

Overlook Views

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Spread Holiday Cheer With Your Neighbors at the Annual Overlook Holiday Potluck

by Tamara Maher
OKNA Board Member

Save the Date! Join your neighbors and friends for the annual Overlook Neighborhood Holiday Party and Potluck on Friday, December 13th, 2013. Once again, Daybreak Cohousing will host the party in the community's lovely Common House at 2525 N. Killingsworth Street (between Delaware and Wilbur). Bring a potluck dish or beverage to share (plates and utensils will be provided) and enjoy tasty food with the company of your neighbors! With any luck, the Common House will be festively decorated and a cozy fire will be burning in the fireplace.



The party will get started at 6:00 pm and run until 8:00 pm. In addition to the tasty treats provided by all of the guests (thank you in advance!), there are always a number of great door prizes. But, you must be present to win, so grab something at the store, or create something from your own kitchen and join us for an evening of fun, conversation, food, prizes, new friends and old.



On the Grow!

Construction Ends for Some, Begins for Even More

The Prescott Apartments Welcomes Residents in December

by Susan Stratton
President, NBS Multifamily Management

The Prescott, the new apartment building at N. Interstate and N. Skidmore, is already pre-leasing and is set to welcome its first residents in December. With demand for apartments throughout Portland and especially in this area very strong, the building offers renters unique amenities in a prime location.

The building's 155 apartments are studios and 1- and 2-bedrooms, and residents will have access to a parking garage with more than 100 spaces. 20% of the units are reserved as affordable housing, so renters who meet lower income requirements will qualify for more affordable rents. Apartments are air conditioned and feature washer/dryers, hardwood floors, and large windows with spectacular views of the city and sunsets. They also have the fastest Internet available in Portland, with speeds up to 100 Mbps.

The Prescott's unique amenities include a dog washing station, pickle ball and bocce ball courts, an outdoor firepit and a workout room. Residents will also enjoy being directly across from a MAX Yellow Line station. The building owners intend to be long-term members of the community and have taken extraordinary care with the quality of the building.

We know that neighbors are eager to know about the tenants that will fill the building's ground-floor retail spaces. While these spaces are not yet leased, the building owners are seeking a mix of retailers that will enhance the community, and are especially interested in housing some local businesses.

The Prescott is managed by NBS Multifamily Management. Contact us at 503-288-2200, or stop by our on-site leasing office, which currently has limited hours. Also stay tuned for news about a grand opening in January, when neighbors will be invited in to meet us and tour the finished building.

We thank you for the warm welcome we have received from our neighbors so far, particularly at the Movie in the Park night. We're excited for The Prescott to welcome residents and retailers and join the amazing community in the Overlook Neighborhood.



Demolitions Do the Take Down

Suddenly, it seems, quite a few old houses are being taken down for newer projects. Demolition can provide relief from abandoned houses attracting squatters and other trespassers. Demolitions have been fairly rare in Overlook, but here are recent ones that will make an impact:

5705 N Omaha Ave: Now permitted for two single family homes with garages.

5120 N Interstate Ave: Still under consideration for an apartment building; the boarded up house is down, hopefully signaling project progress.

4620 N Maryland Ave: This property was boarded up for 3 years and a deal had just been inked on its sale when a fire gutted the house. Multifamily housing is planned.

5734 N. Montana Ave: OKNA has received notice that a 6-plex will replace this house.

5732 N Interstate Ave: OKNA has received notice that this lot will be partitioned for 3 single family homes.

New OKNA Board Begins Term; Many Thanks for Retiring Members' Contributions

The Overlook Neighborhood Association Board looks a little different again this year as several members have stepped back this year as they add new adventures to their portfolios. Please thank the board members who are continuing their service and welcome our newest member, Nicole Vasilevsky, who is serving as group Chair.

Returning board members are: Alan Cranna, Vice-Chair and Communications Committee; Cynthia Sulaski, Parks and Green Spaces Chair; George Aulbach, Meeting Facilitator; George Spaulding, Public Safety Committee; Kent Hoddick, Secretary, Land Use Notices; Leslee Lewis, Sustainability Committee aka Sustainable Overlook; Michelle Thompson, Communications Committee; Rebecca Hill, Area Representative and Tammy Maher, Treasurer. Mattie Davis and Gayle Vrla serve again as our Grievance Committee members.

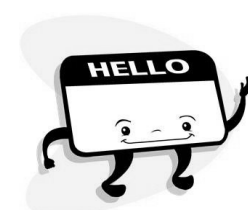
Members who left the board contributed greatly to the long list of accomplishments detailed below and we'd like to acknowledge and thank them for their service: Aaron Whelton, Alan DeLaTorre, Brent Young, Jenna Forzley, Kevin Campbell and Tom Sted did a lot for Overlook last year and most will continue to do work for the neighborhood. Alan DeLaTorre is currently working on a position paper for OKNA to submit to the Comprehensive Plan organizers and Brent Young continues to organize the Overlook Business Speakeasy meetings for networking and business support.

The OKNA Board is a fairly busy one; thanks to the efforts of all the neighborhood volunteers before us, there are a lot of established Overlook traditions and projects we participate in. We seem to like meetings, we host more than most neighborhood associations, with 11 general meetings, 12 board meetings, a holiday potluck social and a neighborhood picnic. Many board members also attend a meeting related to their committee, or special events like the Graffiti Summit.

We create venues for neighbors to meet each other and build relationships. OKNA hosted a PP&R Summer Free For All Movie, had the Annual Earth Day Clean Up, and organized the 2nd annual Party in Patton Square Park. We also maintain relationships with other groups and city workers, like our crime prevention coordinator, fire station, and police officers with regular communications and involvement in meetings or neighborhood activities. We stay connected with and promote our neighborhood business communities on Swan Island and at Overlook Village and Interstate Avenue, and with our public schools, Beach School and Trillium Charter School.

You like to get involved too! OKNA helps you work with each other in neighborhood groups like the Friends of Patton Square Park, the Pittman Addition

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Hi, Neighbor! We'll see *you* at the
Overlook Neighborhood Meeting
7:00pm—9:00pm
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
Kaiser Town Hall Building
3704 N Interstate Ave, at Overlook Blvd

Daimler Trucks North America's Expansive New HQ in Overlook

Portland stands to gain a lot from our Swan Island neighbor's remodeling job as Daimler Trucks North America plans a massive improvement to their US headquarters campus.

Project manager Josh Palmer met with the OKNA board in October to outline the project. The old Ports O'Call building will come down and be replaced with a multistory office building and new parking structure. In addition to the construction and new permanent office jobs the project will bring, residents can anticipate improvements to the greenway trail along the river with new landscaping and amenities. Watch here for more information about a community open house when details are more defined.

Overlook Park Apartments Now to Include Parking

A year after neighbors first learned of plans for an apartment building on N Overlook Blvd, backing onto Overlook Park, a new plan has emerged that satisfies many concerns neighbors had about the project. Using an existing easement along the park allowed the new project architectural firm, TVA Architects, to design 17 below-grade parking places and a loading/delivery zone. The garage will also have a bike mechanical station and covered bike parking. The main entrance on N Overlook Blvd will be pedestrian oriented with visitor bike parking in front. At a proposed six stories, the architects stated that the building won't be higher than the tall trees on the edge of the property. The 63 units are larger than previously planned and include a mix of 18 2-bedroom units, 34 1-bedrooms and 11 studios. While there is no timeline yet, meetings between the builder and the city have started and site work could begin this year. View the presentation and project details at <http://tinyurl.com/OParkPlan>.



