

Overlook Views

your neighborhood newsletter

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A Final Newsletter and Farewell

by Michelle Thompson
Coordinator, Overlook Views

In spring 2009 I was approached by my friend Cynthia Sulaski, an OKNA board member who asked me the right question at the right time: Would you like to create the neighborhood newsletter? It was almost an instantaneous 'yes' from me; I had wanted to volunteer in the neighborhood but don't consider myself much of a joiner. From my earliest job with the community newspaper I've had a thing for little newspapers. This has been one of the most enjoyable projects I've ever taken on and I thank the OKNA board for trusting its voice in my hands.

In the ensuing years, I've had an intensive course in Portland civics, learning about land use, zoning, livability, crime prevention, volunteerism, energy and spirit. Working on the Overlook Views brought me in touch with our local schools, non-profits and government. As my interests grew, so did the opportunities to communicate with neighbors about OKNA projects: the weekly email newsletter, a Facebook page, a new website. Email accounts and messages. It has definitely become too many jobs for one person, and there are other new ways, so I am reaching out for your help.

The newsletter is a big project, I won't lie. And a print newsletter, though widely appreciated (thank you for that) may not be the best communication tool for Overlook anymore. I place a high value on having all 3200 print copies of Overlook Views delivered by an enthusiastic volunteer team of neighbors to each residential door and business in the neighborhood. Internet access is not universal, and some prefer print over electrons. I think it's the fairest way to reach everyone.

But, I am retiring, and it is time for a new vision for the newsletter. When I stepped in, I had impossibly big shoes to fill. OV originator Warren Cassel put out a creative document, different every issue, that tapped the images and conversation among neighbors that so often now takes place online. Over time, I added my own stamp to the content, with feedback from the community that continues to contribute their valued writing. The next editor.. I always called myself 'coordinator' ... will put their own stamp on it. And when the time is the right time for someone, I know they'll come forward to continue publishing this, or something better. Or not. ☺

A webmaster would be very useful. It's a fairly simple Wordpress site that just needs management for updates and email forwards. Please be experienced. I can't offer any training.

Facebook and Nextdoor administrators/posters would be appreciated.

The OKNA board and Overlook can benefit from your new ideas, energy and vision.

Your work will be very valued, your contribution very important. Please consider volunteering for OKNA Communications. My contact info is on the back page.

Neighborhood 'Picnic' Time

**Tuesday, August 19th
6:00– 8:00 pm
Atomic Pizza
1936 N Killingsworth**

Join your friends, join your neighbors, meet someone new! The annual OKNA summer gathering takes place this year at the new Atomic Pizza location, 1936 N Killingsworth/corner of N Denver.

Atomic Pizza is putting out the picnic meal for us, a buffet spread of Atomic goodness for \$8 per person. We'll enjoy a variety of pizza by the slice, fresh green and spinach salads (including a vegan choice), cookies/sweeties and fountain soft drinks.

Beer, wine, bottled soda, Ruby Jewel ice cream and gluten-free pizza are available for additional purchase.

Come see the newly remodeled space and meet your neighbors in the beautiful gardens!



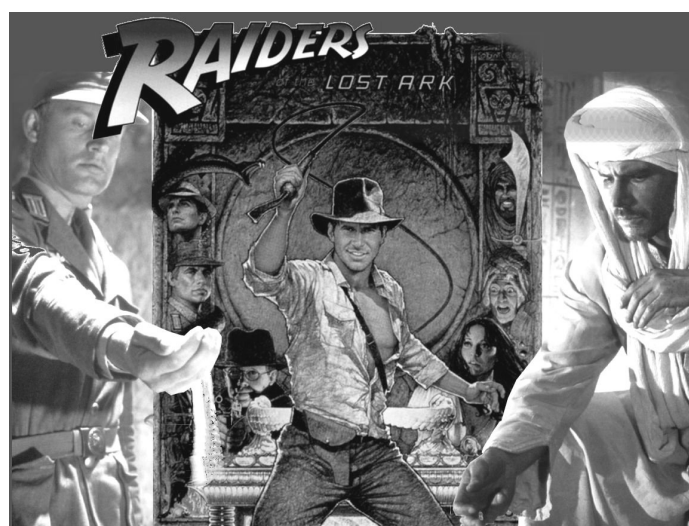
OKNA Elections/ Bylaws Update on September Agenda

by Tamara Maher
OKNA Board Member

Every year the members of OKNA elect a new board at the September General Meeting (always the 3rd Tuesday of the month). This year that meeting is on September 16 at 7:00 pm at the Kaiser Town Hall at 3704 N. Interstate. And YOU are the members of OKNA, so come to the meeting, participate, get your feet wet in aid of your neighborhood and consider joining the board! Every September there's a new opportunity to refresh our board with new energy, enthusiasm, faces and ideas. Join us to make that happen, after you have enjoyed the events and information planned and provided by your current board.

This year's September meeting will also be an opportunity to vote to adopt some changes to our bylaws. Every organization should take the time to re-visit and review their bylaws every few years but the last time ours were updated was in spring 1998!! The proposed revised bylaws can be found on our website, so take the time to review them for yourselves and see how our hard-working bylaws subcommittee and the full board did on bringing these up-to-date. Many of the changes simply recognized the way we already operate, such as membership requests don't need to be made in writing, and board members stand for election annually. A few were about bringing our language current - no more "sub-neighborhoods", we proposed they be called "areas". Two substantive changes we proposed: adding an area for Swan Island, so we can have a representative from there, and allowing the board to make a decision by email for an emergency administrative function, such as adding a speaker

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INDIANA JONES AND MORE! OVERLOOK PARK-SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

by Cynthia Sulaski, George Aulbach and Bryan Tranel
OKNA Movie Committee 2014

We had such a good time last year, we're doing it again! We've partnered with Portland Parks & Recreation to show another Steven Spielberg film, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, in Overlook Park on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this very special event in our neighborhood.

