

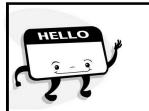
Construction Springs to Life

If you ever needed evidence that the local economy is rebounding, surely a look around the Overlook

neighborhood these days would fit the bill. Several large construction projects that have been on ice for the past few years have suddenly sprung to life, reminding us all of the density

and transportation plans that were made as part of the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan.

The largest project is the full city block Prescott Apartments site at N Interstate and Prescott, across from the MAX station. This six-story structure features underground parking and will have 155 market rate apartments and five commercial spaces on



Hi, Neighbor!

Make a point to attend the **OKNA** General Meeting

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

Corner of Interstate and Overlook Blvd

On the Agenda in May:

- Portland Fruit Tree Project
- Summer OKNA Events
- Public Safety Report: What's Happening?

Tuesday May 15, 2012 The 3rd Tuesday of Every Month! be diverted around the construction until its completion in late 2013.

> Travel north a few blocks to N Alberta and you'll find the somewhat tatty looking stucco structure on the corner at 5017 N Interstate. Previously a restaurant, this building is slated

the ground floor. Traffic will continue to to be remodeled into a more attractive retail space, possibly a coffee shop.

> A scant block north, and across the road on the east side of Interstate, permitting has begun on the smaller Corso Apartments at 5118 N Interstate near Sumner. This 46unit building will have 14 one-bedroom units with the balance as studios, and includes indoor bike parking for this transit-

oriented development project.

Finally, near the edge of Overlook at Interstate and Jarrett, the Jarrett Street Lofts are going up quickly. Expected to open this November, this 30-unit building has 3 studio lofts, 24 one-bedroom lofts and 3 two-bedroom lofts, with onsite secured parking and bike storage. There will be 1700sf of retail space for lease on the Interstate Avenue frontage.

While there are rumors about a few other projects floating about, and space

Site of the Prescott Apartments on N Interstate at N Prescott. Photo courtesy of Jason **Baerlocher**

has been cleared for development at the old Pooja Market site at N Interstate and Sumner, nothing's official yet. But at the rate we're going, take a photo this summer; Overlook may look very different by next winter!

If you are interested in land use issues and like keeping up with this sort of information, please contact OKNA. We are looking for a Land Use representative and would love to talk with you!

OKNA EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

Thank you, Overlook volunteers, for your OKNA Earth Day Clean Up efforts! On April 21st, volunteers picked up litter and roadside trash from N Going Avenue and the Pittman Addition HydroPark as well as polishing the open space at N Interstate & Going. These volunteers deserve extra applause for the additional and unpleasant labor of



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Grow!

cleaning up homeless en- Volunteers get busy cleaning up at the Pittman Addition HydroPark for Earth

OKNA Summer Picnic at the Lucky Labrador Tap Room!

Save the date now for Overlook's most popular annual event, the OKNA Summer Picnic. We'll meet and eat on **Tuesday, August 21st** from 6:00 pm—9:00 pm at the Lucky Lab, 1700 N Killingsworth.

The Lab crew will put on a fixed-price meal for us that is sure to include pizza and salad; stay tuned for details. Please email your RSVP to

info@OverlookNeighborhood.org to earn yourself a free soft drink. Of course your favorite Lucky Lab brews will be available for purchase.

It's still early days, so don't be shy about contacting us if you'd like to help with planning, organizing kids' activities etc. If your business would like to donate a door prize, please email Michelle: info@OverlookNeighborhood.org

Door to Door Solicitor Scams

campments during their Day. Photo: Mark Wells day. The Overlook Livabil-

ity Team (OLT) had a special action day in the area, painting over numerous gang tag graffiti marks on N Going utility poles.

Watch for future work in the area as part of the extensive Going To The River transportation project that will widen the N Going sidewalk and install a bioswale near Swan Island. The OLT is seeking 4-6 volunteers to contribute toward a clean, safe N Going Street. The route connecting the southern part of the Overlook neighborhood to Beach School is an important one to many of us, and includes the Concord Avenue Bike Boulevard. The Pittman Addition HydroPark will soon be home to five outdoor art installations, which are funded by a \$2500 grant from Union Pacific Railroad.

Special thanks to the following Overlook neighbors, Overlook Livability Team members and enthusiastic city employees: Elizabeth & Jon Bostrom, Alan Cranna, David Chott, Darcy Cronin (Portland Water Bureau) & her darling daughter, Leslie Lewis, Joann Macey, Lelio Montagnoli, Marcia & Mark Schuford, Chrys & George Smith, George Spaulding, Cynthia Sulaski, and Mark Wells (Office of Neighborhood Involvement).

Thank you to our Sponsors; Metro, Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS), Portland Water Bureau, Swan Island BTA, North Portland Neighborhood Services and OKNA.

If all this talk of volunteering has put you in the mood, stay tuned for the 2012 Providence Bridge Pedal, Sunday, Aug.12! For the 14th year straight, OKNA board chair Alan Cranna will host the rest stop area at the US Bank Plaza in St Johns and he is seeking eager accomplices.

Early risers (7:00 am - Noon) will hand out snacks and drinks to the thousands of riders passing through, and Alan is awarded \$25 for each warm body that turns up to work. He turns around and donates that money right back into the neighborhood, for a variety of good causes.

Please contact Alan soon and save the date! 503-285-7944 or ascran3@hotmail.com

by Mark Wells

City of Portland Crime Prevention Coordinator

There are several types of door to door scammers currently operating in and around the Overlook area. Most notable is a man claiming to sell magazine subscriptions which can be donated to your local Boys and Girls Club. I have spoken to dozens of victims in the past year who collectively have lost hundreds and even thousands of dollars to simple scams.

The BEST solution is to post a "No Soliciting" sign at vour front door and NEVER give any solicitor any money. You can donate to reputable organizations through their website or telephone.