Overlook House Holiday Bazaar: November 16th - 9:00-5:00 & 17th 9:00-4:00



A great opportunity to begin your holiday shopping in the neighborhood! All three floors of the Overlook House will be bursting with stocking stuffers as well as that perfect gift for someone special.

Several new vendors will be participating as well as some of your "old favorites." Items include Pendleton fabric purses, framed poetry, floral arrangements, jewelry, pickles, aprons, garden art, cards, sock animals, journals, scarves, cutting boards, household cleaner, napkins, wine boxes,

matted photos, clothing, bath & body products, baskets, wine bottle lamps, crocheted hats, quilts, fused glass items, and more!

Watch the Overlook Friday email blast for additional information as the NEW date approaches. And yes, we did change the date for our holiday bazaar. Instead of the first weekend in December, we have moved the event to November!

Neighborhood Open House a Rollicking Good Time!

What glorious weather we had for the October 18th Open House! Neighbors gathered to share stories of the Overlook House, get a closer look at the recent upgrades, and meet our new Coordinator, Michelle Hylland. Everyone enjoyed beer, wine, hors d'oeuvres, music, and the ever popular raffle.

The Board of The Friends of the Overlook House appreciates the many community members who helped make this evening such a success.

☆ For the house renovations we would like to thank Miller Paint, Danny Ponce of D Painting, Andy Pham of Andy's Hardwood Floors, and Anna de Wolfe of Arciform.

☆ For contributing to the celebration we'd like to thank Widmer Brewing, Miho Izakaya, Soloman Flora of The Coop, Ursula McCabe, Elijah Wiler, and many neighborhood volunteers.

☆ For the raffle we'd like to thank Overlook Family Restaurant, Ainsworth Wine & Gifts, Into Eden, McMenamin's Edgefield, Pinky's Pizza, and ECOpxd.

Thanks to all who supported and attended the event. All the party goers agreed "we need to have more of these" – stay tuned.

Kids' Halloween Party A Spooktacular Good Time!



A Fairy and a Mermaid Enjoyed the Party

The party spilled out onto the lawn as little witches, princesses, superheroes and cowboys enjoyed the dry weather and the not-too-scary fun at the annual Overlook House Halloween Party on October 31st. A pyramid of hay bales added photo ops and climbing fun, while the disco ball sparkled to light up dancing ninjas, robots and turtles. Yummy snacks were consumed

and cool crafts were created!

Sincere thanks to our new Coordinator, Michelle Hylland, and to volunteers Mary Ellen Baldauff, Mike Murphy, Molly Brady, Jane Finch-Howell, Heather Fellers, Ruth Mahin, Brooke O'Shaughnessy, and Marsha Parks for sourcing, setup, crafts help, snacks and cleanup. We couldn't do it without you! Additional thanks to Widmer Brewing for a keg of their delicious root beer.

Overlook Memories

"Just call me Granny" — Celebrating an Overlook Legacy

by Carol D. Padden, Overlook Resident
Jennifer Casey, Irene's Granddaughter

When Irene Casey was asked if she was old, at age 92, she decidedly replied "no", and thoughtfully responded that one was not old until 95. So when she passed away on August 12, 2013 at the age of 93 ½ years, she was, indeed, still young.

Family, neighbors and friends alike reiterate that Irene, more commonly known as (and as she insisted to be called) "Granny," had a great smile and laugh, was full of fun, had a great sense of humor (oh, the pranks!), was independent and loved sharing stories of her family. Into her 90's she could be found cheering on her great grandsons at their sporting events, camping at Trillium Lake, making road trips to Spokane to see her son Craig and his family, spending time working in her yard or pursuing numerous adventures.

As a self-described "Stubborn Swede," adventure was an important part of Irene's life. Her adventurous spirit took her many places, including to the skies in a hot air balloon, up into the Swiss Alps, on a dog sled ride, and she even found herself hitching a ride on a glider plane. In her 80's she was stopped short of parachuting out of a plane because her doctor strongly advised against it.

Irene, who loved gardening and had a yard to be envied, was one of Overlook's longest living residents, having lived in North Portland for 84 years. For 57 years she resided in a spacious craftsmen house

Meet Michelle, Our New Overlook House Coordinator

The Friends of the Overlook House Board want to welcome, and introduce to you Michelle Hylland, the new coordinator at the Overlook House!

Michelle recollects attending preschool at the Overlook House; "I remember playing musical chairs and duck-duck goose in the basement of the Overlook House." She went on to say she had then attended Beach Elementary School, Ockley Green Middle School and Benson High School.



Although Michelle lived elsewhere for a time, she has returned to the neighborhood as an involved neighbor. "Since returning to Overlook I have been involved in the Halloween party (at the Overlook House), and have attended various OKNA meetings and other community education." When asked why she chose to be coordinator she replied, "My love for the neighborhood and the Overlook House made me want to serve as the new coordinator."

In discussing immediate plans in her new position, Michelle stated, "My goals for the Overlook House in the future include more community events (like the open house), and more classes." Do stop by the House and meet Michelle, share your hopes and ideas for the House, and as Michelle says, "Stop by and look for the open sign." Or call 503-823-3188 or email coordinator@historicoverlookhouse.org.



Santa Is Coming to Overlook House on December 8th!

Overlook House will host a visit from the Jolly Old Elf himself on Sunday, December 8th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Come tell Santa what you want for Christmas and have your picture taken with him. Write a letter to the North Pole, get your face painted, play games, and enjoy the special holiday fun with us. Santa's looking forward to seeing you there!

How Could You Use The Overlook House?

The House is available for your events, large or small – parties or meetings. Is there a birthday or anniversary or other life event you want to celebrate? Have you considered scheduling your next gathering so someone else washes the dishes after dinner?

What would you like to do at the Overlook House? Do you have ideas for classes or events? Please let Michelle know; she would love to hear from you! 503-283-3188 or coordinator@historicoverlookhouse.org

Also check www.facebook.com/historicoverlookhouse or www.historicoverlookhouse.org for general information.
Overlook House, 3839 North Melrose Drive.

Yoga Classes at Overlook House

Hatha yoga classes are offered at the Overlook House on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 -6:30 pm.

Ruth Oclander and Maneena Douglas teach with a commitment to safe form and classic traditions to learn the poses. Class is ongoing level one, cost is \$5 per class and newcomers are welcome. For more information contact ruth.oclander@gmail.com



near Overlook Park, which she moved into in 1956 as a young married woman, with the love of her life, Vincent B. Casey and their four children (Kathie, Dennis, Christie and Craig).

As they raised their family and worked in the area (he at Oregon Steel Mill and she as a secretary and nurse), they saw many transitions in the neighborhood and became trusted friends to new and old neighbors.

"For 46 years I lived next door to Irene," said Carol Hult. "She was an amazing person – always remembered our kids' birthdays, allowed complete disruption of her driveway while we had a wall replaced, put up with our barking dog, and always had the greatest flowers in her yard."

