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RSVP Now — Neighborhood Picnic at the Lucky Labrador Tap Room on August 21

Summer is surely the busy season in Overlook, with so many gatherings and festivities. There is one event where you can be sure to see and meet all your Overlook neighbors: The Annual OKNA Picnic, held this year at the Lucky Lab Tap Room on N Killingsworth.

Your courtesy RSVP helps the Lab folks know how much delicious pizza to make in advance; please help us all out by emailing Info@OverlookNeighborhood.org. We'll get you a free soft drink in gratitude! Do that by August 15th, please, and let us know if you need vegetarian, vegan or gluten-free options.

You're also welcome to drop in, here are the details:

The Overlook Neighborhood Association Summer Picnic

Tuesday, Aug. 21st, 6-9pm

Lucky Labrador Overlook Tap Room, 1700 N Killingsworth

RSVP by August 15 and receive a free soft drink

\$8 per person gets you a variety of pizzas, salad and cookies for desert

Door Prizes from Overlook businesses including

Atomic Pizza, Eddies Flat Iron Pizza and Tilt



North Interstate in the Spotlight!

by Joan Burleigh
Overlook Neighbor

During the third week in April, Overlook suffered an invasion! Bulky lighting and sound equipment lined the north side of Overlook Boulevard at Interstate Avenue for part of the block, "kitchen trucks", generator trucks, outdoor potties (deluxe versions, made of metal no less) and several old style black and white police cars lined the blocks adjacent to and behind the Palms Motel. Two or three security guards patrolled the area; they'd tell you about their "brushes with fame" if you asked...

Actual work began at about 8:00 pm on April 18th when a crane device shone an actual spot light on the front of the Palms. On duty Portland Police briefly blocked N

Interstate Avenue by the Kaiser garages so a young lady (clad completely in black) could run across N Interstate from the Palms Police cars were driven through the side entrance of the Palms, lights flashing and actors gathered at the Palms night window to shoot a take. A canopy was set up over a buffet table on the park side of Overlook Blvd and hot food was served. Earlier, food had been served in the Polish Hall.

The work went on until after 1:00 am at least, but this writer returned home; hey, it was cold! The segment was shown a few nights later and MAYBE 90 seconds of the Palms exterior and N Interstate Avenue were shown! Regardless, our area has been immortalized again!



The Polish Festival is an event for families and singles, adults and children, for food connoisseurs, music lovers, concert goers, dance enthusiasts, ... It is for everyone. During the festival, we provide non-stop stage performances, Polka Contest, a street dance with Chervona Band, delicious authentic Polish food and imported Polish beer.

Saturday: Sept 22, 11am - 10pm Sunday: Sept 23, noon - 6pm
3900 N. Interstate Ave., Portland
ADMISSION FREE

The festival includes Children's Village, which offers games, art projects, face painting, bounce houses and sweets and is operated by Polish School. Children 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.

Over 10,000 people are expected to attend the festival which is prepared and run by over 300 volunteers by the Polish Community. More information at: www.portlandpolonia.org/festival

OKNA Election Season Coming

If you've ever considered getting involved with your neighborhood association, now is a good time.

The end of the summer means the beginning of school, rainy fall weather and in September, the OKNA board elections.

This has been an extra-busy year for your neighborhood association, and competing priorities are stretching the current board a bit thin, so while we remind, goad and encourage your participation every year, this year the cause feels even more urgent.

Your skills and interests will dictate what you'd like to do on the board; we are not only looking to fill specific "jobs," although some of those are vacant. The major committees in OKNA are Land Use, Parks-Green Spaces, Public Safety, Diversity & Aging, Business Liaison, Membership, Communications, Sustainability, ICURAC and Transportation.

We'd love to have a regular representative focused on Schools or NET/Emergency Preparedness. One easy way to get into it all is to accept one of the standing offices: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or, the easiest way of all to find your place, Area Representative. This position represents a smallish segment of the neighborhood, very important in a neighborhood like Overlook that stretches from Swan Island, through the Overlook Village Business District to I-5 and includes all sorts of residents from renters to homeowners to live/work folk who do it all from one place.

You only need to check the real estate transactions on Page 3 to get an idea of how many new folks have moved into the neighborhood recently. Joining OKNA is a great way to meet people, learn about the neighborhood and get engaged. One of OKNA's goals is to help you create the sort of neighborhood you want to live in; now, what can we do to make that happen?

We look forward to your participation, and be sure to join us at the September OKNA meeting, Tuesday, September 18, for those elections.

HARPER'S PLAYGROUND

building a more inclusive world, one playground at a time

by Jenna Forzley
OKNA Board Member

On June 8th, 2012 Harper's Playground held its big ground breaking ceremonies at Arbor Lodge Park in front of a crowd of friends, family, media and many great supporters. Construction is well on its way and it is hoped to be completed by the end of this summer.

Harper's Playground will be the only 100% inclusive playground in Portland where children and adults of all abilities can play together. The park is named after Harper, a little girl who lives in the neighborhood with her parents and younger sister who frequent Arbor Lodge Park and look forward to all being able to play together with friends of all abilities.

This is a great addition for the Arbor Lodge and Overlook neighborhoods

as it will build a better community and create a destination for families wanting play and enjoy time together. This is truly a grass roots effort with funding being raised by everything from grant writing to bake sales, from the Portland Timbers and the Timbers Army to the Portland Pilots Women's Soccer Team and from local businesses and residents, including The Overlook Neighborhood Association, pitching in and buying personalized pavers.

They have almost reached their fundraising goal and just need one last kick, if you'd like to help Harper's Playground by buying a paver, with a donation or volunteer support please visit them at **www.harpersplayground.org** to find out more.



Stay Connected With OKNA

Weekly Email List:

Everyone should be subscribed to this list for important and timely announcements about meetings and other items you want to know about. Go to www.OverlookNeighborhood.org and sign up.

Facebook:

If you're a Facebook user, 'like' us at www.facebook.com/OKNAinPDX

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

Community Upgrade provides CPR/First Aid and Babysitter's Training (American Red Cross courses). Classes held regularly at 5719 N Interstate Ave. Private classes available for groups of four or more; 971-400-9128. View class offerings at www.positiveupgrade.com/community_upgrade

Atomic Pizza is excited to announce that we are opening a second shop in the Historic Hollywood Theatre building. We would not be able to do this without the support and patronage of all the amazing Overlook residences. Thank You!