We tried to get Harrison Ford to parachute into the park, like E.T. did last year. Unfortunately, Ford broke his foot and wasn't available for any daredevil stunts. (We're sure he would have shown up otherwise.) Instead, we've organized a great lineup of entertainment and activities.

Festivities will start at 5:30 with a **rock-climbing wall** for the kids, **free popcorn**, and **live music** by *The River City Band*. At 6:15 the Agnieszka Laska Dancers will perform a segment from *The Rite of Spring*. Agnieszka Laska is a member of St. Stanislaus Church on Interstate Avenue and the planning committee for the annual Polish Festival.

COSTUME CONTEST!

Next on the agenda at 7:15 will be a costume contest for kids younger than 18. The only requirement is that they must dress as a character from the movie. Contestants will be judged in three age groups (5 and younger, 6-12, 13-17).

Participation is limited, so register now. Email the child's name, age and contact number to movie@overlookneighborhood.org. All participants will receive a prize. The top three winners in each group will get a movie poster (1st prize), "Pizza School" at Pinky's Pizzeria (2nd prize) and a New Seasons gift certificate (3rd prize). **Registration deadline is Monday, August 25.**

For you adults who are Jonesing to dress up as Indy, Marion Ravenwood or Dr. Belloq, go for it. The more fedoras, turbans and leather jackets, the better. Just no (real) snakes, please. Why is it always snakes?!

Hungry? Bring your own dinner or purchase food in the park from Eddie's Flat Iron Pizza, Grilled Cheese Grill and Eva's Herbucha. The movie will start at dusk and end about 10pm. Consider bringing sand chairs, blankets, coats, food, flashlights, mosquito repellent, and something to drop in the hat to offset the neighborhood association's expenses. We also ask that you **pack out everything that you bring in**. See you on the 31st at beautiful Overlook Park!

THANK YOU!

We would like to acknowledge our sponsors for generously helping to bring this event to our community. They are:

Everett Custom Homes, the builder of the future 63-unit apartment building on Overlook Boulevard adjacent to Overlook Park, which will begin this fall.

The Prescott. For the second year, the owners of the six-story apartment building at the Prescott MAX Station have stepped forward as a major sponsor.

United Advantage NW Federal Credit Union is located at N. Interstate and Killingsworth and membership is available to anyone living in North Portland. United Advantage is also a Friends of Patton Square Park member.

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



Resilience Design – Mulysa Melco – As a landscape designer specializing in home-steads and habitats, I create multi-purpose yards that integrate bird/pollinator habitat with edibles and outdoor living. Services include plans, consultation & coaching. I can help you ‘go organic’ and I love beautifying yards! mulysa@resiliencedesign.org 503-956-0152 www.resiliencedesign.com

At **My Modern Workbench** we believe that standing while at work can make you happier, healthier, and more focused. We support this belief by building custom desks and risers. We use reclaimed, salvaged or FSC certified wood and everything is built locally, in the Overlook Neighborhood. To learn more about us, visit www.mymodernworkbench.com.

Tap into craft beer at **Untapped**, a new growler fill house and taproom located at 4320 N Interstate (Interstate & Skidmore). Providing 36 taps of craft beer, hard cider and kombucha, along with a selection of 22oz bottled craft beer. Free wifi and happy hour discounts M-F 3:00—6:00pm. facebook.com/untapped.pdx.

I am a third generation Realtor who lives in your neighborhood! I love talking shop and answering questions like ‘How much is MY home worth?’ or ‘What’s happening with those new big houses down the block?’ Let’s have coffee! **Emily Ordas**, Broker. M Realty LLC 503-267-4946. www.emilyordas.com ordasrealestate@gmail.com

Community Upgrade provides youth safety instruction including the popular Babysitter Training and At Home Alone courses. Classes held regularly at Kemba Shannon Dance Center, 2017 N. Kilpatrick. Private classes available for your group. View class offerings at communityupgradedclasses.eventbrite.com

My name is **Paul Navari** and I am an insurance agency owner through Farmers Insurance. I specialize in auto, home, business, life and boat insurance. I am glad to make house calls when most convenient for you and have lived in the neighborhood for almost 5 years. 503.241.9618 or pnavari@farmersagent.com

Coming in September, **New American** will set the table with complete & ready meals for dine-in and take-out. Portions are small and large, to make gatherings easy. We’ll have a batch cocktail program, and our sister business, Bees & Beans, will create custom desserts! 2103 N Killingsworth St. newamerican@revivalfood.com

Spoke & Vine, an Overlook wine bar/bottle shop is now open in The Prescott building at 1451 N Skidmore St. Flights, glasses, draught beer & cider choices available to pair with local and artisanal cheeses and charcuterie. Join their email list for updates or stop in for a drink soon! Amanda@spokeandvine.com

Neighborhood Businesspeople Connect and Create Possibility at the Overlook Speakeasy

by Brent Young
Organizer of the Overlook Business Speakeasy

We always have an interesting group of businesses represented at the Speakeasy and July’s meeting was no exception. The Lucky Lab Tap Room on Killingsworth put us up in their large event room where we enjoyed food and drinks and chatted for a couple hours. Topics covered included sustainability opportunities in the neighborhood, social media and the upcoming street fair. Attendees were from the fields of architecture, law, video/film, landscape design and marketing. The Speakeasy is a fun social opportunity to market neighborhood businesses, to network, and to share common experiences. There are always interesting connections to be made with our very diverse group of business owners. Mark your calendar for our next meeting on **Wednesday, October 15th, 2014 at 6:00 pm**, the place has yet to be determined. If you are interested in joining us next time please email Brent Young: youngdesignstudio@gmail.com. The event is open to all businesses in the Overlook Neighborhood who would like some promotion.