Just like their parents, four of her grandchildren were raised in North Portland and attended Beach Elementary School. Her oldest granddaughter, Rachell Jensen (formerly Casey) even returned to Beach School as a Headstart teacher, teaching in the same classroom where she attended kindergarten.

"We miss her already but know how lucky we were to have her so long," said Rachell. "I loved growing up so close to her and then being able to have her be such an important part of my boys' life – teaching them to make pancakes and pronto pups, play checkers and cheering them on at their games – where she became Granny to everyone there too."

Overlook Business Speakeasy: Connecting Business Neighbors is Profitable Action

by Brent Young
Young Design Studio

Did you know the Overlook neighborhood is bursting with local businesses and talent? The Overlook Speakeasy is a forum for local business owners to meet and network. The October Overlook Speakeasy meeting was the final meeting of this year and the weather was perfect for us to sit outside in the fantastic back patio at The Hop & Vine on N. Killingsworth. As always, the meeting provided an enjoyable and valuable venue for local business people to share information. Updates on the latest news about their companies were shared and conversation topics included billing methods, marketing approaches, sustainability resources and accounting resources.

Business owners: please join us for our next meeting! Mark your calendar now for January 15, 2014 at 6:00 pm (location to be determined). If you are interested in joining us next time please email Brent at youngdesignstudio@gmail.com. The event is open to businesspeople who live or work in Overlook and want to network with neighboring professionals and address mutual challenges. The following is a list of organizations with participants at the October meeting:

Chris Lazarus Associates, LLC - Chris can help your business-to-business marketing efforts, bringing 20 years of experience. She understands what target audiences need to hear, providing a bridge between the expertise of her clients and the public. In addition to writing and editing assistance, she can help to make connections with editors to get books and articles published. Her skill set includes public relations, marketing and publicity. Chris also has access to a unique collection of international folk arts and crafts that she sells during the holiday season.
chrislazarus0505@gmail.com 503-867-1370

Metropolitan Design Studio+Architecture, LLC - Jeremy Miller's design and architecture firm continues to grow with new projects. He recently did design work for a chiropractor and recent work includes design for an osteopathic physician. His firm has experience working on diverse project types, focusing on residential, small commercial and tenant improvements. He has practiced on the East and West coasts and has a long history of referral work.
jeremy@mds-architecture.com 503-867-5615

Young Design Studio LLC, Architecture and Interiors - With a background in both architecture and interior design, Brent Young's firm is committed to excellent design and customer service. Brent reported on several new religious and medical clients. His recent work includes a wide range of projects including the New Deal Distillery, Grace Church, Columbia River Veterinary Specialists, Sunstone Montessori School, and several residential home remodels. Brent shared a portfolio of recent works including a modern redesign of his own home.
youngdesignstudio@gmail.com 971-222-5629



Adopt A Neighbor for the Holidays

3rd Annual Adopt-A-Neighbor Program

Overlook neighbors have shown incredible giving spirits the past two years and REACH Resident Services is putting out the call for 2013. Families like those living at Patton Park Apartments (5272 N. Interstate) are often left out of gift-giving and receiving. Through your donations of a new toy, jacket or basic necessity (food, diapers, bus tickets), families restore their sense of community and hope. REACH Community Development's Patton Park Apartments is home to over 40 children living below median income. We are seeking Overlook neighbors who are interested in adopting a neighbor for the holidays. To adopt or for more information, contact Erica Tucker, MSW- Resident Services Coordinator at 503-546-1662 etucker@reachcdc.org.



2013 Another Busy Year in OKNA

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HydroPark Art Committee, the Providence Bridge Pedal, the Ockley Green Donation Network, the Historic Overlook House, SMART, Friends of Trees tree planting, Friends of the Overlook Bluff, REACH Community Development Adopt a Family and the tree stewards' street tree pruning.

Sustainable Overlook is a category all to themselves; this is a busy group! Sustainable Overlook expanded the OKNA annual Earth Day cleanup to include Trash for Tomatoes, they organized the completion of the Intersection Repair begun in 2012 and organized the 3rd Annual Yard Sale/Free Share. S.O. conducted an on-going natural gardening workshop series and Seed/Plant exchanges and the 2nd annual Overlook Garden Tour. Perhaps most importantly, the group conceived and launched the Pesticide Free Overlook initiative to become Portland's first pesticide free neighborhood.

As Business Liaison, a neighbor seeing a need conceived of and hosted the Overlook Business Speakeasy. The OKNA board also facilitates residents resolving issues with local businesses using Good Neighbor Agreements and supports our local Business Associations. We are grateful for the participation of our business neighbors in supporting our many projects with their donations.

OKNA Board members consistently participate in the North Portland Public Safety Action Committee (PSAC). We also believe that an involved neighborhood is a safer one and feel that many of our projects promote a safer, more livable Overlook. Board members also worked with land use officials on the Comprehensive Plan changes and successfully advocated for responsible development on a proposed project.

As to keeping you informed about neighborhood affairs, we produced a print and electronic neighborhood newsletter (Overlook Views) that is volunteer-distributed to over 3000 homes and businesses in Overlook; (barely!) maintained a neighborhood website; produced weekly email blasts and maintained and grew a neighborhood Facebook page (OKNAinPDX).

If you see, or don't see, something here that interests or inspires you, we welcome your participation! All of our good ideas started with someone who wanted something done who was willing to put their hand up. Come to a meeting and arm-grab one of us or tell the group what you'd like to do. We'd really like your input and look forward to hearing from you.



Frank E Mabrey & Co - Frank returned to the group and gave an update on his computer consulting and network administration company. He is also able can retrieve data from antiquated computer formats and has extensive experience with commercial servers. Frank can provide assistance with almost any of your computing needs, from setting up your system, to recovering lost passwords.
frank@mabrey.com 503-227-3647

Value Mortgage - Lauren Green is not only well versed mortgage broker with this 15-year old firm, but she is also connected with the Energy Trust of Oregon. This means Value Mortgage not only provides low interest loans for home remodels and purchases, but they can also find fiscal incentives for green remodel projects. With interest rates hitting all-time lows, it may be worthwhile to discuss refinancing options with Lauren.
lauren@valuemortgageinc.com 503-887-7333

