

## Overlook Views

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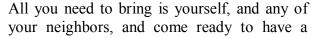
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## Picnic @ Pause: OKNA Annual Eat n' Greet

Neighbors, it's picnic time! That's right, the popular August general meeting of the Overlook Neighborhood Association will be held

on Tuesday, August 16 at Pause Restaurant.

Delicious, fun, and easier on everyone than carting pot-luck to the park, OKNA picnics at Pause have always been popular. Manager Mike and his crew have it down to a science now and will have the BBQ near their outdoor seating with something tasty for everyone.



good meal, and a good time. For a fixed price, Pause will provide an outdoor grill menu available only to OKNA members. They will collect the \$8 payment at the door and reward you with a bracelet for the eat-up and as a special incentive for your RSVP, a free beverage is on the house!



The Pause crew are generous hosts, and your neighborhood association is still organizing at press time, but you should expect treats and surprises on par with previous picnic years. If this is your first, welcome! And, you're in for

If you'd like to help with organizing, please email info@OverlookNeighborhood.org



## Clean Up, Clear Out with the Overlook Yard Sale & Free Share!

#### Get ready for the Overlook Neighborhood Yard Sale and Free Share! July 16 & 17

Too much stuff clogging up your attic or basement? Well, get busy now and join your neighbors in a neighborhood-wide Yard Sale on Saturday, and follow with a Free Share on Sunday.

What is a Free Share, you ask? After the yard sale on Saturday, leave anything you're willing to give away on your front yard or parking strip - clearly marked for Free Share - and neighbors will find what they need or want on Sunday, for free!

Another suggestion, if you'd like to donate useable things left over from Saturday and Sunday: If you call, some charities will send a truck around during the following week for pickups. Let's all clean out our closets!

Please let us know if you'll be having a yard sale with us this weekend so we can publicize how many households are participating! Send an email with Overlook Yard Sale in the subject line to: onest@overlookneighborhood.org

## PICNIC PARTICULARS:

When: Tuesday August 16, 5:00-9:00pm Where: Pause Restaurant at 5101 N Interstate What: Generous helpings of grilled delicious-

ness, salad & sweeties

Why: Because we love seeing you!

**How Much:** \$8 at the door

**Expect:** At least 100 of your OKNA neighbors

**RSVP** ahead of time to qualify for your free drink by emailing

info@overlookneighborhood.org with 'Picnic RSVP' in the subject line.

## HEY, NEIGHBOR!

Remember to attend the OKNA General Meeting



## June 21 7:00-9:00pm @ Kaiser Town Hall

Corner of Interstate and Overlook Blvd

On the Agenda in June:

- ♦ Public Safety Report: Be Informed!
- ♦ Progress Report on 'Going To the River'
- ♦ Board Reports and More!

#### 3RD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH!

#### **North American Organic Brewers Festival returns to Overlook Park**

It's one of Portland's best-kept secrets in terms of beer festivals, and it happens right here in our neighborhood. The North American Organic Brewers Festival will host its 7th annual event June 24 through 26 at Overlook Park, bringing together more than 17,000 beer lovers for the nation's most earth-friendly beer festival.

This year, the festival will serve 51 organic craft beers ranging from sunny golden ales to pitch black porters, plus an organic cider and, for the first time, an organic Kombucha (a fermented tea).

The Organic Brewers Festival offer a lot more than beer; there's also live local music, organic food, sustainability-oriented vendors and non-profits, a soda garden with complimentary Crater Lake Root Beer for minors and designated drivers, a secured bike parking area (this year located on the ball field adjacent to the main entrance) and a children's area with face painting and sustainable arts & crafts. "We are one of the most family friendly beer festivals you'll find," says Craig Nichols, festival founder. Minors are welcome at all hours of the festival when accompanied by a parent.

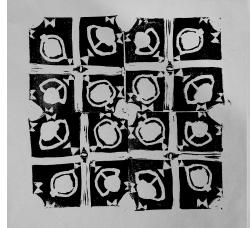
Admission into the event is free. The festival benefits the Leukemia Lymphoma Society and the Oregon Food Bank.

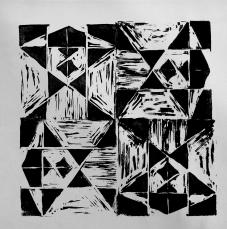
## Welcome Ockley Green Artists!

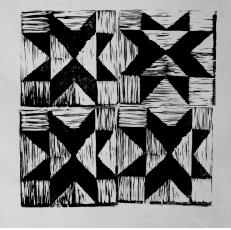
We are pleased to show off some student artwork in this issue from the middle schoolers at our neighborhood K-8, Ockley Green School. Art teacher Michela Grohn supervised this project and says that she and the students are eager to share their work with their neighbors. Read about their assignment below, and look for more student art inside.

> Symbolic Quilt Square Block Prints: Middle School students looked at the geometric designs used in quilt squares, and explored the theory that these abstract designs may once have been used to convey messages, which helped to guide travelers along the Underground Railroad. With this idea as inspiration, students created their own symbolic designs that give warning, provide direction, or tell a story.

Students carved their designs onto soft printing blocks, and first printed a single Artist's Proof. What you see here is actually the result of four pulls from the same block, combined to create a single image. Student printmakers were asked to achieve rotational symmetry, and a sense of movement in these quadruple prints by rotating the printing block 90 degrees for each print.









## Keep Up An **Overlook Tradition!**



Join the fun of volunteering for the Providence Bridge Pedal! Help over 10,000 cyclists have a good time while earning \$25 for a good cause. Over the past 10 years, Overlook volunteers have given about \$500 annually to Beach School students, funding homeless students in Portland and to Overlook Views, the very newsletter in your hands! We'll be working the water station at the St Johns US Bank Plaza. Contact Alan Cranna at 503.285.7944 or ascran3@hotmail.com

#### Sunday August 14 from 7 am—Noon

## Greetings from Ethos at the IFCC!

Almost exactly one year ago, after the sad news that the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center would be closing, Ethos was chosen by the city to take on the challenge of keeping the IFCC's doors open so that the community would continue to have a meeting place for emerging multidisciplinary artists.



