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your neighborhood newsletter

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An OKNA Story

by Michelle Thompson
Overlook Views Coordinator

I was enjoying a glass of wine with my neighbors during our holiday season get-together, when I was approached by Alan G, from up the block. He had a concern about the traffic changes at the intersection of N Concord and N Skidmore.

“You’re on the neighborhood board, right?”
“Uh-oh” I thought. “Here it comes.”

The intersection is weird, and my informal research showed that it’s mainly men who have trouble crossing it. Not literal ‘trouble’, I think it just upsets their idea of what is ‘right’ (N.B.: this opinion is heavily weighted by my spouse’s input).

As Alan was telling me about his complaints with the intersection, it was like we’d activated a magnet. Next thing we knew, we were surrounded by several more neighbors, all with a list of what’s wrong with the traffic change, which was made to accommodate the Bike Boulevard.

I love helping out my neighbors. Participating on the OKNA board has been very satisfying to that part of my personality and my first instinct was to see how I could fix Alan’s complaint. Then I remembered what the board’s function really is. That is, to help you find solutions to the problems that are plaguing you.

I outlined my idea to Alan and promised to email him the next day. I sent him the name and contact information for the Portland Bureau of Transporta-

tion contact who was in charge of our part of the Bike Boulevard. Alan wrote an excellent message to Kyle, outlining the challenges of that intersection, his safety concerns, a proposed solution and a request for action. The message was acknowledged, and then about a month later, the reply came:

“I just wanted to update you on this – our traffic engineer is putting together the work orders for our crews to go out and change the traffic control at this intersection. Concord will now stop at Skidmore. Our City Engineer is reviewing the engineering to determine if the stop should be All Way or if only Concord will stop.”

Victory!

Elsewhere in Overlook, Suzanne C had an upsetting experience while out walking with her daughter; a police crime scene had closed the field they wanted to visit. Unhappy and a little afraid, she emailed me and I put her in touch with our city crime prevention coordinator Mark Wells and the result is the Beach Foot Patrol, a neighbor-staffed, police coordinated group of observers who are taking their streets back for themselves and all of us.

This is how problem-solving gets done in our city. An individual cares enough to speak up and request a change, and the neighborhood association can leverage its contacts to help you help yourself and your family and by extension, your neighborhood. Alan’s action is going to positively impact dozens of people who use that intersection (many of whom were silently grumbling about it), Suzanne’s group has become a new, strengthened social and safety group that is rapidly expanding. Their time and effort are a gift to all of us.

What problems can OKNA help *you* solve?

Speaking of stop signs;

Please continue to use caution when using the Bike Boulevard on N Concord. The change discussed above has not been implemented and may yet change.

You don’t have to track down Michelle if you’d like to weigh in on the traffic changes. Please contact Project Manager Kyle Chisek with your concerns and/or praise. Kyle Chisek, Portland Bureau of Transportation 503-823-7041 or kyle.chisek@portlandoregon.gov



OKNA Holiday Potluck a good time had by all

Cast your minds back to mid-December and imagine yourself in a cozy den, with yummy smells wafting from the kitchen, sitting in good company with your neighbors and friends you haven’t met yet. That’s the right mind picture for imagining the annual Overlook Holiday Potluck Dinner, v2010. Plenty of Overlook neighbors gathered to feast, chat and test their smarts on Overlook trivia.

The OKNA board would especially like to thank our hosts, the **Daybreak Cohousing** community, for sharing their beautiful space and kind company with us. Daybreak is looking for new community members, so if you have ever been curious about the colorful building on N Killingsworth and their unique living spaces, visit one of their open house meetings to learn more.
www.daybreakcohousing.org

OKNA is also grateful to the Overlook business community, which supports our community get-togethers with donations of door prizes, even when they can not attend an event themselves. Please be sure to thank them the next time you are in one or more of the following:

THANK YOU

Atomic Pizza
Eddie's Flat Iron Pizza
EDGE Fitness
Kenny and Zuke's Deli
Naked Sheep Knit Shop
Overlook Chiropractic Clinic
Palace of Industry
Sabi & Friends Antiques
Kent & Jill Hoddick

Your News, Your Stories

Sharing. Ideas.
Activities. Needs.

You’re all up to something out there in Overlook and we know that you’d love to tell everyone all about it.

Here’s your opportunity! We get lots of great feedback about your neighborhood newsletter, which is entirely volunteer-created and distributed. What makes it so great is how many of you contribute your stories, events, writings and ideas and we’re eager for even more! Please send your story ideas or requests to OKNA today. In addition to Overlook Views, we host a fact-filled website that is added to frequently. Think of the content!

views@OverlookNeighborhood.org



HEY, NEIGHBOR!

Remember to attend the
OKNA General Meeting



March 15 7:00-9:00pm
@ Kaiser Town Hall

Corner of Interstate and Overlook Blvd

On the Agenda in March:

- ♦ Public Safety Report: Be Informed!
- ♦ Clean Energy Works: More Energy Efficient Homes
- ♦ Board Reports and More!

3RD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH!

The AARP

Tax-Aide program and its IRS certified volunteers provide free income tax counseling and preparation services. There is no charge for the help, geared to seniors and/or low to middle income people. All returns are filed electronically for Federal and State returns.

Please bring all your W-2s, 1099s etc and last year’s return.

Drop in on Tuesdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 North Rosa Parks Way from 10:00 am—2:00 pm or Thursdays at the North Portland Library, 512 N Killingsworth Street between Noon and 4:00 pm.

For other sites and times please call 1-888-227-7669



Thank you to OKNA Chair and Tax-Aide volunteer Kent Hoddick, for providing this information.

Spring Cleaning



For the past dozen or so years, OKNA board member and volunteer extraordinaire Alan Cranna has led neighbors in a neighborhood Earth Day Clean Up. These hard-working folks meet in the unpredictable spring weather to clear out trash and excess vegetation that have blighted especially the area around N Going at Interstate Avenue and westward.

Almost unbelievably, they are done. Years of chipping away at problem areas and enlisting the help of people like Lenny Anderson of the Swan Island TMA, means there is no need to return this year.

