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your neighborhood newsletter

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Plastics & Corks Roundup!

September 17th, 2011

Recycle Your Plastics and Corks at Kaiser West Interstate

by Joann Macey and Cynthia Sulaski
ONeST Members

In the last Overlook Views issue, we wrote about planning an event to make it easy for you to recycle your plastics and wine corks but we couldn't give a definitive date or location. Now we can! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 17, from 11 am to 3 pm** at the parking lot of Kaiser's West Interstate building (across the street from Overlook Park).



Bring as much plastic as you want (only what's not recyclable at the curb). At the end of the day, we'll transport the items to the North Portland Recycling Center (Denver and Rosa Parks Blvd), a Far West Fibers site. We'll deliver the used wine corks to the New Seasons Market on Interstate, which collects them for Cork ReHarvest (www.corkforest.org) for ultimate reuse into various commercial products.

We hope to see you on **September 17**. We're planning a fun and informative community event. However, even if you can't join us then, know that you can recycle plastic items any time instead of tossing them into your garbage can for disposal in the landfill. One neighbor has started doing just that and has been able to reduce her garbage amount by half a container every two months. We believe that many people could reduce their garbage collection amount to one container a month by removing recyclable plastics. Although it takes a little effort, the results are worth it. You can save money and be part of a solution instead of the problem. Think about getting together with your neighbors to share in this effort.

Here is a list of plastics that we will accept on September 17th. They can also be taken to Far West Fibers any day of the week. They must be grouped according to category:

- Bags (clean grocery, bread and garbage bags; bubble wrap; shrink wrap; and clean bags that contained soil or bark dust)
- Rigid Plastic (clean buckets, lids, plastic toys, PVC pipe - 3 foot max, yogurt/cottage cheese containers, any hard plastic, CD's, VHS tapes + cases, cups, clamshells/deli trays, utensils/straws)
- Media plastic
- Bottles with necks

For more information, Google search for "Overlook Neighborhood Sustainability Team" or check out our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/overlooksustainability/events-1/plastic-roundup>. If you would like to volunteer a few hours for this event, email us at ONeST@OverlookNeighborhood.org

Happy collecting and recycling!

OKNA Holiday Potluck Dinner Scheduled, Save the Date!

What, you don't have your holiday parties scheduled yet? Well here's the first one to mark in your calendar. The annual OKNA Holiday Potluck Dinner is the chance for you to come into the warm, out of the dark, and see the neighbors you may only see a couple of times per year. We had a wonderful time at last year's location and have been invited back. Please join us for a meal, some games & fun, and a visit.

We'd love some help organizing! Please email us at info@OverlookNeighborhood.org with your offer.

Overlook Neighborhood Association Elections in September

by Alan DeLaTorre
OKNA Board Member

Are you interested in getting more involved in the Overlook Neighborhood and participating more in your community?

If so, please join your fellow neighbors at the upcoming General Membership meeting for the Overlook Neighborhood Association on **Tuesday, September 20th** as we will hold elections for the Overlook Neighborhood Association board. Anyone who lives, works, or owns property in Overlook is eligible to run for a position on the board and new members are highly encouraged to attend the meeting and seek a position on the board.

Board members may represent their geographic area in the neighborhood, address issues that they are particularly interested in or get involved in other aspects of Overlook's organization. For more information, please contact one of the board members or join us at the upcoming September meeting. It is important that we, Overlook community members, take the initiative to ensure that our families, neighborhoods, businesses, and visitors are able to enjoy the quality of life and well-being that makes Overlook what it is today and into the future.

Offices on the board include Chair, Chair Assist, Secretary and Treasurer. There are also Committee Chairs, who head up an area of specific interest. Historically these committees include: Communications, Land Use, Business/Community Relations, Public Safety, Environmental, Transportation, Finance and Membership. Also needed, impartial neighbors to serve as on the Grievance Committee, to listen to the rare dispute with recommendations for resolution.

Live Music
Imported Polish Beer
Authentic Polish Cuisine
Polka Contest
Saturday 11am-10pm
Sunday 12pm-6pm

Polish Festival

3900 N. Interstate Ave.
Portland, Oregon
www.portlandpolonia.org/festival
September 24-25, 2011

You don't need to be limited by this list, however. Committees can be formed around any good idea, if enough people want to pitch in to make it happen. O•NeST, the Overlook Sustainability Team, is a great example of a new committee. The Beach Foot Patrol and Overlook Livability Team (see Page 7) are citizen-led groups that sprang from the Public Safety Committee.

OKNA offers a structure for many neighborhood projects, but is still primarily a response-based organization. It's easier than it looks; come join us!

Thank you!

Please take a moment to thank your 2010/2011 OKNA Board Members:

Alan Cranna, Alan DeLaTorre, Cynthia Sulaski, George Spaulding, Kent Hoddick, Leslee Lewis, Michelle Thompson, Steve Lanigan, Tammy Maher, Tom Kilbane, Eric Gale, Mattie Davis and Gayle Vrla.

Hi, Neighbor!

Make a point to attend the OKNA General Meeting

7:00-9:00pm
@ Kaiser Town Hall
Corner of Interstate and Overlook Blvd

On the Agenda in September:

- ♦ Elections to the OKNA Board
- ♦ Public Safety Report: What's Happening?
- ♦ Board Reports and More!

The 3rd Tuesday of Every Month!

Polish Festival Welcomes All

by Liliana Tiley
Polish Library Association

This 18th annual Polish Festival will be fun for the whole family. We have everything from the best imported Polish beer to delicious Polish cakes that are made fresh just for you.

The entertainment for this festival will be extraordinary, as you read this, the Polka Beats, all the traditional Polish dance groups and the exciting and always engaging "Chervona" are practicing in anticipation for your arrival.

The festival includes such activities as a Kids Corner, equipped with a bounce house, an exhibition on Poland and its vast culture and history, as well as performances that envelop you in the Polish culture. You can learn to dance the polka and then compete to see if you have the skill to be this year's Polka Champions. Whether you are a polka veteran or a new beginner, you will have a blast dancing in the streets.

As we near the last weekend in September the Polish Festival encourages you to get involved and become a volunteer. Please reach us at: pdxpolishfestvolunteers@gmail.com.

The time for your Polish Adventure is Saturday from 11:00am to 10pm and Sunday from noon to 6:00pm. The Polish Festival is the best kept secret of Oregon, but once you experience it you won't be able to keep it a secret. We hope to see you there!