It has been quite a year of performances, classes, and everything in between. We hope you have been able to attend some of these wonderful productions right in your neighborhood... and if not there is plenty more to come! From a Middle Eastern music performance with the Portland group Shabava, to Hand2Mouth Theater's beautifully personal and hilarious play,

Ethos at IFCC is a partnership between Ethos Inc. and Portland Parks and Recreation. Please visit the Ethos website, www.ethos.org, to learn more about upcoming programs at the IFCC and join their mailing list for more timesensitive updates.

"Everyone Who Looks Like You," to the impressive preview of "Sherman: a Jazz Opera" by Renee Mitchell and Thara Memory, you, the members of the Overlook neighborhood, should be incredibly proud to have access to these tireless groups of artists and their work. These wonderful people offer a gift to us all with their creativity, they shape our experience here in Portland, and invite us to reflect, converse, and imagine even greater possibilities in

As Charles Lewis said in our first IFCC note this year, the IFCC is a community space. It is your space. And best of all, it is a place where you can actually meet the people who are creating art right in your community. Come support that creativity, which adds so much to our community's identity, by attending their performances, by enrolling your students in arts and music classes, and by making sure the arts stay in your local schools. Hope to see you soon!

— Michele Anderson. Community Engagement Director at Ethos

#### Upcoming IFCC Events

June 8, 15, 22: Mel Blanc Lecture Series (Oregon **Cartoon Institute)** 

Did you know Bugs Bunny was from Portland? Mel Blanc, who supplied the voice of Bugs Bunny, grew up in Portland and began his career on KGW radio. Learn more about the life of this extraordinary Oregonian through a series of fascinating lectures!

#### **June 17, July 22, August 19:** World Stage Theatre Summer Series

World Stage Theatre is a theater company with artistic focus on African-American history, culture, literature, and original works designed to integrate the academic, social and personal needs of youth and young adults by exploring history and increasing literacy through artistic expression.

**June 20 – August 26: Ethos Summer Camps!** 

Check out www.ethos.org for dates

**August 5 – 6:** 

"Choking," a solo work by Michelle Fujii

A powerful performance that weaves dance, taiko and video. Explores identity and placing "traditional" Japanese art within the present.





#### Mark your calendars for fun!



The Overlook Ice Cream Social will take place on Sunday, July 31 from 6:00-8:00 PM.

This event – for all ages – takes place on the lawn at the Overlook House, 3839 North Melrose Drive. Ice cream

sundaes (served for a nominal price) come with delicious toppings and a smile.

Meet new friends and old for a relaxing time. It is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and find new ways to join community activities. Fire trucks may (depending on emergency calls) visit for youngsters and oldsters to explore.

The ice cream social committee is always looking for more volunteers to help with the event. Many hands make light work for all. If interested please call the Overlook House, 503-823-3188 and Jessica will put you in touch with the committee. See you at the social!

### Raffle at the Ice Cream Social

This year at the Ice Cream Social we will be trying something new: A raffle of great prizes from neighborhood businesses as well as an exciting Grand Prize. The odds of winning will be good, and vou do not need to be in attendance to win. Look for details about prizes and where to buy tickets in upcoming OKNA emails. If you're not already on it, you can join the OKNA email directly from the website: www.OverlookNeighborhood.org

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Greetings from the Overlook House,

The rains of spring have quickly moved into summer and proven to be another busy wedding season. Thanks to the County Crew for keeping up with the necessary trimming and weeding. The roses thanks to Chad and Annagret look wonderful.

#### We are excited to announce The Storyteller!



Join Jerry Cowan for an hour of exciting stories. Long time (20+ years) Overlook Neighborhood resident Jerry Cowan invites you to bring your children to a free story hour at the Overlook House. Jerry and his wife Nancy have been married 37 years and have raised their three grown children in local North Port-

land Schools. As a Storyteller Jerry can stir a child's imagination on a marvelous journey to a magical place swirling in the mist of legend and myth... Stories told to each generation since the beginning of time by skilled Native American Storytellers. Stories carefully crafted for children and can still delight the imagination in the oldest adult.

Day: Mondays, beginning June 6th

**Time:** 4:00 to 5:00 pm

**Location:** In the Basement Room of the Overlook House

Children Must be Accompanied by a Parent or Adult Guest



The Easter Egg hunt was a success again this year. Over 100 kids and parents combed the back yard of the Overlook House on April 23 to find 1000 eggs and treats left behind by the Easter Bunny. It was a sunny day for this annual event!

Thanks to Mike Murphy for the photo.

If you have ideas for classes or events, please let Jessica know; she would love to hear from you: 503-823-3188 coordina-

tor@historicoverlookhouse.org www.facebook.com/ historicoverlookhouse

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#### **O-House Musical Jams Continue**

Well, the Overlook House jams have been a lot of fun. Each meeting has



been an eclectic mix of some regulars and some new folks, but always a good time. As a reminder, we meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM at the Overlook House (upstairs). Even if you haven't made the earlier jams, you're always welcome to any of them. Bring yourself and your instrument to the Overlook House. All instruments (including voice), all abilities, and all genres are welcome.

#### **Tour Nights**

Stop by on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month from 5-7pm to view the house for the first time, check details for your event, or simply wander around the wonderful house and beautiful gardens. Though you don't need to make reservations, if you phone or email ahead we will expect you.



Thanks to your support, we're off to a great start for our 7<sup>th</sup> season! We had a busy early season including lots of fun community events: We had a successful Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser (thank you to everyone who came out to support us), we marched in the St. Johns Parade, and even represented the market at the Kenton Street Fair! Our farmers have persevered through the cold, wet spring and now have tons of delicious produce and even more on the way.

We hope you can join us for both our regular Wednesday afternoon market 3-7pm at Overlook Park, and our new Saturday market on Lombard & Interstate (De La Salle H.S.) 9am-1:30pm. Some vendors will be at both markets, but mostly it's a different mix

at each site, so come see what's new in Kenton!

At the Overlook location we have some favorite vendors including Baird Family Orchards with cherries & peaches, Unger Farm with strawberries, Raymond Kuenzi Farm with Oregon Tilth Certified Organic produce, Winters Farm & DeMartini Farm both with a wide variety of veggies, Hacienda with handmade tamales that support the microenterprise of low-income Latina women, and Fetzer's German Sausages. The vendor mix changes slightly over the course of the season as



LeAnn Locher and Erin McGovney give a peach canning demo at the market.