There will be no Earth Day events this year, due to time limits on grants and service provider applications for funds. Alan would like Overlook neighbors to e-mail him with Earth Day projects that we could do next year. Ideas for the 2012 Earth Day project will be published in a later issue of the newsletter and readers will be able to vote on which projects they want in 2012. Please contact Alan with your ideas: ascran3@hotmail.com



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

Overlook Chiropractic Clinic specializes in auto accident and workplace injuries with no out of pocket expense to you, call to schedule your free consultation. Complimentary examination for cash and group insurances with this ad. www.overlookchiropractic.com 503-719-7742

Need some tasty beer & wine? Find'm at the **Hop & Vine's Bottle-shop**. Now holding 800+ bottles & small amounts of sake, mead & cider. Check out the new digs daily 11AM-10PM. 1910 N Killingsworth www.thehopandvine.com

Spring has sprung! Have home repairs or maintenance on your to-do list? **Call Arciform!** Our Carpenter on Call team can GET IT DONE! Buy 8 hrs - 1ST HR FREE! (\$65 value) 503.493.7344 Exp. 6/30/11

Do all your potential customers know about your good products or services? **Direct Mail** is still the most effective promotion. Lists, design, printing, mailing. Free consultation. 23-year Overlook neighbor. vrla@comcast.net 503-289-7158

Join EDGE Fitness as we unveil **The Loft at EDGE** – Awareness, Movement & Massage. Grand Opening April 1st from 4-7pm. Open to the public. Food, live music, and massage. 1502 N Ainsworth.

Beaterville Cafe bar and grill is open evenings for dinner. Local live music is featured most nights. Beaterville is available for small parties and groups. www.beaterville.com

Family Martial Arts ages 5 and up family rates and scholarships available call Ms. Davis 503.358.1413 or littledragontaekowndo.com

DiPrima Dolci—Pizzeria-Italian Bakery-Ristorante—1936 N Killingsworth, 503-283-5936, Every day 7 am-5 pm. Special theme dinners monthly: March Carnivale; April Spring Thing, and Mother's Day Brunch, May 8. Reservations only. Get on our email list for details: www.diprimadolci.com

This Earth Day, join **NoPo Paws**, the latest member of Portland's pack, in celebrating their grand opening at 2148 N Killingsworth. April 22-24, 10am-6pm. Enjoy dog-gone discounts, samples and product giveaways!

Atomic Pizza Turns Two! Join our fundraiser for 3 local non-profits. **March 18, 19 & 20**, 10% of sales go to Harper's Playground, Project Pooch & Family of Friends Mentoring Program. Come celebrate our shop and these great organizations.

Keep your eyes peeled for new businesses coming to Overlook the Spring! **Black Cat Cafe & Pub** moves in @ N Interstate and Shaver. **Mextiza, Pieces of Mexico** is reported to be coming to N Killingsworth. Spaces are starting to fill at Killingsworth Station and new signs are going up around Overlook.



Greetings from the Overlook House, We hope this finds everyone well and celebrating a great new year. Fall was a busy time at the house. Thank you again to Catherine Reynolds for the wonderful Halloween Celebration. The holiday bazaar was a wonderful success. Two days of holiday cheer filled the house. Thank you to all that participated and helped to organize our annual event.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Spring is upon us and with it comes the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The Easter Bunny will be leaving egg-filled treasures for the kids to discover.

Join us on **Saturday, April 23, 2011** for our Overlook House annual tradition. Kids bring your basket and hunt for Easter goodies.

Hunts begin promptly at **10:30 and 10:45, rain or shine.**



The Overlook House is a great place to celebrate that special event, or host a business retreat. Contact Jessica, our coordinator for further information.

Yoga Class Updates

Ruth Oclander and Sarah Grubbs are now teaching yoga classes formerly taught by Heidi Jo Timm. Both Ruth and Sarah did teacher training with Heidi at the Bhaktishop in Portland and share her steady and safe approach to teaching. Ruth teaches on Monday and Sarah teaches on Wednesday. Class is beginner level and the cost is \$5 per class. We hope you will join us.

Overlook House Jam Session

The rumor-pixies tell us the Overlook neighborhood has a lot of closet-musicians. So here's a great opportunity to meet your fellow musician-neighbors, and have some fun jamming and visiting. Bring yourself and your instrument to the Overlook House, **Sunday evening March 20th at 7:00 pm**. All instruments (including voice), all abilities, and all genres are welcome. We'll see what unfolds and what we might want to do in the future.

The Historic Overlook House:

If you have ideas for classes or events, please let Jessica know; she would love to hear from you: 503-823-3188
email: coordinator@historicoverlookhouse.org
www.facebook.com/historicoverlookhouse
Visit www.historicoverlookhouse.org for current event details



Welcome back the world's largest all-organic beer festival, held in our own Overlook Park. The seventh annual North American Organic Brewers Festival (NAOBF) will take place June 24 through 26.

Volunteer candidates can start signing up now at the website www.naobf.org and beer drinkers and festival attendees can watch for the next issue of Overlook Views for more information.



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

Surf to our redesigned 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.

Newsletter Deliverers Needed

Great news! Overlook Views is seeking a few good delivery people; we're always hiring! Routes are short and easy to handle; we'll probably find you one right near your house. 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.



For your news fix between issues, please visit our website and/or join our email list.

www.OverlookNeighborhood.org

Real Estate Recap

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

Address	SF	Bed/Bath	List Price	Sold Price	Days on Market
1605 N Emerson	880	2/1	224,900	224,900	4
3764 N Colonial	2007	3/2	375,000	375,000	6
4907 N Maryland (triplex)	1748	3x1BR	175,000	172,000	8
2125 N Humboldt	2234	3/1	329,500	299,000	32
2153 N Emerson (short)	2379	2/1	239,000	225,000	35
4064 N Concord	2587	5/2	279,000	253,000	49
2414 N Willamette (bank)	2180	2/2	274,900	279,900	52
4027 N Massachusetts	2662	3/2.1	539,900	513,000	63
2535 N Sumner	1937	2/2	299,000,	280,000	65
2016 N Skidmore Ct	2172	3/2	359,000	340,000	68
1416 N Failing	3610	5/2	448,876	368,600	137

It's Farmers Market Time Again; See What's New!

by Lisa Bersani
Interstate Farmers Market Manager

Greetings Overlook Neighbors and happy Spring! The Interstate Farmers Market has had a busy winter full of growth, planning and preparation for another fantastic market season. Back by popular demand, our Wednesday market in the heart of the Overlook Neighborhood will open strong on **May 18th** this year, and run every Wednesday from 3 pm to 7 pm through the end of September. The new kid on the block will be a Saturday Market up the road at N Interstate and Lombard opening May 21st and running 9 am to 1:30 pm through the end of September!