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
2054 N Sumner St	2368	4/2	\$354,000	\$375,000	1
1828 N Jarrett St	3094	4/2	\$299,900	\$303,000	2
5721 N Montana Ave		4-Plex	\$599,000	\$600,000	2
1615 N Simpson St	2579	3/2	\$445,000	\$465,000	3
5625 N Campbell Ave	2040	3/1	\$319,000	\$326,272	3
2436 N Wygant St	2682	3/2	\$535,000	\$545,000	3
2622 N Killingsworth St	875	2/1	\$209,950	\$218,000	4
1236 N Emerson St	2112	3/2	\$324,900	\$325,500	4
3834 N Longview Ave	2440	3/1	\$357,000	\$357,000	6
5704 N Greeley Ave	1834	3/2	\$275,000	\$275,000	7
5723 N Omaha Ave	2118	4/2.1	\$325,000	\$288,000	11
1523 N Skidmore St		Duplex	\$329,000	\$321,000	14
4126 N Colonial Ave	3687	4/3.1	\$679,000	\$677,000	16
4922 N Maryland Ave	1323	3/2.1	\$287,000	\$276,400	21
2627 N Emerson Ct	1808	2/1	\$375,000	\$349,000	24
4807 N Gay Ave	2585	3/3	\$429,000	\$401,000	29
2036 N Skidmore Ct	2230	3/1.1	\$369,000	\$361,100	31
3736 N Longview Ave	2912	4/2	\$499,900	\$475,000	33
3970 N Interstate Ave	822	1/1	\$194,900	\$188,400	38
2220 N Alberta St	2938	4/2.1	\$525,000	\$487,500	42
2304 N Sumner St	1776	3/2	\$399,000	\$391,500	45
4403 N Montana Ave		Duplex	\$350,000	\$287,500	65
3971 N Overlook Blvd	2978	4/2	\$549,900	\$511,500	85
1816 N Jessup St	2200	4/2.1	\$399,000	\$365,000	91
2205 N Willamette Blvd	1342	3/2	\$322,000	\$327,000	99
3970 N Interstate Ave	785	1/1	\$209,900	\$183,000	124
3826 N Melrose Dr	1895	3/1	\$449,900	\$397,900	138
1455 N Killingsworth St	608	1/1	\$184,900	\$195,400	181
1455 N Killingsworth St	608	1/1	\$209,900	\$221,500	182
1455 N Killingsworth St	608	1/1	\$177,900	\$185,400	192
1455 N Killingsworth St	617	1/1	\$181,900	\$192,400	200
1455 N Killingsworth St	607	1/1	\$179,900	\$182,900	228
4811 N Maryland Ave		Duplex	\$285,000	\$280,000	342
2525 N Killingsworth St	862	2/1	\$219,900	\$174,900	364
2525 N Killingsworth St	1031	3/2	\$269,900	\$229,900	389

Welcome to Overlook!

New neighbors? Drive yourself over to the OKNA website OverlookNeighborhood.org and find all the resources you need to feel right at home!

Join our email list and 'like' us on Facebook @ OKNAinPDX to stay up-to-date with the news.



Pesticide Free Overlook Neighborhood

by Mulya Melco
Sustainable Overlook

Over 300 households have taken the Healthy Lawn and Garden pledge, bringing Overlook closer to becoming Portland’s first pesticide free neighborhood!

A few teams of neighbors have started knocking on doors to get the word out about the project and offer free natural gardening resources. Some pledging neighbors report being chemical-free since they moved to the neighborhood decades ago. Others are interested in moving away from chemical use and want more information. Some mention that they feel supported knowing that others on their block are likewise opting for a healthier environment (and that they won’t be judged for a few dandelions!).

Wherever you are at with your yard, consider checking out Metro’s natural gardening resources such as ‘Natural Gardening’ and the ‘Grow Smart, Grow Safe’ guide that ranks garden products to help you choose the least toxic solution. They are available at www.oregonmetro.gov/garden and at Sustainable Overlook events.

Sustainable Overlook has a new website (www.sustainableoverlook.org) where you can pledge to reduce or quit pesticide use, get a free ladybug yard sign, connect with natural gardening resources and learn more about the project. Check out our press page to see an update about the project on Channel 8 news and read about our other recent neighborhood sustainability efforts. If you’d like to get involved email sustainable@overlookneighborhood.org

2013 Overlook Garden Tour a Success!

from Sustainable Overlook
An OKNA Committee

The 2nd annual Overlook Garden Tour featured 8 pesticide-free gardens that representing a wide range of sustainable practices. Over 150 people attended on August 24th and got to see a hydroponics system that produces veggies and fish year round, coops with chickens and ducks, beehives, a certified Backyard Habitat, greenhouses made with reclaimed materials, rain gardens, water harvesting systems and much more.

The Oregonian featured the story of neighbor Gary Cash, who is becoming a Master Gardener and who opened his beautiful garden to the tour in honor of his late partner, landscape artist Steve Mann, who had created the garden. Tour-goers could pick up Metro natural gardening resources at booths along the route and learn the hosts’ best tips for pesticide-free gardening. Read about the gardens in the tour guide on our website, and plan on attending next year’s Overlook Garden Tour!



Featured on the tour this year: the Northwest native section of Jane Finch-Howell’s yard, gardened by her husband Ben. Photo: Jane Finch-Howell

Upcoming Sustainable Overlook Events

Join Sustainable Overlook for these monthly get-togethers at Daybreak Cohousing in their common room at 2525 N. Killingsworth Ave. (unless otherwise noted.) Meet your neighbors, enjoy yummy local food plus learn new skills and sustainable solutions. Everyone is welcome!

Thursday, November 14—6:30 - 8:30 pm
Bread Baking



Making your own bread is simple and makes even everyday meals special. Learn techniques for a few styles of bread including herb focaccia and pizza dough and take home a few loaves. Sliding scale \$5-15 includes ingredients, all local and organic (and hot soup for dinner!)

Thursday, December 12—6:30 - 8:30 pm
Documentary Film and Potluck
‘Passive House: A Building Revolution’

Sustainable Overlook Soup and Cinema is back! From the producers of the award winning film ‘The Power of Community’, ‘Passive House’ takes you on a journey through the most important development in building design, construction and retrofitting in a generation. For 20 years the Passive House standard has been quietly spreading across Europe, applied both to residential and commercial buildings. It’s a must-see film for homeowners, builders and architects and anyone interested in reducing heating and cooling energy use by 80%. Bring a dish or snack to share. Free!

Email: Sustainable@OverlookNeighborhood.org
Webpage: www.sustainableoverlook.org
Facebook: [facebook.com/SustainableOverlook](https://www.facebook.com/SustainableOverlook)

Thursday, November 21—6:30 - 9:00 pm
Film Field Trip
Tabor Space, 5441 S.E. Belmont Street

In lieu of a monthly gardening class, we’re joining Portland Permaculture Meet-up for a showing of ‘How to Build a Thermal Mass Rocket Heater’. Join Portland- based movie-maker Calen Kennett for the premiere of his film documenting the construction of a thermal mass rocket stove built by Ernie and Erica Wisner, renowned fire technology geeks and builders of things that burn wood and capture heat. Running time: 117 minutes, followed by a Q & A with Kennett. \$5 each.

Thursday, January 9, 2014—6:30 - 8:30 pm
‘The Transition Companion’ Discussion

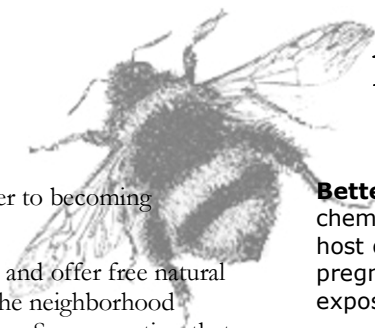
Join neighbors for an informal reading group. ‘The Transition Companion: Making your community more resilient in uncertain times’ by Rob Hopkins asks the question “What if the best responses to peak oil and climate change don’t come from government, but from you and me and the people around us?” We’ll be discussing the ‘Connecting’ section. A limited number of books are available free of charge. Email sustainable@overlookneighborhood.org Bring a dish or snack to share. Free!