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

Erez Russo Architect P.C., a full service architecture firm designs modern, organic buildings that are site and client specific. Projects include Residential, Commercial and Mixed-Use buildings with an emphasis on quality and sustainability. ErezRussoArchitect.com

Overlook Collaborative Preschool is currently accepting applications for this fall. We are Reggio Emilia inspired, vegan/vegetarian and eco-friendly. Check out our website for more details and to contact us for your tour: www.overlookpreschool.com 503.477.4455

EDGE FITNESS now offers online scheduling: massage, personal training, nutrition, and more! Check out www.edgefitnesspdx.com (Edge Fitness, corner of Interstate and Ainsworth). NEW CLASSES Start September 6th.

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

The Naked Sheep Knit Shop, Portland's Fun and Friendly Knit Shop! Fantastic Fiber and Fun Classes for all levels.15% OFF All Yarn for Overlook Residents through October. Just mention this ad! www.thenakedsheepknitshop.com 2142 N Killingsworth St 503-283-2004

Copy Pilot Your Mom & Poppy - Ship & Copy. We have a new address: 4784 N Lombard. Corner of Fiske and Lombard. 503-283-7767 www.copypilot.com Email your projects to copy@copypilot.com, just like Overlook Views does!

The Lucky Labrador Overlook Taproom is located on Killingsworth, one block west of Interstate. We have two new happy hours, from 3-6 on Tuesday thru Friday and 10-midnight Tuesday thru Thursday.

Palace of Industry is delighted to be your neighborhood hangout! Vintage & new goods, beer & wine, sandwiches & snacks, coffee & free wifi, a great patio & cozy couches, DJ shows & nice people. 5426 N Gay @ Killingsworth

Blooming Moon Wellness Spa & Bathhouse: Massage, Facials, Waxing, Non-toxic Manicures & Pedicures, Body Treatments & Private Outdoor Cedar Soaking Tub! Overlook Neighbors, Enjoy \$10 OFF 1 HR Massage or Facial! 1920 N Killingsworth. Call & book now: 971-279-2757

Come check out **NoPo Paws**, your neighborhood pet store. We now carry cat food and supplies and, as always, eco-friendly, local and hand-crafted dog supplies and all-natural premium foods. 2148 N Killingsworth.

Hello, we are **The Old Gold**. We are a nice neighborhood bar with a unique drink menu and good food. We'll open at 2105 N Killingsworth in October, so please come on by and say hello. www.theoldgoldpdx.com

Eddie's Flat Iron Pizza celebrating our 7th year in the neighborhood and going strong. We appreciate all of your support and input. Eddie's is looking to the future with fresh and local ingredients. 1233 n Killingsworth 503-289-4700

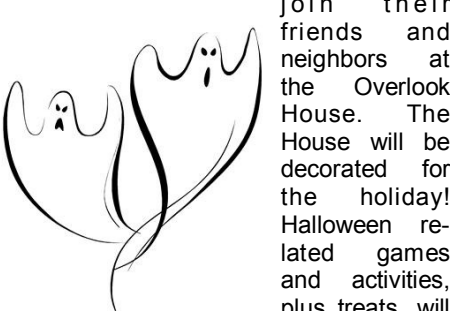
Beaterville Cafe and Bar is still around waiting for your visit. We are open mornings and through the evenings. It has been a busy summer. Come by for a glass of great wine. 2201 N Killingsworth

Daybreak Cohousing is a new, sustainable community in the Overlook neighborhood of north Portland. One to three bedroom units are for sale and for rent. Visit us in person and on the web at daybreakcohousing.org

Greetings from the Overlook House, We have had a busy summer with weddings. Fall is upon us, and we would love to be a part of your festivities this fall and winter. Consider using the Overlook House to host your holiday parties and events this year. Contact Jessica Cooledge our coordinator to let her know how she can best help you utilize this space. Listed are our upcoming community events. Mark your calendars and join us for some upcoming fun! Hope to see you there!

Halloween Party

for kids ages 1-5 at the Overlook House on Halloween – Monday, October 31st , 4 to 6 PM. Bring your young children to



join their friends and neighbors at the Overlook House. The House will be decorated for the holiday! Halloween related games and activities, plus treats, will be available. Wear your costume and join the fun.

If you are too old for trick or treating (adult-like) but would like to be part of the fun, call the Overlook House to volunteer for planning the party, helping to decorate, helping to clean up. Our coordinator Jessica will put you in contact with the Halloween planning committee.

Watch the weekly OKNA email notices for last minute information and reminders.



Rose Lovers Needed!

Overlook House needs a few new rose care volunteers! For years, roses at the House have enjoyed dedicated care from our retiring volunteers Chad and Annegret, and we are grateful to them for their knowledge and energy.

Now we need two (or more!) new rose lovers to help keep the roses happy and healthy, since the gardens are one of the big reasons people rent Overlook House in summer. Although some gardening knowledge would be helpful, volunteers don't need to know all about roses — we can teach anyone who would like to give it a try! Please call Jane at 503-358-9740 with any questions, or to talk more about this volunteer opportunity. Won't you consider being one of the next rose care specialists for the beautiful Overlook House gardens?

Ice Cream Social & Raffle

by The Ice Cream Social Committee

It was a sweet success for this year's Overlook House ice cream social! The weather was perfect, the turn-out was great and the ice cream was delicious. Over 200 neighbors attended the social held on July 31st and it certainly looked like everyone enjoyed themselves...Who doesn't love a good ice cream sundae?

New this year in helping to support the programming at The Overlook House was a raffle put on by the board members of The Friends of The Overlook House. Lots of tickets were sold by each board member, resulting in one lucky person winning an iPad 2, and many others winning great items donated by several local businesses. The Overlook House's Ice Cream Social Committee (Mary Ellen Baldauff, Carol Cushman, Matt Scoggin, Nicole Thorburn & Tess Anderson) and The Friends of The Overlook House would like to thank several neighborhood businesses and residents for their donations, assistance and efforts that made this

year's social the most successful to date. Donors: Generous financial contributions by: Overlook Family Restaurant, Ainsworth Wine & Gift Shop and Interstate Bar & Grill, and ice cream from Lovely's Fifty-Fifty

Additional support from: Alibi, Amnesia Brewing, Atomic Pizza, Atomic Ice Cream Shop, BeaterVille Café, Divine Frozen Yogurt, Eddie's Flat Iron Pizza, Edge Performance Fitness, Exodus SPA & Salon, The Fresh Pot, Land, Laughing Planet Café, Lucky Labrador Tap Room, Mississippi Pizza, The Naked Sheep Knit Shop, Palace of Industry, Pause Kitchen and Bar, Por Que' No, UCHU Sushi & Fried Chicken, and



Newsletter Deliverers Wanted

Join the ranks of our Dedicated Volunteer Force and get some free exercise too! An easy way to help your neighborhood association.