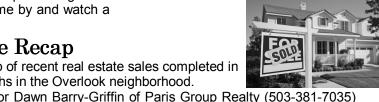
different crops have different harvest times, and some vendors start mid season. We try to strike that perfect balance of staying consistent and providing new and interesting options.

We're proud to have been selected as one of 50 farmers markets nationally to receive a grant from Ball Canning to support our cooking & preserving demonstrations each day at the market! We hope you can come by and watch a demonstration or even participate by volunteering to be a guest chef!

Besides a cooking/preserving demonstration each day at the market, we also have a different community organization represented at the Community Booth, and activities going on at the Kids Booth. We have a need for volunteers to lead an activity at the Kids Booth - it's a great opportunity to get involved in helping the market be accessible to everyone in our community.

Thanks for all your support; without customers shopping at the market each week, we wouldn't be able to survive, so thank you Overlook neighbors!! For more information about the market or to get involved, please visit

www.interstatefarmersmarket.com or call Market Manager Lisa Bersani at 971-344-0115.



## COMMUNITY HELP INSTITUTE FOR LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT Bridging the Gap to Success

Longtime Overlook resident Troy Tate attended a spring OKNA general meeting to tell us about his non-profit organization CHILD, Inc and the good community building work they are doing on N Killingsworth. You have probably seen their building, adjacent to Christ Memorial Church near Interstate Avenue, and noticed the kids from their Sunshine Center Montessori Themed Preschool playing on site. Older kids benefit from the Spring Break Career Showcase, an early introduction to professional careers for elementary and middle school students or the Peer Homework Assistance Program which recruits volunteers from local high schools, colleges and neighborhood volunteers to assist children with their weekly homework. Other community services include temporary food boxes and clothes available for emergency situations, a clothes closet to provide clothes for those in need, shelter stipends for domestic violence survivors and One on One counseling to meet specific needs (financial, drug and alcohol, relationship, hous-

But this summer, the group is excited to present

summertime opportunities for neighborhood kids through their Quest program. It offers activities that are interesting, fun and engaging throughout the summer. Over 10 weeks (June 13-Aug 27) Quest will provide programs twice a week in 5 areas of interest:

Fellowship, Volunteering, Sports/Outdoor Recreation, Fundraising and Movie Nights. Activities earn points toward a reward trip to the beach at the end of the program.

Find out more about the ambitious efforts of our neighbors by visiting their facebook page:

www.facebook.com/ pages/CHILD-Inc/301698247381 or calling Troy Tate: 503.282.9460

#### Real Estate Recap

Here is a round up of recent real estate sales completed in the past few months in the Overlook neighborhood.

Thanks to neighbor Dawn Barry-Griffin of Paris Group Realty (503-381-7035) for sourcing this information for you!

Address	SF	Bed/ Bath	List Price	Sold Price	Days on Market
1411 N Alberta St #4	646	1/1	130,000	115,000	80
5224 N Maryland Ave	1542	2/1	186,900	185,000	165
1552 N Alberta St	2048	2/1	165,200	200,000	86
2436 N Emerson St	2152	3/2	229,900	228,000	126
1605 N Sumner St	2186	3/1.1	269,900	255,000	8
2703 N Willamette Blvd	2592	3/2	295,00 0	271,000	223
1805 N Emerson	2694	4/2	255,000	288,000	18
5601 N Campbell Ave	3470	4/3	299,987	290,000	33
1815 N Willamette Blvd	2664	3/2	299,000	299,500	6
2205 N Skidmore Ter	2334	5/2		303,000	
5926 N Boston Ave	2188	3/1.1	319,950	308,500	9
1801 N Willamette Blvd	1750	3/2	339,900	325,000	104
4037 N Overlook Ter	2559	3/3	335,000	345,000	4
1607 N Prescott	2458	3/3	379,900	370,000	28
5728 N Detroit Ave	2413	4/3	399,000	383,500	17
1652 N Jarrett St	2597	4/3	419,000	409,000	101
3814 N Longview Ave	2777	4/2	474,900	460,000	20

#### farewell...

The founding editor of Overlook Views, Warren Cassel, passed away this past winter. Everyone who met Warren has a memorable story to share; we asked neighbors to send us one of their favorite Warren stories and received more than we could print. Please visit www.OverlookNeighborhood.org to read more. If you'd

like to contribute, please email us at Views@OverlookNeighborhood.org

### A True Neighbor

Overlook has lost a true neighbor in the passing of Warren Cassell. The first time I met Warren it had snowed and most of the neighborhood was at Overlook Park having fun. Up walked this very tall man in what can only be described as technicolored knit pants - a rainbow of knitted bands running up his legs no doubt knit by his wife, textile artist Melisa! Warren definitely stood out against the white snow but he stood out in other ways as well. Warren was a true neighbor and dedicated to doing what he could – which was being the editor of our first newsletter. I used to chat with him more often when my kids and I were volunteers distributing the newsletter. Warren was a man of strong convictions and opinions and he was not afraid to share them in the newsletter. I am very pleased I got to know him, if only to wave a neighborly hello as he and Melisa



went by on their walks.

Warren was one of a kind and he will greatly missed. I hope our neighborhood can remember Warren in a fitting way - perhaps with a special tree planting during the next Friends of Trees event.

-Julie Rawls

#### A Leader, Visionary, and Caring Person

I regret the passing of Warren Cassell, and his widowed wife Melisa moving to Southern California. They lived on the Bluff overlooking the river and rail yard and had a wonderful great room on the second floor of their house. This was an oasis where all necessaries were found along with space to study, read, create stories, write history, listen to the birds, be a poet, and knit. Melisa had many original poems published in our newsletter while Warren was the editor.

I was lucky enough to visit his house a few times and have a cup of coffee with him and see photos on the walls of him with Presidents, a Secretary of State, and other important people. These photos were taken when he was a bookstore owner back East who had wonderful author parties and book

Warren and his wife worked hard trying to form a group of Overlook residents that would allow older persons

to "Age In Place". They spent a year of their time but we could never quite get it going.