In addition to a No Soliciting sign, I recommend that you simply not answer your door if you believe it is a solicitor and you are not expecting a guest. This helps avoid the uncomfortable situation of not donating money and saying "No". If a solicitor continues to knock or ring your door bell (usually happens if they see you are home), politely yell through your door there is no soliciting and to please leave. If they do not leave, call 911 as they are trespassing and committing a crime.



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

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Registration for the new ULTIMATE EDGE BOOT CAMP and SUMMER KIDS KORE CAMPS going on NOW at Edge Fitness corner of Ainsworth & Interstate (www.edgefitnesspdx.com), or stop in for your FREE 7-day trial.

Greeley Avenue Bar & Grill, home of the famous "Yorgo Burger" and other great food and drink. Happy Hour everyday 3-6pm & 11pm to close. Located corner of Killingsworth and Greeley Avenue

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Annual Ice Cream Social & Raffle!

Mark your calendars now for the annual Overlook Ice Cream Social



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and Raffle -Sunday, August 5th! This activity with fun for all ages will again be on the back lawn at Overlook the House. Watch OKNA the

Discover One Of North Portland's Timeless Treasures

DVERLOOK 90 HOUSE

Weekly Email for additional details and reminders as the date approaches.

Would you like to help with this fun neighborhood event?

*Join the planning committee. *Help with publicity.

*Post a lawn sign.

*Help with set up earlier that day. *Dish up ice cream and toppings. *Help with clean up.

Send an email to:

OverlookHouseEvent@gmail.com



photo thanks to Jane Finch-Howell

Dragon's Breath of Fire Qi Gong Classes

Sign up now for the Fall sessions of Qi Gong with Founder and Chief Instructor James H. Bloom for Dragon's Breath OF Fire Qigong. Dragon's Breath OF Fire QiGong was developed with over 36 years of studying 5 styles of QiGong.

While James has studied Kaja Kempo, Chinese Soaring Crane - Tai-Chi Yang Style – Wudang Style and Shaolin Style, the QiGong Classes will be closed from June 01, 2012 to Sept. 01, 2012 so James can attend more training with Master ZhougXian Wu and the U.S.National QiGong Association. He

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Easter Egg Hunt a Winner for All

Despite heavy dew and a soaked lawn Saturday morning, the rain held off for the traditional Overlook House Easter Egg Hunt on April 7th. The sun even put in a welcome appearance as almost 80 children scrambled for eggs, treats and small toys in the big backyard of the House. Fifteen lucky children won balloons, chocolate bunnies and other toys when they found a treasured Golden Egg. Kids and parents had a great time playing and chatting with each other after all the eggs and treats were found. Many thanks to Overlook families at the event for their generous donations to help support future children's events!



photo thanks to Mike Murphy

Overlook House Mulch Party

The Overlook House gardens are "dressed" for summer events after a group of intrepid neighbors, staff and friends came together in early April to spread mulch on the flower beds. Despite drenching rain, spirits and energy ran high as seven yards of the beautiful, dark mulch were distributed around the roses and shrubs at the House. The composted mulch will conserve moisture during the summer and nourish the plantings all year.

Big thanks for all the hard work go out to Mary Ellen Baldauff, Dawn Barry-Griffin, Jessica Coolidge, Greg duFour, Jane Finch-Howell, Marsha Parks and Annegret Wolford. Thanks also to Molly Brady, Jim Leverich, and Mike Murphy for lending tools and wheelbarrows for the effort.

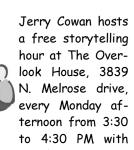
will be learning Chinese Cosmic Orbit QiGong and Fire Dragon 12 Meridian QiGong. Stay in touch with James through email or visit his website for more information. Please e-mail James to get on the sign up list for Sept. 01, 2012.

Class price only \$35.00 a month for 8 Basic Classes.

Adult Basic and Advanced Classes: Mondays 10:00 am - 11:30am & 6:45pm - 8:15pm Thursdays 10:00am - 11:30am & 6:45pm - 8:15pm No Kid's Classes. www.dragonsbreathoffireqigong.com email: dragonbreathoffire@comcast.net

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Meet the Storyteller



stories, games toys and songs to entertain children from around six months through elementary grades. This is an opportunity for parents to relax, meet the neighbors and enjoy some quality time with their children. The stories are based on ancient Native American legends and myths and are meant to inspire an appreciation for our forests and the animals that inhabit them. Children must be accom-



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panied by a parent or adult guardian. Jerry is a long time Overlook resident and has a current approval by the State of Oregon Child Care Division background check to work with children.

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 has current event details.

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

views@OverlookNeighborhood.org

There are now 14 (!) resale stores in Upper North Portland. Overlook neighbor Kert Wright of Sabi & Friends in St Johns has prepared a map to all of them. Stop in to pick up your free copy and enjoy some treasure huntina!

Letter to the Editor

it's your neighborhood newsletter

Dear Overlook Neighbors,

Entitlement and privilege: two things many dog owners in Portland believe they have when it comes to not licensing their dogs, allowing their dogs to go off-leash in areas where the leash law applies and disobeying the scoop law. The entitlement and privilege assumed by dog owners has led to an infestation of dogs biting, polluting and roaming dangerously off-leash. Trying to get dog owners to voluntary comply with licensing and leash laws has also been ineffective. My experience has been that asking someone to leash their dog is met with hostility, derision and scorn. In short, they have a callous disregard for the health, safety and well being of others.

Laws, many based on common sense and science, were enacted to protect the public from bites, disease, property damage and, even death, caused by dogs. These laws are scoffed at, ignored and not enforced in Portland. Not only have there been several deaths in Oregon in the last two years thanks to aggressive dogs, but there is a growing body of evidence that dogs pass along more disease to humans than previously believed.

The county and the city have been ineffective at dealing with these growing problems. I've talked with and written to officials at Beach School, Multnomah County, the City of Portland, Portland Parks, and others. They all agree that voluntary compliance doesn't work: many dog owners simply refuse to license their dogs, leash their dogs and collect their feces.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

Dog owners need to do three things:

1. Vaccinate and license their dogs. Multnomah County estimates that of the 178,400 dogs in Portland, over 70% are unlicensed. It is also possible that these same owners do not vaccinate their dogs for rabies. Lost revenue is in excess of over three million dollars.