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

Santa

plans to visit the Overlook House on Sunday, December 11th at 11 AM! Join Santa and have your photo taken – FREE! Santa's helpers will also have games for you to play and activities for you to do when you come to visit him. Come and be part of the fun!

Older visitors are welcome, too! If you would like to volunteer to help (before, after or during the visit) call the Overlook House, and Jessica our coordinator will put you in touch with the Holiday planning committee.

Watch the weekly OKNA email notices for last minute information and reminders.



The Overlook House will host a **Holiday Bazaar** the first weekend in December – Saturday and Sunday, December 3rd and 4th. Vendors will bring their homemade crafts, three floors full, for your buying pleasure! Home baked goods will be available. Come for major gift buying, stocking stuffer purchases, or a great gift for yourself!

Bakers – donated baked goods for the bake sale appreciated.

Crafters – if you have unique craft items you would like to market, ask about securing a space.

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

Tour Nights

Stop by on Tuesdays evenings 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.



Thank you Steve Lanigan, for photos!



Interstate Rentals, Inc. Volunteers: Lori Cieloha , Shelley Gifford, Cynthia Sulaski, Jim Heiman, Carol Hult, Christine & Mike Quigley, Mat, Emilija, Sadie Thorburn and family friend Nora, Tess Anderson, Gayle Vrla, Claire Paris, David Chott, Eulalia Rossetto, Sally Kavangah, Eric Gale, Annegret Wolford, Emily Miller

The Overlook House's Ice Cream Social is an annual event and planning will soon again be underway for next year's social. If you would like to help out in anyway your support and time is always welcome. Please contact Jessica at The Overlook House for more information.

Bike Box Coming to N Interstate & Alberta

Heads up, neighbors. The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) has scheduled safety upgrades that include bike box installations and crosswalk striping improvements through September.

A green **Bike Box is coming to N Interstate at Alberta**. The main goal of a bike box is to prevent collisions between motorists turning right and cyclists going straight. A temporary sign warning of the change has been posted at the intersection, but keep your eyes peeled for changes and watch out for your fellow commuters.

Comments may be directed to: Mark Lear, Portland Bureau of Transportation. 503-823-7604 mark.lear@portlandoregon.gov

In other traffic news, stay alert for



photo courtesy John Tarantino

two projects recently confirmed:

PBOT expects to start construction in September for the “Madrona Hills Plaza”, which will be formed by **squaring off the corner at N Killingsworth and Greeley**. The curved right-turn-only lane, originally for the streetcar, will be removed and signaling changed.

Also in the works, **changes for N Skidmore at Interstate**. Look for a new turn lane, bike land and speed bumps. The project manager will speak at the September 20th OKNA meeting.

Ding Ding! Market Closes — Return Requires Overlook Help

by Betsy Radigan
IFM Board Member



When the final bell rings Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. and closes the 2011 season, the Interstate Farmers Market (IFM) volunteer Board already knows their pocketbook will be empty. The gamble to expand their operations and open a Saturday market at the north end of Interstate Avenue at Lombard this season not only failed, but depleted their reserves.

“Small markets like ours are independent non-profits” reminds IFM Board Chair Marisa Bangs “and, for us, that means we do not break even with the stall fees we charge our vendors. Without another source of revenue - sponsorships and individual donations - **our market is in jeopardy.**”

The volunteers who have steered the market through the 2011 season have some tough choices ahead of them. If a major sponsor isn’t found soon, the market either shuts down permanently or may be handed-off to another operator, if there’s any interest.

“It’s not just a lack of revenue” notes Stefanie Snider, IFM Volunteer Coordinator, **“we’re in need of volunteers** too. Many hands make the market run smoothly and keep it fun; too few hands burn out the committed volunteers.”

IFM is currently searching for a Community Liaison to the Overlook Neighborhood. “An Overlook resident with a great neighborhood network would be very helpful as we begin deciding our future” says Marisa. “We need to hear from the local residents if they want this Farmers Market to remain operating on Wednesday nights at our Overlook site. We’ll also need their time and energy to make that happen.”

The IFM’s mission is to provide a venue where local farmers can sell their produce directly to people that enjoy meeting the folks who grow their food. Other food-related vendors have been selected to join the market in recent years as well. 2011 was IFM’s eighth season.

Market Open Thru Sept 28th
Wednesdays
3 pm to 7 pm
3550 N Interstate Ave
(next to Overlook Park)

Free parking for Bicycles and Cars
We’re On the MAX Yellow Line

For more information about the market, visit www.interstatefarmersmarket.com or call 971-344-0115. To volunteer, contact Stefanie at IFM.Volunteer@gmail.com



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
39XX N Overlook Blvd	vacant lot to be developed			185,000	0
5838 N Boston Ave	2124	3/1	259,900	270,000	2
5611 N Atlantic Ave	2137	3/2	335,000	338,000	4
3804 N Melrose Pl	3967	4/3	659,000	655,000	6
5031 N Gay Ave (short)	1511	3/1	99,000	180,000	7
5733 N Campbell Ave	2247	4/1	269,900	265,000	13
5932 N Campbell Ave	2334	3/2	265,000	260,000	14
4074 N Longview Ave	2042	4/2	369,000	364,000	14
3825 N Longview Ave	3008	3/1	419,000	400,000	34
4121 N Overlook Terr	2675	4/3	549,900	519,900	48
1636 N Jarrett St	728	2/1	150,000	120,000	48
3805 N Colonial Ave	4038	4/2.1	639,000	718,000	54
2148 N Webster St	3006	4/2.1	499,999	460,000	55
5111 N Maryland Ave	1131	3/2	219,900	206,900	67
2114 N Sumner St	1432	3/2	325,000	289,500	86
4054 N Court Ave (short)	2196	3/1	289,900	285,000	106
3970 N Interstate #208	768	1/1	169,900	159,900	187

Neighbors Celebrate Summer Together

by Tammy Maher
OKNA Board Member

Local tasty eatery **Pause Kitchen & Bar** (5101 N Interstate) was the scene of the annual Overlook Neighborhood Picnic on August 16, which was a lovely evening. The open patio and comfortable bar was the perfect spot for generous portions of summer food and conversation. Lots of summer salads, corn on the cob, sliders and ice cream kept the crowd happy, and the steady flow of neighbors enjoyed the selection of beverages as well.

