.

A huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers - we're off to a great start!

For more information or to join or donate to the Overlook Livability Team, please contact me: mark.wells@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-4098



PFR's New Newsletter

Portland Fire & Rescue wants you to become a reader of their new newsletter, available online at <http://tinyurl.com/yeebezv>

The newsletter features monthly profiles of stations and the neighborhoods they serve, safety tips for the community, a call to citizens to participate in and follow our 2010-2015 strategic planning development process, and much more.

Do You Know Your Neighbors?

by Gayle Vrla
Neighborhood Emergency Team Leader for Overlook

If a disaster hit our area tomorrow, do you know who in your neighborhood you could count on to help you? Do you know who in your neighborhood would especially need help?

If some criminals decided that your neighborhood is a good place to carry out their activities, do you know enough about your neighbors to know that those are criminals and not just visitors?

Are there areas in your neighborhood where it would be easy for criminals to break in because of lack of proper security or the bushes obscure easy view from the street or other houses?

The **Know Your Neighborhood program** is designed to help you know these things. Many people don't realize that the City of Portland is one of the most prepared-for-disaster cities in the country. The people in the Portland Office of Emergency Management and the Crime Prevention Program really want to help make Portland a better place. Listening to the news, it's easy to become a little jaded about the actual intentions of the people in government. But I'm here to tell you from my experience – and I'm just a local citizen like you – that this is a place where you don't have to have a worry, these are people you can rely on. They honestly want to help us.

One of the ways they do that is with the Know Your Neighborhood program. At your request, trained disaster response and crime prevention volunteers will be sent to your neighborhood to do a presentation. After the presentation, you and your neighbors will talk and will plan the preparation recommendation by the Know Your Neighborhood presenters.

It's easy to do. The presentation only takes 45 minutes, then about an hour for your neighbors to do the planning. All you have to do is set up a place and time to meet and contact your neighbors

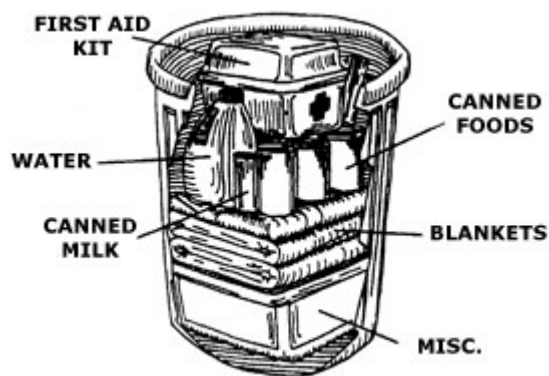


Citizen On-Line Crime Reporting

The Portland Police Bureau has launched a new Citizen Online Reporting System.

This internet-based system, gives citizens the ability to report property crimes within Portland when there is no suspect information, saving them time and money and freeing up valuable police resources for response to more critical incidents.

Once submitted, Portland police officers will review and approve every report. The reporting citizen will receive a PDF copy of the approved and case numbered report via email within 72 hours. This online service is without any cost to the citizen and avoids the current minimum \$10 expense and delay in receiving copies of reports not submitted online.



*Who knew that a garbage can could hold things you might actually want?
Taking a few moments to fill up a clean garbage can with emergency supplies could save the lives of you and your loved ones.
<http://www.pdxprepared.net/72hour.php>*

to invite them to attend. By "neighborhood", we mean both sides of the block from one corner to the next.

We all think Portland is a fairly safe place – and it is! – but disasters can happen anywhere. And we know now that a big earthquake is due to hit this area, so it is very smart for us to prepare. Think

about the recent disasters in Haiti and Chile. Do you know why Chile's death toll was so small compared to Haiti's?

What was the difference? Sure, we've all heard that Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world. But that wasn't it. Even the Presidential Palace in Haiti was destroyed. The difference was that the government and the people in Chile were prepared. They had been through many earthquakes, as the people in Haiti had not, so they knew how important it is to be properly prepared. The area that is now Haiti had not seen a strong earthquake since 1770. (Google "Haiti earthquake preparedness" and "Chile earthquake preparedness" to see what I mean.)