The Overlook Market this year will feature some stalwart favorite vendors such as Baird Family Orchards (cherries and peaches), Unger Farms (berries, including their famous strawberries), Gabriel's Bakery, Herr Family Farms (top-quality fresh-cut flowers), Sweet Home Farms (sustainably raised meats) and more! We're also growing our vendor lineup with some really great new additions, so be sure to come check them out. We'll be offering a cooking or preserving demonstration each week, as well as live music from some of the best local performers. One of last year's favorite groups, **the Shook Twins are playing on opening day** for the Wednesday market before they leave on their summer tour. If you caught them at last year's market, you know: this is an act you don't want to miss!

We sure hope to see you around the neighborhood and at the market this season, and please come support us at our second location too – the vendor mix will be different and two days of food and fun in the community are better than one!



Swan Island

Going to the River Improvements Continue on N Going St.

Lenny Anderson
Project Director, Swan Island TMA

I'm pleased to report that the Portland Bureau of Transportation was awarded almost \$2.1 million from the Oregon Transportation Commission to fill in missing links in the sidewalk and bikeway network near Swan Island. The "Going to the River" project bundles bicycle, pedestrian, transit and transportation demand management to improve access to Swan Island, which is one of the state's largest employment centers. Sidewalks, paths and neighborhood greenways will be built to improve transportation options for both area residents and workers and fully connect Swan Island to Portland's existing light rail, bikeway and pedestrian networks. The total cost of the project is \$2,330,372, with \$2,090,372 from the flexible funds grant and \$240,000 from local sources.

"Going to the River" is a big win for better access to the thousands of jobs on Swan Island as well as to the loveliest mile of riverside trail in the city. The goal is to connect the new Going Street Bikeway with an updated Going Street multiuse path along the north side between Interstate at the Pittman Addition to Basin Avenue and beyond. This improvement will make it possible to get to work on transit, bike or even on foot, thereby keeping freight moving on the road.

The Swan Island Transportation Management Association (TMA) gives a big **"Thank you!"** to the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) for taking the lead on "Going to the River." We also thank the many other organizations and agencies that helped make it happen: Alta Planning & Design, Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Advisory Committee Transportation Committee, Bureau of Environmental Services, Vigor Industrial, Community Cycling Center, BTA, npGreenway, and Swan Island Business Association.

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We hope all our Overlook neighbors will join us at our annual preseason **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** which will be held this year at the Saturday market site, the De La Salle High School parking lot, on **May 7th from 9 am to noon**. The whole family is welcome, for a delicious locally-sourced pancake breakfast, live music and lots of fun. There will also be t-shirts, tote bags, and market tokens for sale to get ready for opening day.



This important event will help us all get geared up and excited for the market as well as raising much needed money for providing all the aspects that make IFM what it is. Vendors' fees cover the basic cost of operating the markets, but in order to keep vendors' fees as low as possible and still fund educational outreach and special community programs, we ask our community for extra support once a year.

Specifically, we need to purchase 2 new tents (for our cooking demonstrations and a kids tent), a street closure permit from the city, and more SNAP (food stamps) wooden tokens since our outreach has been so successful and we're getting more customers using their food stamps at the market. We'd also like to fund some outreach to encourage people to bike, walk and take Tri-Met to the market which has many benefits to the community, including minimizing parking and congestion (especially important at the Lombard location).

We'd love to have **your volunteer help** for this event as well, so all you home chefs, expert juice servers and friendly socializers, give us a call or an email so we can sign you up!

Reach Lisa by phone or email: 971-344-0115
contact@interstatefarmersmarket.com

Ethos @ IFCC Dance, Theatre, Arts

by Michele Anderson
Ethos/IFCC



Over the last eight months, it's been wonderful meeting and talking with Overlook residents who have stopped in to say hi as Ethos has gotten more settled into the IFCC. I can't help but notice that this experience is a whole new take on "moving in," where the elements that make this building "cozy" are not the objects or the furniture, but the people who come in and out every day – the kids to learn ballet or break dancing, the teenagers making beats in the hip hop lab, and, most recently, the amazingly talented team that is producing *Sherman*, the jazz opera written by Renee Mitchell and composed by Thara Memory.

As each day brings new movement, color and life, I am becoming more and more excited about the possibility for new culture to emerge in North Portland as a result of kids and adults learning the arts alongside of each other, musicians practicing next door to a dance ensemble, and a professional theater group building its set while members of the community drop in for world music workshops. I hope you're excited too, and I hope that you find something for yourself in Ethos/IFCC's multidisciplinary arts programs, as well as all of the exciting theater, music and dance performances that we have in store over the next few months.

If you're an artist, please be sure to visit our website to learn about how you can become an artist in residence next year. We are looking for people who will organize dynamic, memorable cultural events which make use of the entire IFCC space – the gallery, theater and dance studio. It is our hope to work with emerging artists to curate a series of cultural events throughout the year, making Ethos/IFCC a destination where the Portland community regularly interacts with and celebrates our city's unique artistic vibe and its cultural diversity.

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 time-sensitive updates. Contact Michele Anderson at 503-283-8467.

Operation Paperback: Thanks for All the Books

by Warren Cassell
Overlook Neighbor

Many thanks to the following Overlook residents who responded to my call for "gently used" paperbacks (and postage costs) to send to our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. In no particular order:

- Bob and Liz Ladu
- J. Richard Frank
- Phyllis Enriquez
- Kari Powers
- Connie and Pauline Thorne
- Jill Hoddick
- Valerie Schulyer
- Jane Finch-Howell
- Irene and Jack Hilbourne
- Joann Macey
- Roger Martin
- Paula Fasano Negele
- Christine Quigley
- Nicole Floyd
- Kari Powers



There is still opportunity to donate because our effort on behalf of our service men and women is an all year round process. In addition, Operation Paperback has extended its outreach to our wounded currently being treated at VA hospitals and to Stateside families of our troops overseas. If you would like to contribute "gently used" paperbacks and/or postage for this beautiful cause, please get in touch with me at warrencassell@wcassell.com or phone: 503-288-8323.