Should we know? Email OKNA with your neighborhood info or let us know what’s happening on your block.

views@overlookneighborhood.org

10 Good Reasons to go Pesticide* Free



Better health for everyone! Yard and garden chemicals are linked to increased cancer risk and a host of other illnesses. Children, babies and pregnant women are especially vulnerable to toxin exposure, even in minute quantities.

Your garden will be happier. Without toxic chemicals, and with natural gardening practices like composting, the soil life and critters in your yard will create a more balanced ecosystem and that makes for stronger, more resilient plants.

Food safety. One of the many benefits of growing your own food organically is feeling confident that what you’re eating is not contaminated with pesticides.

Lower your carbon footprint. Pesticides and synthetic fertilizers are petro-chemical based, so when you avoid them, you are using fewer fossil fuels.

Take good care of our pets. Dogs and cats are at risk from lawn and garden chemicals for some of the same reasons kids are – they are low to the ground, they touch and mouth everything and spend a lot of time outdoors. Pets’ risks of cancer and other health problems increase when they are exposed to lawn chemicals.

Protect wildlife and save the bees! Songbirds, raptors, butterflies and our salmon population are threatened by pesticide use. Bees and other pollinators that we depend on for our food supply are under particular threat from neonic insecticides, common ‘all-in-one’ rose and shrub products.

Keep our water clean. Chemicals don’t stay put – they run off into waterways and soak into ground water. By avoiding them we can be good stewards of our drinking water, rivers and streams.

Save money and time. Natural gardening techniques tend to be much cheaper than buying products or hiring a chemical service, plus they require less labor in the long run.

Keep it local. Use your dollars to support local, green businesses, not big chemical corporations.

Practice peace. The toxic ingredients in many garden products fight nature rather than work with it. Fostering natural balance in your yard is good for your health and spirit and is a kindness to your neighbors.

*Pesticide refers to insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and other chemicals. See our website for references, resources and ways YOU can help!

Winter is Tree Season in Overlook

Friends of Trees set to plant in Overlook Neighborhood Residents can order discounted trees now—the earlier the better



All that good, squishy soil means it’s tree-planting time, and Friends of Trees is getting ready to hit the ground in the Overlook neighborhood.

Residents who want to order discounted trees for their street or yard should **sign up by December 23** in order to be a part of the **January 25 planting** in our neighborhood. To sign up and browse the tree selection, visit www.friendsoftrees.org/plant-it-programs or call 503-282-8846.

Trees cost \$35-75, which includes delivery, planting by volunteers (you’re encouraged to join!), permitting, mulch, stakes, and follow-up maintenance—a \$200 value. If you can’t afford a tree, Friends of Trees has scholarships available. Each planting starts with breakfast and ends with a potluck.

“Plantings are like a party with your neighbors. It’s all about good food, good people, and being able to say ‘I planted that!’” says Whitney Dorer, Neighborhood Trees Manager for Friends of Trees.

We need volunteers for a parallel effort with the FOT planting day. Neighbor Dave Schleiger has arranged a donation of a large quantity of mulch for previously planted street trees. This down and dirty crew will travel the neighborhood on planting day, January 25, leaving little piles of joy behind them. If you’d like to be a part of this plot, email us at info@OverlookNeighborhood.org



Adopt a Plot and Restore Native Habitat on the Bluff

by Ruth Oclander
Friends of Overlook Bluff

Would you like to adopt an oak meadow? Friends of Overlook Bluff are looking for community groups or families to contribute to the restoration of native habitat on the Overlook Bluff. The ultimate goal is to preserve this undeveloped lot as a natural area and to restore the entire acre. To this end, we will start by restoring 20' diameter plots in the field on Overlook



*A sharp-shinned hawk settles onto dead wood next to our newly seeded plot. It marks the first time I have seen a hawk landing IN the field.
Photo Ruth Oclander.*

Ter-
race,
around
the
Heritage Oregon White Oak Tree. The plots will be covered with reused or recycled cardboard and burlap for several months to suppress weeds. Subsequently, the burlap will be removed and the area will be covered with compost. The area will then be seeded with native grasses that have been hand-collected or donated.

The chance to be part of this blueprint effort is truly once in a lifetime; the oak habitat along the Willamette River has almost disappeared. This field will either be acquired by the city for public use or sold for development. A group commitment involves learning about native species and oak habitat, building layers of compost, purchasing and transporting compost (@\$75 per plot), shoveling and raking, and dispersing seed. Next spring there will be continued work to plant bare root-stock and then long-term plot maintenance, in addition to watching your grasses and flowers bloom and grow.

The final step will be the creation of a meditative path around the plots.

The FOOB-SOLVE meadowscaping event on October 5th showed the spirit of cooperation. Some volunteers worked in the field to refine our methodology, while others returned to the slope above Greeley to create 'life-savers' (a 4-foot clearance of vines) around the base of numerous oak, madrone and big leaf maple trees. It was especially rewarding to discover a grove of healthy madrones, perhaps the largest in the city. We have been steadily expanding the focus of our coverage and invite neighbors to contact us to lead an event in your area of the bluff. The meadowscaping was well-timed under sunny blue skies after weeks of downpour; the first slivers of native grass are now two-inches high and display the skill with which they were planted.

A special thank you to BES Revegetation Specialist, Jim Schiller for volunteering on Saturdays and clearing the way for us; board member and biologist Aulani Johnson for months of seed collection, cleaning and leading the charge with compost; and Deb Omev, our steadfast SOLVE event coordinator.



Another Great Patton Park Party

by Cynthia Sulaski
OKNA Board Member

Laughing, climbing, jumping, drumming, dancing, painting, strumming, stretching, chatting, informing, visiting and savoring honey lavender ice cream—that's what we did on September 14 at Patton Square Park.

The party was the second event sponsored by the Friends of Patton Square Park. Aprende con Amigos, Ethos, the Overlook Neighborhood Association, Portland Parks and Recreation, REACH, and Trillium Charter School partnered to organize the event and to provide entertainment and activities.

The River City Pipe Band opened the festivities with the stirring sounds of the ancient bagpipe and drums. Switching genres, Stop & Listen, a trio led by Steve Chesebrough, played 1920s – '30s blues and hokum music. Later in the afternoon, the talented Ethos student band Death by Thumb got us moving to the beat of their rock music. Sure-footed, graceful and athletic dancers of the Molly Malone Irish Dancers finished the day's entertainment with energetic step dancing on Trillium Charter School's wooden floors.



*The Molly Malone Irish Dancers kick up fun at Patton Square Park.
Photo thanks to Cynthia Sulaski*

Volunteers from Aprende con Amigos were busy for hours painting flowers and ladybugs on lots of small cheeks. Kids fearlessly scaled PP&R's climbing wall, while others made crafts and played on the park structure. Representatives from the Aspire Project, Community of Hope, OKNA, the North Portland Library, Peninsula Park Community Center, Edge Fitness, United Advantage NW Federal Credit Union and the Sunshine Division engaged the community. And we enjoyed treats donated by Grand Central Bakery, the Overlook Neighborhood Association and Ruby Jewel Ice Cream.

Special thanks go out to the volunteers who helped set up and clean up the park, especially Joan Burleigh, Kieran Connolly, Jim Heiman, and Jeremy Miller.

If you want to lend your time and energy to the Friends of Patton Square Park, write me at greenacres@OverlookNeighborhood.org.