2. Leash your dog. The playgrounds, parks and greenways, like the one where our family lives on North Omaha, are used as private, off-leash playground for dogs. When I ask someone to leash to their dog, or take a photo to document the problem, I am met with invectives and rage. And, while you think your dog is cute, cuddly, loveable, and not dangerous, my daughters, both of whom have been chased by off-leash dogs, and one who has been knocked down by a dog twice her size, don't think so and neither do I and other parents. Dogs also spread diseases: Over 100 zoonotic diseases can be transmitted by dogs. Keep your dog leashed or bring it to one of the 30+ dog parks in the area, several of which are less than 1/2 mile from Overlook.

3. Pick up your dog's feces. A recent study by an ecologist at the University of Colorado found that "samples in two cities found that in winter the most common bacteria in the air is from feces — probably that of dogs. According to the City of Portland, "dog waste left on the ground eventually finds its way into our waterways, unfiltered by water treatment facilities. This



water treatment facilities. This causes a serious water pollution problem. Left on the ground, dog waste deposits excessive amounts of nitrogen fertilizer to the soil, increasing the spread of nitrogen-loving weeds at the expense of native plants."

Portland and Multnomah County need to do four things to reduce the problems with licensing, off-leash dogs and uncollected dog feces:

1. Engage with the media to make them aware of the problem. A simple tour of parks and playgrounds with a video camera will provide plenty of evidence that the voluntary compliance with the leash law is a joke, and enforcement is practically non-existent.

2. Enforce licensing and vaccination of dogs to capture an estimated three million dollars in revenue.

3. Use the now unrealized revenue to hire more animal control officers, enforce leash laws, and create a public safety campaign. Multnomah County has one animal control officer to cover over 240 parks.

4. Enforce the leash laws - especially in school grounds, playgrounds and parks. Owners with dogs that don't have rabies vaccinations or a license should be fined at 10 times the standard \$150 fine. Why? If a child or parent gets bitten, the emergency room costs will far exceed their fine.

Given the lack of enforcement by the county, city, and dog owner's lack of voluntary compliance, coupled with the entitlement and privilege assumed by many of them, I hope others will continue to write officials, document instances of disregard for leash and scoop laws, and seek help from law enforcement officials and other regulatory agencies. I just hope one of my daughters or some other kids aren't seriously hurt or infected before the city and county officials, and perhaps even dog owners, take notice.

Ted P. Eugenis N Omaha Aveune



Documentation of this moment of whimsy comes to us courtesy of John Carleton, photographer. We have no idea who hung the laundry on this tree on Willamette Boulevard, do you? Impromptu art installation or vandalism? What's

your call?

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
1455 N Killingsworth #419	682	1/1	224900	227200	0
6016 N Burrage Ave	2750	3/2	304500	304500	1
5556 N Delaware Ave	2720	3/2.1	349900	360000	2
5936 N Delaware Ave	1481	3/1	310000	307000	2
1455 N Killingsworth #418	654	1/1	221900	221900	3
4115 N Massachusetts Ave	2352	3/2	275000	267500	3
1631 N Jarrett St	1684	2/2	199000	214000	4
2133 N Willamette Blvd	2268	3/3	249900	225000	5
5916 N Detroit Ave	1815	3/2	345000	345000	8
2026 N Humbolt St	2884	5/2	269950	269950	9
1455 N Killingsworth #401	635	1/1	188900	188900	13
4225 N Longview Ave	2286	3/2	165900	161000	40
5776 N Burrage Ave	1365	3/2	250000	187000	45
1800 N Ainsworth	2500	4/3.1	425000	385000	45
1626 N Willamette Blvd	2232	4/2	219900	214000	47
1545 N Wygant St	2800	3/2	269900	275000	57
5803 N Montana Ave	2081	4/2	344900	319900	65
1550 N Sumner St	2420	4/2.1	399000	367000	108
1522 N Sumner St	2084	4/1.1	320000	280500	126
3964 N Overlook Terr	3492	5/3.1	699000	630000	133
2639 N Killingsworth St	1561	3/3	274900	248000	164
1411 N Alberta St #8	999	2/1	185000	110000	171
1530 N Emerson St	2250	3/1	274900	230000	251
1529 N Killingsworth St	2111	3/2	230000	230000	304



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What's In Our Air?

by Stacey Schroeder Moultrie North Portland Air Quality Group

Are you concerned about fumes and odors from nearby industry?

We have recently formed a North Portland Air Quality group to address these concerns.

Whether you smell fumes or not, Portland's air quality is not that "green". The Smokestack Report

(USA Today) shows air quality around schools. All of Portland schools were in the bottom 30% in the nation with most of our N/ NE schools ranking in the bottom 1-5%. Our group recently met with Daimler Trucks (formerly Freightliner) to discuss paint fumes in the University Park neighborhood.



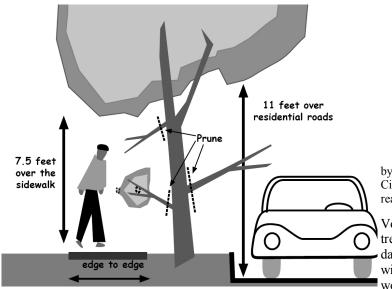
What can you do?

- Email me to join our group: stacey.schroeder.moultrie@gmail.com
- Report all fumes to DEQ: www.whatsinourair.org or www.deq.state.or.us/complaints/dcomplaint.aspx. If you know what company the fumes are coming from, it's important to include this on the report so that the complaint is linked to that company. Each report takes less than a minute to fill out.
- Sign our petition that requests companies who emit toxics into our air be looked at by an outside source when their permit is due and to reduce emissions where it is possible. The end goal would be to change the outdated 1978 air quality standards.
- Sign the petition online: http://www.change.org/petitions/the-governor-of-or-stop-toxicemissions-from-industrial-sources.
- Visit www.whatsinourair.org/

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Overlook Neighborhood Street Tree Pruning Day

City code state the sidewalk must be kept free of obstructions up to 7.5 feet.