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EDGE Ultimate Boot Camp kicks off August 27th. 5 days per week of maximum FUN & FITNESS. Get your Edge by calling 503-265-8685 or emailing info@edgeperformancefitness.com Located at Ainsworth & Interstate.

Located in the Overlook Neighborhood since 1997, **Arciform** offers design, remodeling, historic renovations & home repair with pride in craftsmanship. Call us at 503-493-7344 to schedule an appointment. www.arciform.com

Schedule a complimentary portfolio review. **Dave Trabucco**, AAMS®, CRPC® Financial Advisor 7326 N Leavitt Portland, OR 97203 503-247-7374 Member SIPC Edward Jones. Making sense of investing.

Join us at the **Lucky Labrador Taproom** at Concord and Killingsworth for the Neighborhood Picnic on August 21st! Or stop by any day of the week for cold beer and hot pizza!

Palace of Industry, 5426 N Gay Avenue. Watering hole & treasure trove. Now open 7 days! Vintage! Drinks! Patio! Sandwiches! Music! DJs! Cupcakes! Books! Art! Stuff! Champagne cocktails! Come hang out!

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

Joe Hamm, an Overlook Treasure

by Greg DuFour
Chair, Friends of the Overlook House

The Overlook neighborhood has so much going for it we sometimes forget the less obvious but very important assets: our fellow neighbors. Joe Hamm was one of those bedrock neighbors. Many generations of residents benefited from the joyful and free music lessons (fiddle, guitar, ukulele) Joe taught at the Overlook House and in his home. He was quick to offer a big warm smile and always ready for a jam session – including sessions at the Overlook House with his students and other neighbors. Although he read music he preferred to play by ear, and it was rare that anyone came-up with a song Joe didn't already know.

Joe's creativity was not limited to playing music – he was very accomplished with his hands. He built from scratch a very nice sounding violin he later used to record a CD. He fashioned the body and neck from a piece of maple found in his daughter's woodpile. The top (a particularly nice piece of fir) came from a shelf in the closet of his home. To create the fingerboard he reused furniture wood from a cruise ship being refitted into a WWII troop ship.

Joe was born in 1916 in Roy Montana, a small cow-town named after his brother Roy – the first baby born there. As a young boy Joe enjoyed the music of the waning cowboy days. When he was seven his sister's boyfriend, who played fiddle for country dances, taught Joe to play a few simple tunes – Joe was hooked. Hearing of this, an uncle gave him a violin he had; Joe later gave that violin to his daughter Peggy Jo who still plays it. In his teens Joe played for the Fort Benton and Kalispell high school orchestras.

The family moved to Portland in 1935, where Joe learned the machinist trade at Benson High and Oregon Institute of Technology. Joe worked for several shops in Portland and San Francisco before landing at Wilamette Iron and Steel Company. He worked there until retiring as foreman of the tool-making department at the age of 62.

Joe and his wife Margaret were married for 60 years before her death. Together they raised five daughters in our neighborhood. They in turn gave them ten grand-



children and ten great-grandchildren – many who sing and play musical instruments.

After retiring, Joe began a new life (as he called it) when he brought music back into it. He found many great friends when he decided to pick-up that fiddle again. He once commented that “musicians are some of the nicest people you will meet.” For about five years Joe played with two different dance bands. He then joined the “Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association,” a group of musicians who jam, and play for dances and other events mostly at Senior Community Centers. Joe introduced some of his daughters and some of his students to OOTFA. Right up until the end, Joe enjoyed jamming with his daughters, his students, and his OOTFA friends.

On May 1st, at the age of 95, Joe died while still living in his long-time Overlook home. He is missed by all those who knew him (and perhaps some who didn't). Joe left his piano to the Overlook House in the hope that it will help to continue the musical tradition he loved.



Halloween in...August?

It might be hot and sunny now, but October will be here before you know it, so put the Overlook House Halloween party on your calendar! Once again, we will enjoy games, crafts and healthy treats for children from 1-5 years old. Can't wait to see your costume! October 31, 2012 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.



Calling all creative parents!

Do you have a way with cool crafts, fun games, or yummy treats for kids ages 1-5? Alternatively, do you just have a little extra

energy for children's events? If so, we need you! Last year's Halloween Party planner is unavailable this year, but will happily share her ideas and experience with you. Overlook House board members will provide a budget and helpers to plan and put on the party, but we need one (or several!) volunteer moms and dads to spearhead this beloved Overlook House event. We also need extra helping hands during the party. If you can us, help create another fun experience for Overlook children, please email:

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

Dragon's Breath of Fire Qi Gong

Join James Bloom for Qi Gong/Chi Kung beginning September 7, 2012 every Monday and Thursday in the basement of the Overlook House at 10:00 am – 11:00 am and 6:45pm – 7:45 pm. For more information, contact James directly at 503.285.8331 or via email at dragon-breathoffire@comcast.net. James is a National Qigong Association Member Level 11 and has his own practice called Dragon's Breath of Fire Qi Gong/Chi Kung. Contact James for more information. We hope to see you here.

YOGA

Level one Hatha yoga classes are offered on Monday and Wednesday evening from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Ruth Oclander and Maneena Douglas. Your first class is free and then the cost is \$5.00 per class, mats are available, and there is room to change if you are coming straight from work. Questions or more info? Email ruth.oclander@gmail.com, or simply stop by for class.

Annual Ice Cream Social

Delicious Lovely's Fifty Fifty ice cream, shade from the large trees, and friendly neighbors made a fun evening at this year's ice cream social, August 5th. The kids played with sidewalk chalk and some had their faces painted.

The Overlook House's Ice Cream Social Committee (Mary Ellen Baldauff, Carol Cushman, Matt Scoggin, & Nicole Thorburn) 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.

The Overlook House 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 Overlook resident winning an iPad 4G and many others winning great items donated by several local businesses. Neighborhood photog Steve Lanigan was there and will provide us with more photos soon.

Ice Cream Social Donors

Generous ice cream from: Lovely's Fifty-Fifty.

Volunteers

Lori Cieloha, Shelley Gifford, Cynthia Sulaski, Jim Heiman, Carol Hult, Mat, Emilija, Sadie Thorburn, and Lawn Signs posted at the home of Gayle Vrla, David Chott, Susie & Mary Rossetto, Annegret Wolford, Shannon Hillis & David Nichols, Carl Brenden, Hideko Forzley, Rachel Elizabeth, and Chris & Mike Quigley.