Disasters are inevitable. Survival is optional.

When a disaster hits Portland or criminals come to your neighborhood, will you be prepared?

To set up a Know Your Neighborhood presentation for your neighborhood, email or call Kelly Ball/Crime Prevention Program: kelly.ball@ci.portland.or.us

503-823-9666 or William Warren/Office of Emergency Management: wwarren@ci.portland.or.us
503-823-4421

If you are interested in more complete disaster response training, you can sign up for the Fall Neighborhood Emergency Team training with William Warren or at www.pdxprepared.net or contact your local team leader, Gayle Vrla vrla@comcast.net

Citizens can report the following types of incidents:

- Theft from vehicle
- Vandalism to vehicle
- Theft (excluding firearms and prescription medications)
- Vandalism (excluding graffiti)
- Lost property (excluding firearms and prescription medications)
- Additional property information (property information from a previously filed report)

The Citizen Online Reporting System is at www.portlandpolice.com

*** Please report crime each and every time ***



Surf over to www.overlookneighborhood.org & join our weekly email list.

The sidewalk along the north side of Going Street between Basin and Interstate Avenues is the only legal pedestrian & bicycle access to Swan Island. Over a decade ago, the long-neglected sidewalk was a degraded, substandard, overgrown and in places only four-foot wide facility with a high-risk crossing west of the Greeley underpass. It passed through a mature forest canopy under assault from invasives and alongside a 6-lane arterial generating over 4.5 million gallons of storm water run off per year.

Recently completed, or soon to be completed, projects in the Going Street corridor (Pittman Addition HydroPark, FEMA bluff fuel reduction and restoration, and Going Street Bridge seismic retrofit) present an opportunity for a comprehensive upgrade to the only multi-modal access to the Willamette River between Sellwood and St Johns, including:

- Improved bicycle/pedestrian multiuse trail or trails...wider and/or ADA accessible
- Better designed and maintained adjacent landscape with public art and other amenities



“This Is Only a Test”

by Michelle Thompson
Overlook Views Coordinator

In any other context, I’d be known as a Nosy Neighbor. You know, the one who always wants to know what’s going on? In this job, I have found my perfect niche in snooping the scoop for my Overlook neighbors. I get curious, you get curious, I get to the bottom of it.

This winter, it was the peculiar and somewhat scary sound of a siren seeping over the edge of the bluff, followed by an amplified but muffled, man’s voice. The siren (I can do a passable imitation in real life) would go off for a full cycle, a half cycle, interrupted.. every day, once a week.. never complete! It was the irregularity as much as anything that prompted my curiosity.

I sat in my office, and just puzzled about it. For a couple of months. Finally a neighbor emailed me, pushing my ‘responsibility’ button:

Michelle, what is the deal with that siren?!

I had to find out! It’s for Bill!

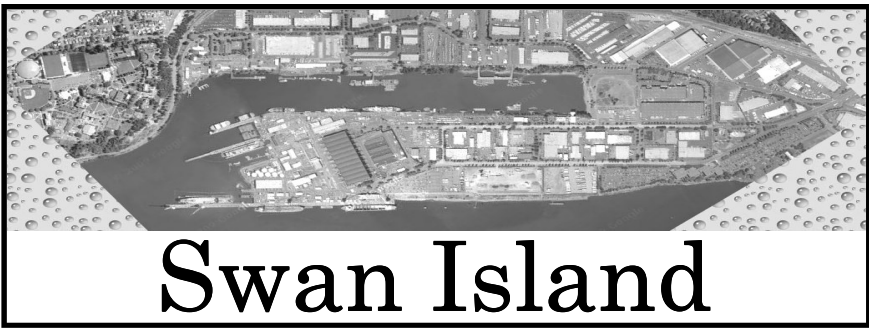
Actually, I figured if two of us were curious, more of you might be as well.