Here’s an update from July’s participants:

Young Design Studio LLC, Architecture and Interiors - With a background in both architecture and interior design, Brent Young’s firm is passionate about excellent design and customer service designing everything from residential additions to new commercial buildings, they can help you plan, visualize and realize your project. Currently under construction in the neighborhood is the new office for Bellmoore Realty at the K-Station building. www.youngdesignstudio.com youngdesignstudio@gmail.com 971-222-5629

Tamara Maher’s law practice, located at 2918 N. Lombard, is specialized in Estate Planning (wills, trusts, powers of attorney) and probate. Sharing her office now is Vince McCreary, an Independent Insurance Agent. Vince provides auto, home, business insurance to a wide variety of clients. He applies his 35 years of industry experience to finding the right company, right price and right coverage for each client. Vince can be reached at 503-719-4482; Tamara Maher can be reached at 503-285-1294.

Metropolitan Design Studio+Architecture, LLC - Jeremy Miller’s firm offers design services for remodels and new buildings. Currently he is very active in the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) market. Recently completed work includes a 15,000sf community clinic in Virginia. He has practiced on the East and West coasts and has a long history of referral work. jeremy@mds-architecture.com 503-867-5615

Chris Lazarus Associates, LLC - Chris can help your business to business marketing efforts, bringing 20 years of experience. By partnering with a web designer, her company can provide full promotional services. She provides everything from text editing to graphic design and understands what target audiences need to hear. Chris looks at her role as 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. chris@chrislazarus.com 503-867-1370

Sirena Pictures- Sarah Henderson offers clients fresh perspectives and keen creative skills in contemporary photo and video-based storytelling and marketing projects through both traditional and social media. She seeks to foster positive business development within her new Overlook community and produce inspired marketing and promotional media services to help others thrive and grow. Sarah offers a passion for sustainable oriented projects that encourage a healthy, artful and happy community for all. dreamscopepix@hotmail.com 503-890-9304

Erich (e-rich) Lyttle - Erich is a working professional in the field of media communications with broad experience in all aspects of motion media production. Erich has received acclaim for his television series, long form film directing and producing work, including several television Emmy Awards for NBC, ABC and ESPN; Addy, Telly, Apple and NAB awards for television commercials and programming; and festival awards for his writing and directing for film. His strengths are creative conceptualization, writing, editing, camera, directing and collaborating. His documentary work has spanned the globe from Japan to Africa and includes feature film releases on the plight of the homeless in America, environmental issues, lifestyle and sports. Erich is interested in applying his storytelling skills to sustainable local projects and marketing healthy socially responsible businesses. erich@erich.tv www.erich.tv

Josh Cabot – Josh is a member or our neighborhood’s Sustainable Overlook Committee. They organized the recent neighborhood yard sale event that included over 50 homes. He’d like to find ways to get businesses more involved with Sustainable Overlook, so contact him if this interests you. Josh is also an architect with Livermore Architecture and Engineering focusing on commercial and industrial building design. josh.cabot@gmail.com 971-570-0468

Mulysa Melco/ Resilience Design - Also involved with Sustainable Overlook, Mulysa helped organize the garden tour and is coordinating the Pesticide Free Overlook initiative to create the city’s first pesticide-free neighborhood. Mulysa’s sustainable efforts transcend into her landscape design business, where she designs residential and small commercial projects. Her expertise in pest free solutions can help you to create a healthy, sustainable environment around your home. asylum@mulysa.org 503-956-0152

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 **Emily Ordas** of. M Realty (503-267-4946) for sourcing this information for you!

There has been a heavy load of activity in our neighborhood in the past few months. Since our last issue, Overlook has seen 28 detached homes, 8 condos and 3 attached homes sell. People must realize how super awesome this neighborhood is to live in! Average days on the market for detached homes came in at 20 days, but that is heavily skewed by a house that sat on the market for for 294 days. If you leave that house out, the average was only 10 days on the market. Many houses sold in 2-3 days and over asking price, with cash buyers. It’s no secret that Overlook is one of the hottest areas to get into on the inner east side, and here are the numbers to prove it.



The bigger real estate picture is as follows: Portland Metro’s average home price the first half of the year was \$328,900, up 8.7% from the same time frame in 2013 when the average was \$302,700. In the same comparison period, the median price also rose 8.7% from \$257,500 in the first half of 2013 to \$280,000 in the same period of 2014. We’ll leave it to you to judge whether this is good news or not!