Thanks to all the neighbors who came out to enjoy the good food and company, and to Pause and the wonderful staff for the hospitality and great food.

Thanks also for the generous dona-

tions of door prizes from Overlook area residents and merchants:

Blooming Moon Wellness Spa & Bathhouse
(1920 N. Killingsworth St.)

Interstate Farmers Market
(interstatefarmersmarket.com)

Kenny & Zuke’s Delicatessen
(1038 SW Stark)

Providence Bridge Pedal Volunteers

Congratulations to our raffle prize winners and thank you for completing the survey! The picnic was in lieu of our August general meeting. The next meeting is September 20, the third Tuesday of the month, 7pm, Kaiser Town Hall. The special activity for the meeting will be elections to the board.

OKNA Volunteers Feed the Bikers

by Kent Hoddick
OKNA Board Member

On Sunday August 14, Overlook resident Alan Cranna directed a group of 21 volunteers in downtown St Johns for the Providence Bridge Pedal bike ride. Alan was in charge of a rest stop behind the US Bank Branch that is just at the end of the St Johns Bridge. He

also had people stopping traffic at 15 intersections in the area. Overlook Neighborhood Association receives a donation for all those who worked.

The eleven people at the rest stop gave out water, bananas, nectarines, Cliff Bars, and 3 types of bagels. At 7:00 am when we began setting up, I never thought that we could get rid of 40+ cases of bananas, 50+ cases of nectarines, 100+ boxes of Cliff Bars, and 100+ dozen bags of mini bagels. However, around 8:30 am the crowds of bikers arrived. The first group of people were doing the 8-bridge route; around 9:30 am the riders doing the



photo by: Jill Hoddick

10-bridge route arrived. Riders were 3 and 4 people deep trying to get snacks from the 10 - 8-foot long tables that were set up with the food. The peanut butter Cliff Bars were the first things to get eaten up; then we ran out of water, next the oatmeal Cliff Bars were gone. All the Cliff Bars were gone around 9:00 am. The bananas got cleaned out around 10:00 am, however the nectarines and bagels lasted until the very end, which was around 10:30 am.

This is Alan’s 13th year of running the rest stop and his crew did a great job of handing out food, cleaning up the area, and putting everything away. I must also thank all the riders that used the trashcans. I did not see any banana peels on the ground anywhere! **A big “Thank You” to Alan and his crew.**

Greenacres: parks, open spaces & other green things

Overlook Tree Planting: It's Time to Order Trees!

by Garrett Phillips
Overlook Tree Planting Organizer

Hey neighbors,

I hope your trees are healthy! It's that time of year again to buy street and yard trees for our winter neighborhood tree planting. Friends of Trees is offering trees for an amazingly low **\$50 per tree** for your front planting strip and your yard. If \$50 is too much, you can qualify for a discount by calling Friends of Trees and answering a couple of questions.



It is really easy to sign up and buy trees. Visit the Friends of Trees website, <https://friendsoftrees.org/order-street-and-yard-trees>, and sign up. If you want trees for your yard, you can purchase them right away. If you want trees for next to the street, a tree specialist will come to your place to determine what kinds of trees fit well in the space next to the street. Then you can go back to the website and order the trees that you want. Then you are done ordering. We really hope to see you at the planting event this winter, when we plant all of the trees!

One of the reasons that these trees are so much cheaper than most trees, is that most people who order them actually volunteer to plant them with their neighbors. For example this past January, we had over 60 people from the neighborhood planting their own and each others trees. Many people who did not want to do the actual planting contributed in other ways, by making food for the planting event, or helping me out with organizing the event. The food was amazing and there was a lot of it. I'm betting we'll do just as well this year.

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.

I'm looking for others to join me in organizing the event, in making sure that everyone knows that they have an opportunity to 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. This is a great way to develop a strong sense of place, make connections in the community, develop some organizing experience and even improve your resume. There are many things to do and anyone can contribute. If you call me I can tell you more about it and you can decide later if you want to work with me.

If you want help ordering trees on the website or by phone, want more information about how to order trees, want to know how the planting event works, or about getting involved in organizing call or write me! Thanks, and enjoy your autumn!
503.422.5070. garrett.b.phillips@gmail.com.

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OVERLOOK PARK



Overlook Park Survey: We Need Your Input

by Cynthia Sulaski
OKNA Board Member

Public safety has always been a priority concern for the Parks Subcommittee of the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (ICURAC) in evaluating projects for funding. For instance, we agreed with the decision made by Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) to close its wading pools for health and safety reasons as required by new State of Oregon regulations. We also recommended the installation of splash pads, which spray water into the air, as a safe replacement for the wading pools. As a result, these new water play features were funded by PDC and installed in five parks located in the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area (ICURA) - Columbia, Farragut, Kenton, Northgate and Peninsula Parks.

This year Overlook Park was the only remaining park in ICURA with a decommissioned wading

pool awaiting a replacement splash pad. Unfortunately, PP&R determined that water usage for the new spray structures more than tripled, as did their water bills. Consequently, because of the high operations cost, PP&R decided not to install a water feature in Overlook Park.

However, the Parks Subcommittee, PDC and PP&R would like to fund one or more projects at Overlook Park instead of replacing the wading pool. So, I'm asking you to take a few minutes to complete an online survey (www.portlandonline.com/parks/index.cfm?&c=54712) to add your vote for which project to select. Suggestions include:

- **Permeable path to replace wood chip path and to improve drainage**
- **Interior lighting**
- **Additional benches**
- **Fitness trail with exercise stations**
- **Restroom improvements (new roof & gutters)**
- **Improved fencing along bluff**

But don't delay! The deadline for input is September 21. I'll report on the results in the next issue of *Overlook Views*. If you have any questions, call Sue Glenn (PP&R N/NE Zone Manager: 503.823.1605) or me (503.249.7728). Thanks for your support.

Become one of the Friends of Patton Square Park

We're dedicated to taking care of our beautifully remodeled park and keeping it healthy for everyone! Email us to join in:



Web Extra:

Read about Overlook Tree Steward Vinny Parisi and the Street Tree Inventory Project in his Oregonian interview: www.overlookneighborhood.org

LEAF DAY CHANGES

Neighbors, the city leaf cleanup program has changed somewhat from last year's new for-fee service. Even if you were not in the leaf pick up last year, be sure to check to see if you are in the newly reformed boundaries.