Warren was also involved with beginning the Interstate Farmers Market the first two years. He was a faithful shopper each week and always went home with some fresh produce.

Back several years ago when we had over 12 inches of snow just after Christmas, my family did not move out of the house for over a week. At the next meeting when I saw Warren I asked him how they made out during the snow? He replied "We had New Seasons delivered to the house two times." Wow that never even crossed my mind to do that.

Both of you will be missed in the neighborhood.

-Kent Hoddick

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## Update - Friends of Patton Square Park

by Cynthia Sulaski OKNA Board Member

The newly formed group, Friends of Patton Square Park, has met twice so far. Staff from Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R), Ethos at IFCC, Proud Ground, Trillium Charter School, Patton Park Apartments and Aprende con Amigos Preschool Academy joined me and another Overlook resident to begin exploring ways to protect and enhance the park. We've all been encouraged by each other's commitment to the park and feel excited about its future.

I can't report that we've planned a long list of events in the park yet. But I can let you know that we've started with the basics: opening up lines of communication, identifying issues, and beginning to form action plans. For instance, Trillium School students use the park in some form most weekdays. PP&R and Trillium School staff members have been discussing how the concept of stewardship can be integrated into the school's curricula and service projects for all grades. Although they're beginning to make some changes now, staff will work on the stewardship initiative for the fall.

Unfortunately, we have lost one of our most enthusiastic supporters, Michele Anderson from Ethos at IFCC. She accepted a position in her home state of Minnesota and left at the end of May. We're confident that Ethos will hire a replacement who will pick up where Michele left off and help us plan, fund and host some exciting music and other performance events in the park. And thank you, Michele, for your time, support and energy!

Our new group needs more members who live in Overlook, so consider attending one or both of our next two meetings on June 8th and July 13th from 5:30 to 7:00 at IFCC.

Please RSVP to

greenacres@OverlookNeighborhood.org. This is an opportunity to get on the ground floor of a new and exciting community livability project.

## Plan Ahead for Overlook's Tree Planting

by Garrett Phillips Overlook Tree Planting Coordinator

Hey neighbors,

I hope your trees are healthy and that our neighborhood forest canopy is treating you well. If you read my Spring update, you know that Overlook residents planted almost 70 trees throughout the neighborhood at this year's tree planting event in January. Over the last 12 years, Overlook residents have planted over 850 trees.

Now those trees are growing, and with the rest of our neighborhood forest are lowering temperatures during extreme heat events. As the rainy season returns they will continue providing benefits, as rain is slowed or evaporated on its path to the sewer, they will lessen the need for the city (all of us) to pay for expensive sewer upgrades. Meanwhile, our forest is cleaning impurities from the air, soaking up gases that cause climate change, providing valuable wildlife habitat, and giving our neighborhood a more natural feel. Imagine what it would be like if we had no trees!

As you read this, I'm beginning to look forward Overlook's next winter tree planting event. A few other neighborhood organizers and myself are looking for others to join us in organizing the event, in making sure that everyone knows that

## **Street Tree Inventory Project**

Do you love community involvement and connection? Do you love environmental efforts, clean air, pleasant walks, and healthy communi-

Healthy trees are an integral part of a healthy community, and this summer Overlook has an opportunity for fun, educational volunteering to support our vital urban forest.

We have an immediate need for volunteers to assist with the inventory workdays. No previous tree knowledge is necessary to participate in this event, but you will likely leave with a greater appre-



ciation and knowledge about this valuable resource. There will be a brief tutorial before each inventory. Opportunities for more experienced tree people as Team Leaders are available. Attend a training on June 18th and help lead a partner throughout the inventory identifying and measuring trees. Volunteers will work in pairs, one person knowledgeable about tree identification and one novice. The more knowledge the better.

The inventory takes place on three summer Saturdays in Overlook from 8:30 a.m. to noon. June 25th at Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, July 23rd Daybreak Co-housing, and August 27th Overlook Park. All information and supplies needed will be provided.

For more information and sign up to volunteer visit: http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/ treeinventory

Thank you for your assistance, Vinny Parisi Overlook Neighborhood Tree Steward

Please contact Vinny Parisi at vinnyparisi@gmail.com for additional information.



they have an opportuto purchase cheap trees for their front planting strip and yard, and in making sure everyone knows that they are welcome to join us on planting day to plant trees,

meet neighbors, and share some great food. There are many things to do and anyone can help. Call or email me to find out more! 503.422.5070 or garrett.b.phillips@gmail.com.

Also think about coming out for one of our summer tree inventory mornings, and find me to talk at the event about organizing. See Vinny's article for more info on that cool opportunity brought to you by the Overlook Tree Team. I participated in a few morning inventories hosted by another neighborhood last summer and they were fun. I met some interesting people, learned a lot about trees, the urban forest, and more reasons why I should care about it. Hope to see you there!

PS... if you have any trees that were planted in the last two years, be sure to give them a good soaking every week throughout the dry season.

## Update - "Mocks Crest Park" & Safety

by Steve Lanigan and Cynthia Sulaski OKNA Board Members

As we reported in the previous issue, our tiny open space at the ends of Skidmore Terrace and Skidmore Court recently became an official hybrid park – Mocks Crest Park – under the management of Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R). Hybrid parks have PP&R park rules, but few facilities like restrooms and play structures. The City of Portland bought a small inholding from a private owner and other sections were transferred from the Portland Bureau of Transportation to PP&R. This change in ownership was a result of the community expressing their concerns about the park area to city staff at a meeting facilitated by OKNA board members.

Management transfer to PP&R gives park rangers and police the legal standing to enforce rules dealing with closure (closed from midnight to 5AM), alcohol (drinking alcohol is not allowed unless those drinking have a permit for an event like a group picnic), garbage (must be packed out), and dogs (they must be leashed and owners are responsible for picking up their waste).

So, problem solved, right? Not exactly. Several years ago, various paper and online publications began spreading the word that this was one of



Parklet picnics photo from Steve Lanigan

THE spots in Portland to enjoy beautiful sunsets. Every spring and summer since, large numbers of visitors stop by, particularly around sunset. Most are quiet, peaceful and respectful. However, a small percentage behave in ways that negatively impact the quality of life for nearby residents. Problems include litter, improperly parked vehicles, and excessive noise late at night. Some neighbors have tried to keep the park clean themselves by picking up beer cans and other garbage on a daily basis. But recently the problems have been getting more serious and bigger than individual neighbors can handle.