Address	SF	Bed/ Bath	List Price	Sold Price	Days on Market
5834 N Wilbur Ave	1918	3 / 1	\$349,900	\$362,500	1
1835 N Alberta St	1844	3 / 3	\$349,900	\$370,000	2
4120 N Overlook Blvd	2157	3 / 1	\$449,000	\$466,000	2
5916 N Wilbur Ave	2593	5 / 2	\$465,000	\$485,000	2
5808 N Omaha Ave	2174	4 / 3	\$435,000	\$446,000	2
5815 N Wilbur Ave	2240	3 / 1	\$349,000	\$375,000	2
1547 N Sumner St	1919	4 / 2	\$319,000	\$335,000	2
1801 N Willamette Blvd	1750	3 / 2	\$359,900	\$375,000	3
5837 N Gay Ave	1712	2 / 1	\$289,977	\$304,000	3
5615 N Montana Ave	2072	3 / 2	\$399,900	\$425,000	3
5914 N Delaware Ave	1152	3 / 1	\$290,000	\$325,000	3
2713 N Willamette Blvd	1514	2 / 1	\$250,000	\$286,500	4
4037 N Montana Ave	2349	3 / 1	\$329,900	\$354,000	4
2454 N Humboldt St	1973	2 / 1	\$325,000	\$370,500	4
5544 N Omaha Ave	1395	2 / 1	\$314,500	\$355,000	4
2115 N Willamette Blvd	2311	3 / 2	\$399,000	\$422,000	4
3974 N Longview Ave	2744	3 / 1	\$398,000	\$400,000	4
5729 N N Wilbur Ave	1884	2 / 2	\$210,000	\$266,300	5
4008 N Colonial Ave	3352	4 / 1.5	\$569,000	\$585,000	5
5310 N Denver Ave	2560	4 / 2	\$489,900	\$492,000	6
1626 N Sumner St	2313	5 / 2	\$389,000	\$401,625	8
1635 N Emerson St	1858	3 / 1	\$295,000	\$295,000	9
3943 N Overlook Blvd	2555	4 / 2	\$469,950	\$450,000	14
4931 N Gay Ave	1647	4 / 1.5	\$329,000	\$355,000	20
2036 N Wygant St	2466	3 / 2	\$449,900	\$457,500	20
2834 N Emerson Court	1390	2 / 1	\$335,000	\$337,500	51
4064 N Court Ave	3447	3 / 1	\$649,000	\$639,000	103
3739 N Melrose Drive	2988	3 / 3	\$841,001	\$850,000	294

Sustainable Overlook - Projects for the Coming Year

by Leslee Lewis
Sustainable Overlook Chair

On July 24, Sustainable Overlook had our first planning meeting for projects for the upcoming year. Quite a few new neighbors joined us, and ideas are percolating! A winter Sustainability Summit and Film Series are in the works, and tours of some neighbors' gardens and homes that include resilience-enhancing features, in addition to next summer's Garden Tour, and Yard Sale/Free Share.

What kinds of events would YOU like to see in Overlook? S.O. is a bunch of neighbors who like to do projects, so bring your ideas to us, and we'll help make them happen! Subscribe to our email list for meeting reminders, or watch the OKNA email list (see Page 8 to see how to add yourself) and if you're not a meeting person, reach out to us by email!

We want you! Our programs come about through neighbors' planning and coordinating, so if you enjoy having these events in our neighborhood, come lend a hand! Think of all the things we can do!! Sustainable Overlook meetings are on 3rd Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Location – a neighborhood business, community space or neighbor's house – to be announced closer to the date. No meeting in August (Summer break), September 18th, October 16th and November 20th are on the schedule. We hope to see you there!



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Abundant Inspiration at Overlook Garden Tour



Tour goes exploring the garden at the Historic Elliot House on N. Willamette Blvd., home of Robert and Sharon Sullivan.
Photo: Mulya Melco

by Mulya Melco
Sustainable Overlook Team

The 3rd annual neighborhood garden tour was a fun and inspirational day for over 80 neighbors and friends and raised funds for the Pesticide Free Overlook Project. Ten gardens were open and demonstrated a wide variety of pesticide free gardening styles, including the Historic Elliot House with its pollinator garden, Friends of Overlook Bluff's oak meadow restoration project, Jan-Marc Wine Cellars and five certified Backyard Habitats. The tour was more bike-friendly this year thanks to bike racks provided by Good Sport Promotions and many participants toured by bike. Also new this year were information tables from organizations such as Metro, Xerces Society and East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District at each stop.

Garden host Leslee Lewis says: "The best part of the garden tour for me as a host was how much the neighbors enjoyed it - they appreciated the diversity of gardens on the tour – there really was something for everyone. I tend to only notice the unfinished

aspects of my garden, but hearing how much neighbors enjoyed it reminded me that it's a great, constantly evolving project that has tremendous beauty at every stage!"

Of the many tour highlights, former City of Portland Green Building planner Mike O'Brien's garden and eco-roof spurred a lot of conversations. He generously allowed neighbors to see his green roof up-close from his second story terrace. Leslee commented, "I had wanted to see Mike's house and garden ever since I first heard he was a neighbor - it was a terrific opportunity to see his gorgeous garden and thoughtfully designed house!" The eco-roof helps slow and filter rain runoff, mitigates temperatures in the house and provides pollinator habitat.

A more frequent natural gardening element seen on the tour this year were eco-lawns. Many of the tour hosts have eliminated unused lawn space and allowed nitrogen-fixing clover to grow among the remaining turf grass with for natural fertilization and a greener look in summer. Eco-lawn seed mixes are available to start a new lawn or over seed an existing area of turf to create a more diverse and resilient plant mix that needs less water, less frequent mowing and provides better habitat.

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers that helped make it a great event! If you'd like to get involved in planning next years tour, nominating a garden or making a contribution, email sustainable@overlookneighborhood.org



From Right: Wine maker and garden host Jan-Marc Baker, landscape designer Leslie Campbell and neighbors biking the tour. Photo: Mulya Melco

Yard Sale & Free Share a Successful Clear-Out

by Josh Cabot
Sustainable Overlook Team

This year over 50 households collectively put out their unused goods and helped to get them into interested new hands through the neighborhood-wide Yard Sale on Saturday July 19 and the corresponding Free Share the following Sunday.