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www.facebook.com/OKNAinPDX

An Overlook Welcome for a Visit From E.T.

by George Aulbach and Cynthia Sulaski
OKNA Board Members

We looked up in the sky and saw – not a bird, not a plane, not Superman – but E.T. (and friend) parachuting into Overlook Park. The two professional jumpers from Eugene successfully hit their mark, although with a slightly bumpy landing. Almost immediately, lots of kids surrounded the man dressed as E.T. Although we adults thought his mask was a bit creepy, the kids were undeterred and clamored to touch fingers and be rewarded with Reese's Pieces.

In a nutshell, our first partnership with Portland Parks & Recreation's Movies in the Park series was a blowout success! PP&R estimated that 2,500 people attended on September 1, the highest attendance of the series. We had been told that *E.T.* was very popular, but we weren't expecting such a significant crowd. Many came from Overlook and other North Portland neighborhoods, but just as many traveled from more distant parts of the city.



The E.T. Salute

photo: Steve Lanigan

Before the arrival of our special drop-in guest and the showing of the movie, there was much to keep children and adults entertained and engaged. PP&R's climbing wall was very popular as was the music performed by Golden Harvest. Representatives from the Overlook House, Community of Hope, the Aspire Project, Pesticide-Free Overlook, The Prescott and the Sunshine Division shared information about their projects and activities. PP&R gave out free popcorn and Eddie's Flat Iron Pizza took orders and delivered full pizzas and meals to hungry people in the park.

The Sunshine Division, a partner of the Portland Police Bureau serving families in need, received \$200 in donations and 80 pounds of food. They generously raffled off a cool retro bicycle to one very lucky attendee.

This event could not have taken place without the generous contributions of the following



E.T. Comes in for a landing!

photo: Steve Lanigan

organizations: The Prescott, Overlook Restaurant, Arciform, Pemco Insurance, Eddie's Flat Iron Pizza, Ainsworth Wine & Gifts, Happy House Chinese Restaurant and Portland Parks & Recreation. If you have the opportunity, visit these businesses and thank them for being a very good neighbor.

Lastly, we want to extend a big thank you to Kaiser for allowing attendees to use their west building's parking garage, which reduced the vehicle impact into the nearby neighborhood. We were also happy to see so many people who walked or biked to the park.

We've received exceptionally positive feedback from participants (for example, "This was the best movie in the park I went to this summer."). So we want to make it an annual event at Overlook Park. If you'd like to be part of our committee, write us at movie@OverlookNeighborhood.org. It will be tons of fun—we promise!

Trillium Public Charter School warmly invites you to join us at the **Arts & Crafts Spectacular** on **December 7-8 from 10:00-5:00**.

The Spectacular is a community art fair that promotes the work of 40 talented artists, selling everything from glass mosaics to hand-made soap and tutus. In addition to selling the work of artists, we sell student work and engage the community with music and food.

Trillium Arts & Crafts Spectacular
December 7-8, 10:00-5:00
5420 N. Interstate Ave.
Portland, OR 97217
spectacular@togetherfortrillium.org
<http://tinyurl.com/2013-Spectacular>

Air Quality Group Forms in Response to Bad Smells



by David Goodyke
Overlook Neighbor

On October 21, as a representative of the Overlook Neighborhood Association, I attended the Swan Island Air Quality Committee. If you are unfamiliar with this issue, there have been reports of smells in the neighborhood, some solvent-y and some sulphur-y. Many neighbors are concerned that these odors may indicate harmful emissions. Mary Peveto of Neighbors for Clean Air, and Arbor Lodge-based Stacey Schroeder of North Portland Neighbors for Clean Air have organized citizen pressure to get DEQ to further restrict air emissions from industry.

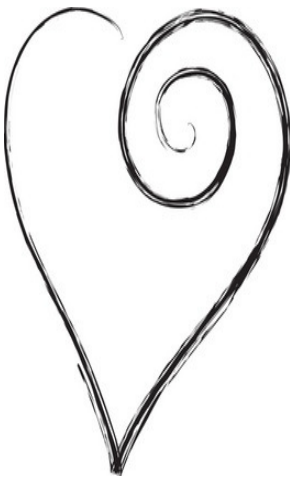
The concerns were discussed in the 2013 Oregon Legislature, and have led the Governor to create this Oregon Solutions committee to chart a path toward resolution and improve communications between Swan Island industries and North Portland neighbors. This meeting was the first of a series of meetings co-convened by Oregon House of Representatives Speaker Tina Kotek and METRO’s Sam Chase. To address concerns about air quality on and around Swan Island, the committee brings together various representative stakeholders from the neighborhoods, industry, and other relevant voices.

The committee has 13 members (including Mary Peveto, Stacey Schroeder, Tina Kotek, Sam Chase and me) but hopes to add neighborhood representatives from Arbor Lodge and University Park. Tom Griffin-Valade was there to represent North Portland Neighborhood Services. Daimler Trucks sent David Trebing and Vigor Industries sent Brian Mannion. Also from Swan Island were Lenny Anderson, Swan Island Business

Association and Christine White, Port of Portland. The Governor’s Regional Solutions Center sent Bobby Lee, and Venture Portland sent Heather Hoell. The group was rounded out with Jeff Rook from the University of Portland. The facilitator was Steve Greenwood of Oregon Solutions.

Our committee began the work of defining a process to address concerns about air quality and assorted, reported odors. The process will concern itself with emissions from Swan Island. To this end, addressing the toxicity and health impacts of emissions was identified as the #1 priority, along with making data available to interested citizens and organizations. Methods and means of emissions reductions will be examined as well as the costs of achieving the reductions. The committee also intends to work on options to address nuisance odors and finding the funding necessary to implement real solutions. More work needs to be done to define the scope of this committee, but a lot of progress was made. I enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a process where local government, industries, institutions and neighbors engage each other. I left feeling optimistic and excited to learn more. Our second meeting will be November 15.

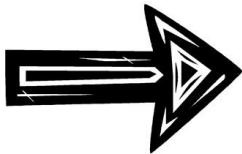
Neighbor Love for Overlook Livability Team Results



via email, from Cynthia Cxxxxxx
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 5:28 PM
Subject: **Failing Street Bridge**

Dear Overlook Neighbors,
I live in Irvington and bike commute through your neighborhood for appointments at Kaiser. What a delight to ride up the ramp this afternoon and discover that it had been swept clean! My thanks and kudos to the neighbors who took the initiative to make crossing the bridge an extra pleasant experience - and safer, too!
Best wishes, Cynthia C

You can be a clean up hero and garner the admiration of your neighbors as well; join the **Overlook Livability Team** for our monthly clean up, taking down graffiti, picking up litter and making Overlook a beautiful and safe place to live and visit! Details to the right.



Crime Prevention Update by Sara Hussein your City of Portland Crime Prevention Coordinator

Crime Prevention during the Holidays

During this time of year, we hear about increases in certain types of crime. Being aware and taking a few extra steps can reduce incidents during this holiday season. With an increase in deliveries during the holiday, consider the following to help prevent package theft:

- Arrange to sign for your deliveries
- Have your package delivered to a place where you will be during the day
- Pick up your package at the delivery company
- Have the delivery sent to a secure locker box

Additionally, car prowls increase during the holidays as individuals store their purchases in their car or trunk. Leaving your car clear of valuable items, bags, and anything that might be mistaken as valuable is the best prevention. If you must store items in your car, place them in a trunk and then move your car to another location. If you are going to be out of town during the holidays, be sure to create an appearance of occupancy at your home, especially installing timers on your porch lights and informing trusted neighbors that you will be gone.