A “New” Park Officially Opens in Overlook ‘Bluff Parklet’ has new status

by Steve Lanigan and Cynthia Sulaski
OKNA Board Members

It’s been a green space area for quite a long time. Some people (and even maps) identified it as a park. But, more importantly, Portland Parks and Recreation never did—until a few months ago. Thanks to the persistence of Sue Glenn, the PP&R manager for North/Northeast Zone Services, **the entire area at the end of Skidmore Terrace** called Mock’s Crest Park is now official PP&R property. The City of Portland bought a small portion from a private owner and other sections were transferred from the Portland Bureau of Transportation to PP&R.

For the first time ever, this area will be now be managed by PP&R as a “hybrid park.” This means it will still have a minimum of amenities, for example, no restrooms or playground equipment. However, it will be subject to the same rules as in other parks, including set standard park hours (5:00 AM to midnight), no open alcohol containers without a permit and a leashed dogs requirement. Police will now have legal standing to enforce rules, including issuing citations and making arrests. This new park status will also result in more frequent maintenance, including lawn mowing and trash pickup.

Neighbors with concerns about the park or who notice patterns of illegal/unwanted activity should contact Kurt Nelson (Kurt.Nelson@portlandoregon.gov), Sue Glenn (sue.glenn@portlandoregon.gov) or the Park Rangers (503.823.1637). After hours, you should call the non-emergency number 503.823.3333. Please call if you see problems!

Friends of Patton Square Park: Let’s Meet!

by Cynthia Sulaski
OKNA Board Member

Just a little over an acre in size, Patton Square Park is one of the smallest of Portland’s parks. But its petite dimensions belie this Overlook neighborhood park’s impact on our community. It’s *the* open space and recreational area for nearby residents (especially those living in the Patton Park Apartments), for teachers and school children from Trillium Charter School and for visitors to Ethos at IFCC. By the end of this year, the Killingsworth Station Project will bring even more people attracted to Patton Square Park’s amenities.



So, several of us think this is the best time to form a **friends group** dedicated to protecting and enhancing Patton Square Park for all to enjoy. Ethos at IFCC has kindly offered to host our meetings. We’ve set a date and time – **Wednesday, March 23rd from 6:00 to 7:30 pm**. All we need is YOU! If you want to help steward our park, come and join us. Please RSVP to greenacres@OverlookNeighborhood.org so we can plan a great meeting for you and us.

I’ll keep you regularly updated here on our progress. It will be fun to see where this takes us!

Heritage Tree Bicycle Tour a new view

by Vinny Parisi
Overlook Tree Steward

There are 11 beautiful Heritage Trees in the Overlook Neighborhood, many of which you’ve never seen. Come and enjoy them on a leisurely bike tour, led by one of the Overlook Tree Stewards. Stops at each of the 11 Heritage Trees will teach you about the type of tree, when it became a Heritage Tree and any other interesting facts. The tour will take place on Sunday mornings starting at Overlook Park, taking a north route with numerous stops at each Heritage Tree, and ending the tour at Patton Square Park. Expect 2 to 3 hours of biking depending on group speed, this is *not* a fast paced ride. Dress weather appropriate for Spring and bring a snack if you’d like.

Sign up for one Sunday date:

March 27th, April 3rd, April 17th.

Groups will be limited to 12 people. More dates to follow if there is enough interest.

For more information or to RSVP contact Vinny Parisi at vinnyparisi@gmail.com



Heritage Tree Nominations

It’s also time again to nominate trees for Heritage Tree status.

A potential Heritage Tree is a tree of special interest to the City because of its age, size, type, historical association or horticultural value. It’s always a plus when someone can tell a historical story about the tree, or has some connection to the tree that fuels their passion to make it a Heritage Tree. If anyone has a tree that they would like to nominate as a Heritage Tree, I’d like to hear about it and can help get the process started. The nomination deadline is May 31st.

Ed. Note: You can review a recent recap about Overlook’s Heritage Trees in the September/October 2010 issue of Overlook Views. If you haven’t saved your print copy (gasp!) you can read it here: www.overlookneighborhood.org/newsletters/2010/SEP-OCT10.pdf

Shovels Ready! 2011 Tree Planting = Another Success

by Erika Reiber and Garrett Phillips,
your neighborhood planting coordinators

Overlook residents came out in force again to plant trees this year, and we got most of the trees that neighbors ordered in the ground, over 65! Way to go everybody who made it happen!

We met at Kaiser Town Hall on Saturday 1/29 for the annual neighborhood tree planting. As in previous years, we teamed up with Arbor Lodge neighbors to host the Friends of Trees planting. After teams went out for the morning to plant all those trees, they returned to an abundant lunch prepared by other Overlook neighbors. What a great day! And it would not have been possible without every one of you who attended!

Much thanks to other contributors as well, including Kaiser Permanente for hosting us. Cynthia Sulaski, the neighborhood’s long time tree planting coordinator, made an appearance to register participants. Throughout the last year she also helped



*Everyone gets to participate in a neighborhood tree planting; it’s a great way to try some new skills and meet new neighbors.
photo by Steve Lanigan*

Erika and I navigate our first tree planting event. Thank you Cynthia! Also much thanks to PGE and Adidas for sponsoring the event through Friends of Trees!

So take note of the newly planted trees as you walk the neighborhood. In a couple of months they will be budding and will start their new lives with all of the other trees; shading hot summer streets, soaking up storm water, cleaning the air, and pleasing our eyes.

Consider joining us next winter to bring in the new crop and if you want to help care for the

new trees there are opportunities as summer inspectors to check on them and see if they look like they are getting enough water. We can offer some gentle watering reminders if they are needed, and your check-ups can also alert us to other health problems that Friends of Trees can fix.

Overlook Tree Team Contacts

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Garrett.B.Phillips@gmail.com
Vinny Parisi
vinnyparisi@gmail.com

More exciting
news!