Neighbor Leslee Lewis participated and had some great things to say, "WOW! by the end of Monday, I only had two things that didn't 'go': one thing I'll recycle at Far West Fibers and one small box of ornaments - I'll try selling or sharing those again next year! And our ping pong table went to the daughter of our neighbor, Evelyn. It feels good to have a connection to the family of such a wonderful neighbor. The most fun was 'gifting' small things to the little kids who came to the sale - I sent a few little ones off with an extra ornament or toy. Such a nice way to connect with neighbors! The smiles it put on their wee faces!"

Neighbors even commented that they recognized some items, such as a pair of shoes, that they had originally bought and eventually sold at their own yard sale years earlier, only to find them being sold again down the street. Creating multiple lifecycles for goods like this are a great way to maximize usefulness and minimize our neighborhood's waste stream.

If you participated, either as a buyer or seller, and have any comments or constructive criticism about this year's event, please e-mail Josh at Sustainable@OverlookNeighborhood.org. We can't wait to see you all out there again next year!



Sustainable Overlook Tips & Resources Making It Easier To Be Green

This Strange Summer

Have you noticed? It's been HOT and DRY!! With climate change and water refugees arriving soon at our doorstep, it's time to think about conserving our drinking water!

Water Wise S.O. Tips - Things to DO

Toe In The Water: Turn off your water when you brush your teeth, shorten your shower time, and flush half as often!

Waist Deep: Take out the thirsty lawn and use drought-tolerant plants in your yard!

Full Plunge: Get serious about water catchment! Hook up some IBC Totes to your downspouts!



Please go to our webpage and make a donation - we are PayPal ready!!
www.sustainableoverlook.org

Pittman Addition Art Park Party

by Marci Macfarlane
Friends of Pittman Addition Hydropark

Friends of the Pittman Addition celebrated the installation of all the 5 pieces of art in the Pittman Addition HydroPark on Sunday, June 22nd. We were lucky enough to catch a lot of folks that had participated in the North Portland Parkways on their way home. Several of the artists attended the event and talked to the community about their art work. Kids in the neighbor hood made "weathergrams" to hang in the trees in the park. Several of the "weathergrams" are still in the trees, you can come and see/read what the kids wrote. The New Iberians played some fun zydeco music. Petisco donated food for the event. The park recently had the trails cleaned up with some fresh ground covering as well as some fresh mulch for the landscaping. The fruit trees are also in bloom so if you need pears come on over and get some.



An overflowing picnic table backs up The New Iberians at the Pittman Hydropark grand opening party.

Photo by Marci Macfarlane

Where’s Pittman Addition Art Park?

This open space includes picnic tables and benches made from recycled materials. The site was covered in invasive plants, and community members have planted lots of natives to try to create urban wildlife habitat. There is an active committee of community members and artists working to bring temporary art to the park on a rotating basis. Find the Art Park at the northern foot of the Going Street Pedestrian Overpass by following the N Concord Neighborhood Greenway to N Going Street.

We Love to Party in the Parks— Patton Square Park Party Coming September 13

by Cynthia Sulaski
Chair, Friends of Patton Square Park

This year Ethos, with support from the other Friends of Patton Square Park* and the Multnomah County Cultural Coalition, is hosting an afternoon of community music and celebration. Join us on Saturday, September 13, from 11am to 2pm for a **Party In Patton Square Park** featuring FREE live music and activities for the whole family! Experience our special little park in Overlook with stately historic trees and a well-enjoyed playground.

Come out to listen to musical performances by Saint Johns Baile Folklorico, Hakim Muhammed, Ethos Rock Band, Fairytale Stereotypes and others. Firefighters from our local Portland Fire Department will join us. We'll have a rock-climbing wall for the kids, face painting, and other games and activities. Helpful information will be available from Portland Parks & Recreation and the North Portland Neighborhood Library. And we'll even have some yummy food for sale to enjoy.

So stop by to enjoy the festivities and get to know your neighbors by celebrating our tiny but wonderful Patton Square Park, located at Interstate and Emerson next to the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center. For more information, please visit www.ethos.org.

* Friends of Patton Square Park include: Aprende con Amigos, Ethos/IFCC, Overlook Neighborhood Association, Patton Park Apartments/Reach, Portland Parks & Recreation, Trillium Charter School, and United Advantage NW Federal Credit Union

Join us! Friends of Patton Square Park



We're dedicated to taking care of Overlook's little gem of a park. Find the park at 5300 N Interstate Avenue (which was originally called N Patton Avenue, named for the pioneer owner.) Help us care for this newly remodeled treasure. greenacres@OverlookNeighborhood.org.



Join The Pesticide Free Overlook Project!

Make sure your yard is safe for people, pets and wildlife by avoiding pesticide use. Join over 400 Overlook residents in quitting or reducing garden chemicals by taking Metro's Healthy Lawn and Garden Pledge at www.sustainableoverlook.org and receive a free ladybug yard sign!

Would you like to help advance this project to create a healthier neighborhood for our kids, the first of its kind in Oregon? Contribute on our website or email us to volunteer!

The Bright Intersection Looks Terrific!!

by Leslee Lewis
Sustainable Overlook Chair

The re-painting of the intersection at Overlook Boulevard and N. Concord was a ton of fun this year - a BIG Thank You! to our neighbors and partners who made it go so beautifully! (and to the weather - which was spectacular!)