Door to Door Solicitations

There has been an uptick in door-to-door solicitors in the past few weeks around the Overlook neighborhood. As we enter the holidays, we can expect to see more door-to-door solicitors in our area. Many residents will also receive visits from representatives of charities. It's not against the law to sell door to door. Sales people are not required by Multnomah County to apply for a permit and they are not required to carry identification. However, there are certain behaviors or signs that cause residents to be concerned:

- Aggressive sales tactics including trying to enter your home
- The solicitor won't leave your premises
- The representative does not have company materials or identification
- An individual looks into home windows or checks the side of the house when no one answers the door. In some cases door handles may be checked.
- Probing questions are asked that make you feel uncomfortable

When there is suspicious behavior exhibited by a door-to-door solicitor, you can contact the police. However, it's not enough to call just because you see solicitors in your neighborhood. What actions are making you feel uncomfortable? Unless it's an immediate threat to life or property, which warrants a call to 9-1-1, you can contact the non-emergency line to the police at 503-823-3333. You can also contact the Attorney General Consumer Protection Hotline to report problems with a company in the Portland area 503-229-5576.

It is helpful to have a plan for dealing with door-to-door solicitors. Some people may choose not to open the door at all. Others may open the door, but may not buy anything or donate money at that moment; instead they take the information from the solicitor, do their research, and follow up later. If you belong to a Neighborhood Watch, contact your neighbors on your phone tree and let them know to be cautious if you have encountered an aggressive or suspicious solicitor. Don't be shy about networking with your neighbors on Facebook, NextDoor or other active social media sites.



Public Safety & Crime Prevention Resources

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P S A C

**The North
Portland
Public Safety
Action
Committee**

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!

O L T

**The Overlook
Livability
Team**

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 graf-fiti@OverlookNeighborhood.org for more info.

**Foot
Patrol**

**The Overlook
Foot Patrol**

patrols outward from the Beach School campus into 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.

At our very best
we are all
teachers and
students.
We owe the world -
to teach and learn
- vrp



Hello

I'm Valarie Pearce, Beach School's 2013-14 PTA President. When considering taking on this role, my main motivation was the opportunity to *do good*. Good for our kids, the school, the teachers and parents that support them.

As a children's book author, I also sit on the advisory council board of Salvation Army's West Women & Children's Shelter. Along with my past work with social services such as Black United Fund of Oregon and Emmanuel Community Services, my commitment to advocating academic and social success for kids is continually strengthened.

I believe this drive makes a great partnership with Beach School PTA where parents are committed to partnering with the school and community to ensure our kids have the best educational opportunities possible! Here are a few things we're doing at Beach School:

- BASE Program: After school enrichment & educational support
- Wellness for our Kids: Play Works & Family Fitness Events
- Support for Middle School Electives
- Beach Foundation (new this year)
- Family & Cultural Nights
- Beach 2013- 14 Fundraising Auction Team

There are many compliments for Beach PTA and as incoming PTA President my goal is to continue our valued work and programs, build strong positive partnerships between our school, administration and the community and do good work for every child we serve! I want to thank Principal Rebecca Torres for the educational commitment to our kids and an ongoing partnership with the parents and teachers who support them and thank you to all of our community partners who have supported Beach PTA! We solicit your continued support and for more information on how you can donate, volunteer or be involved visit our website page <http://beachpta.org/>.

Czech, Polish and Hungarian Language Classes Keep Kids Bilingual

The newly formed Visegrad Group PDX has a mission: Bring the Czech, Polish and Hungarian Saturday schools together to promote Central European cultures in Portland and keep the languages alive. The Saturday Schools of Portland motivate and encourage kids to explore their origins, feel proud of their heritage and foster stronger bilingual communities in the Portland area. Visegrad Group PDX's festival earlier this month is an extension of the schools' missions to educate, motivate and inspire Czech, Polish and Hungarian youth while establishing connections between their communities and neighbors.

Explore these Saturday schools and introduce a new language into your home.

Czech School of Portland

Czech School of Portland's mission is to provide Czech language and cultural education. Our aim is to maintain Czech cultural heritage while strengthening multicultural understanding and to reach out to other communities and groups with similar goals. www.czechschoolportland.org

Polish Cultural Enrichment Program at PLBA in Collaboration with IQPreschool

Polish Cultural Enrichment Program at PLBA is celebrating 18 years of existence. The goal of the program is not only teaching the Polish language and culture but also to celebrate Polish traditions. Students of our school participate in the Portland Rose Festival and annual Polish Festival. www.IQPreschool.net and www.portlandpolonia.org/enrichment

Bobita Hungarian Language School

The Hungarian School is a Saturday language school where children and families come together to speak the Hungarian language, to learn about and celebrate the Hungarian culture, traditions and holidays: www.bobitaschool.com



Beach School 2014 Auction!

The Beach School PTA is extremely grateful for the support for our annual auction from area businesses and community leaders. Last year we raised over \$40,000 which enabled the following enrichment opportunities:

- Mini grants to Beach School teachers to improve their classrooms, upgrade their curriculum and take more field trips.
- Community building events such as our Fall Harvest Festival, Back to School Night and grounds beautification.
- Middle School student's year book and end of the year adventure.

Beach School has the second highest population of homeless students in the district. With this additional funding, we provide a learning environment that is richly diverse, creating social and cultural learning opportunities - including both a traditional neighborhood program as well as one of the oldest Spanish Immersion programs in the district.

This year's event will be held on February 22nd, 2014 at Castaway Portland and the Beach School Auction Committee is seeking auction item donations. If you would like to donate we would love to hear from you! Please contact Lori Lyons Lachman, lorett4@yahoo.com or Emily Beleele, emilybeleele@gmail.com with any questions. You can also mail your donation directly to our school at 1710 N. Humboldt Street, Portland, OR 97217.

Donations must be received by February 1st to ensure inclusion in the auction catalogue.

Welcome the New Beach School Foundation!

by Lisa Young
Chair, Beach School Foundation

The Beach School Foundation was established to generate resources to restore and maintain high-quality education for the students at Beach School. The Beach PTA can not use the funds it raises to supplement staffing needs. With the loss of more and more funding each year at Portland Public Schools (PPS), it is critical that we have a resource that can keep, restore and maintain our teachers and staff.

The Beach School Foundation will fund-raise in a partnership with Beach PTA. We will also make and establish relationships with larger businesses in our community that are willing to donate, match or be a financial sponsor. Additionally, we hope to encourage Beach Alumni to donate to their Alma Mater and provide a positive future for our current students.

If you know your organization has matching funds, or if you work for an organization that might be able to help sponsor an event with in-kind donations, please contact us. We are also looking for volunteers to help grow the Foundation.