The newly formed **Overlook Tree Team** is organizing the Overlook Tree Inventory for Summer 2011 (see story on page 5). Join us as a surveyor or organizer, and stay involved to help create and implement the Overlook Forest Plan next winter and spring. We will develop action items to enhance tree canopy, improve forest health, and address other goals that you can help formulate. This is cutting edge community-based urban forest improvement that you won’t find in other cities or in most Portland neighborhoods. It has been tried and refined in Concordia neighborhood, and we are bringing it to Overlook.

We welcome anyone on the organizing team, and we will be looking for a bunch more people for the three Saturday morning inventories this summer. See Vinny Parisi’s article introducing the project in more detail. Anyone can contribute and there are a variety of opportunities to take on expansive roles, to carve out limited areas of responsibility, or to come out for a summer day walking the streets and checking on trees. Get in touch with Vinny or Garrett if you want to ask more about it. We look forward to hearing from you. Have a great Spring!

New Group Has Lots To Do what’s sustainability?

by Mulya Melco
O•Nest member, Landscape/Permaculture Designer

O•Nest, the Overlook Neighborhood Sustainability Team, has formed recently as a committee in OKNA. The purpose of the team is to support neighbors in implementing projects for our community that enhance livability through sustainable



action and neighborhood events. We welcome new members and is actively seeking volunteers to collaborate on upcoming projects.

The next meeting will be held March 24, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at 2224 N Willamette. Join us for a pot-luck and conversation and help shape the direction of sustainability in the neighborhood.

Currently we are planning projects for spring and

CASA SUSTAINABILITY

by Leslee Lewis
OKNA Board Member

Spring has nearly sprung, and you should see the goings on at my small farmlet in Overlook! The honeybees had been quiet, but got out for some foraging during the warm spell in January. In December, with my ear pressed to the hive, I wasn’t so sure they were still there. But, they are bringing pollen into the hive, which means they are raising brood!



Last weekend I headed out to Clackamas Community College for the Home Orchard Society’s Winter Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop, and finally today felt inspired to get outside to do some pruning. My trees now include two figs, two plums, two apples, two hazelnuts, two olives, a peach, a pear and a pistachio. In shrubs and vines, I now have a grape, eight currants, six blueberries, and a cane-berry row that includes two sylvan berries, one gooseberry, and several June and later-bearing

summer. The following three projects are in the works:

Soup & Cinema

– A monthly series of 9 evenings, each focused on an important topic. The first, in March, will address energy issues. Subsequent topics will include urban gardening, food preparation and preservation, re-skilling and water. Hands-on workshops related to the topics will be held on alternate weeks. We’re seeking input from our neighbors to choose the night on which to hold the series. Please visit our survey and weigh in on topics and times:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z9FHC2Y>

Plastics Recycling Round-up: Date TDB. Bring plastics and other household items for recycling, and learn tips on recycling and waste reduction. Details in the next issue, and online.

Garage Sale and Free

Sale: Date TDB. A neighborhood-wide garage sale followed by a free-sale and a charity pick-up during the week following. More info in the June newsletter.

raspberries. They mostly went in during the last three years, so now is the time for early shaping. Our January warm spell made me realize that we don’t know what spring will be like or when it will arrive. Of course, February snows arrived, but healthy, correct cuts mean the trees are just fine.

The sunny spell also had me checking on our photovoltaic (PV) panels– those are the panels up on our roof that produce electricity. We joined a group like **Solarize North Portland** (see the OKNA website for more information) last year and have been able to track our panels’ performance since they were installed in August. In December our panels generated 82 kilowatt hours (kwh) and in January, 98kwh. Each of those was over 10% of our usage – and that was in two of our darker months! In fact, we have generated up to 20% of what we used. I’ll tell you, I LOVE seeing the electric meter run backwards, when we are

Additional projects have been proposed and are in need of coordinators:

Home and Garden Tours – Find out what neighbors are doing to make their homes and yards more sustainable, from clean energy, green remodeling, and efficiency measures to coops and urban farming.

Nut Orchard – Plan and plant a community space with nut trees to increase the future food security of the neighborhood.

Gardener’s Market – Neighbors buy, sell and trade homegrown produce and garden products.

Plant/Seed Swap – Spring and Fall exchange of starts, transplants and seed, along with local garden know-how.

Find a link to the new O•Nest website on the OKNA website to learn more about this new group.

Questions or suggestions?
Contact Leslee Lewis at
ONest@OverlookNeighborhood.org
or 503.703.3702



producing more than we are using.

As the topic of sustainability is getting more popular, and as I am becoming more involved in others’ projects, including OKNA’s O•Nest group, I’d like to open the topic up to you. What are you and your neighbors doing at home to raise food, generate and conserve energy, and save money, localize your

lives, and live more sustainably? Have you thought about how these efforts contribute to public safety and crime prevention? How about disaster preparedness in a natural disaster? Please talk back to us by mailing your comments, thoughts, ideas etc to views@OverlookNeighborhood.org and we’ll share in upcoming newsletters.

If you don’t care for writing, but are interested in any of the ‘Casa Sustainability’ topics, please come to an O•Nest meeting; we’re having a great time working together to become more connected, resilient neighbors.

Overlook Tree Team Grows



Hello Neighbors, meet Vinny Parisi, a volunteer Neighborhood Tree Steward with Portland Parks and Recreation, serving the Overlook Neighborhood. Vinny is bringing lots of energy to this job, and offers some new ways for

you to get involved with Overlook’s trees. We asked Vinny what motivates the service we all benefit from:

“I’ve been interested in trees since growing up with the Redwoods of Northern California. My passion grew when I moved to Portland 10 years ago and was surrounded by a beautiful urban forest. Last year I discovered the **Neighborhood Tree Steward Program** and thought it would be a great way to put my passion to work helping the trees and spark interest from other that may take the urban forest for grated. As an **Overlook Neighborhood Tree Steward** I can work with our neighbors to address any urban forest issues they might have, improve the health of the existing forest canopy, and insure that future generations can appreciate the lasting benefits.”

Welcome to OKNA, Vinny, and thank you!