Saturday, June 16 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Patton Square Park 5400 N Interstate

If you know of a street tree in the Overlook neighborhood that needs pruning, register it by June 10: www.portlandonline.com/parks/ okna

by Karl Dawson

City Nature | Urban Forestry Education and Outreach

Volunteers are needed to help prune street trees in the Overlook neighborhood on Saturday, June 16. Portland Parks & Recreation will be offering a one-day street tree pruning workshop to improve pedestrian safety and

walkability of Overlook neighborhood. Volunteers will meet at Patton Square Park, learn the basics of tree pruning, and work in groups to prune street trees in Overlook.

Street trees enhance the livability of Overlook; they provide aesthetic beauty, increase property value, and improve air and water quality. But just like cars, trees require regular maintenance to perform at their best. A structural defect or branch blocking the sidewalk can be easily corrected if identified early, but if left unchecked may cause issues in the future.

Anyone can register a street tree to be pruned. Trees will be assessed by a city arborist and the adjoining property owners will be notified of the pruning. Pruning teams will be guided by a trained Neighborhood Tree Steward. Teams will walk, bike or drive to do the pruning.

To volunteer for the pruning or nominate a tree for pruning call 503-823-1650 or go to www.portlandonline.com/ parks/okna. City code states that trees need to be pruned to 7.5 feet above the sidewalk and it is the responsibility of the adjoining property owner to maintain the street trees. For more information, call Karl Dawson, Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry Coordinator at 503-823-1650.



Tree Hugger Tales: A Report From Overlook's Tree Stewards

by Tamara Maher OKNA Board Member

Now spring has arrived and even teased us with summer, it is a great time to go outside and admire and care for our trees. There are plenty of tree-healthy things to think about at this time of year. Hopefully this column will awaken some tree hugging interest and foster some new fans for our lovely urban forest in Overlook.

If you participated in the January tree planting in Overlook and Arbor Lodge, you have lovely new street trees in your planting strip that are just getting their bearings and settling in for a long stay. This summer is crucial for helping those trees get a strong start, with consistent, regular, deep watering, to encourage stable root growth. For the first three summers, these trees need 5 - 10 gallons of water each week, applied slowly so that it can penetrate deeply to nourish those roots. And speaking of roots, be nice to them! Don't plant or allow growth within a few foot radius of your young tree, so that there is less competition for the roots of the tree to get the resources available in the water and soil. Keep a layer of weed-free, mulched material or compost around the base of the tree, leaving an empty ring of a couple of find that the tree is unwieldy and in the way when walking along the sidewalk, gardening, mowing, or just making use of the great outdoors. Before pruning а street tree, you must obtain a FREE pruning permit from City Nature Urban Forestry, which comes with a FREE consultation by a certified



arborist. As a guide to determine if your trees need pruning, for safety reasons tree limbs over sidewalks must hang no lower than 7-1/2 feet above the sidewalk, 11 feet above residential streets, and 14 feet above main arterials.

Walking at this time of year can be a lovely pastime, and healthy too. Why not go on a walking tour through Overlook to see the Heritage Trees (designated as such because of their age, size, type, historical association or horticultural value) as they begin a new season of gracing our neighborhood with their majestic beauty? Overlook is particularly rich with 10 Heritage Trees, beginning in the south of the neighborhood with the well known enormous Scarlet Oak at the cockeyed intersection of N. Failing, N. Concord, N. Melrose, and N. Overlook Blvd (the site of an upcoming June 2-June 3, 2012 street painting project organized by community members and City Repair, see on page 5). The Heritage Tree in the northwestern corner of our neighborhood on the south side of Ainsworth between N. Curtis and N. Villard is a towering Incense Cedar. Incense cedars have evergreen foliage that is wonderfully aromatic when crushed. An interactive map of the city's heritage trees can be found at: http:// www.portlandonline.com/parks/index.cfm? c=41049, or by accessing the city's Urban Forest web page within the Parks & Recreation Bureau.

Tall Grass & Weed Nuisance Notices

Sunshine brings weed and grass overgrowth. If you have a problem property in your vicinity, see if online reporting is for you.

Due to reduced resources, the Bureau of Development Services suspended enforcement of tall grass & weed complaints effective October 2009. In order to provide the highest level of service, while maximizing limited resources, BDS has created a pilot project that allows citizens to submit complainant photos of tall grass & weeds, greater than 10 inches in height, at properties. If submitted citizen photographs confirm a tall grass & weed violation at a property, BDS will proceed with enforcement action until the violation is corrected.

This pilot project only addresses tall grass and weeds. Other nuisance conditions such as blackberry overgrowth and trash & debris are not addressed under this pilot project. If you have additional nuisance conditions to report please visit the nuisance online reporting page. Due to reduced resources, complaints are being prioritized and not all complaints are able to be investigated at this time.

www.portlandonline.com/bds/index.cfm?&c=53082

Going Green and Saving Resources

Metro, the City of Portland, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties offer a community resource serving our region: the Regional Green Building Hotline. For over four years, the Hotline has provided practical tips and useful information about green home strategies, including resources and incentives for new and existing commercial and residential projects in the region. The Hotline has answered thousands of questions about ways to reduce your carbon footprint, renewable energy, indoor air quality, salvage, doing more with less, training workshops and more. The free service is a bridge to the information you need to help you begin, wherever you are.

Inquiries are welcomed from homeowners, renters, real estate professionals, non-profits, contractors, students, developers, business owners and design professionals in the tri-county area. It is the Hotline's intent to inspire callers to incorporate as many sustainable choices, either material or behavioral, into their projects as they would like. The Hotline can also help callers overcome perceived barriers and obstacles around green building.