Contact: Lisa Young(Chair)- lisa.twinpower@gmail.com

Donate: <https://allhandsraised.org/donate/> Just be sure to specify Beach School

Update: Beach School Violins Still *Vivace*

by Pamela White
Beach School Parent

Vivace is the musical instruction for "lively", and Beach School violinists are very much that! We are very excited to announce a new partnership for the Beach School Violin Program. Over the summer, we were able to raise approximately \$20,000 through a combination of grants and private donations. Thank you to all of our supporters!! While this is a significant chunk of the original goal, we weren't able to raise enough to continue the violin program through the Portland Suzuki Project. On Sunday, August 18th, we held an event at Tanner Springs Park where some of Beach School's violinists played. Oregon Public Broadcasting's April Baer covered the event. Fortunately for us, Dunja Jennings, the director of Music Access Project of Portland (MAPP) was listening. She reached out to us and asked how they could help. MAPP in collaboration with VIBE of Portland, has agreed to take over coordination of our violin program. Marjorie Webster our program manager from the Portland Suzuki Project has graciously agreed to help with the transition. All funds raised will be transferred to VIBE as the new fiscal agent.

Because some of the violins used in the program were on loan from the Portland Suzuki Project, we will need to purchase new violins. Luckily, we received a grant for \$5,000 from the Celebration Foundation specifically for purchasing violins.

Vibe/MAPP are working on the specifics of the scheduling with the Beach administrative team and teachers. First graders (from both the community and immersion sides) started Music foundation classes last week during the school day. Second graders will start violin classes during the school day within the next couple weeks. The third graders (from the community side) will be given a choice between violin and another enrichment during the school day. Fourth and fifth graders will be provided with free group lessons after school with the SEI/Base program starting with the winter session. We expect there will still be hiccups and potential tweaks, but we are excited about the likelihood of our program being back in full swing this coming school year.

We want to thank the Portland Suzuki Program for laying the foundation for music education at Beach School and assisting with this transition. We are confident that our school's new partnership with MAPP and VIBE of Portland will create a sustainable in-school music program for years to come.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Beth at bethkapsch@gmail.com, Lori at lorett4@yahoo.com or Laura Streib, of VIBE at laura@vibeofportland.com or Dunja Jennings, Director of MAPP at mappofpdx@gmail.com

Beach PTA's New Board Members

This year's Parent-Teacher Association board members were elected at the June 2013 PTA meeting. The new board members are:

Valarie Pearce—President
Andee Ziegler—Vice-President
Maribel Gomez—Vice-President
& Nuestro Committee Chair
Lori Hoffman—Secretary
Marlo Porter—Treasurer
Meagan O'Leary—Teacher Representative

Welcome, and thank you for your contributions!

Shop With Scrip to Support Beach School

Support Beach Elementary School by purchasing a Scrip Gift Card. The Beach Scrip Program is a fundraising opportunity for Beach School. Scrip gift cards can be purchased at multiple values, and are valid at many places you already shop, over 100 businesses in North Portland. A percentage of the sales are donated to Beach School. (The percentage donated varies by business; this information is listed on the order

form). Businesses include local grocery stores, coffee shops, restaurants, clothing stores and more. These gift cards would make a great holiday or birthday gift! Shop local and support your neighborhood school.

To order, please visit Beach School. Orders placed by Mondays at 3pm will be processed by Thursday afternoon. For more information or to obtain order forms, please contact: Pamela White at 503-740-9871 or email mickey965@q.com or Kimberly Peterson 503-307-4004



OVERLOOK ESSENTIALS

November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	12	13 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	14 Bread Baking with Sustainable Overlook! See Page 4.	15 Interested in zoning and development rules? Ask about joining the Land Use Committee.	16 Violations at Mock's Crest Parklet? Call 503-823-3333 & report.
17	18 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	19 OKNA General Meeting 7-9pm Kaiser Town Hall	20 Comp Plan North Mapping Mtg 6:30-9pm UoP Chiles Ctr SPECIAL NIGHT PSAC meeting Kenton Firehouse	21 Film Field Trip with Sustainable Overlook. See Page 4.	22	23
24 Please contact the Overlook House about holiday schedules for yoga.	25	26	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving!	29	30 TOMORROW! Livability Team Meeting Day 9am See Page 6.

December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Livability Team Meeting Day 9am See Page 6.	2 LEAF DAY S of Going St - move cars off the road. Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	3 OKNA Board Meeting 7-9pm Overlook House	4 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	5	6	7
8 Santa at the Overlook House!	9	10	11 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	12 Sustainable Overlook Soup and Cinema Returns! See Page 4.	13 Neighborhood Holiday Party/ Potluck. 6-9pm. See Page 1	14
15	16 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	17 No OKNA Meeting tonight.	18 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	19	20	21
22	23 Be sure to check holiday schedules for event disruptions.	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28

January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 29	December 30 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	December 31	1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5 Livability Team Meeting Day 9am See Page 6.	6 Santa Claus at United Advantage CU Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	7 OKNA Board Meeting 7-9pm Overlook House	8 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	9 'The Transition Companion' Discussion and Potluck. Page 4.	10	11
12 Have you 'liked' us on Facebook yet? OKNAinPDX	13 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	14	15 Overlook Business Speakeasy, 6pm See Page 3 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	16	17 Family Movie Night at Beach School/ Escuela Beach	18
19	20 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	21 OKNA General Meeting 7-9pm Kaiser Town Hall	22 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	23	24	25
26	27 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30	28 New to Overlook? Don't miss the OKNA webpage & Facebook.	29 Overlook House •Yoga 5:30-6:30 PSAC meeting Kenton Firehouse	30	31	February 1

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
Sara Hussein: 503.823.4098

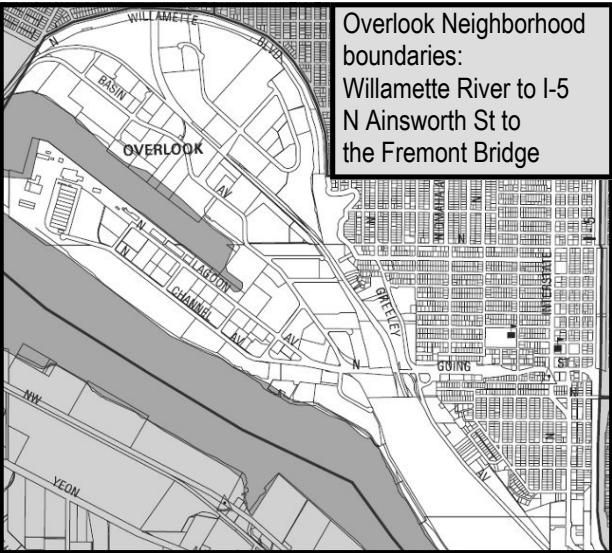
Police Non-emergency: Report it!
503.823.3333

North Precinct Neighborhood Response
Officer: 503.823.5700

Graffiti Hotline, 503.823.4824
email graffiti@OverlookNeighborhood.org

Abandoned Auto 24hr Hotline
503.823.7309

Metro Recycling Information
503.234.3000
www.metro-region.org



Stay Connected!

To receive **The OKNA Overlook Neighborhood Email** for more time-sensitive items, visit **www.OverlookNeighborhood.org**, enter your email address in the Yahoo! box and join our mailing list. To be included in the blast, 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**: OKNAinPDX and share your thoughts immediately. Business neighbors: your commercial postings are welcome.

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

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