Opting out is considerably easier this year, and communications from the city give more detail. Here's part of what they had to say; please visit portlandonline.com/leafday for more information.



LEAF DAY MADE EASY

- ★ Earlier and better public notification through mailers meetings in leaf removal neighborhoods, Twitter announcements, and more.
- ★ Tweaked boundaries to provide the service where it's most needed.
- ★ Leaf fees implemented in 2010 still apply in 2011, and eligible customers may qualify for an exemption.
- ★ Simplified the leaf fee opt-out program and application process, included an online opt-out option, in addition to mail, fax, email, and in-person delivery. Deadline is in October.
- ★ The City will pick up yard leaves if you pile them in the street on leaf pickup day
- ★ Of course, if you opt out of the program, you may not rake your yard leaves into the street for leaf pickup service.



Garbage Collection Changes

On October 31, all Portland single-family households (and residents living in buildings with four or fewer units) will be able to place all food scraps (including meat and bones!), along with yard debris, in their green Portland Composts! roll carts. Composting food scraps reduces waste and creates nutrient-rich compost for fertilizing yards and gardens. Compost helps plants grow, prevents erosion, retains water, and blocks disease and weeds.

As part of the new Curbside Collection Service, the green Portland Composts! roll cart will increase to weekly pick up, and garbage collection will be changed to every-other-week, allowing additional food scrap and yard debris collection without raising prices for most residents. The blue roll cart and yellow glass recycling bin will continue to be collected every week.

To help you prepare for these changes, a kitchen pail and information packet will be delivered to your home with step-by-step instructions for composting food scraps in your green Portland Composts! roll cart. You will also receive information to help you select service that works for your household. Questions or comments? Call the curbside hotline at 503-823-7202

Email wasteinfo@portlandoregon.gov
portlandcomposts.com

O•NeST News

by Leslee Lewis
OKNA Board Member

O•NeST has had a busy (almost) first year – since our first meeting last October we’ve gotten to know each other at our monthly potluck meetings, planned and screened the first six months of our sustainability film series (and really enjoyed getting to know the folks at Daybreak Cohousing, where we have held the series), surveyed neighbors about their interests in sustainability, put up a web page, started our email list, created a Facebook page and Twitter account, organized our first (annual?) Neighborhood Yard Sale/Free Share, talked to lots of neighbors at our table at the Overlook Village Fair, and planned the coming **Plastics and**



Cork Roundup (see the article on Page 1). The best thing for all of us has been spending time with neighbors who share our desire to see our community become more resilient, and together cooking up projects we think will help make that happen!

The Yard Sale/Free Share in particular was a smashing success - over 50 households participated!, far, far exceeding our expectations. We asked everyone for feedback after the sale, and many participants gave us excellent suggestions for making next year’s event even better. It’s great when you have an idea and it’s so well received!

Podkrepa: A Bulgarian-Macedonian Organization



photo thanks to KmikeyM.com

The beautiful Art Deco style stucco building at 2116 N Killingsworth doesn’t give much away with its façade, Podkrepa Association 1939. Certainly there’s no hint of the vintage fixtures inside, the specially made chairs and fittings, rescued from a Bulgarian display at an expo here.. it was cheaper to leave them behind then send them back to Bulgaria. Usually, there’s no obvious hint of who uses the building.

Podkrepa was originally founded in 1939 to help Bulgarian and Macedonian immigrants in the Portland area adjust to their new country. In more recent years, the focus changed to uniting immigrants and their now-descendants to promote Bulgarian and Macedonian educational and cultural activities. The group is purely charitable; bylaws forbid political or religious endorsements or discussions. The important thing is keeping cultural traditions alive.

Monthly meetings are generally a little business followed by a potluck meal and dancing. Special events occur, depending on the interest and enthusiasm in the group at the time. This fall, a regular program of activities restarts including Balkan dancing, language and music classes for children, language classes for adults and cooking classes.

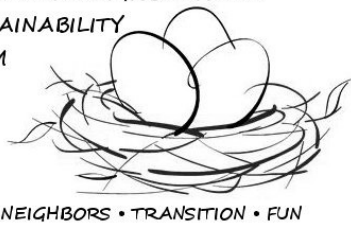
The Hall is occasionally rented out for other uses, but members are very protective of their haven, and screen renters carefully. Membership in the group is open to people of Bulgarian or Macedonian descent, but if you weren’t born lucky, stop by some Saturday or Sunday afternoon. A friendly hello might get you a tour of the inside, and maybe a tasty snack. For more information or to find out about using Podkrepa Hall, please contact Julia Meyer: juliameyer@sprintmail.com

Our film series continues in September and October, and we are starting to think about our second year’s projects: will we plant a nut orchard? Organize day-long workshops on some of our film series’ themes, like emergency preparedness/ disaster resilience, home energy or water collection/ conservation? We hope any neighbor who has ideas, energy, yummy potluck dishes and a great sense of humor (!) will join us for our October meeting (Oct. 13) to plan for the coming year. We want to get to know you!

Email: ONeST @overlookneighborhood.org
Webpage: sites.google.com/site/overlooksustainability
Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/ONest/215745721771268

O•NEST

OVERLOOK NEIGHBORHOOD
SUSTAINABILITY
TEAM



The purpose of O•NeST is to support neighbors in implementing projects for our community that enhance livability through sustainable action and know-your-neighbor. We welcome new members and are actively seeking people to collaborate on upcoming projects. Join us!

Questions or suggestions? Contact Leslee Lewis, O•NeST Coordinator:
ONeST@OverlookNeighborhood.org or 503.703.3702.



Know Your Neighborhood

Building Community & Strengthening Readiness Among Neighbors

KYN is a low-key way to get your preparedness and safety programs started. Recommended that you plan for just the people on your block, and get acquainted through this unique program. Free trainers from the city will conduct your meeting. Host your own KYN gathering 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)

O•NeST Events

General Meeting
2nd Thursdays of the month, 6-8pm
3908 N Concord

Film & Food
3rd Mondays of the month, 6-8pm
Daybreak Cohousing,
2525 N Killingsworth, Community House
Movie & Potluck Dinner

Plastics Recycling Roundup!
Saturday Sept 17, 2011
See story on Page 1.