Green Building Questions Answered Here!

Looking for effective ways to save money on utility bills? Which local green programs and incentives are available to me today? What is the WaterSense label? How can I retrofit my house to healthily age-in-place? Where can I attend a free class to build a rain garden? Can I get a rebate for planting a tree? Does my new water heater qualify for a tax credit?

Regional Green Building Hotline 503.823.5431 http://www.buildgreen411.com greenhotline@portlandoregon.gov Facebook ~ Green Development Resource Center Twitter ~ @greenhotline

Save the date for the 11th Annual City of Portland Build It Green! Home Tour on Saturday, September 22,

CCB Says: Hire A Licensed Contractor

inches around the trunk.

This late in the spring is not the best time for tree pruning. For encouraging growth in the right places, late winter to early spring pruning, between January and March, is optimum. However, once all that spring growth bursts free, you may

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:



gree nacres @Overlook Neighborhood.org

Overlook's trees are a valuable resource and create beautiful scenery for our neighborhood. Here's to another enjoyable shady summer under the trees of Overlook!

While eliminating all problems in a building or a remodeling project is difficult, hiring a contractor who is actively licensed to do the kind of work you are contracting with him or her to do is your most important responsibility and defense against potential problems.

The Construction Contractors Board and their Consumer website are the only places you can go to get the most accurate and up-to-date information concerning a construction contractor's license.

Know Your Contractor www.hirealicensedcontractor.com

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



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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.

Intersection Repair: A Big Intersection Calls for a Big Event

by Leslee Lewis **OKNA Board Member**

NEIGHBORS . TRANSITION . FUN Overlook has three projects planned for City Repair's city-wide celebration of community building, the Village Building Convergence, which runs from Memorial Day weekend through June 3. ONeST is working with neighbors at the Concord/Overlook/Melrose/Failing intersection to transform the HUGE intersection with a gorgeous Street Graphic covering around 7000 sq ft! Our transportation theme emerged at our first project potluck – the design includes references to or images of the Fremont Bridge, east side train yards, Swan Island (site of Portland's original airport and the shipyards where Liberty Ships were built during WWII), and our Neighborhood Greenway (aka Bike/Pedestrian Boulevard). Natural elements include blueberries (from the long line of bushes on Overlook Blvd. - the ones we all snack on, on our way to the park!), a walnut branch

(did you know that part of our neighborhood was a walnut orchard?), a raven (Raven Creamery was here), and Oregon Oak Leaf are all woven together with the other images and the 'roots' coming from the Heritage Scarlet Oak Tree at the intersection.

Come help us transform our big stretch of asphalt into a thing of beauty! From Tues. May 29 to June 2 we'll be taking all the steps to put a big, complex design onto the roadway – come learn and help make all the steps happen!

Note: You can check City Repair's Village Building Convergence (VBC) website for updates: vbc.cityrepair.org We may also be painting, filling and planting big wooden planters for the intersection.

We want your help and kids are welcome with adult supervision. Email Leslee at

kgllport@aol.com if you'd like to be a wrangler and provide specific support (see below) or, if you only want to help on the day, just show up! Many hands make light work! We are looking to borrow some materials; if you can help, please contact Leslee. Lunch and snacks provided on the 'paint day' to volunteers (rumor has it Kenny and Zuke's Pastrami may be on the menu).

EVENT SCHEDULE

Tues 5/29 2-5pm: Site Prep; pressure washing

Thurs 5/30: 2-5pm: Site Prep; caulking street cracks

Fri 6/1 9am-4pm: Site Prep - laying out the grid and drawing the outlines getting 'paint by numbers' ready

Sat 6/2 9am-4pm: Painting! We'll have a stop-motion camera documenting the day - come ready to liberate your inner artist!

Noon; lunch! Menu TBA but rumors are it'll be Vegan Chili, Cornbread, and Kenny & Zuke's Pastrami and neighborhood potluck contributions, too! LOTS of volunteers needed! Check website for updates, especially if it looks like rain.

Sun 6/3 9am-4pm: Painting Rain Date!



1st Mondays

Write these on your calendar and come on over... O•NeST general meetings are on the first Monday of every month. There's a potluck meal at 6:00 pm, meeting follows at 6:30. Come for one or both! Planning, idea sharing, discussion, action.

Daybreak CoHousing Community Room 2525 N Killingsworth St.

Special Events

participate in one or more of these planned activities



July: Yard Sale/Free Share

Too much stuff still clogging up your attic or basement? Last summer's Yard Sale/ Free Share was a big success, with over 50 households participating! We're doing it again this year with a neighborhoodwide Yard Sale on Saturday July 21st and a Free Share on Sunday July 22nd.

What is a Free Share, you ask? After the

The O•NeST 3rd Mondays Film Series has already

Film Series

3rd Mondays

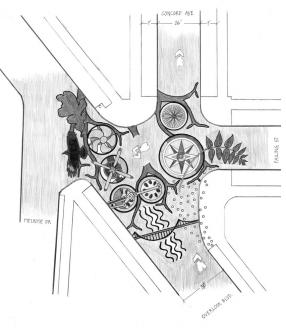
screened Vanishing of the Bees, The Farmer and the Horse, and four segments of Ashland gardener and local food expert Scott Allen McGuire's Backyard Sustainable Gardening. These films have sparked great conversations, and we've learned some very cool stuff! We'll be showing more segments of McGuire's film, and In Transition 2.0, highlighting communities around the world who are gaining resilience with stories of hope, ingenuity and the power of growing salads in unexpected places! We'll continue with our series through October. Let us know if you have a film recommendation! Potluck meal at 6:00 pm, film follows at 6:30 pm. Come for one or both! Daybreak Cohousing Community Room, 2525 N Killingsworth St.

We'll have a map of all the sites; check our webpage to print it out.