We are pleased to learn that PP&R Security, Portland Police, and Mark Wells (crime prevention coordinator) are working together to provide extra patrols, enforcement and neighborhood/park watch organization and support. And, if you visit the park and notice patterns of illegal/unwanted activity, please contact Kurt Nelson (Kurt.Nelson@portlandoregon.gov), Sue Glenn (sue.glenn@portlandoregon.gov) or the Park Rangers (503.823.1637). After hours, call the nonemergency police number – 503.823.3333.

We also plan to facilitate another neighborhood meeting in the summer to discuss what other steps the community can take to maintain and enhance the park. Some examples are: adding benches, organizing regular picnics and other events for neighbors, and petitioning PP&R to change the name from Mocks Crest Park to something more descriptive or meaningful (if you have any suggestions, let us know).

Finally, please help us spread the word that police and rangers are now patrolling the park and issuing warnings and citations. It's still a great place to watch the sunset WITHOUT alcohol and poor behavior!



Surf to OverlookNeighborhood.org & sign up for the OKNA email list!

## Recycling - Overlook Style

by Joann Macey and Cynthia Sulaski **ONest Members** 

Summer's almost here (hopefully) and some of you will enjoy glasses of Sangria, Pinot Noir or Rosé with your salads, grilled chicken and burgers. Salud! Just don't throw away those corks. Start collecting them and your used plastics for the Overlook Cork and Plastics Roundup.

The Overlook Neighborhood Sustainability Team (O•Nest) thought it would be fun and useful to organize а like roundup



those run several years ago by the City's Master Recycler Program and held at Kaiser next to Overlook Park. We'd like to make it easy for Overlook neighbors to recycle plastics—and wine corks—and prevent more stuff from going to the dump. We've tentatively set the event for Saturday, September 17, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. However, at the time of publication, the date and location had NOT been confirmed. So, we will post the final information in the fall newsletter and send emails to those who are on the Overlook email list. We will also post final details on the websites for O•Nest

(https://sites.google.com/site/ overlooksustainability/) and OKNA (http://www.overlookneighborhood.org).

Types of plastic that can now be recycled include: buckets, food tubs and lids, plastic bags, lawn furniture plastic bags (dry cleaning, store sacks) plant containers and trays (please knock dirt out), frozen dinner trays, bottle caps, drink lids, CD cases, straws, lawn/patio furniture, kids' toys (think slides!), pet igloos, laundry baskets, kiddy pools, and lots more.

Agilyx, company in (www.agilyx.com), is now converting waste plastic to synthetic crude oil, bringing the oil/ Overlook Neighborhood Sustainability Team O.NEST (O•Nest) has had our first OVERLOOK NEIGHBORHOOD two Film and Food evenings TEAM at Daybreak Cohousing, and they were great!

The first evening, on the theme of Urban Gardening, we screened The Power of

Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil, which highlights Cuba's move from industrial farming to small scale organic agriculture. We were all inspired to get out in our yards to grow a bit of food! The Community Room at Daybreak is a wonderful space to gather in, eat and discuss, watch the film, and swap seeds and plants. Please feel welcome to join us for a future film and meal.

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Our second evening was neighbor Alice Busch's presentation on Disaster Preparedness. Alice is a Public Education Specialist with the Clackamas County Fire Department. We learned that preparing for a disaster (like the earthquake we are due for) also makes us resilient in the face of any unexpected event that might disrupt our access to essentials.

## Know Your Neighborhood

Building Community & Strengthening Readiness Among Neighbors

Host your own KYN meeting or learn more about Emergency Preparedness and Crime Prevention:

Stephanie Reynolds, Crime Prevention Program Manager 503-823-2030 stephanie.reynolds@portlandoregon.gov

For info on our

Overlook Neighborhood Emergency Team: Gayle Vrla: 503.289.7158 -or- vrla@comcast.net Meetings: 1st Wednesday every month (call Gayle for location)

plastics manufacturing process full circle. So, by recycling your plastics, you can be as helpful in oil production as those dinosaurs once were. And you'll be surprised at how much lighter your garbage can will be when the plastic's left out of it!

## More Comfortable Homes With **CEWO**

Is your home in need of an energy remodel? Read on. Clean Energy Works Oregon (CEWO) is transforming energy-wasting homes into comfortable, energy efficient living spaces that keep cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.

Formed in 2010 from the City of Portland's innovative Clean Energy Works Portland pilot, Clean Energy Works Oregon is a nonprofit organization committed to positive social change by reducing the state's environmental impact and creating new, family-supporting jobs. By weaving issues of sustainability, access to capital and the creation of family-sustaining jobs, Clean Energy Works Oregon is a model for new partnerships between public, private and nonprofit interests.

The CEWO program offers no-money-down, no fee financing and easy repayment through your monthly utility bill. An Energy Advisor is provided to walk you through the entire process, pinpoint energy savings opportunities in your home with a free, 4-hour energy assessment (a \$500 value), assisting with paperwork, answering your questions and providing a quality assurance review. Pre-qualified contractors make CEWO an easy and convenient way to make upgrades to your home.

This all-in-one solution provides a comprehensive, whole-house approach to improving energy efficiency and comfort, while ensuring the safety and quality of the air inside your home.

Best of all, CEWO is offering up to \$2,000 in Instant Rebates for a limited time. Join your neighbors in a brighter energy future: Apply today at www.CEWO.org with rebate code LGPDX.

The purpose of O•Nest is to support neighbors in implementing projects for our community that enhance livability through sustainable action and know-yourneighbor. We welcome new members and are actively seeking people to collaborate on upcom-

ing projects. Join us!

Questions or suggestions? Contact Leslee Lewis, O•Nest Coordinator: ONest@OverlookNeighborhood.org

503.703.3702.