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.

Plan Now for Holiday Bazaar

Are you a crafter who would like an opportunity to sell your wares? The committee is always looking for new vendors to add to the variety of crafts offered at

our bazaar.

Date: Saturday and Sunday, December 1st and 2nd, 2012

Location: The Overlook House, 3839 North Melrose Drive

If this is of interest please contact our committee via email at overlookhouseevents@gmail.com or call our committee chair, Carol Cushman, at 503-288-3888 for more information.

No-Parking Buildings Cause Concern

Neighbors form committee, collaborate

by Gary Davenport & Kevin Campbell
Overlook Neighbors

Overlook residents were shocked by the announcement of plans to build a 65-unit apartment complex with no on-site parking right next to Overlook Park on N. Overlook Boulevard.

The OKNA board hastily called a special meeting and on July 26, Barry Manning from Portland’s Bureau of Planning and Sustainability provided zoning information, web links, and zoning code pertinent to the proposed Overlook Park apartment site.

His presentation, while informative, offered little hope to residents concerned about the proposed apartment building’s impact on parking, safety, Overlook Park and the general character of the neighborhood. Residents around the block of 5118/5124 N. Interstate Avenue are facing similar issues, with a 45-unit apartment building slated to be built with no on-site parking, near Patton Square Park.

Mr. Manning did say that the Design Overlay assigned to the development site will provide an opportunity for residents to meet with the developer, but discussion is technically limited to the cosmetic appearance of the building and does not require the developer to discuss any parking issues, as the zon-



N Overlook Blvd, near N Interstate Avenue already has tight parking days. Photo: Gary Davenport

ing at the location allows the building to be built with no parking spaces.

Also presenting was Dave Anderson from the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association, representing **Neighbors for Responsible Growth** (NRG), a group of concerned residents from the Sellwood/Moreland, Beaumont-Wilshire, Richmond, Overlook and Kerns neighborhoods who face similar construction concerns. During his presentation, Mr. Anderson laid out some of the details: A single developer, Wally Remmers of Everett Custom Homes and founder of Arbor Custom Homes, has purchased properties and drawn up plans for construction of high-density apart-

ments buildings throughout North, Northeast and Southeast Portland. Buildings are typically comprised of very small studios and one-bedroom units with some including two-bedroom units. Nearly all have no on-site parking planned.

The city believes that in-fill apartment renters who have easy access to mass transit will chose to not own cars; however, we believe that most renters will keep their cars and will be forced to find parking in

OVERLOOK PARK



the neighborhood, creating traffic congestion and safety problems. This is just the ‘tip of the iceberg,’ as under existing code, motels and other large holdings along the Interstate corridor may also be developed without any on-site parking —imagine what 200+ more cars trying to find parking on our neighborhood’s streets will do to our quality of life.

Discussion of these and other concerns, followed by suggestions for solutions and actions filled the balance of the neighborhood meeting. Ideas ranged from engaging multiple agencies with an interest in Overlook Boulevard, including Portland Parks and Recreation, the Portland Fire Bureau and the Bureau of Transportation to encouraging the developer to build fewer but larger units to maximize the park views, perhaps as future condos. Ideas for using surplus off-hours parking in the area were also discussed.

At the close of the meeting, participants agreed that a special OKNA subcommittee be quickly formed to focus on these issues. Gary Davenport was nominated and agreed to lead the subcommittee, which is currently working hard to ensure that Overlook residents have a voice about what high-density infill development will look like in North Portland. The subcommittee, calling itself **Overlook Friends for Responsible Growth**, will need your help and support. Interested residents should contact Gary Davenport at: onrg@comcast.net

The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same

Neighborhood growth long-controversial

by Bob Slusher
Honorary Overlook Neighbor

2206 N. Skidmore Terrace. Ah-ha you say, no such address. But you would be wrong. That address is the first clue in a unlikely turn of events that concluded in December of 1979 but began nearly a decade earlier.

One day in the spring of (probably) 1970-1 dump trucks started rolling down tiny Skidmore Terrace at the rate of about 15 an hour. Fill dirt was being dumped into the wooded gully that forms the south side of that street. Shocked residents were watching the birth of a new housing development. The trucks would then gingerly make their way out for another load. Rumor had it that a realtor had purchased a half acre parcel **in the gully** at the 2206 address and was prepared to build three to four homes. As you might guess, the residents were not pleased and worried calls to the City of Portland were met with news "What the developer was doing is legal". What to do?

Now, Skidmore Terrace is a sub-standard street (narrow) and one of only two concave streets in Portland at the time. On-street parking would eat up at least half of that

meager width and certainly leave little room for large dump trucks to pass. On-street parking suddenly became fashionable on the street. This later escalated to alternating parking on both sides of the street as dump truck tires carved into lawns trying to negotiate the narrow path. Police were summoned by both sides in what became a scalding conflict. City Bureaus were beleaguered with calls. Voices and tempers were raised.

Then quite suddenly, it all stopped. The gully was one third filled and remained that way until cooler heads and attorneys could sort it out.

One champion stepped up to battle the infill; resident Ken Slusher. With help, he battled the developer over the next few years until it became a standoff of strong wills. As far as the residents were con-



cerned, they had won. To honor Ken's efforts they had the city Parks sign shop make up an official parks department sign reading **Slusher Park** which was presented to Ken at a celebration party in May, 1974. That sign stood on the south gully for years before disappearing.

The 2206 property was advertised for sale in the Oregonian newspaper during 1978, but there is no record of a buyer. On December 26, 1979 the attorney Ken had hired (resident Norman Lindstedt) put the case before the City Council for a final ruling to block the project. Records show the property passed into City hands in 1999 and is now with the Portland Parks Department.

Still a resident of Overlook, Ken passed in on his 78th birthday in 1989.

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 Portlandia Properties (503-381-7035) for sourcing this information for you!