Street Tree Inventory Project

by Vinny Parisi
Overlook Tree Steward

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

Overlook has been selected as a neighborhood to conduct a street tree inventory and develop a neighborhood tree plan for future development and care of our neighborhood’s urban forest. The Urban Forestry division of Portland Parks and Recreation has received a grant to fund these inventories and use the resulting data to direct further efforts to strengthen the urban forest. We will collect details about our neighborhood’s street trees and use this information to inform a neighborhood stewardship plan to increase the health, size, and benefits of the urban forest for our neighbors.



We have an immediate need for volunteers to assist with the planning and coordination of this project. We need to secure staging sites for the Inventory days. Can you help?

No previous tree knowledge is necessary to participate in this event, but you will likely leave with a greater appreciation and knowledge about this valuable resource. The inventory takes place on three summer Saturdays in Overlook from 8:30 a.m. to noon. June 25th, July 23rd, and August 27th. All information and supplies needed will be provided.

Volunteers will work in pairs, one person knowledgeable about tree identification and one novice. The more knowledge the better. We look forward to working with you in our efforts to increase the benefits of the urban forest in Overlook.

Please contact Vinny, vinnyparisi@gmail.com for additional information or learn more from Urban Forestry: www.portlandonline.com/parks/treeinventory

find www.solarizenorth-nw.org for the very latest information. Soon you too could be generating more power than you use.

solarize north portland

The deadline is almost nigh for signing up to join the bulk purchasing power of your neighbors and the exciting Solarize North Portland program. You

have until the end of March to get in on reduced purchase pricing, unique financing and skilled assistance through the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. If you have an interest, please run, don’t walk, to your nearest internet connection and

The New Jefferson H.S.

by Julie Rogers
Proud Parent of a Freshman Democrat



Strong, academically rigorous neighborhood schools increase property values. Over the years, the struggles of Jefferson High School have had a major impact on Overlook families. During the recent High School Redesign process, Overlook neighbors were asked what would it take to bring them back to Jefferson High School. The overwhelming answer was an academically rigorous school program. Well, PPS has delivered what we asked for.

Beginning in Fall 2011, all students entering Jefferson as freshmen will be automatically enrolled in the **Middle College for Advanced Studies**. This exciting program has been making a difference, and graduating, Jefferson students for over six years, only on a much smaller scale.

Freshman will take all core classes bundled into smaller groups consisting of the same students (academies) allowing cross-discipline assignments, greater academic challenge and greater individualization. Their freshman experience will include career exploration, volunteer service, job shadowing and internships.

In addition, Self Enhancement Inc., a youth development nonprofit, will offer support services with ratio of about thirty students per coordinator. Compare that to an average of 400 per counselor at other PPS High Schools. Jefferson students spend the majority of their school day earning the majority of credits to graduate on the Jefferson campus. Jefferson will once again offer a rigorous curriculum.

The Middle College program offers Jefferson students significant educational opportunities that cannot be found at any other PPS high school. By taking courses at Portland Community College-Cascade Campus, students can get a head start on an associates or bachelors degree in a field they think they may be interested in such as Art, Business Administration, Theater, Health Science/Bio Tech, Spanish and more. The Jefferson student can also choose to explore career tracks such as emergency medical technician, renewable energy systems, paralegal, industry trades and others.

Your student essentially just started college for FREE. Participation in PCC classes comes at no cost to the student for tuition, fees or books.



And don't forget about the fun! Jefferson will continue to offer such proud and important social traditions as their powerhouse athletic program, the Jefferson Dancers, prom, student government and the comfort that comes when our kids can hang out in OUR neighborhood with school friends that attend OUR school.

Now here is the best part: ALL eighth grade students who live in the Overlook neighborhood are guaranteed to get in because they are in the Jefferson attendance area! A limited number of transfers for students already attending high school are being granted.

How does your child get in? They sign an "intent" form with their current school counselor. It's OK if they aren't attending a Jefferson feeder school. All PPS counselors have been given the names of Jefferson neighborhood 8th graders who are attending their schools and the counselors have been asked to seek out each student to assist them in filling out their intent form. If a student hasn't heard from his or her counselor, he or she should make an appointment. Note that on the intent form, students can choose either Jefferson or their assigned community comprehensive high school, Roosevelt, Grant or Madison, depending on which elementary school attendance boundary they are in. For Overlook, the comprehensive high school is Roosevelt.

This effort is a collaboration between your Overlook neighbors, the North and Inner NE community, Self Enhancement Inc., Portland Public Schools, Portland Community College (PCC) and Portland State University (PSU).



Thanks to Beach School Assistant Principal Kris Meyer, we are pleased to share Beach Elementary School student writing with you. Our selection includes poetry from Anna Marquez' 2nd Grade students; Ms Marquez explains the assignment: "These poems are from a collection of lessons that we worked on about Native American poetry. We read many Native poems and then created our own based on some of the work we read about. The "I Am" poems are to reflect on our connection to nature and the world around us."

7th Grade teacher Don Enfield contributes more student work. Helen's poem is from their work on descriptive writing, using the senses. Cassidy's assignment was to write about an age by choosing a year and writing on what she remembers about that time. Enjoy!

I Am The Ocean

by Claire

I am a pretty dolphin in the sea.
I am splashing waves upon the shore.
I am the current coming in.
I am me.
I am the ocean.



Whisper In The Wind

by Grace C.

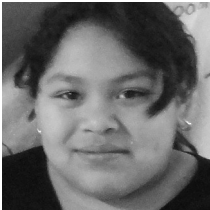
The owl softly sings by the river. The moon is glowing little owl. The air is safe. Come out and sing in the morning. Little owl, go to bed. Little owl, go to sleep.



I Am

by Cassandra

I am the wind playing with the sun.
I am the sun hugging the world.
I am the wind playing with the wind.
I am the eagle playing with the snow.
I am the snow riding the wind.
I am the water playing with the snow.
I am the stars shining at the night.
I am the moon blocking the sun.
I am the cold wind cooling down.
I am the moon wishing the stars a wish.



I Am

by Isabella

I am a sea horse calm and wild in the ocean.
I am the wind blowing through the willow trees.
I am the lizard in the jungle just like the wind.
I am the shadow that follows the child in the summer.
I am the night starry and blue.