For latebreaking calendar dates and information and resources, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/overlooksustainability/home>

Busy Times at Ethos/IFCC!

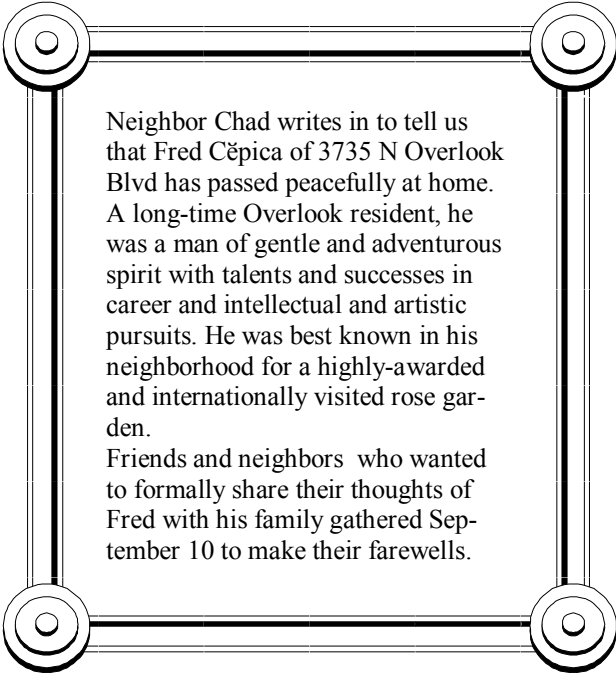
by Aila Bloomfield
Program Manager at Ethos/IFCC

Ethos enjoyed a flurry of activity this summer centered on our week-long Summer Music and Ballet Camps taking place in their new home at Ethos/IFCC. For 10 weeks, close to 50 kids could be seen nearly every day playing music in classrooms, glazing mugs and tie-dying T-shirts, or playing Capture the Flag in Patton Park during recess. Ethos’ students filled Ethos/IFCC with their excitement and enthusiasm, breathing life into the building and energizing Ethos’ staff and teachers for the school year to come.

In addition to camps, Ethos/IFCC hosted several fantastic cultural events and performances this summer. Ethos/IFCC celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a concert by Laura Reboloso, a son jarocho musician from Veracruz, Mexico. “Refugee Nation”, a production put on by an LA-based theater company and made possible through a partnership between Ethos and the Lao American Foundation, stunned audiences with poignant vignettes of Lao refugees in this country. And, Portland Taiko’s Michelle Fujii solo performance, “CHOKING”, which centered on issues of identity as a Japanese-American woman.

As the summer draws to close, we are looking forward to a new term of Ethos’ music, dance, theater, and visual art classes. Our Fall Class Catalog is available in print and online, and we are excited to offer several new classes at Ethos/IFCC for both youth and adults, including Flamenco, Tai Chi, Tap Dance, Bilingual Spoken Word workshops, and much more! We at

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.



Neighbor Chad writes in to tell us that Fred Čepica of 3735 N Overlook Blvd has passed peacefully at home. A long-time Overlook resident, he was a man of gentle and adventurous spirit with talents and successes in career and intellectual and artistic pursuits. He was best known in his neighborhood for a highly-awarded and internationally visited rose garden. Friends and neighbors who wanted to formally share their thoughts of Fred with his family gathered September 10 to make their farewells.

Ethos are continually thrilled to be part of the North and Northeast Portland communities, providing affordable classes and showcasing a diverse array of cultural and theatrical events. Ethos/IFCC is gearing up for a jam-packed theater season beginning in October, including work from PassinArt, Push Leg, and Hand2Mouth Theatre, so stay tuned to www.ethos.org for dates, details, and tickets!

MORE BUSINESS IN OVERLOOK

Ted Ernst coaches executive teams on habits that both grow the business more reliably and reduce required day to day management. Ted@TedErnst.com <http://TedErnst.com> 503-877-9214

DiPrima Dolci Italian Bakery & Ristorante has specialty holiday breads & pastries. Open til 8pm Thurs, Fri, Sat for casual dinners, wine and beer. Open daily, 1936 N Killingsworth 503-283-5936

Atomic Pizza and Atomic Ice Cream As the seasons change we will be adjusting the Atomic Ice Cream shop hours. But don't fret, you can always order your ice cream at Atomic Pizza from open to close. 2150 N Killingsworth 503-285-5490

Volunteers big and small descended on Beach School August 27th, to beautify, tidy up, pull weeds, whatever it took to get the grounds ready for the new school year.

Thanks to **Steve Lanigan** for the photos!

Community Care Day



Beach School Traffic Note

Between the hours of 8:20 am and 9:00 am and again between 2:50 pm and 3:20 pm, Humboldt Street and Concord Streets near Beach School will be closed in order to help students get to and from home and school safely. We know that this causes an inconvenience to drivers and wanted to let the community know of these street closures at the opening and the ending of each school day.

-Tom Breuckman, Beach School Principal

Youth Bill of Rights Mural Unveiled

See it in person; it's beautiful!

by Edward Gutierrez
Overlook Neighbor at Proud Ground

Students from more than 5 different schools throughout North Portland provided the inspiration and creativity for Portland's newest public art mural. This past spring, students helped by providing ideas and also created a draft rendering of the themes and visuals which would cover a wall over 25' (width) x 30' (height) at Trillium Charter school. The mural displays the Children and Youth Bill of Rights. In 2006, Portland became the first city in the United States to create a bill of rights exclusively for youth. The "Our Bill of Rights: Children and Youth" was later adopted by Multnomah County.

The mural artists, Jesus García and Margret Harburg officially unveiled their completed project on September 1st. Since July 1st the artists have been working to bring the students ideas to life on a monumental scale. The ages of the youths who have participated range from 4 to 19; the young artists come from Blue Faith Youth, a faith based youth group from North Portland's Holy Cross Parish, as well as students from Trillium's 3rd and 4th grade art class.

In addition to the unveiling ceremony, an end of mural barbecue at Patton Square Park is scheduled for September 17th, 12pm-4pm; the event is free and open to all. More event information at: <http://northportlandyouthmural.wordpress.com>

Holy Cross Deacon Jose Gutiérrez says the project has been a positive one for the neighborhood and its young participants who have lent their voices to the concept. Says Gutiérrez, "We needed to give the young people in our community a sense that they can be part of a positive change." Lead Artist Jesus García adds, "We are very proud to call North Portland



Black & white photos miss the glorious color and detail of the mural; it's well worth seeing live and in color!

our home and the youth asked me to represent what the neighborhood means to them." The North Portland Youth Initiative (NPYI) "invests in North Portland's future" by providing artistic and cultural activities for youth in a safe environment. The Mural is supported in part by the City of Portland in partnership with Portland Community College, Santa Fe Taquería, Winkler Development, Latino Network, Trillium Charter School, and the Regional Arts and Culture Council.