#### O•Nest Event Calendar

Thurs June 9: General Meeting (2nd Thursdays) 6-8pm 3908 N Concord

**Mon June 20:** Film & Food (3rd Mondays): Transportation: Who Killed the Electric Car?

6-8pm Daybreak Cohousing, 2525 N Killingsworth, Community House Movie, Potluck Dinner, Seed & Plant Swap

Thurs July 14: General Meeting (2nd Thursdays), 6-8pm 3908 N Concord

Sat/Sun July 16-17: Overlook Neighborhood Yard Sale/Free Share! See the story on Page 1.

Mon July 18: Film & Food (3rd Mondays): Health: Movie TBA 6-8pm Daybreak Cohousing, 2525 N Killingsworth, Community House Movie, Potluck Dinner, Seed & Plant Swap

Thurs August 11: General Meeting (2nd Thursdays), 6-8pm 3908 N Concord

Mon August 15: Film & Food (3rd Mondays): Garden Bounty, Ingredients 6-8pm Daybreak Cohousing, 2525 N Killingsworth, Community House Movie, Potluck Dinner, Seed & Plant Swap

Thurs September 8: General Meeting (2nd Thursdays), 6-8pm 3908 N Concord

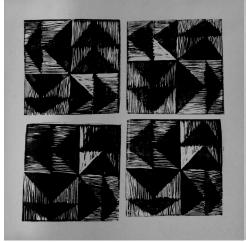
Sat Sept 17?: Plastics Recycling Roundup! See "Recycling—Overlook Style" to the left.

Mon September 19: Film & Food (3rd Mondays): Reskilling/Lost Trades Fair 6-8pm Daybreak Cohousing, 2525 N Killingsworth, Community House Movie, Potluck Dinner, Seed & Plant Swap

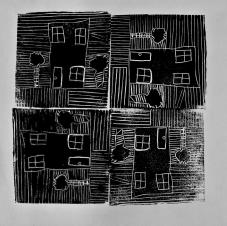
For event information and resources, visit https://sites.google.com/site/ overlooksustainability/home

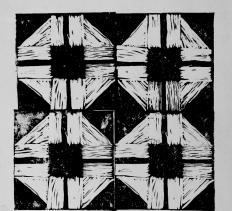


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## Mural Art Represents for North Portland Kids

by Edward Gutierrez Overlook Neighbor at Proud Ground

Since January of this year a group of dedicated volunteers from Holy Cross Catholic Parish have had their hearts set on creating a mural that would include the creative talent of over 100 North Portland area youth. It all began with the announcement that the City of Portland along with Portland Community College would be funding community enhancement projects created, designed, and implemented by youth 21 years or younger. Blue Faith youth group, the name of the youth group at Holy Cross, decided that they would apply and March of this year it was announced that Blue Faith's "Children and Youth's Bill of Rights Mural" project was selected as one of the top three projects and was awarded a grant of \$500 to begin the mural.

Since the announcement in March, the youth group then reached out to several local churches and schools in order to identify a location where the mural could be painted. The group wanted a well transited area so that many youth could view the outdoor mural. Thanks to the help of Genevieve Bouwes, the Executive

Director of Trillium Charter School, along with the enthusiasm and support of the 3rd and 4th grade art classes there, it was agreed in April that Trillium Charter school was the perfect place for the mural.

Thanks to additional funding from local non- and for- profit cor-

porations such as Latino Network, Winkler Development Corporation, and Trillium School itself the mural project is taking shape and set to begin mid-June and be completed by the end of August. Jesus Garcia, a well renowned artist from Latin America, has agreed to help guide the youth's ideas of what they would like to see in the Bill of Rights mural and he has recently vetted and submitted a breath taking design to the City of Portland. The design highlights Native American culture and its

lasting influence up to the modern day as well as youth activities surrounded by historical landmarks unique to North Portland. "We are very

> proud to be from North Portland and the youth ask me to represent what neighborhood means to them" says Jesus, who himself is a North Portland resident who frequently bikes past the Trillium School on his way to the MAX stop. If all goes well, and with continued support from local area businesses and resi-

dents, the mural project will be a hands on project for youth who would like to learn new skills and share their creative talents. Blue Faith anticipates being able to provide adult supervised opportunities for over 100 youth to participate in creating the mural over the course of the summer.

If you would like to help support the Youth Bill of Rights mural project please contact Edward Gutierrez at 503-283-6881 or edward@latnet.org



Blue Faith members collect their grant check.

# Beach School Portland, Oregon 1710 N. Humbodt St. 97217 Phone: 503.916.0326 Part: 503.916.2315 Part: 503.916.2315

## Beach School Poetry

The first-graders in teacher Lauren Henderson's dual immersion class have been learning about insects. As part of Beach's commitment to stronger writing skills, they've turned bugs into poetry! Ms Henderson explains the connection:

"My students have been very enthusiastic about writing poetry this year. They also can't get enough of insects! We combined the two by writing descriptive insect poems. Students then chose their favorite few lines from their own poems in order to combine them into the collaborative poems that you see here."

#### The Grasshopper

Can the grasshopper jump? Yes. The grasshopper jumps high. It is green. The grasshopper bounces.

**Poets:** Alexander M-S & Sailim O

## Newsletter Deliverers Wanted

Great news! Overlook Views is seeking a few good delivery people; we're always hiring! Routes are short and easy to handle. Every 3 months, you get to hit the streets and go door to door to deliver one of Portland's last free print newsletters, and join the ranks of our Dedicated Volunteer force.

Contact Alan and Michelle: views@overlookneighborhood.org or 503-285-7944.



Ms Henderson's first grade dual immersion poet biologists!

## Butterflies

They fly to Mexico. They are bright, black and pink with all colors. They have 3 body parts:

They have 3 body parts: a head, a thorax, and an abdomen.

> Orange, black, white... Butterflies are so soft. Their babies fly home.

**Poets:** Sofia C-R, Adriana O-C, Nadine J, Cristian G, Mi-kaela M, Makeara G, Nira P

## The Ladybugs

The ladybugs are red all over.
The ladybugs are fragíle.
Order of the ladybug:
Coleoptera.
Red and black
spots ís a ladybug.
Síze: 5-7 míllímeters.
Red, black,
small and fragíle,
the ladybug ís líke

**Poets:** Uma F, Anya A, Samantha D-A, Anna L, Carmen G

a strawberry.