The Forgotten Ages

by Cassidy

These were the days when anything was possible.

These were the days that all I could do was listen to Raffi and watch Blue's Clues.

These were the days I was in love with Dr. Seuss.

These were the days that things turned for the worst.

These were the days when my grandfathers died.

These were the days when all my family could do was cry.

These were the days when 9/11 was all any one could talk about.

These were the days I grew up the most.



I Am

by Mac

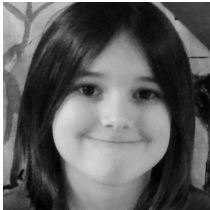
I am a wolf howling in the night.
I am a lizard in a cage.
I am a chimp in training.
I am a gorilla jumping up and down.



The Moon Light

by Lily

Every beautiful night.
Moonlight and owls. Every night the moon shines in the woods. Awakening the owls in their trees as they spread their wings and fly around the moon. Back at their trees the young ones stay and go "Hoo!Hoo!" to the moon.



Mi Poema de Yo Soy

by Cassandra

Yo soy el viento jugando con el sol.
Yo soy el sol abrasando la tierra.
Yo soy la tierra muy seca.
Yo soy el perro volando por los hoyos que hacen los nubes.
Yo soy la estrella brillando en la noche.
Yo soy el piramide escuchando al arena moviendo por el viento.
Yo soy el mar moviendo lento.
Yo soy el nieve deritando por el sol.
Yo soy la estrella mirando a la luna.
Yo soy la montana moviendo.
Yo soy el gato flaco.
Yo soy la mama acurando a su hijo.
Yo soy la agila jugando con el viento.

Midnight

by Helen

The clock whispered "it's midnight" as I glared out my bedroom window into the mysterious world like a curious cat.

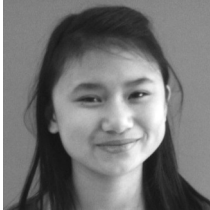
Pushing the window open with my fingertips a cold breeze hit me as if a glass of ice water was splashed onto my face.

As I exhaled the cold midnight air it flowed from shivering lips like smoke exhaled from a cigar.

I gazed deeply into the mystifying sky seeking a peak at heaven and might have seen a hint, as the stars glittered and gleamed like millions of crystals hanging inside a cave.

The moon peeked down at me like a shy child hiding behind her mother's skirt sending down a glow of golden radiance.

I stood there spellbound by the beauty and silence of the night, released from all my worries and cares.



Jefferson & Ockley Green Students:

We'd love to hear from you, too. Please contact us with your news!

views@overlookneighborhood.org



Overlook Livability Team Keeping the Neighborhood Clean

first of its kind in the city, neighbors take back the streets

This dedicated crew of neighbors just celebrated its one year anniversary! Gathering just one morning a month, the crew has organized regular teams to patrol N Interstate Avenue, N Killingsworth Street, the Failing Street Pedestrian Bridge and other territory in the Overlook Neighborhood. Collectively, we have removed well over 100 graffiti tags and picked up 75-100 bags of litter. It is enormously satisfying to wipe graffiti away and make our streets cleaner. Send an email to graffiti@overlookneighborhood.org if you want to join us! We have the tools and supplies and welcome new sets of hands.

Russ cleans graffiti before meeting the team for lunch. See the schedule on our back page calendar. photo by Steve Lanigan

Our Neighborhood Gets Safer: Locals Take Charge

by Mark Wells
Crime Prevention Coordinator

Greetings Overlook residents and neighbors!! I hope this issue finds you well and safe. I am happy to report we have made great progress with security enhancements and community projects to re-



Beach nature area before...

duce the level of criminal activity occurring in and around **Beach Elementary School**. If you haven't noticed, Portland Public Schools did some heavy duty thinning of trees and bushes on the field at the southwest corner of the school field. This area suffered from chronic drug and sex



... And the amazing 'after'!

photos by Mark Wells

activity and was a haven for criminal activity. The area now, along with the entire play field, is wide open with excellent sight lines for the community and the police to keep an eye on any activity going on. I spoke to the head of security for PPS several times on security issues and we both agree we want to promote positive use of Beach Elementary and this field. Many local neighbors walk around the school and bring their dogs to exercise at all hours of the day and night and that is just the type of activity we want to see and to discourage criminals from coming to this area. Our **amazing Beach Foot Patrol** members routinely walk out the entire school grounds and we have seen a dramatic decrease in the number of condoms and drug paraphernalia found on the campus. A big thank you to PPS, Beach Principal Tom Breuckman, and our neighbors and Foot Patrollers for all the great results at Beach.

I continue to set up **Neighborhood Watches** in the Overlook area, with the most recent addition on the far west end of N Skidmore Ct. These neighbors have been impacted by the continued noise and vandalism asso-

ciated with Mocks Crest park at the west end of their dead-end street. They have new Watch signs up and are communicating valuable crime and livability issues to me and the police. **Welcome Skidmore Court to the Watch program** and thank you for all your time and effort to keep your street and neighbors safe. Speaking of Mocks Crest Park, this little area has become an official park under the jurisdiction of the City of Portland's Parks and Recreation Bureau. Previously, it was a mix of lots owned by several government agencies and private holders. Now that it is part of Parks, all of their rules and regulations take effect. In the past two years this area has had a negative impact to the overall livability and safety for residents in the area and the community using this area for legitimate reasons. Once the new signage goes into place, our seasonal Park Rangers and Portland Police Officers will be able to monitor and enforce rules and laws that never existed. My ultimate goal is to also set up a Foot Patrol for this area, so stay tuned for more positive results of this beautiful area of Overlook.

I am also starting another Watch on the 1800 block of N. Killingsworth St. to address several safety issues and concerns. There is a vacant residence on the south side of Killingsworth and Portland Police recently found several transients squatting illegally inside the unsecured residence. If you or a neighbor has any questions or would like additional information on starting a Watch, please let me know. It's very easy and a lot of fun and does help prevent and reduce crime on a street.