Address	SF	Bed/Bath	List Price	Sold Price	Days on Market
1720 N Shaver	1500	3/2	450000	490000	1
5557 N Burrage	2911	4/2	380000	380000	1
4615 N Montana	2140	3/2	324900	337500	2
3945 N Massachusetts	2472	3/3	399000	412000	2
2434 N Willamette	3250	3/3	400000	411000	3
1551 N Wygant	1632	2/1	230000	230000	2
2400 N Alberta	3209	4/3.1	548000	543000	4
2967 N Willamette	1720	3/2	409000	399000	4
1579 N Skidmore	1232	1/2	289500	257000	4
5718 N Boston	1227	3/2	199000	199000	5
2515 N Willamette	2098	3/2	328000	329000	5
2432 N Sumner	1752	3/1	299900	325000	6
2334 N Sumner	1728	3/2	320000	321600	8
5606 N Boston	1979	3/1	289000	296000	11
1533 N Wygant	1916	3/2	274900	264000	13
4905 N Minnesota	2064	3/2	175655	190000	15

In addition to the sold homes above, 16 condo units in Killingsworth Station, 1455 N Killingsworth, are reported sold between May-July. 15 studios and one 2-bedroom sold for \$181900—\$315400.

Address	SF	Bed/Bath	List Price	Sold Price	DOM
1605 N Killingsworth	2556	3/1	309900	300000	16
1816 N Jessup	1519	3/1	180000	196000	18
3835 N Massachusetts	2181	3/2	499000	470000	21
2153 N Alberta	2886	4/1.1	485000	465000	25
5808 N Interstate	1119	2/1	179000	175000	30
3969 N Overlook Blvd B	1768	3/2.1	409900	415000	31
3969 N Overlook Blvd A	1768	3/2.1	409900	409900	37
1225 N Emerson	2460	3/1.1	295000	276000	50
5815 N Boston	1500	3/2	170000	196500	56
4227 N Longview	2951	4/3	539900	539900	67
1712 N Sumner	1232	3/2	249500	235000	73
3707 N Overlook Blvd	3117	3/3	489900	489900	88
2525 N Killingsworth	865	2/1	175000	125000	89
3711 N Overlook Blvd	2496	3/2	499900	489900	89
3827 N Massachusetts	3050	3/2	499000	472500	135
3914 N Massachusetts	1320	1/1	215000	222000	152
2446 N Humboldt	2917	3/3	524900	500000	154
1815 N Prescott	960	2/1	225000	232000	236

Beach Welcomes New Principal

by Kris Meyers
Assistant Principal, Beach School

Rebecca Torres Willhelm has been selected to be the new principal at Beach PK – 8, following the retirement of current principal, Tom Breuckman. When asked about his experience at Beach and in the Overlook Community, Breuckman replied, “Beach School is a fabulous school community made up of hardworking teachers, parents, students and community members, all doing everything they can to ensure that everyone learns in a safe, fun, community environment. I have been pleased and proud to be part of their efforts these past three years.”

Here is Mr. Breuckman’s letter introducing and welcoming Ms. Torres to the Beach Community.

Dear Beach Community!

I’m happy to announce that the new Beach Principal is Rebecca Torres! Rebecca was previously the Assistant Principal at Sellwood Middle School. She recently interviewed with the interview committee and was highly recommended by our interviewers. The Superintendent, Carole Smith, and Harriet Adair, Regional Administrator then made the decision to place Ms. Torres at Beach!

Based on feedback from the interview committee, we are very fortunate in Ms. Torres’ selection to be principal at Beach. Rebecca attended Warner Pacific College and Portland State University and she is a native Oregonian! She is conversant in Spanish and has a background in Elementary Education. In her career, she has taught Special Education, ESL, Language Arts / Social Studies and reading. Additionally, her training in Bilingual Education, Sheltered Instruction and more will be very helpful for her placement at Beach and working with English Language Learners.

Prior to coming to Portland, Rebecca taught in Woodburn School District was an Assistant Principal there. Her experience, knowledge of Spanish, experience with middle schools and with K – 8 schools really provide her with a wealth of experience directly applicable to Beach. Finally, but of great importance, please know that Ms. Torres is VERY EXCITED to be a part of the Beach community.

It’s a great pleasure to welcome Rebecca Torres as the new principal at Beach! Please welcome her to the Beach Community!



by Rell Ohlson
Arbor Lodge Neighbor

Did you know that each week 25-30 students attending Ockley Green Middle School take home a backpack of food so they have enough to get through the weekend? They usually prepare it for themselves too. These students from our

Back to School in the Neighborhood!

Beach School Community is Busy, Join In the Fun!

News from the Beach PTA

by Jennifer Callison and Aaron Smirl
Co-Presidents, Beach School PTA

A new slate of Beach PTA board members for the 2012-2013 school year were elected during the June 2012 PTA meeting. The new board members are:

Aaron Smirl and Jennifer Callison, Co-Presidents
Dave Heslam, Vice-President
Marlo Porter, Treasurer
Pamela White, Secretary
Gustavo Molina, Teacher Representative

We still have several important and rewarding PTA positions open, so if parents or teachers are interested in participating, please contact the presidents (Jennifer and Aaron at president@beachpta.org).

We are proud of student participation in the Bicycle Transportation Alliance’s Bike and Walk challenge this year. **Beach received an award** for the most trips made by biking, walking, or car-pool with a total of 7941 trips and 96.9% participation during the May 2012 contest.

We are looking forward to rewarding year of learning at Beach School. The Beach PTA has scheduled two grounds cleanup events on **August 11th and August 25th from 10 AM to noon**. We will also be beautifying the school grounds every Saturday in October from 10 AM to noon. These will be great opportunities to meet

your neighbors, build community, and make the Beach grounds really shine.

We invite the whole community to our annual **Beach School Auction on March 2** at Castaway. In past years, we have been humbled by community support of the auction in the forms of generous donations from businesses, volunteers, and attendance. We encourage business owners and individuals in the neighborhood to consider supporting the Beach School auction this year. Please contact Andee at beachschoolauction@gmail.com to learn more about how you can be involved with the auction.

Volunteer opportunities abound at Beach. Some of these include, reading with children through our **Start Making a Reader Today (SMART)** program, teaching or assisting with after school education programs, giving educational presentations, or being involved in some of our events. Volunteering at Beach has a powerful influence on the lives of students in your neighborhood. If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, please contact Pam at: afterschool@beachpta.org.

The Beach PTA will put on several events this year, including: **Open Houses, Fall Harvest Festival, Performance Nights, Auction, Family Fit Night, Talent Show, Grounds Cleanups, and Teacher Appreciation**. These events provide a context for families to socialize with each other and teachers, and representatives from the wider community to present information to school families.