After several calls, emails and enquiries, the siren has been traced to our neighbors at the bottom of the bluff, Union Pacific Railroad. It turns out to be nothing more ominous than maintenance gone missing. The warning siren for the railroad wasn’t working right and they’ve been trying to fix it.

The text of the message is:

This is a test. This is only a test.

In other words, nothing to be ‘alarmed’ about!



Going Green: Revitalizing The Swan Island/Going Street Corridor

better access, better habitat and better storm water management

by Lenny Anderson
Swan Island TMA

- More effective storm water management system to reduce Going Street runoff

While the Going Street sidewalk remains steeper than ADA requirements, uneven and too narrow for the growing number of bicycle and pedestrian users, since 2000 the Swan Island Transportation Management (with Bureau of Environmental Services/Community Benefit Opportunity and TriMet/Job Access funding), has improved the facility, including widening portions to eight feet, repairing surface breaks and constructing a safety

island at the northwest crossing of Greeley on-ramp.

The sidewalk borders an area rich with diverse tree canopy (including oak, fir and madrone) and a (potentially) attractive meadow landscape. The FEMA bluff fuel reduction/invasive plant removal project clearly demonstrates the potential of corridor as habitat. Beyond the annual blackberry, litter and leaf removal by inmate work crews (paid for by Swan Island Business Association) and the annual Overlook Neighborhood clean up (this year on April 24, see Page One), the land along the sidewalk sees minimal maintenance beyond Bureau of Maintenance twice yearly mowing. To be an effective bicycle and pedestrian route, the surrounding area needs to be better designed and maintained with broad community participation. Debris, including fallen limbs, noxious vegetation and litter, collects along the sidewalk, discouraging use and posing fire hazard and safety issues. Walking or biking in this environment today is not desirable, but would be with a more holistic revitalization for the area.

While the bulk of the property in the corridor is owned by the City of Portland, that ownership is shared between three City bureaus, Transportation, Parks and Water. Consequently, the Swan Island TMA is uniquely positioned to lead this effort. The TMA has relationships with all of the stakeholders and has a record of “inspired coordination” of multiple city bureaus.

The revitalization of the Going Street corridor, “Going Green,” has the potential for broadly positive results affecting job creation, transportation, safety, habitat restoration and storm water management.

There will be a ‘Going Green’ presentation at the April 20th OKNA general meeting; details on Page 1 and Page 8.



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

N Concord Traffic Changes!

Speaking of the Bike Boulevard, Spring Break **did** see some changes started in the plan to make N Concord a dedicated bike through-way. Stop signs have been ‘flipped’ to stop car traffic crossing N Concord, giving the right of way to cyclists. Please, drive carefully and notice that things are changing!

OKNA, the Overlook Neighborhood Association, has taken no position on any proposed traffic changes on N Concord, but we hear you, loud and clear. Several neighbors have emailed their comments, pro and con, to the Board. OKNA can and will facilitate meetings if neighbors want more of them; please contact Board member Ray Erickson at rayo.erickson@gmail.com if you’d like to hold or participate in a meeting. If you have questions about the specifics of the Concord Bike Boulevard plan, please contact Project Manager Kyle Chisek at 503-823-7041 or kyle.chisek@portlandoregon.gov

There are two different programs merging in one area that must be considered:
The Concord Bike Boulevard
Safe Routes to School

The proposal to make N Concord one-way near Beach School is related to both of them. Please take a moment to review the project maps and objectives at the following sites:

Portland Bike Boulevard projects:
www.portlandonline.com/Transportation/index.cfm?c=50516
Safe Routes to School:
www.SafeRoutesPortland.org



Trillium Charter School Starts Entry Renovation
You're Invited!

by Kerri Creager
Overlook resident and Trillium parent
President of Together for Trillium

Village Building Convergence is coming to Overlook! This spring, May 28th through June 6th, City Repair Project will put on the annual Village Building Convergence event around Portland—bringing people together to build beautiful community-enriching spaces.

Overlook will have its chance to join in with City Repair Project and volunteers from all over the city: this year's Village Building Convergence event will include a piece at Trillium Charter School, 5420 N Interstate Ave.