September or October:

Sustainable Home Tour

Focusing on homes with features making



The project is titled "Overlook Feng Shui" and merges images reflecting Overlook's transportation history.

Materials Required: Can you lend or donate some materials to the project? We're looking for the following items:

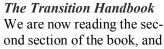
5 buckets, 2-3 pressure washers, 5-6 Caulk Guns Broom handles for scrub brushes, 2 or more easels, 6 yardsticks, 12 Barricades

40 yogurt containers and

20-30 folding chairs for Painting Day, June 2.

Reading Circle

4th Mondays

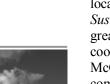


have found it inspiring, thought provoking and the most uplifting response to the problems of climate change and peak oil yet. Come join us! Contact Josh at josh.cabot@gmail if you want more information or to join the next reading group.

Email: ONeST@overlookneighborhood.org Webpage: sites.google.com/site/ overlooksustainability Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/ ONest/215745721771268 Join our email list & watch our website!

Farmers Market Update

In case you missed the news, the Interstate Farmers Market, held in Overlook Park, will not return this sea-





yard sale on Saturday, leave anything you're willing to give away on your front yard or parking strip - clearly marked for Free Share - and neighbors will find what they need or want on Sunday, for free! Some charities will pick up your useable leftovers if you call before the Yard Sale; please don't leave items outside after the Free Share.

A map of participating sites will be posted/emailed around July 16 to maximize shopping efficiency - the deadline **is July 14** to be included.

Send u s your address: onest@overlookneighborhood.org.

August: Edible Garden Tour

Focusing on gardens that produce food, we'll visit several on August 4, Saturday, 10am-1pm . If you have a garden you'd like to show, please contact us! them more resilient and sustainable: solar, bees, chickens, grey water, vermiculture, compost, wind power, insulation, energy efficiency, greenhouses, raised beds etc. If you'd like to show your 'site', please contact us! We'll have a map of all our sites - more details in the next Views!

Other Events

HURRY !! You may still have time to join our Earthquake Home Retrofit Work**shop** (with North Portland Tool Library) on May 19, where we'll learn how to bolt our houses to their foundations. Email to register: Gerald.Howard@bankofthewest.com

Our April and May 2012 events were a lot of fun! A free Rain Gardens 101 workshop was attended by 24 neighbors who are now ready to divert roof water from sewers, and May's event worked with DePave to remove a concrete driveway for a similar purpose.

son.

Deborah Pleva of the Portland Farmers Market has announced a new Kenton Portland Farmers Market will serve North Portland this summer. Plan on shopping from June 1 to September 28 on Friday evenings from 3 pm to 7 pm on N McClellan Street on each side of Denver Avenue at the flashing light, steps away from the Kenton/N Denver Avenue MAX Station.

About 35 vendor stalls brimming with farm-fresh produce, meats, cheeses, baked goods and other specialty foods will line McClellan Street, which will be closed off during market hours. Neighboring businesses including Cason's Fine Meats, E-San Thai Cuisine, Kenton Station, Pizza Fino, Po'shines Café, Posies Bakery and Café, and others will stay open to engage with market vendors and shoppers.

As with all other Portland Farmers Market locations, Kenton market shoppers eligible for SNAP benefits will be able to receive \$1 tokens using their Oregon Trail Card to purchase fruit, vegetables, meat, bread, cheese and some baked goods.

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Igniting Learners at Ethos

by Jaymee Cuti Ethos Communication Manager

Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) has been an inferno of activity this spring. Students from Oregon's rural regions filled the theater, the gallery, the mezzanine and the dance studio for Ethos' annual slumber party for the students of Music Across Oregon.

For those in need of a primer on Ethos' wildfire of activities, the 13-year-old nonprofit organization provides music education to underserved youth. Music instruction happens at Ethos headquarters on Killingsworth, at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, which it operates for the City of Portland, in Portland-area schools and in rural areas across the state.

The slumber parties, occurring on consecutive weekends in April, bring students to Portland for a weekend of workshops, tours, shows and community building between students of music. Between learning about songwriting and other music games and crafts, students from Fossil and Madras, OR, enjoyed the sounds of the city at Cirque du Soleil, Oregon Museum of Science (OMSI) and the Crystal Ballroom.

The spring term began at Ethos in April, and that included a full schedule of music instruction for underserved youth. Ethos has the resources to provide classes for adults, too, in the areas of yoga, belly dance, theater and more. Please stop by the IFCC at 5340 N. Interstate Avenue and tell us which classes you would like to see.

If you're seeking out a summer camp in the neighborhood, why not make it

musical? Ethos offers a wide variety of summer camps with an emphasis in guitar, strings, percussion, vocals, hip hop, rock band and ballet. Instrument and dance summer camps run from June 25 to Aug. 30. Learn more or register at ethos.org/enroll.

Ethos is also embarking on a boisterous fund-raiser from 6 p.m. to midnight May 17 to support its programs in Portland and throughout the state. We invite our neighbors to join us in raising \$50,000 to provide music education to underserved youth. Ethos-A-Roke is a rollicking karaoke marathon held at Voicebox Karaoke, 2112 N.W. Hoyt St., where we invite our community to be a star by gathering pledges and singing their hearts out. Prizes are awarded to the individuals and teams that raise the most and swag bags and a red carpet-style entrance will support the fanfare. To register, pledge or for more information, visit ethos.dojiggy.com

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.



Explore Swan Island like never before!

EXCITING CHANGES ARE COMING TO THE ISLAND IN 2012!

Big improvements are coming in the next few months to Swan Island – pedestrian and bicycle access projects that will make getting to and around the Island safer and more fun. Over the next several months.

 the Going to the River project will improve pedestrian and bike access along N Going Street from N Interstate Avenue,

 the Shipyard Spur and Ballast Avenue route will improve access to the Portland Shipyards and the Swan Island Lagoon,
and the Waud Bluff Trail will connect to These projects will be constructed by the City of Portland with federal funds administered by the Oregon Department of Transportation. The 4th Annual Overlook Village Street Fair is on **Saturday, July 28th**, 11am-6pm.