Information about these events and how you can be involved is available on the Beach PTA website <http://beachpta.org>

Shop With Scrip to Support Beach School

by Jennifer Callison
Co-President, Beach School PTA

Support Beach by purchasing gift cards for places you already shop. Chances are you already regularly shop at one of the businesses participating in the Beach Scrip Program. You raise money for Beach just by using Scrip Gift Cards for your regular shopping.

You pay only for the value of the card, just as if you bought the card in the store. Beach earns a percentage of the sales. The percentage from each business is listed

on the order form. Choose from more than 100 businesses, including grocery stores, coffee shops, restaurants, clothing stores and lots more. Cards are great for the Holidays & Birthdays. Shop at your neighborhood school and avoid the crowded malls.

Please contact: Pamela White 503-740-9871 (mickey965@q.com) or Kimberly Peterson 503-307-4004 (kimberlynpeterson@yahoo.com) to get copies of the order forms. Our first order deadline is September 10th.

Beach Student Writing: Interviews!

Our featured writer is McKenna Leigh Gesch. Last term, she was one of Mr. McGrady’s 4th Grade students. The kids interviewed and profiled a teacher for this assignment.

This is a profile about my violin teacher, Miss Karen. This profile is about topics that relate to her job, things that she likes and fun facts that she shared with me. Did you know that Miss Karen plays the piano as well as the violin? Enjoy!

Miss Karen teaches beginner students of violin in the Portland Suzuki Project (PSP). The PSP has after-school programs along with classes during school. Miss Karen’s favorite thing about teaching at Beach is the students. She says we are a lot of fun, but can be frustrating when we don’t listen. She also says, and I quote, When we get it right it is SO awesome! Playing the violin is a fun skill to learn, can be frustrating and hard, but it’s an instrument that sounds really pretty when we play it well.

Miss Karen’s favorite subjects are English and History. She picked English because she likes reading. She is going to school for literature because she likes to read. Miss Karen likes History because it has people in it who wear very pretty clothes and because it is interesting. Even though she plays and loves the violin, her favorite types of instruments are percussion (drums, xylophones etc). Miss Karen’s favorite types of songs to play on the violin are French folk songs! I would love to play them!

A weird fact is that violin strings used to be made out of sheep or cat intestines! Some violin strings are still made that way, but most are not.



Food Security — Neighbors helping neighbors your produce contributions matter!

neighborhood all qualify for free or reduced-fee lunch and breakfast at the school. Over the weekend, they have to fend for themselves. How can you help? By donating fresh fruit or veggies. Most of the back pack food comes from the N/NE Ecumenical Food Pantry. But fresh fruit and veggies are not on the list. We try to provide one fresh fruit item per back pack each week. If 10-14 families sign up to help by bringing the fruit/veggies to the school, that means you only donate every 10-12 weeks. Two families act as "back up" if someone is ill or unable for any rea-

son to take their week. E-mail reminds you that "this is your week" to take the food to the school. It's easy, doesn't cost too much, and your neighbors will be very grateful.

Sign up by sending an e-mail to ginger.edws@gmail.com. Ginger coordinates this effort for the Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Association (ALNA) and Chief Joseph Elementary. She has volunteered to do the same for the Ockley Green Project. Join us, and leverage the power of neighbors to do something great!

Coal Trains: North Portland Neighbors Say No

by Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky
Columbia Riverkeeper

On Tuesday, July 17th, residents of the Overlook neighborhood voted unanimously to support a resolution calling for a full Environmental Impact Statement and Health Impact Analysis of all six export coal proposals across the Northwest before permits are issued for the construction of any terminal. Overlook is joined by the Chairs of all 11 North Portland neighborhood associations, Arbor Lodge, St. Johns, and the northeast neighborhood of Woodlawn in calling for these important assessments.



One of the speakers at the July 17th meeting was Dr. Andy Harris, a member of Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility (ORSR). Dr. Harris spoke of the health impacts of coal dust and diesel emissions that would result from these proposals. Coal dust, according to Dr. Harris and OPSR, is linked to chronic bronchitis, emphysema, and pulmonary fibrosis. Coal dust also exposes air, water, and soil to heavy metals such as mercury and arsenic.

There are currently 6 proposals totaling over 150 million tons of coal export annually across the Northwest to ship US coal to Asia. Portland residents could see up to 8 full coal trains daily pass through neighborhoods en route to two proposed export projects: a 30 million ton terminal in St. Helens and a 10 million ton terminal in Coos Bay. A third project that impacts the region incorporates both rail and barge and would nearly double barge traffic on the Columbia River upriver of Bonneville Dam.

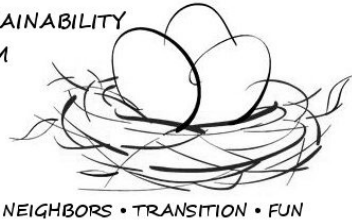
According to Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Rail Company, “The amount of dust that escapes from trains is surprisingly large.” The rail company acknowledges that 500 pounds of coal can be lost in the form of dust from each rail car. Each 100-car train, therefore, could spill 50,000 pounds of coal dust into our rivers and towns.

Residents of the Overlook neighborhood can join OKNA in asking Governor John Kitzhaber to require the environmental and health impacts of these proposals before issuing state permits to construct coal export terminals and find out more about coal export by visiting the Power Past Coal website: www.PowerPastCoal.org.

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Review:

Seismic Upgrade Workshop

by Leslee Lewis
OKNA Board Member

Conducted with the North Portland Tool Library and Steve Gemmell of Earthquake Tech, the workshop in May was a great success – 17 participants learned how to bolt their home to its foundation. We had a waiting list for the class, so we’re going to do another one in October or November – date to be announced in the Weekly OKNA Email.



Review: Our Intersection Repair

It was a BLAST! About 200 neighbors and friends helped clean, lay out, and finally PAINT the HUGE expanse of asphalt as part of Portland’s annual Village Building Convergence (www.cityrepair.org). Some great photos can be seen at the following sites: Panorama Slide Show: tinyurl.com/73jehtl Installation Day: tinyurl.com/6nc33p6 (look for the slideshow button to enjoy the show) T Ernst’s Installation Set: tinyurl.com/7cckewd Steve Lanigan’s Portraits: tinyurl.com/6stjudh

A HUGE **Thank You** to the businesses, groups and indi-

Sustainable Home Tour

Focusing on homes with features making them more resilient and sustainable: solar, bees, chickens, grey water, vermiculture, compost, wind power, insulation, energy efficiency, greenhouses, raised beds etc. Coming this Fall! If you’d like to show your ‘site’, please contact us! onest@overlookneighborhood.org

Reading Circle

Review: Transition Handbook Reading Circle

Over the past few months a group of Overlook neighbors has gathered together to read and discuss *The Transition Handbook* by Rob Hopkins, which focuses on building resilience in local communities by transitioning away from unsustainable energy sources while finding ways to build community and self-sufficiency.