Eighty-seven (87!) neighbors of all ages and abilities came to paint and chat and enjoy the sunny day, and the repaint looks fantastic!! The planter boxes are the originally planned colors - aren't they beautiful?! Thanks to the great guys at our very own Portland Fire and Rescue Station 24, who not only washed the intersection for us, but came BACK two days later to do it again - after a quick downpour and a clogged drain conspired to re-flood a part of the intersection with debris. They came back on Saturday to let the kids 'fire' the fire hose and to join us for lunch (thank you, Ken of Kenny & Zuke's Delicatessen, for pastrami sandwiches!) - thank you Station 24!! The day went really well - we were a bit more organized this year, and HAD ENOUGH PAINT! Thanks to new neighbor Brenden Butler for helping Friday night to fill yogurt containers with paint so we could get a fast start Saturday morning. It dawned sunny and warm, and we had coffee and scones from The Eisenhower Bagelhouse - thank you, Joel Eisenhower for the donation! The folks at City Repair were right, it was SUPER obvious where the new paint was (who knew it had gotten so worn and dull?!) so we didn't need to worry about footprints! Huge thank you's to Mike and Kathy Murphy (for leading the charge on repainting the planters), Marsha and Gordon Parks, Michelle Thompson, Josh and Taylor Kirchner-Cabot (for the great recycling container/road barrier design!), and Mulya Melco (and Rowan!). With such able 'directors', the day went really smoothly, and everyone had a good time!!

In 2 years, we'll have the party again - come have a great day with us!!



Neighbors repaint the compass and other elements of our Intersection Repair on N Overlook Blvd. Photo by Matthew Scoggin.



Neighbor Rowan tries out the fire hose with an assist from Station 24 personnel.

New Leadership Welcomed to Beach School

Please join us in welcoming Mary Patterson, a long-time principal for PPS with deep neighborhood/immersion leadership experience, as interim principal at Beach K-8 School. Ms. Patterson’s leadership during 2014-15 will provide additional time to select a long-term principal for Beach. Joining Ms. Patterson as assistant principal is Jeremy Cohen, an educator with 20 years of experience most recently at Rigler Elementary. Superintendent Carole Smith says they will make an outstanding team.

Ms. Patterson is deeply committed to providing all students with the foundational skills to become strong contributing members of society. She is excited to meet the students at Beach and learn about the shared goals of staff members and families.

Ms. Patterson and Mr. Cohen will soon be in touch with families and staff with plans for an open house. Please join us in welcoming them to Beach and the Overlook community.

Beach School Foundation Updates

by Lisa Young
Chair, Beach School Foundation

This first year for the Beach School Foundation has been a learning process. We worked with PTA, administration, staff, students and parents to focus our fund raising goals and create awareness. This year we raised \$3,383 that will be put toward Middle School electives at Beach. 100% of funds raised in the foundation go to hiring teachers! With the success of our co-sponsored futsal tournament with Chief Joseph/Ockley Green Foundation, we plan to build on that fundraising event next year. Also, we are working with the Portland Art Museum to organize a presentation about C.S. Price, one of Oregon's most famous artists. We are fortunate to have four of his murals in the school auditorium.

The Foundation is looking for a community volunteer that would be a liaison between the school and the neighborhood. If you are interested, please respond to BSF.chair@gmail.com. If you would like to donate to the foundation, please go to www.allhandsraised.org, click "donate" and then specify Beach School.

The Beach School Foundation was established in order 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 PPS, it is critical that we have a resource that can keep, restore and maintain our teachers and staff.



SUN Program Comes to Beach This Fall

by Steve Lanigan
Beach PTA President

Beach School and our community got some great news early this summer when the school was selected to participate in the Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) program starting this fall. The goal of this program is to transform our school into a community hub where people can access resources to ensure their kids and families have what they need to be successful - in school and in life.

It's exciting to know the SUN program will continue the school's popular after-school enrichment classes like Spanish dance, ceramics, sports, science and more, while also providing additional academic support to help students be successful at school during the day. A full-time Site Supervisor will collaborate with the school and support students who would benefit from extra intervention.

Once SUN is fully up and running, it will also offer parent classes to support families with parenting issues, such as homework, finding community resources and more.

The SUN program, which is already providing comprehensive benefits to students and families at other Portland schools, is funded by the City of Portland and Multnomah County.

Portland Food Project Invites Participation

You're invited! The Portland Food Project makes it easy for you to help your community.

- (1) Each week buy one extra non-perishable food item when you go shopping.
- (2) Store it in the green Food Project bag.
- (3) On the 2nd Saturday of every other month, a neighbor will pick up the bag and bring it to the local food bank.

Donating in this way makes a real difference and ensures local food pantries are stocked with food year-round. Join now. Learn more online www.portlandfoodproject.org

100 % College Acceptance for De La Salle’s 2014 Seniors

by Chris Shine
De La Salle North Catholic High School

At the intersection of N Interstate Avenue and N Lombard St, you’ll find an ambitious and successful North Portland school. De La Salle North Catholic High School, started in 2001, provides a quality education for motivated college-bound students from North/Northeast Portland, many of whom are underserved and would not have an opportunity to receive a similar education elsewhere.

The majority of our students are African American, Latino or Asian. Students offset the cost of their education by working one day each week in a Corporate Internship at 80 businesses like Nike, Stoel Rives and OHSU. Over 97% of graduating seniors go college. We have increased our student population from a mere 74 students in 2001 to 336 students this year. No student is turned away due to an inability to pay. In fact, to ensure our focus on low-income families, we require that families earn below 75% of median area income.