This year North Killingsworth will be closed from N Concord to N Greeley to be filled with local arts and crafters, 2



live music stages, kid activities, local businesses, food vendors, bike parking, and even a dog costume contest. Every year we continue to grow, come celebrate the neighborhood and join in the fun.

Do you want to be a volunteer and help with this great community event? Are you an artist or crafter and want to vend at the fair? If so, we'd love to have you join. Please email us at OverlookVillage@gmail.com or stop by Atomic Pizza before 5pm.

Got Fruit Trees? Portland Fruit Tree Project Has Got Help

by Kat Fiedler Portland Fruit Tree Project

Portland Fruit Tree Project is a grass-roots non-profit organization that provides a community-based solution to a critical and growing need in Portland and beyond: Access to healthy food. By empowering neighbors to share in the harvest and care of urban fruit trees, we are preventing waste, building community knowledge and resources, and creating sustainable, cost-free ways to obtain healthy, locally-grown food.

Because money doesn't grow on trees... but fruit does!

We organize people to gather fruit before it falls, and make it available to those who need it most. We register fruit and nut trees throughout the city, bring people together to harvest and distribute thousands of pounds of fresh fruit each year, and teach tree care and food preservation in hands-on workshops.

There are several ways to become involved with PFTP:

1) Share your fruit! If you have a fruit tree and are unable to harvest/use all of the fruit, we can help you harvest and share the fruit with neighbors in need. The first step is to register your tree, then we will arrange a time to come take a look and potentially schedule a harvest.

2) Participate in a harvest! If you would like to join us in a fun harvesting event, sign up for one of the 62 harvesting events we have planned for this year, July through November. Half of the fruit goes to volunteers and the other half to a local food pantry. Anyone can sign up to join a harvesting event – the schedule is posted on our website and in our monthly enewsletter. You can also call to

find out about upcoming events.

3) Attend a workshop! In addition to harvesting events, PFTP offers hands-on workshops in fruit preservation and tree care, which are open to the public.

4) Volunteer! Our tree care teams program provides an opportunity for committed vol-

unteers develop advanced tree care skills while caring for registered fruit trees. You can become a Tree Scout or Harvest Leader, and help register trees or lead harvesting events. You can teach a workshop and share your knowledge. Or you help care for one of our Community Orchards, at our office on Killingsworth St, or come to a work party at the Sabin Community Orchard on the second Sunday of the month.



ETHOS.ORG



the north end of Swan Island with a bridge over the Union Pacific railroad line.

Presented by the Swan Island Business Association and its Swan Island TMA project. For more information, visit **swanislandtma.org**



Sewer Rehabilitation and You

Neighbors, you have heard lately about the completion of the City of Portland's Big Pipe project (much of the work took place on Overlook's own Swan Island). As a result, the Bureau of Environmental Services is finally able to turn its attention back to the miles and miles and miles of small pipes that run under our streets taking our undesirables away.

At the January OKNA meeting, we were visited by

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For more information or to sign up for our monthly e-newsletter, please visit our website www.portlandfruit.org or contact our office: 503-284-6106, info@portlandfruit.org

our own sewer project representative. Marie Wright will be the liaison for the Overlook Neighborhood Sewer Rehabilitation project.

Since that sounds so grand, you might figure you've heard about it before. Well, neighbors did receive a map and flier from Marie last year. However, the project will not really get going until this summer, so you may want to revisit that map and see if your street will be getting rehabbed.

The project will rehabilitate or replace over 8000 feet

of sanitary and combined sewer. Installed prior to 1920, the pipe is small diameter (8 to 15 inches), shallow (10 to 13 feet deep), and within the public right of way.

Now we know it's not the sexiest thing out there, but if your street is being dug up, you'll want to know. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact Marie: 503-823-5352 or marie.wright@portlandoregon.gov She is here to make sure the job goes well for everyone.

We have posted the map here: www.overlookneighborhood.org/images/MAP-Overlooksewersites2012.pdf

Neighborhood Emergency Teams: Your First Line of Safety



by Gilah Tenenbaum Overlook NET Team Leader

As many of you are aware, the NET program (Neighborhood Emergency Teams) is a trained volunteer corps which is part of the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) and which has a vital role in Portland's emergency response system. While NET teams may be called out for a variety of emergencies, Portland's vulnerability to a significant earthquake underlies much of the planning and training that NET volunteers undergo. While the training that has been provided has been designed for team responses to a City emergency, it has of course been valuable to individuals whose primary interest has been responding in an individual way to either a large public crisis or an emergency within their household alone.

After significant study, PBEM is implementing changes to the NET system. Some of the changes include: changing the program's internal governing

structure, providing training for team leaders, increasing the availability and frequency of the training In the event of a citywide or regional emergency that all NET volunteers receive, developing credentialing standards for NET volunteers and helping the find storage for the equipment the team may need in an emergency. Beginning next year, training will be tiered; to account for differences in interest, those trained for team responses to larger emergencies will receive more intensive initial training, will have more frequent training opportunities, and will subscribe to a Code of Conduct. With greater expectations will come greater recognition and satisfaction associated with being a NET team member. These and other changes will be implemented as priorities and budgets allow.

If you have never been involved with the NET program before, or if you have and then lost interest, I encourage you to give this new and improved NET program a try. It is a concrete way to help your family, help you neighborhood and larger community, and get great personal satisfaction in the process.

NET Basics Background

such as a severe winter storm, flood or major earthquake, households need to be prepared to be on their own for no less than five days. Neighborhoods neighborhood teams acquire and need to be prepared for self-sufficiency, too. Volunteers will naturally be the first on-the-scene emergency responders in their own neighborhood, especially when firefighters and police are overwhelmed with requests for help and could be slowed down by impassable streets and other damage.