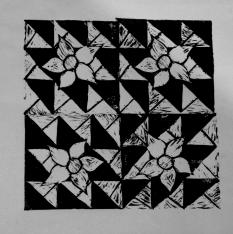
## Lots of Insects

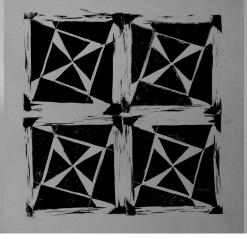
There are lots
of different insects.
There are more insects
in the world than people!
The termite.
The ant.
The arasshopper.

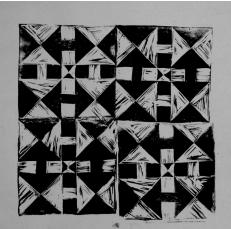
The grasshopper. Stag beetles attack like the stags of the world. Sometimes insects are very, very dangerous. Sometimes insects are very, very kind. Insects are fat and some are skinny. Bugs are big. There are BIG insects like the dragonfly. Bugs are small. Mosquitos are really little. Some bugs are so small that they are almost noth-

There are a lot of insects in the world!

**Poets:** Alex J, Sante K, Sorin R, Rémy B, Jude S, Owen S, Maxeem Z, Malachi K, Jude G, Auggie E







### Neighborhood **News Bits**

Ken Hatch, Overlook's lone pharmacist, writes to inform us that he is moving the pharmacy services we've enjoyed at the Ainsworth Wine & Gifts store at 4027 N Inter-

The prescription files, and Ken, have moved to the Walgreens store at MLK Blvd and NE Ainsworth. Teri, Barbara and Alison will continue to serve us with over the counter medications, the time saving postal window, essential wines, chocolates, gifts, cards and more. Their new number is 503-282-8507 and they remind you to stop by the wine tasting and BBQ on Friday June 17 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Atomic Pizza is opening an Ice Cream Shop! The Ice Cream Shop will be located directly behind Atomic Pizza and will feature Ruby Jewel's local, natural, ice cream. Be watching in mid-June for the opening.

Neighbors Jon & Elizabeth Bostrom thought they were moving to Overlook to retire, but they have been working tirelessly on a variety of OKNA projects since arriving. They are throwing themselves into their next project by introducing the

Home for Heroes Foundation to Overlook. Jon & Elizabeth's vision for a program to offer discounts to military, police, firefighters and first responders, educators and health care workers in home buying, selling and/or refinancing, in addition to working with local/national businesses in providing discounts/ special offerings on their products and services to build and sustain a viable and robust community is ambitious, and just getting started. Contact them at 503-308-0557 or

oregonNWhomesforheroes.com

What's happening in your Overlook business? Please join our email list to speak directly to your neighbors and customers!

views@OverlookNeighborhood.org

Overlook neighbor Kathy Oh-Keith is organizing host families for fall term exchange students. FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange) students arrive in August on a U.S.Government Scholarship Program. FLEX students have been identified as outstanding young "ambassadors" with great leadership potential. FLEX students are proficient in English, have full medical insurance, and receive a monthly stipend. Young couples, single parents and retirees are all welcome to apply as hosts!

To learn more, contact Kathy: kathyohkeith@gmail.com or 503-410-3025 www.pax.org

Welcome to the neighborhood! Blooming Moon Wellness Spa has moved in at 1920 N Killingsworth (between DiPrima Dolci and Hop & Vine). They offer all manner of spa treatments plus massage and acupuncture and they want OKNA members to get \$10 off a massage or facial this summer. Drop in to see them or visit bloomingmoonspa.com, find them on facebook or call 971.279.2757

Congratulations to our friends at the Polish Library

Building Association at 3832 N Interstate, as they celebrate 100 years of incorporation! The still-active Polish community

holds a cornerstone of Overlook's history.

#### Overlook Livability Team

The OLT meets at 9am on the first Sunday of the month unless it falls on a holiday weekend, when meetings move to the second Sunday. We're always looking for new members, contact Mark Wells (info below) to find out how to join.

your Surf to **OKNA** website at



OverlookNeighborhood.org

Sign up for the email list, find back issues of the news letter and meeting minutes and tons of resources for Overlook neighbors.

## **Overlook Street Fair Gears Up for** 3rd Year of Fun!

Saturday July 30, 11 am-6 pm



Join your neighbors on N Killingsworth for the third annual Overlook Village Celebration, the summer street fair sponsored by the merchants and community of N Killingsworth and Greeley Avenues. As in the past, this unique event calls out to local artists to apply for booth space to show and sell their works. Items should be handmade or made by you, no mass produced or store bought items please, that's what makes the Celebration so special.

If you're not working the event, check out the other activities planned for the day: A farmers market, dog costume contest, plus live music, and local businesses will be holding sidewalk sales and specials. What's that? You'd like to volunteer too? Great! Just email for info and come prepared for a good time. Invite your friends and we'll see you at the Overlook Village Celebration!

Musicians, Poets, Dancers, Actors, Performers, Buskers and Creative Individuals: Apply to perform on one of the stages!

Arts & Crafters, Microbusinesses, Artists, NonProfits, Com**munity Groups:** Make sure you're there to show off your skills!

Request your registration form and get more info by emailing overlookvillage@gmail.com and visiting www.facebook.com/OverlookVillage

Clip this handy list of the most frequently requested safety & livability resources.



## North Portland Problem Solving Resources List

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Police services	Emergencies Call 9-1-1						
Non-emergency assistance	503-823-3333						
North Precinct	503-823-5700						
Neighborhood Response Team Officers	503-823-5700						
Online Crime Reporting For theft, vandalism (excluding graffiti), and lost property	www.portlandpolice.com						
Drug House Complaint Line	503-823-DRUG						
Gang Enforcement Team	503-823-4106						
Locks Program ( <i>Locksmith services for low-income seniors and crime victims</i> ) 503-823-028							
Crime Prevention Services Community organizing, problem-solving advice, and education							
Mark Wells mark.wells@portlandoregon.gov	503-823-4098						
North Portland Neighborhood Services 503-823-4524 Support and technical assistance to volunteer-based neighborhood associations, community groups and individual community activists							
Neighborhood safety & livability services							