In 2014 De La Salle North Catholic High School was the only high school in the state to have three Gate’s Millennium Scholars. Our graduating class this year alone sent students on to Columbia, Dartmouth, Notre Dame, Xavier, Pomona, University of Oregon, Portland State, University of Portland and Spelman, among many others.

What do our kids do, to make them so successful? Our major programs and activities include:

- A complete four year academic college prep curriculum focused on major areas such as math, language arts, history, and sciences.
- Student participation in our corporate work program. Operating in teams of four at various entry level positions, each student works five days per month at one of 80 paying corporate sponsors. By the time a student leaves De La Salle North, they will have worked over 1,440 hours in the corporate world.
- Sports, including basketball, soccer, volleyball, wrestling and track.
- Club activities like dance, drama, con law, and more.
- Service opportunities include service to the homeless, immersion trips to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and beach clean up trips.



De La Salle Seniors are ready for college. Photo from Chris Shine.

- Extracurriculars like dances, pep rallies and, of course, the prom.
- Small school/small class size: Our student teacher ratio of 18:1 and a total student body this coming year of just over 300, students receive the individualized attention needed to thrive.

Even though our tuition is just \$2,995 for a full year, over 80% of families receive financial aid. Most students attend De La Salle on full scholarship. Although we are a Catholic school, it is not a requirement to attend and most students at the school are not Catholic.

If you’d like to learn more about De La Salle or think that your child might be interested in attending, come out to the open house on Sunday October 19, 2014 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at 7528 N. Fenwick. Or, call the school for more information at 503.285.9385.

Live Safe

Public Safety &
Crime Prevention



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Chronic Problems? Want to start a Neighborhood Watch? Contact Sara!

Sign Up for Public Alerts & Get the News


Emergency Alerts Cover Many Agencies

If the police are apprehending an armed criminal in your neighborhood, an alert may keep you out of harm’s way. If water is contaminated or there is a chemical spill, notification may preserve your health. We have seen these incidents happen. Signing up for public alerts will put you on the list to receive real time information about critical incidents that occur in the city.

When an incident occurs, the responding agency (Police, Fire, or Water), will determine a perimeter of residents who need to be notified. They will then contact the Bureau of Emergency Communications who fields 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls and activates the reverse 9-1-1 system. All residents who have a landline within the perimeter will be contacted. For cell phones, only those residents who have signed up for public alerts within that perimeter will be notified by a call, text, and/or email about the incident. Those who do not have a landline and have not explicitly signed up for public alerts will not receive the information.

When signing up for public alerts, there is a section that allows individuals with disabilities and mobility issues to indicate that they may need assistance during an emergency. This will help emergency personnel identify residents who require additional help during a critical incident.

Please sign up for public alerts at **www.publicalerts.org** today. This will help you receive critical information as it happens. These alerts are not issued frequently. When they are, it represents critical information that citizens need to know immediately.



Can We Count On YOU in an Emergency?

Your Neighborhood Emergency Team is re-energized and ready for more volunteers! NETs are regular neighbor folk who get specialized training to make them suited to rescue themselves, their families and maybe their neighbors in case (or rather, ‘when’) a major earthquake or other natural disaster strikes Portland.

Overlook NET captain Alice Busch spoke at the July OKNA meeting, and she urges you to consider a new way of ‘prepping’ for a disaster by connecting with neighbors and friends. If you are interested in having a block-meeting with your neighbors to learn the basics of preparing and how you can help each other, or if you would like to do more at a community level to be prepared, please contact Overlook NET co-captains Alice Busch: alice@alicebusch.com or Mitch Bixby: travelmoretoo@gmail.com

Car Prowl Device: True or Not?

by Sara Hussein
Overlook Crime Prevention Coordinator



The Mysterious Car Prowl Tool

As some of you may have heard, there is a device out there that allows for thieves to easily car prowl. However, there has been a lot of misinformation about these devices. Central Precinct’s Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) Officer Dave McCormick created a helpful information release to help residents decipher the truth vs fiction when it comes to these devices.

Most people are aware of the inherent risks of leaving property or valuables inside an unattended vehicle. A locked car is about as secure as a using the word “password” as your computer password. Leaving any property in plain view is a red carpet invitation for a thief to break a window and steal that camera, laptop, purse, or gym bag. But thieves are beginning to use a different method to steal property from cars.

There is a lot of urban legend surrounding a device thieves are using which defeats the keyless entry system of some modern vehicles. An Internet search reveals a host of theories, conspiracies, and grainy video. Though police investigations continue, let’s try to sort truth from fiction:

FICTION

- The device **does not** capture the signal between the keyfob and vehicle, allowing the would-be thief to clone the car remote and gain access.
- The device is **unlikely** to jam the lock signal, allowing the would-be thief to gain access to a car believed to be locked.
- The device **does not** work on all cars, regardless of make, model and year.

TRUTH

- The device is **hand-held** and deployed through either close proximity or touching the target vehicle.
- The device appears to **exploit a weakness** in the factory alarm system, fooling the vehicle into unlocking its own doors.
- The device allows the thieves to gain access to **certain makes, models, and years** of cars. A vehicle pattern has not yet been established but newer model cars may not be immune.

Citizen Online Reporting

Report car prowls and other nonviolent crimes online:
www.portlandonline.com/police/cor/

Lost Property, Suspicious Activity, Theft From Vehicle, Vandalism (Excluding Graffiti), Vandalism (Excluding Graffiti) & More. You may also call the non-emergency number. **503-823-3333**

Finally, if you believe you’ve been a car prowl victim, please report that crime to the police. This will allow our investigations to more accurately track and potentially solve these sorts of crimes.

What does this mean for vehicle owners?