> NETs are residents trained by the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) and Portland Fire & Rescue to provide emergency disaster assistance within their own neighborhoods. NET members receive basic training (Community Emergency Response Team) on how to save lives and property until the professionals can arrive. They have the skills to help their neighbors without getting hurt themselves.

NET members are:

· Prepared for self-sufficiency for no less than five days in any emergency.

·Able to provide emergency assistance to their family and immediate neighbors.

Able to work as an emergency response team to save lives and property in their neighborhood in the event of a major disaster.

• Able to guide untrained volunteers who want to help others when disaster strikes.

Visit the City's NET page and find great links at: www.portlandonline.com/oem/index.cfm?c=53136

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. Portland NET: www.facebook.com/PortlandNET



Congratulations and

thank you to Gayle Vrla, our former NET Team Leader. She was selected as the Chair of the citywide NET Advisory Committee that met during 2011 to make recommendations to PBEM (Portland Bureau of Emergency Management). Their work has resulted in many changes and improvements that are making the NET program in Portland much more vibrant and the City more resilient and ready for a neighborhood or citywide disaster. These improvements include a NET Code of Conduct, background checks for volunteers, team caches of equipment to be purchased with grant funds and a much closer relationship with the Fire Bureau. Drills will soon be scheduled with our NET Team Mem-

Community Policing Still Strong in Overlook

by Mark Wells

City of Portland, Crime Prevention Program

Many of you saw the media stories and heard the action in late April. when dozens of tactical officers Public Safety & from the Portland Police Bureau's Neighborhood Response Team (NRT), Special Emergency Re-

action Team (SERT), Canine, Drugs and Vice Divisions served three search warrants on the rental apartments in the 1200 block of N. Prescott and N. Montana, which are owned and managed by Jubilee Ministries, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Five individuals including the property manager, Helen Kelly, were arrested for a variety of charges including Possession and Delivery of Methamphetamine and food stamp fraud. A number of tools, laptops and other items were also seized as suspected stolen items. It is believed this apartment complex is responsible for a large percentage of Overlook's property crime.

My program has been working with several key neighbors for several months along with the NRT team to help develop a larger criminal case and obtain the evidence necessary to obtain these search warrants. You may recall back in October 2011, the NRT and SERT teams executed a similar search warrant on the 3900 block of N. Massachusetts. Both of these cases originated and were motivated by the dedication and involvement of neighbors who were fed up with the continued crime and

The Police Bureau continues to suffer large budget cuts that are reducing some programs entirely and forcing a smaller number of officers to do much more work than even three years ago. Police rely on community members to step up to call and work with them on longer term projects such as these two to be effective. Overlook continues to be a shinning example of

disturbances on their streets.

this partnership and I can't thank all the neighbors enough for all their efforts and amazing patience as these complex criminal investigations take months and in these two cases, years to resolve.

Foot Patrol: Since our last newsletter, I continue to start new

Neighborhood Watch groups around the neighborhood and our Foot Patrol, now named the Overlook Foot Patrol, is expanding its route to include parts of N. Interstate to help keep tabs on livability crimes and issues along this area. The Foot Patrol also has

Live Safe

Crime Prevention



adopted the vacant and chronically vandalized YWCA buildings just north of N. Going St. This group continues to remain strong and dedicated and is always looking for new volunteers to expand their coverage and reduce the time obligations by each individual members.

OLT: In mid April, the Overlook Livability Team (OLT) joined with OKNA's Annual Earth Day Clean Up event and painted over dozens of gang graffiti tags along N. Going. While graffiti continues to climb throughout the city, the OLT has managed to keep graffiti low and pick up hundreds of pounds of trash a month throughout the neighborhood. OLT is also looking for 4-6 new members to permanently adopt N. Going from Interstate down to Greeley to keep this area graffiti and trash free. Please contact me if you care about this stretch of Overlook.



Through a combination of these wonderful groups of Overlook residents and your diligent neighborhood association, OKNA, I remain confident Overlook will continue to thrive as a safe and vibrant neighborhood sought out by many new residents and businesses. Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime if you would like information on joining any of these existing community safety teams or would like to start your own Neighborhood Watch. It continues to be my privilege to serve the Overlook community and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

NET training photo courtesy of Ethan Jewett

bers and the fire fighters at our local Fire Station #24 (at Going & Interstate, behind the US Bank).

Re-registration of anyone who has done NET training is now required so the City can get an inventory of those who will arrive to help when a disaster occurs. To re-register or to find out about this very interesting and useful training, go to: www.portlandonline.com/oem/index.cfm?c=58587

One project that every OKNA resident can help us with is creating an inventory of vulnerable assets and problem areas within Overlook; please send info to our current NET Team Leader, Gilah Tenenbaum. Gayle Vrla (vrla@comcast.net) has taken over leadership of the very important Downtown Portland NET team, but will always be part of our Overlook NET team. Feel free to contact Gilah or Gayle for questions about the training or preparedness in Overlook.

Crime Prevention Coordinator Mark Wells 503.823.4098 Monday - Thursday Mark.Wells@portlandoregon.gov

Register Your Digits

The city of Portland and Multnomah County maintain an Emergency Notification phone system. It is preprogrammed with published landline phone numbers. If you register additional contact information, it can contact your e-mail address, mobile phone, internet (VoIP) phone or landline phone provided by a cable TV carrier

If you do not have a landline phone, or want alternate notifications, you will need to register your:

- E-mail address
- Mobile phone
- Internet phone (i.e. VoIP)

If you would like to receive alerts via Twitter, please follow @PublicAlerts.

Register at www.publicalerts.org

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 training for your neighbors, contact: Gayle Vrla at 503.289.7158 or vrla@comcast.net

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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

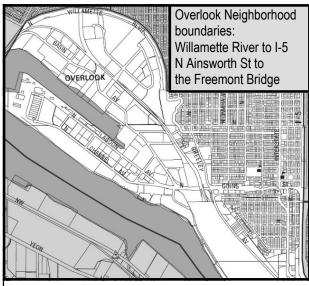
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