Volunteer with SMART® and Help Children Discover the Joy of Reading!

SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) is an early literacy nonprofit that envisions an Oregon in which every child can read and is empowered to succeed. We engage community volunteers to help PreK-3rd grade children become confident readers by providing one-on-one literacy support, valuable adult mentorship, and books to take home and keep. **We need volunteers** for our program in the **Beach Elementary School**. Volunteer to read for one hour per week from mid-October through mid-May. Applications are accepted year-round.



To make a difference at these schools and in your community, call 971-634-1616 or visit www.GetSMARTOregon.org and help start making a reader today!

Prescription Drop Box Now At North Precinct

The Office of Neighborhood Involvement's Crime Prevention Program and the Portland Police Bureau have partnered to provide a total of three permanent prescription drug disposal boxes for the community. Central Precinct, North Precinct, and East Precinct each house a **MedReturn Prescription Drug Drop box in the lobby**, now available to the community during business hours. Simply bring in unused and expired medications and drop them in the box located in the precinct lobbies during lobby hours.

North Precinct
449 NE Emerson Street
Portland, OR 97211
Lobby Hours 8:00am-6:00pm

Acceptable items for deposit: Prescription medications and samples, all over the counter medications, vitamins, pet medications, medicated ointments, and liquid medication in leak proof containers.

Items not acceptable for deposit: Thermometers/Sharps/Syringes, IV bags, bloody or infectious waste, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, inhalers, EpiPens.

Crime Prevention and the Police Bureau partner on a regular basis to hold prescription drug turn in events and will continue to do so. In the mean time, the prescription drug drop box will afford the community more opportunities to dispose of medications when needed.

The prescription drug drop box is one solution to the growing problem of teenagers gaining access to unused and expired medications in the medicine cabinets of their own homes, homes of friends and of grandparents. There is also a demand from the community to provide a safe disposal option for medications in an effort to protect our waterways.



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

quiet for a good nap while our home had just the right mix of blaring TV and noisy kids. And the man could out-snore anyone I have ever met. Nothing would wake him.

A simple bench is not honor enough for this gentle man who cut a large wedge out of so many lives in our little neighborhood. As a mechanic he was always there to serve. Battery jump, snow chain install, emergency repairs, all done from the green three wheeled Harley Davidson motorcycle "service vehicle" he used for nearly three decades.

Art died as he lived; helping a friend. He was walking into his best friend Holly Phipps' drugstore on North Mississippi when a thief grabbed a bank money bag Art was carrying for the druggist and ran. Art died of a heart attack while chasing the thief.

His funeral was moved from Friday to Saturday so more friends could attend. When the chapel was filled, chairs were set out on the lawn. And when those were filled more were set out in the parking lot. And when those were filled people stood and listened to the service on outdoor speakers.

That is a measure of how Art Brooks was beloved in our community.

Overlook History Sketches: Remembering My Friend

by Bob Slusher
Friend of the Overlook Neighborhood

Our friend Art Brooks has a bench installed in his honor. It is located in that little grassy park at the end of Skidmore Terrace and overlooks the Portland harbor. If he were here he would think that tribute too much.

When first erected in 1981 it was a simple bench of cedar with crudely crafted hand lettering "Art Brooks Memorial Bench". Time has a hand with us all and a new, sturdier bench was raised in its place in 1987. And, so those who would rest upon it would know why it was placed there, the same simple inscription was engraved. Still later in '03 a grander bench was placed nearby to honor Arthur and another neighbor lovingly remembered.

Art came to live in our neighborhood in 1925. As a young man from Minnesota he worked in various automotive service stations in North Portland before establishing his own "Signal" brand station in 1935 at the corner of Interstate Ave. and Shaver

St. He would hold court from that location for the next 35 years. In 1970 and on hearing of his intended retirement his friends and neighbors began planning a little surprise party for Art. The location had to change several times as more and more of his clients, neighbors, and friends wanted to attend. A band was booked, catering was contracted, and donations came pouring in. The party was finally held at the old Finnish Hall (now the Kaiser Town Hall) near Overlook Park. Over 780 people attended. *That* is a measure of how Art Brooks was beloved in our community.

Art lived on our street (Skidmore Terrace) for 45 years. I knew him as the quiet, gentle neighbor next door. Never blessed with formal education he was as bright and literate as any person I have ever met. Well read on any subject, historical or current, you could carry on a spirited conversation with Art on any matter except politics. I admired him tremendously and he was a wonderful mentor to me on my life path.

Art's evening tradition was to enjoy an early supper and then come next door to our house and fall asleep on our living room sofa. His house was too

Crime Prevention Update

by Mark Wells
City of Portland Crime Prevention Program

Hello Overlook neighbors and businesses! I hope you all have been enjoying a fun and safe summer. I wanted to update you all on some locations and issues I’ve been working on in the Overlook area.

Going Overpass As many of you probably know, the N Concord Avenue pedestrian bridge that runs over N Going Street has been a continual area for homeless camps and criminal activity. I continue to be contacted by neighbors and especially parents with concerns for the bridge’s safety. I’m happy to report I conducted a security review of the entire bridge with Ross Swanson, project manager for the Neighborhood Greenway project in the Bureau of Transportation. He and I reviewed the safety concerns for this bridge and we are hopeful he will have enough money in his budget to at a minimum cut down the two trees that are obstructing the light, enhance the existing lighting, prune back the trees and limbs, and possibly add metal fencing on the south side to deter future camping in this area. There are still many details in the project to complete, but I’m hopeful we will see some substantial improvements to the security for this area.

The Parklet Mocks Crest Park at the end of N Skidmore Ct and Terrace has recently received more coverage in both the Oregonian and even the New York Times, not to mention being named as the “Best Worst-Kept Secret” in Willamette Week. The Portland Police and Park Rangers continue to patrol this area to educate park users that alcohol is no longer permitted along with a host of park rules now in place starting this summer. I have received mixed reviews from neighbors and park users on this area and it is still a work in progress. Please call the police if you see people violating park rules such as drinking, using drugs, or urinating in the bushes etc.