Because of the great ideas that have been sparked in our little group, we decided to continue with Hopkins’ new book, *The Transition Companion*.

Please join us! You can find out about this movement that focuses on building resilient communities and re-localizing economies for security in the face of climate, energy and economic shocks. Transitionculture.org is Hopkins’ site and blog.

If you’d like to learn more and/or participate in our Transition discussions, send a quick note to Josh at onest@overlookneighborhood.org.

Tree Planting Leader Needed

by Garrett Phillips
Overlook Neighbor

We are still seeking a tree-loving volunteer to become the Neighborhood Tree Planting Coordinator for the 2013 Overlook tree planting event with Friends of Trees. It’s a really rewarding experience, and I’d love to keep doing it, but I have landed a job out of town.

The Tree Planting Coordinator reaches out to neighborhood residents to make sure they know about the great deals offered by Friends of Trees. The coordinator also helps some people order their trees, and organizes the one annual planting day event. www.friendsoftrees.org/volunteering#NCs

Friends of Trees really sets the coordinator up for success. It doesn’t matter if you have never planted a tree before. This is about enabling other people to



get things done, and with not too much effort you can enable hundreds of people to act together for major improvements to the neighborhood.

It is actually important for our neighborhood to have a Tree Planting Coordinator; without one, Overlook residents will still be able to plant trees with Friends of Trees, but there will be less trees planted. Overlook residents will still be able to attend a community tree planting event somewhere in the surrounding neighborhoods, but we won’t have our own special event like we have had for the past 15 years. That means less opportunity for community building, less learning about trees, and fewer neighbors getting out of the house and improving the community. This would be ok, but not ideal.

So please give me a call if you think you might want to try it out this year (503.422.5070). I’ll give you more details and put you in touch with Friends of Trees and you can decide later if you want to do it. Or just call Whitney at Friends of Trees to talk with her about it (503-595-0213).



Thanks for your interest!

OKNA EARTH DAY CLEAN UP THANK YOU!

of the drop box and haul away fees for the OKNA Annual Clean Up 2012, held on Earth Day. OKNA Board Chair Alan Cranna has worked on the Annual Clean Up with Budd for many years and sends his special thanks. The additional funds will go toward other OKNA activities, including the newsletter, annual picnic, holiday party and support of our community activities.



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.

viduals who donated goods, brushes (!), funds and labor to make the day a great one! Our biggest donors were Miller Paint (who covered 50% of the paint cost), City Repair (who covered 25%), OKNA, the Port of Portland, ONEST, and Friends of Overlook House. What a great way to get to know our neighbors.

We are looking for additional donations to cover cost overruns on paint, brushes and containers – we used more both because of how pitted the road surface proved to be and the number of helpers we had (thanks!). Please send any donations to Leslee Lewis at 3908 N. Concord Ave. 97227 or stop by and have a chat. Any surplus will go to next year’s paint purchase – we’ll come together next summer to touch-up the intersection and celebrate Overlook’s collaborative spirit!

O•Nest Meetings

Meetings Note: We are changing our meeting times and are in process of selecting a new day of the month and time. For August, we have decided to try Thursday August 16th at 6:30PM, place TBD. If you’d like to join us, please email onest@overlookneighborhood.org.



Email: ONeST@overlookneighborhood.org

Webpage: sites.google.com/site/overlooksustainability

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/ONest/215745721771268

Join our email list & watch our website!

Pittman HydroPark Prepares for Art Installations

by Darcy Cronin, Portland Water Bureau
and Cynthia Sulaski, OKNA Board Member

Overlook residents and visitors who walk or bicycle past the Pittman Addition HydroPark at Concord and Going Court have noticed the changes made to the space in the past year. The Friends of Pittman Addition HydroPark secured a Community Livability Grant from the Portland Development Commission to remove invasive plants and re-landscape the sound wall area with native plants. That work was done through a partnership with the Columbia Slough Watershed Council. The grant also paid for the installation of five sculpture pads, which were placed throughout the HydroPark.

Our friends group was happy to receive an additional grant from the Union Pacific Foundation to give artists stipends to install their sculptures. We solicited proposals from artists and selected four individuals whose five pieces best fit the space. The artists are: Julian Voss-Andreae, Jason Jones, Jim Schmidt and Ryan Beard. Their work will be placed in the HydroPark at the same time, but remain for different periods of time (six months, one year and two years) to allow new sculptures to rotate through the space.

We want to thank the Portland Development Commission and the Union Pacific Foundation for their critical financial support. With their assistance, Overlook and North Portland will be able to enjoy the ONLY sculpture space for temporary art in Portland.

A celebration for the community has tentatively been set for **September 20**. However, please check www.facebook.com/OKNAinPDX or the Portland Water Bureau's website for confirmation of date and time. And come to visit as often as you like with your family and friends. We hope you enjoy our very special art space!

Pony Rides, Doggy Costumes and Community Connections Overlook Village Street Fair A Success Once Again

by Jenna Forzley
OKNA Board Member

The Fourth Annual Overlook Village Street Fair on Saturday, July 28th, was a great success. North Killingsworth Street was closed from Concord to Greeley and filled with neighbors, families and friends enjoying a day of festivities. With 80+ local vendors, fun kids activities including face painting and pony rides, live local music, amazing classic cars and even a dog costume contest, everyone had a great day.

Huge thank yous to our sponsors for making it all possible!

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Sensory Kids
Ger-Brock Automotive
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Debbie Herron
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K-Station



Thank you to the Overlook Village Business Association and their organizers for pulling this off again this year.

NoPo Paws
Palace of Industry
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Robert Richter
Beaterville Cafe
Overlook Veterinary Hospital and
Atomic Pizza



Surf to OverlookNeighborhood.org & sign up for the weekly email list or hit us up on Facebook: OKNAinPDX

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: greenacres@OverlookNeighborhood.org



Party at Patton Square Park You're Invited!

by Cynthia Sulaski
OKNA Board Member

Friends of Patton Square Park members* have agreed that it's time to party at the park and we're inviting you to join us on **Saturday, October 6, from 11 to 3**. We've met over the last 18 months and worked on behind the scenes issues like park maintenance, safety, and enhanced communication among partners. And now it's time to celebrate! We'll provide music (performed by Ethos music students, Trillium drummers and the bagpipe band *River City Pipes and Drums*) and fun activities for kids and adults too. And we've invited some food vendors to sell yummy treats.