For over a year, Trillium has been learning about placemaking and community-building from the inspiring folks at City Repair. They help people create beautiful spaces but the more important point is to make beautiful communities by focusing on the process as well as the end result.

At Trillium, community members are periodically meeting to discuss needs, options, and resources for the outdoor space conversion. There is an overall plan, but the details will change



Artist's rendering of a new Trillium Charter School entryway

over time. Students, staff, parents, and other community members are driving the process through their involvement. First, during the Village Building Convergence this spring volunteers will build a beautifying and welcoming enclosure for the Interstate side of the space.

An exciting point is that the soil being removed from the berms will become part of the cob wall on the Interstate side of the building. Talk about recycling! Long-term plans may include a vine-covered walkway along the south side of the building.

If you're interested in being involved in this process, Trillium's neighbors are very welcome to join the fun. Contact Trillium parent Mariah Miner-McNeice (minermcneice@gmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer during the Village Building Convergence, May 28th through June 6th.



Spork Patrol!

by Ray Erickson
OKNA Board Member

In April, just in time for spring, Beach School began its first stage of greening their student lunch service by replacing throw-away plastic 'sporks' (once a labor saving and futuristic device) with 'wash and reuse' stainless steel silverware (timeless classic).

Look for more innovations and implementations as parents and students seek to bring Beach School on-line with other great community schools in Portland. Get involved... make a difference!

Community Livability Grant Program: Beach School & a Covered Play Area

"Dear OKNA,

My name is Paul Gouveia. I live in the Overlook neighborhood and my kids go to Beach School. I used to teach at Beach and my wife teaches there now. I am also a member of the Beach PTA.

I'm writing because we have an opportunity to apply for the Community Livability Grant from the PDC (Portland Development Commission). I've contacted the PPS facilities department regarding our application for a grant that would help us pay for a covered play area at Beach School.

Come to the April OKNA General Membership Meeting and find out how Paul and his neighbors would like to keep the kids out of the rain during recess. He will make a presentation on 4/20/10.

Grant info at: www.pdc.us/ura/interstate/community-livability.asp

Auction Raises Money for Beach School Students

by Charity Chesnek
Beach PTA

Thank you to the 300 businesses and people who donated to make the 2010 Beach School Annual Auction the most successful to date! Records were broken in both attendance and money raised! It was wonderful to see so many Beach alumni, Beach families and staff, and community supporters in attendance – all helping up to raise over \$33,000 to fund arts enrichment and after school programs!

We received support from as far away as Hawaii, but I'd like to extend a special thank-you to Overlook businesses that participated in the Auction:

- Ainsworth Drug and Gifts
Art & Sole
Atomic Pizza
Beaterville
Di Prima Dolci
Eddies Flat Iron Pizza
Exodus Spa & Salon
Fire on the Mountain
Frank's 76
Hester's Closet
Historic Overlook House
Hop & Vine
Jack Ryan Homes
Ken Peterson Glass
Krakow Coffeehouse
Lucky Labrador Brewing Company
Mad Science
Madrona Hill Café
Make Woes Be Gone Construction
Miho Izakaya
New Seasons Market
Overlook Tree Preservation
Pause Kitchen & Bar
Revolver Bikes
Sugarplum Photography

Your Topics

It's been just one year now since I started coordinating the Overlook Views; THANK YOU for all your feedback! While the OKNA Board members keep us abreast of what's happening in their areas of responsibility, we are always interested in what you want to know about. Let me know if you've got a topic we should share with our neighbors: views@OverlookNeighborhood.org -Michelle



Beaterville Beach Benefit

by Charity Chesnek
Beach PTA

Need an excuse to treat yourself to the excellent Beaterville biscuits and gravy? On every Portland Public School Late Start Wednesday, Beaterville will donate 20% of sales until 10:30am to Beach School supporters directly to Beach School! Those dates are: April 21st, and May 19th. Beaterville is located at 2201 N Killingsworth.