Finally, car prowls are the number one crime affecting most Overlook residents. This crime continues to increase city-wide and I've received reports of car prowls in almost all areas of Overlook over the past year. Please remove all valuable items nightly and keep your car locked. Most of the victims in Overlook I have spoken to (including my own neighbors) report their cars were unlocked and they had valuable items in plain sight. If you are a victim of a car break-in or vandalism to your car, please file a police report. It is easy and it is vital to ensure our Police Bureau has the most accurate crime statistics and Overlook receives the police coverage it deserves. Currently only about 30-40 percent of car break-ins are reported, so please help me spread the word. Reports can be filed 24/7 online at: www.portlandonline.com/police and click on "Submit a Police Report". My car was broken into in mid February and it took me about 4 minutes to file my report – it really is that easy.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you or your neighbors have any public safety concerns and I hope you all have a great Spring!



Beach Foot Patrol For Fun & Safety

by Jeff Sprague
Overlook Neighbor

Inspired to action by the death of a young man on the steps of Beach School, the Beach Foot Patrol is now twenty members strong. We've gone on twenty continuous weekly patrols since our first on Oct 13th of last year.

The patrols have had us out of the house on some lovely walks in this great neighborhood, allowed us to get to know our neighbors better and also tackle some of the safety challenges facing Beach School and Overlook. The changes to the wooded area on the Beach School grounds (see Mark Wells' report) are a tangible impact of the patrol and we've heard from many folks who feel it has made things safer around the school. The intangible benefits of the patrol include knowing the physical geography of our neighborhood better and the sense of well being that comes from checking in with neighbors.



We'd like to thank **adidas America** again for providing us with the red rain jackets that help identify the patrol and protect us from the elements. We are constantly looking for new volunteers, so consider this a shout out to everyone. The commitment is a once a month walk in the evening and the weather's only getting **adidas** better. Contact us at BeachFootPatrol@gmail.com to join the Beach Foot Patrol.

We'd also like to announce a contest to **"Name the Beach Foot Patrol Website"**. We are creating a website to archive our foot patrol reports, serve as a focal point for recruiting more volunteers, and to help start new patrols in other parts of Overlook. Email us at BeachFootPatrol@gmail.com with your ideas for a fun/inspirational name for the site. We'll be having another organizational meeting soon so tell your neighbors and get a group of four together to go

Block Party Season

by Michelle Thompson
Overlook Views

Remember last summer, when we were reading about all the neat block parties in Overlook, and how you said to yourself, "Self, **we** should organize something like that this year."? **Good news!** It's time to start thinking about coming out of our winter caves and reconnecting with the people who live closest to us.

Some of us couldn't wait for summer. The neighbors on my block held a holiday gathering again this year. We had 5 host homes to visit in a progressive appetizer/desert crawl, with a 40 minute stop at each house to visit and snack. We're talking about doing a back-yard version of it this summer, but we all enjoy closing the street and taking a day off to sit around and yak.

You can plan your block party for National Night Out, or any day that suits you all. For tips on planning, check out www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?&c=47739 or contact **Stephanie Reynolds**, Crime Prevention Program Manager 503-823-2030, or stephanie.reynolds@portlandoregon.gov

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OVERLOOK ESSENTIALS

March 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 Daylight Savings begins! Spring Forward, Fall Back.	14 Overlook House •Yoga •Knitting & Crochet	15 OKNA General Meeting 7-9pm Kaiser Town Hall	16 Overlook House •Yoga Beach	17 Free Tax Help from AARP. See Page 1.	18	19 Solarize North Portland Q&A Session. See Page 5.
20 Music Jam at the Overlook House, all skills (or not) welcome! See Page 2.	21 Overlook House •Yoga •Knitting & Crochet	22 Free Tax Help from AARP. See Page 1.	23 Overlook House •Yoga Friends of Patton Square Park meeting-Page 4	24 O•Nest Meeting & Potluck. See Page 5.	25	26 Volunteer for the Street Tree Inventory project! See Page 5 for opportunities.
27 Heritage Tree Bike Tour. See Page 4 to sign up.	28	29 Free Tax Help from AARP. See Page 1	30 PSAC: Call Mark Wells for details. See Page 7	31 Solarize North Deadline. See Page 5 & hurry!	April 1st April Fool's Day! No, seriously.	April 2

April 2011						
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3 •Livability Team Meeting Day. See page 7 •Heritage Tree Bike Tour. Page 4	4 Overlook House •Yoga •Knitting & Crochet	5 OKNA Board Meeting 7-9pm Overlook House	6 Overlook House •Yoga NET Team Meeting Contact Gayle Vrla vrla@comcast.net	7	8	9 Clean up at Beach School, Saturdays in April. See Beach Calendar for info.
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Beach School Events: Check the Beach School calendar online for more info

May 2011						
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1 Overlook Livability Team Meeting Day. See page 7	2	3 OKNA Board Meeting 7-9pm Overlook House	4 Overlook House •Yoga NET Team Meeting Contact Gayle Vrla vrla@comcast.net	5	6	7 Pancake Breakfast benefiting Interstate Farmers Market. See Page 3
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22	23 Overlook House •Yoga •Knitting & Crochet	24	25 Overlook House •Yoga PSAC Safety Meeting. Page 7 Farmers Market	26 Beach Talent Show 4-8th Grade	27	28

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

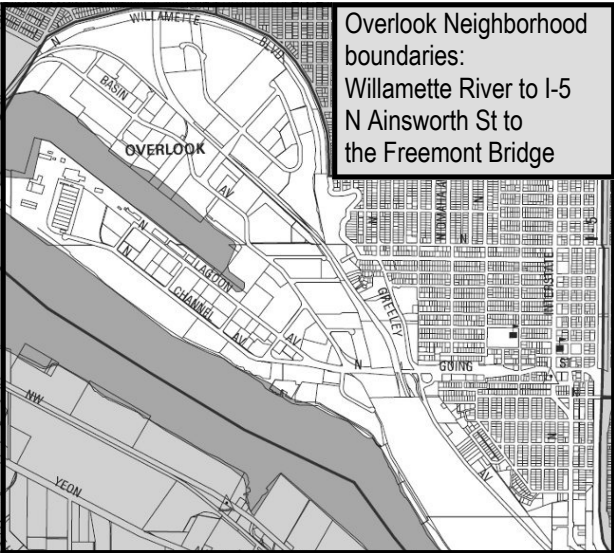
Police Non-emergency: Report it!
503.823.3333

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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