So stop by to enjoy the festivities and celebrate our tiny but wonderful Patton Square Park!

If you'd like to help before or during the event, contact me at greenacres@OverlookNeighborhood.org.

*Overlook Neighborhood Association, Overlook residents, Portland Parks & Recreation, Ethos/IFCC, Trillium Charter School, Aprende con Amigos, Patton Park Apartments/Reach and Proud Ground



Friends of Overlook Bluff Work to Preserve Land

by Ruth Oclander
Overlook Neighbor

Have you ever wondered about the future of Overlook Bluff? The steep slope, or escarpment, that offers a natural buffer between Swan Island, the rail yards and our neighborhood has become the focus of Friends of Overlook Bluff (FOOB). The bluff offers views of the Willamette River which shapes the character of our city and is home to vanishing habitat. Deer, coyotes, red-tailed hawks, peregrine falcons, great horned owls, Vaux swifts, and other migratory birds all rely on what remains of the river's forested bluff.

The vision of Friends of Overlook Bluff is to preserve the last undeveloped parcel of privately owned land on the bluff, restore native species along the east slope of the Willamette in North Portland, and create a series of trails that connect green space from Overlook to St. Johns. We want to protect what remains of a corridor of Oregon white oak and Pacific madrone habitat that once extended from Vancouver, BC, to California.

This irreplaceable land, located on Overlook Terrace, most recognizable for its Heritage White Oak tree, is in danger of being developed. The most urgent goal of Friends of Overlook Bluff is to influence city bureaus to cooperate with each other and with other governmental and nonprofit agencies to acquire the property. The property owner is willing to sell the land for a public purpose. The city has mandates to balance high-density development of the Interstate Corridor with green space, to protect the Willamette watershed, and to create safe off-street trails for pedestrians.

Toward that goal, members of FOOB are in contact with the Bureau of Environmental Services, Metro, Portland Parks, nonprofit land trusts, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, SOLVE, and Audubon. The Friends' efforts will be most effective with strong support from the neighborhood and an indication that preserving and restoring Overlook Bluff is a priority. At the July 2012 OKNA General meeting, a motion was passed calling for a letter of support for FOOB's efforts from the Overlook Neighborhood Association.

FOOB has partnered with SOLVE for the first step in escarpment restoration. Our project is to remove invasive species from below the oak savannah on a Saturday in September. FOOB is also holding regular meetings; please contact us to be included on our mailing list for details about the restoration work day and meeting times.

Please visit our website at www.overlookbluff.org, like us on Facebook under Friends of Overlook Bluff, or send an email to friendsoflookbluff@gmail.com for more information.



Community Open House @ Ethos/IFCC

Ethos at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center is excited to announce a community open house on Saturday, September 15th from 10am-3pm.

Stop by the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center at 5340 N. Interstate Avenue for a day of music, activities for kids, and to view the 2012-2013 IFCC community events calendar. We are excited to announce expanded class offerings, new community partnerships, and stellar theater performances.

For more information, please contact Reba Sparrow, IFCC Program Manager by email: reba@ethos.org.



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Photo thanks to Julie Flesner, make up artist & front desk goddess at Blooming Moon Spa, a street fair participant.

And finally a great big thank you to our volunteers. Without all these folks and sponsors this wonderful community event would not be possible. Thank you and we hope you enjoyed the Overlook Village Street Fair as much as we did. See you next year!

Feel free to share your comments, pictures and suggestions on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/overlookvillage or by email: overlookvillage@gmail.com www.overlookvillagepdx.com

Farewell Overlook: You Will Never Be Forgotten

by Mark Wells
Crime Prevention Coordinator and Neighbor



photo thanks to Jon Bostrom

As many of you may know, I have resigned from the City of Portland on August 2nd and my family and I are moving to Virginia Beach, VA., to be closer to family. This will be my last article in the Overlook Views and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the many amazing residents and businesses in Overlook.

I have enjoyed the dual roles of being your neighbor residing on N. Sumner St. by Adidas for the past six years and also as your Crime Prevention Coordinator with the City of Portland. I knew many residents and business owners prior to starting this position in December of 2008, but had no idea just how strong the sense of community was and continues in Overlook. As I got settled in this position, I immediately was impressed with the sense of community service and stewardship and was able to start new crime prevention and livability programs with relative ease due to high numbers of volunteers and support. I would like to highlight your neighborhood's public safety accomplishments and activities in the past few years:

► **Started the City of Portland's first Livability Team** to report and remove illegal graffiti and clean streets throughout the neighborhood. This group of 20+ volunteers meets monthly and has been active for the past 3 years. The success of this team inspired City Council to create Livability Teams throughout the entire city and 9 out of the 11 North neighborhood associations have, or are forming their own team.

OLT

The Overlook Livability Team (OLT) meets monthly for regular graffiti and trash clean up. This diverse group gathers at 9:00 am 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 volunteers; email graffiti@OverlookNeighborhood.org for more

► **Formed one of the strongest and most active Community Foot Patrols**, initially named the "Beach School Foot Patrol" and now morphed into the "Overlook Foot Patrol". This amazing group of parents and residents watch over not only Beach Elementary School but large portions of N. Interstate Ave. and the Going St. pedestrian bridge. They are a shining example of our Foot Patrol program.

Overlook Foot Patrol

The Overlook Foot Patrol patrols Beach School and the surrounding neighborhood. Commitments range from a one hour walk with neighbors per week on up. This citizen-formed group is non-confrontational and reports problem activity. New walkers are always welcome and new areas developed; contact OKNA to get connected.

► **Formed 8 new Neighborhood Watch groups** throughout Overlook.

► **Successfully shut down a long-term drug house** that severely impacted dozens of residents just north of Overlook Park. What once was a street known for constant drug trafficking and disturbances is now quiet and safe again.

► **Residents helped Portland Police** serve a large and complex search warrant on N. Prescott just by I-5 that required the use of two City SWAT teams. This on-going investigation may result in the closure of the non-profit that manages this apartment complex and is potentially responsible for a significant portion of Overlook's property crime.