Graffiti Reporting Hotline	503-823-4TAG				
Overlook Livability Team	graffiti@ overlookneighborhood.org				
Oregon Liquor Control Commission complaint line	503-872-5070				
Noise control	503-823-CODE				
Neighborhood inspections/ Code enforcement ( <i>To report dilapidated or dangerous building conditions, tall grass, trash in yard, cars parked on yard</i> )	503-823-CODE				
Abandoned vehicles on public property	503-823-7309				
Parking patrol (illegally parked vehicles)	503-823-5195				
Animal control	503-988-7387				
Traffic safety & livability hotline	503-823-SAFE				
Portland Parks security	503-823-5459				
Street Light Hotline	503-823-5216				
Street maintenance	503-823-1700				
Vector control (To report rodent infesta- tions, mosquito breeding grounds)	503-988-3464				
Helpful websites					
Crime statistics and mapping	www.portlandpolice.com				
Information about identity theft	www.consumer.gov/idtheft				
Domestic violence services	www.co.multnomah.or.us/ dchs/dv/				
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A complete version of this document is available online at is available at the ONI website: www.portlandonline.com/oni/cp or by contacting Mark Wells.

**Crime Prevention Coordinator** Mark Wells

Crime prevention educational materials,

City of Portland online service requests

Office of Neighborhood Involvement

neighborhood demographics, etc

Custody status of offenders

Sex offender info

8134 N Denver in Kenton 503.823.4098 Mark.Wells@portlandoregon.gov Monday – Thursday

Overlook Neighborhood **Emergency Team NET Team Leader Gayle Vrla** 

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## OVERLOOK ESSENTIALS

## June 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CHILD Inc "Quest" Summer program begins tomorrow.	Overlook House  •Yoga  •Knitting & Crochet •Storyteller		Farmer's Market 3-7 Overlook Park Overlook House •Yoga	Volunteer for the Street Tree Inven- tory project! See Page 3 for opportu- nities.	Ethos event (see page 2)	Farmer's Market@ Lombard Tree Inventory training (page 3)
19 Newsletter Delivery positions available. Please see Page 6	20 ONest Film & Food. (page 5) Overlook House events	General Meeting	i or to mooning	Volunteer for the Street Tree Inven- tory project!	24 Organic Beer Fest, Overlook Park 24th-26th all week- end	Tree Inventory (pg 3) \$5 Bike Helmets Good in the Neighborhood event
N Portland Sun- day Parkways event	27 Overlook House •Yoga •Knitting & Crochet •Storyteller	28	29 Farmer's Market 3-7 Overlook Park Overlook House  •Yoga	30	July 1	July 2 Farmer's Market 9-1:30 @ N Inter- state & Lombard

July 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
3 •Livability Team Meeting Day. (page 7)	4 Happy Independence Day!	5 OKNA Board Meeting 7-9pm Overlook House	6 Overlook House •Yoga NET Team Meeting Contact Gayle Vrla (Page 7)	7	8 Keep saving! The Overlook Cork and Plastics Roundup is in September!	9 Farmer's Market 9-1:30 @ N Inter- state & Lombard	
10 Newsletter Delivery positions available. Please see Page 6	11 Overlook House •Yoga •Knitting & Crochet •Storyteller		Farmer's Market 3-7 Overlook Park •Friends of Patton Park (page 4)	14 ONest General Meeting (page 5)	15	16 Farmer's Market  Overlook Yard Sale & Free Share! (page 1)	
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24 Downtown Port- land Sunday Parkways	25 Overlook House •Yoga •Knitting & Crochet •Storyteller	26	27 Farmer's Market 3-7 Overlook Park PSAC meeting Kenton Firehouse. O-House Yoga	28	29	30 Farmer's Market 9-1:30 @ N Inter- state & Lombard	

August 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
July 31  Overlook Livability Team (page 7) Ice Cream Social	1 Overlook House •Yoga •Knitting & Crochet	OKNA Board Meeting	3 Overlook House •Yoga NET Team Meeting	4	5 Ethos event (see page 2)	Farmer's Market 9-1:30 @ N Inter- state & Lombard	
at Overlook House! (page 2)	Open Music Jam Storyteller	Overlook House	Contact Gayle Vrla (Page 7)			3	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Are you ready for the Overlook Cork and Plastics Roundup next month?	Overlook House  •Yoga  •Knitting & Crochet  •Storyteller		Farmer's Market 3-7 Overlook Park Overlook House •Yoga	ONest General Meeting (page 5)		Farmer's Market 9-1:30 @ N Inter- state & Lombard	
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	Overlook House events	all invited! 6pm at Pause	Overlook House •Yoga			state & Lombard	
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Southeast Port- land Sunday	Overlook House •Yoga		Farmer's Market 3-7 Overlook Park	The Overlook Cork and Plastics		Farmer's Market 9-1:30 @ N Inter-	
Parkways	•Knitting & Crochet •Storyteller		Overlook House •Yoga	Roundup is coming this month! See page 5 for info.		state & Lombard	

### Where to go? Who to call?

OKNA Board Meetings 1st Tuesday Monthly 7- 9pm

Overlook House 3839 N Melrose Drive

OKNA General Meetings 3rd Tuesday Monthly 7- 9pm - Join us! Kaiser Town Hall

Corner of Interstate and Overlook Blvd

Your Crime Prevention Coordinator Mark Wells: 503.823.4098

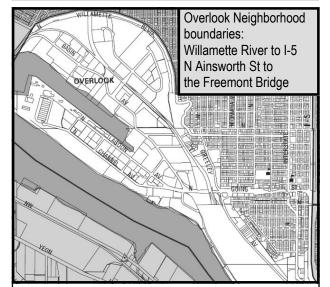
## Police Non-emergency: Report it! 503.823.3333

North Precinct Neighborhood Response Officer: 503-823-5700

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



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For weekly emails about more time-sensitive items, visit www.OverlookNeighborhood.org, enter your email address in the Yahoo! box and join our mailing list. Emails go out once per week.

Submit your short item to

info@OverlookNeighborhood.org with 'Post to List' in the subject line. All submissions subject to review and edit.

#### Overlook Neighborhood Association

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info@OverlookNeighborhood.org

Chair@OverlookNeighborhood.org reaches the Board Chair, or you may leave a message at North Portland Neighborhood Services: 503.823.4524

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