Police Non Emergency: 503.823.3333

Car Prowls It’s a constant theme in my updates, but Overlook continues to struggle with car break-ins or car prowls as we call them. Both Overlook and Arbor Lodge were identified by the police last month as having a much higher car prowling rate than other North neighborhoods. I have spoken to many victims of this crime and almost without fail the victims are reporting valuable items in plain sight or their vehicle was left unlocked. If you park your car on the street and even in a driveway, please ensure your car is in “showroom clean” condition and locked. It can be a real inconvenience to do this every night, but it is really worth the time and effort. Also, if you are a victim of this or any crime please ensure you file a police report. Almost all of the crimes we are experiencing in Overlook qualify for on-line crime reporting at the Portland Police Bureau’s website:
www.portlandonline.com/police/cor

Transients In the past several months I have also been fielding multiple calls from frustrated residents and business owners regarding transients and homeless camps all around Overlook. This is a very complex issue the city of Portland is struggling with and there are sadly very few immediate answers or solutions. Some camps are simply individuals sleeping and not impacting anyone; however, the calls I’m receiving are including criminal activity ranging from open street drinking and intoxication, yelling and harassment of neighbors, to drug use and sales and vandalism and trespassing in vacant buildings. Please contact me if you see this type of activity or notice a new camp or area being used by a person you are concerned about. If you see someone obviously intoxicated or passed out, please call the police and they will respond and conduct what is essentially a welfare check.

**North Portland PSAC
Public Safety Action Committee**
When: The fourth Wednesday of each month
Where: Historic Kenton Firehouse
2209 N. Schofield
Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm

Live Safe

Public Safety & Crime Prevention



The Overlook Livability Team (OLT) had its first team BBQ thanks to current Team Leader David Chott hosting the team at his house in early September. Our OLT team is still going strong and meeting the first Sunday of each month to clean graffiti and keep our streets safe. I want to thank David for his continued energy and leading the team all this year. Please feel free to send me an email if you are interested in joining...we’re always looking for new volunteers.

Beach Foot Patrol Our Beach Foot Patrol is also still patrolling around Beach School and surrounding neighborhoods. These dedicated volunteers have done a great job over the summer keeping an eye on this part of Overlook and keeping Beach and its property clean and safe. A big thanks to all our Foot Patrollers.

As always, please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns related to public safety in the Overlook Neighborhood or would like more information on how you can get involved with some of our wonderful Crime Prevention community programs.

Crime Prevention Coordinator Mark Wells
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Mark.Wells@portlandoregon.gov

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 to find out how to join.

Overlook Neighborhood Public Safety Forum

by Mark Wells
City Crime Prevention Coordinator

At the request of Overlook residents, I will be facilitating what we hope will be a large community forum to discuss many public safety topics and issues pertinent to the Overlook Neighborhood. The date of this forum is Wednesday, October 19th and it will be held at the Kaiser Town Hall Ballroom located at 3704 N. Interstate Ave. We will be sponsoring an open house from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm with many information booths and representatives from the various public safety agencies that serve the Overlook area. The meeting will run from 7:00-9:00 pm with plenty of time for you to ask any questions or discuss safety issues.

The goal of the forum is to draw as many Overlook residents and business as possible (Town Hall seats 200 so help spread the word), and provide folks with the essential information on current crime and safety issues in and around Overlook, how to report crime and suspicious behavior, the importance of reporting crime, and how individuals can get involved with the many existing volun-

teer safety and livability teams and projects. Our very own Overlook Livability Team and Beach Foot Patrol will have information on how to join and just what their groups do in the neighborhood.

Date: Wednesday, October 19th
Time: 6-7pm Open house, 7-9pm Meeting
Location: Kaiser Permanente Town Hall Ballroom, 3704 N. Interstate Avenue

The meeting will have presentations from tentatively the Portland Police Bureau, The Mayor’s Office, Portland Parks and Recreation Security, the Bureau of Emergency Communication (911 Center), Transit Police, Kaiser Permanente Security, and other organizations. You will have the opportunity to hear just what each agency does, their jurisdiction and resources, and how individual residents can communicate efficiently with each agency. Navigating the many different City and County public safety agencies can sometimes be confusing or frustrating, so the goal again is to provide attendees a solid knowledge base on how these different agencies function and how citizens

can actively participate and aid in increasing public safety. We want residents and businesses to know how to report everything from graffiti to crimes in progress and understand their roles and how to be a part of the public safety system.

The community committee working on this forum will be distributing an outreach flyer in the next few weeks to as many residents and businesses as possible, but the best advertising is word of mouth. Please help us spread the word to ensure we can share this vital information to all our neighbors. If you have any specific issues or topics you would like to be addressed, please send me an email with the subject “Overlook Safety Forum Topic” to: mark.wells@portlandoregon.gov.

We hope to see you all in October at the first and what we hope will be an annual public safety event to ensure we keep Overlook the safe and wonderful neighborhood it is today and for the future. I would like to thank the dozens of residents working on this forum for their energy and support and their desire to work in partnership with the City to promote public safety in the Overlook Neighborhood.

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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

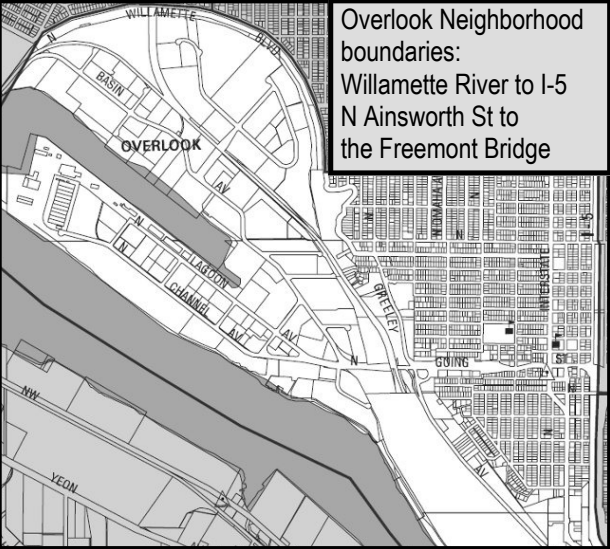
Abandoned Auto 24hr Hotline

503.823.7309

Metro Recycling Information

503.234.3000

www.metro-region.org



Stay Connected!

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Submit your short item to info@OverlookNeighborhood.org with ‘Post to List’ in the subject line. All submissions subject to review and edit.

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