Career Training for 18-24 year-olds

Open Meadow Career Connections Training is looking for motivated Portlanders 18-24 years old who want to start careers.

Start with a challenging 5 week training:
· Opportunities to increase confidence, motivation, & hope
· Networking with local professionals & exploring career options
· Learning résumé writing and interview skills that will get you noticed
· Identifying your strengths, skills & passions

Followed by: access to exclusive internships & three years of career support and job placement

Spring Training: May 24-June 25
Monday-Friday 9am-3pm - downtown Portland and North Portland
*income qualifications apply, this program serves low-income Portland residents

More info. on this free program:
www.openmeadow.org/open/meadow/schools/C155/
To apply contact Lee Ann Lawrence, leeann@openmeadow.org, 503-488-5181.

OVERLOOK ESSENTIALS

April 2010

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18	19 Overlook House •Penny's Puppets •Mindfulness Meditation	20 OKNA General Meeting 7-9pm Kaiser Town Hall	21 Overlook House •Yoga Beaterville Beach Benefit: see page 7 PSAC: 7-8:30pm Kenton Firehouse	22 Overlook House •Story Lady 10am	23 Beach School Clean Up every Saturday in April 10am-1pm RSVP to guyjocelyn@comcast.net →→→→→	24 Neighborhood Clean Up Day! See Page 1 Earth Day
25	26 Overlook House •Yoga •Knitting & Crochet •Mindfulness Meditation	27	28 Overlook House •Yoga	29 Overlook House •Story Lady 10am	30 Beach School Clean Up every Saturday in April 10am-1pm →→→→→	May 1 Pancakes in the Park! Benefit for Interstate Farmers Market, 9am. See Page 3.

May 2010

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9 Send in your Garden Recipes! See Page 4.	10 Overlook House •Yoga •Knitting & Crochet •Mindfulness Meditation	11	12 Overlook House •Yoga NET Team Meeting Contact Gayle Vrla Tree Pruning Workshop-see page 4	13 Overlook House •Story Lady 10am Beach PTA: 6:30p Ockley Green PTO meets 6-7:30pm	14	15 Contribute your neighborhood news to OV: email Michelle today!
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June 2010

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May 30	May 31 Memorial Day Check to make sure Overlook House programs are meeting	1 OKNA Board Meeting 7-9pm Overlook House	2 Overlook House •Yoga Interstate Farmers Market 3-7	3 Overlook House •Story Lady 10am	4	5
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27 Sunday Parkways Page 1 Organic Beer Festival: Overlook Park	28 Overlook House •Yoga •Knitting & Crochet •Mindfulness Meditation	29	30 Overlook House •Yoga Interstate Farmers Market 3-7			Have you volunteered for the Ice Cream Social yet? See Page 2!

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 - Join us!

Crime Prevention Coordinator
Mark Wells
503.823.4098

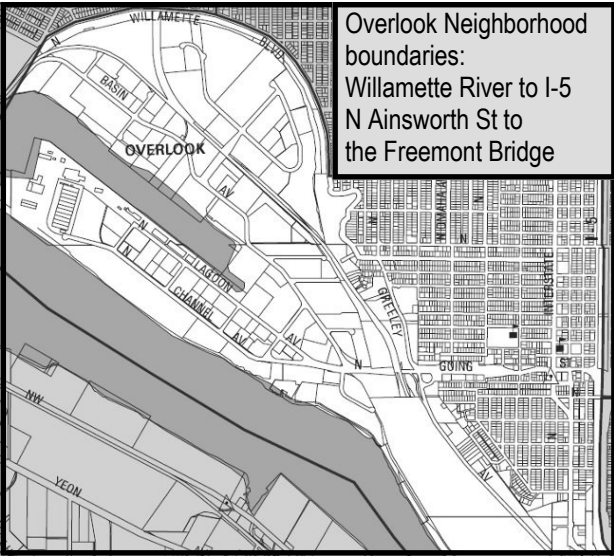
Police Non-emergency: Report it!
503.823.3333

Graffiti Hotline, 503.823.4824
email graffiti@overlookneighborhood.org

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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