► **Residents organized and ran one of the largest neighborhood public safety forums in City history.** Some 160+ residents and business owners attended and showed the City of Portland Overlook is committed to safety and supports their law enforcement Officers.

PSAC

The North Portland Public Safety Action Committee (PSAC) meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month to solve your crime problems. Meet at the Historic Kenton Firehouse, 2209 N Schofield from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm. Free Pizza!

Live Safe

Public Safety &
Crime Prevention



This is just the beginning for Overlook and I am confident residents will continue to organize, communicate, and work closely with my replacement and the established partnerships with city and county public safety agencies.

As your neighbor I want to thank the Board members of our neighborhood association and the many community members who work so hard to keep this neighborhood the wonderful place it is. I would like to thank my amazing neighbors on N. Sumner St. who are my dear friends and I will truly miss each and every one of you. I have never lived anywhere longer than I have in Overlook and it is where my wife and I bought our first home and raised our wonderful daughter. We spent hours walking through the quiet streets and played until the sun went down at the many parks and school playgrounds. I was able to go to community meetings and say confidently and with pride that Overlook is a safe neighborhood where diversity is welcomed and looking out for your neighbor is a way of life.

For those who know me and have heard me speak, I am candid and don't like to sugarcoat things. Our city is facing some serious challenges and many complex issues from homelessness to the growing gang violence that sadly has impacted Overlook. I challenge you all to get involved, attend your neighborhood association meetings, start or rekindle a Neighborhood Watch group, and donate a few hours each month to your community. Most importantly, please support your police officers while never accepting crime or the fear of crime to change Overlook. Please ask the hard questions of YOUR elected officials and public safety agency leadership.

Thank you Overlook for the all the amazing memories you have given my family and I.....you will never be forgotten!

Crime Prevention Contact

It will be some months before Mark's position is filled and neighborhoods reassigned, but fear not, Overlook has a Crime Prevention Coordinator available if you need help. Celeste Carey will be filling in for the next several months; please don't hesitate to contact her with your concerns.

Celeste Carey
celeste.carey@portlandoregon.gov
503-823-4764

Disaster Preparedness for Overlook 101
Building Community & Strengthening Readiness Among Neighbors

New Disaster Preparedness programs are being offered for small groups, typically the folks living on your block, that can plan and prepare together for increased resiliency and success. Suitable for newcomers or those with some training, this is a great way to make sure your family is ready.

For more information or to schedule a free city-designed training for your neighbors, contact: **Gayle Vrla** at 503.289.7158 or vrla@comcast.net

Why should you test your home for radon???

Radon is a natural, radioactive gas that rises from the rocks and soil in the ground that seeps into homes and buildings through cracks in the foundation and walls.

Radon gas can become trapped inside a home and build to unhealthy levels. Any home can have a radon problem: new or old, well-insulated or drafty, with or without a basement.

Radon is a gas you cannot **see**, **smell**, or **taste**. The only way to tell if you are being exposed is by measuring radon levels.

Radon is hazardous to your health because it breaks down into solid particles known as radon decay products. These decay products can become trapped in the lungs when inhaled and damage lung tissue by emitting radiation.

Radon accounts for **12%** (22,000) of lung cancer deaths each year according to the Surgeon General.

The Environmental Protection Agency quotes that an estimated 1 in 15 homes have an elevated level of radon.

There are simple and affordable solutions to radon problems in the home.

Test your home today! To purchase a radon kit, please visit: www.radonkits.org. For more information, contact Tiffany Belser, Lung Health Coordinator, American Lung Association in Oregon at 503-718-6141 or tbelser@lungoregon.org



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

Fortunately, we have not had as many property crime reports this year as some summers, but this popular pilfering is oh-so-annoying when it does happen. Protect your property and keep an eye on your neighbors' stuff too.



Prevention Tips for Property Crime

- 1) Keep your car in "showroom clean condition." Remove all items from inside.
Lock your car each and every night and remind your neighbors to do the same.
- 2) Remove any valuable items from front porches and yards.
Lock or secure side gates and any sheds or tools storage areas.
- 3) Install motion lighting in your yard if it is very dark and easy to hide.
- 4) Keep your residence locked at all times – day and night.
- 5) Call the police anytime you see anything suspicious. Call Non-Emergency for this type of activity at 503-823-3333. For a crime in progress, call 911.

Overlook Neighborhood Emergency Team

Gilah Tenenbaum, NET Team Leader
503-281-2980 or seabird24@yahoo.com
Join the NET Team 24 email list for training and meeting dates.
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OVERLOOK ESSENTIALS

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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

Crime Prevention Coordinator
Celeste Carey: 503.823.4764

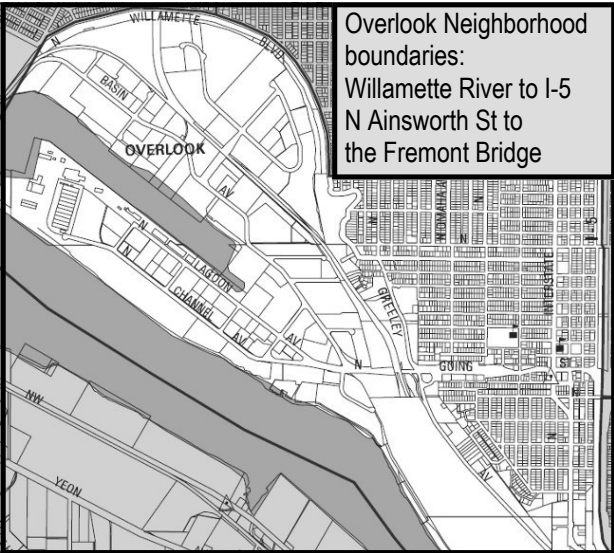
Police Non-emergency: Report it!
503.823.3333

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



Overlook Neighborhood boundaries:
Willamette River to I-5
N Ainsworth St to the Fremont Bridge

Stay Connected!

For **weekly emails** about more time-sensitive items, visit **www.OverlookNeighborhood.org**, enter your email address in the Yahoo! box and join our mailing list. Emails go out once per week. Submit your short item to info@OverlookNeighborhood.org with ‘Post to List’ in the subject line. All submissions subject to review and edit.

Can’t wait? “Like” us on **Facebook**: facebook.com/OKNAinPDX and you can share your thoughts immediately. Business neighbors: your commercial postings are welcome.

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