Historically, thieves looking to steal property from cars would first check the interior, looking for a potential item of interest worth smashing the window and taking. With the device in hand, the thief simply walks down the street, entering any vehicle which responds to the unlock signal.

The most effective method to prevent loss of valuables and property is leaving your vehicle showroom clean. If you *must* leave valuables inside a vehicle, place those items in the trunk and disable the internal trunk release. Though not a perfect solution, this is *the* best deterrent at this time.

Monthly Action in Overlook

P S A C

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!

The North Portland Public Safety Action Committee

North Portland Senior Services

A partnership of Hollywood Senior Center and Urban League of Portland, North Portland Senior Services brings vital senior services to North Portland neighbors. Located in the Charles Jordan Community Center, NPSS offers a wide array of services for older adults. From Tai Chi classes to health/wellness, financial, and technology workshops, NPSS strives to bring activities that are relevant to our senior community. Information and assistance with transportation needs, housing referrals, utilities assistance, home modifications and many other community resources are also on offer. For seniors who need help at home, our case managers can assist with in-home services such as caregiving, housekeeping and support for family caregivers. Our center also offers legal services twice a month through Legal Aid of Oregon, as well as one-on-one informative Medicare sessions with trained volunteers. And don’t forget Movie Friday the second Friday of each month on the big screen!

North Portland Senior Services is dedicated to the health and well-being of the seniors in our community and look forward to assisting you and your loved ones with their needs. Come stop in and say hello or give us a call. 9009 N Foss Ave Portland, OR 97203
Phone: 971-285-6939.

Overlook Livability Team

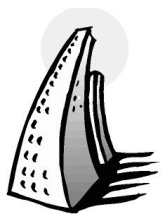
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This neighbor-created team meets monthly for regular graffiti and trash clean up. The diverse group gathers at 9:00 am on the first Sunday of the month (unless it falls on a holiday weekend, when meetings move to the second Sunday). We’re always looking for new volunteers to adopt a portion of the neighborhood; keeping the area litter and graffiti-free reduces crime and builds community. Email graffiti@OverlookNeighborhood.org or stop by a monthly OKNA meeting for more info.

This is a test of the emergency warning system. This is only a test. woooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo



If you live in the south end of Overlook, admit it.. You’ve heard this garbled message from time to time, and the warning siren, and wondered what it’s all about. This is the warning test for the Union Pacific Albina Yard, our rail neighbor at the bottom of the bluff. The announcer needs to pause between words to allow for any echo under the bridges and along the track. After a good number of years of working from home, I sort of consider him a friend now. Wouldn’t that be a kick, to meet Mister This is a Test?



On the Grow!

And On the Move... Business Changes & Buildings in Overlook

by Michelle Thompson
OKNA Board Member

The Overlook neighborhood, like much of Portland, is experiencing a lot of change. Some longtime businesses have closed, and excited entrepreneurs are lining up to take their places. Here's a brief recap of the news we've been following and apologies to anyone we've missed. Post about it on our Facebook page! facebook.com/OKNAinPDX

After 20 years, early Overlook eatery **Beaterville Café** at 2201 N. Killingsworth has closed up shop. The building and the business are for sale. Thanks for all the wonderful breakfasts and the neighborhood's

first espresso machine. Also closed, but with no more news is the **Madrone Hill Café** at 5937 N. Greeley Ave.; we hear there is a lot of interest in the space. The delicious baked goods, coffee and comfy space will be sorely missed in north Overlook. **Di Prima Dolci's** owner has also retired, after serving Overlook for 11 delicious years. Baker and restaurateur Pat Di Prima went all in with her beautiful space, love of the neighborhood and authentic New York style Italian fare. She's considering a future venture, so keep your ears open for news and watch her Facebook page.

Atomic Pizza is a young business making their move; they have vacated their original location and purchased the former Di Prima Dolci location at 1936 N Killinsworth, tripling their original workspace and offering options for all sorts of expansion. Filling in the former Atomic location at 2150 N Killingsworth this fall is **MilkGlass Mrkt**, a restaurant/market combo offering breakfast, brunch, small plates, beer, wine and cocktails, according to a sign in the window. You may know them as the owners of the former Moxie RX cart on N Mississippi. **Handsome Pizza** and the carts in the North Station Food Cart pod at 730 N Killingsworth will be with us through the balance of the year, but expect new locations for them as an apartment building goes up on their busy corner lot.

Finally, on Killingsworth, we say adios to **Mextiza**, which closed on July 29, and welcome neighbors Faith and Aaron Dionne who will open **New American** in September at 2103 N Killingsworth St. With deep experience in the Portland restaurant and grocery/deli scene and North Portland roots, we can expect quality meals that are ready-made to take away or dine in. Think local, sustainable, healthful food with a focus on family meals.

Out on N. Interstate Avenue, welcome two new businesses to The Prescott, the apartment building at N Skidmore. **Spoke & Vine**, a wine bar and bottle shop at 1451 N. Skidmore St. is owned by Overlook neighbors Phil and Amanda Smith. The current menu includes local cheeses and charcuterie but watch for more offerings in the future. Meanwhile, if you're looking for something liquid to take home in a jug, you'll be happy to see **Untapped**, a craft beer growler fill station by Lisa McArthur. Expect 30 taps of craft beer, cider and Kombucha and a small bottle selection. The pub will offer pints and taster trays as well as growler fills to go. Both shops are aiming for a neighborhood feel—comfortable and friendly.

The end of June brought us a farewell to **Ainsworth Wine & Gifts** at 4027 N. Interstate Ave which is a terrific large space with off street parking; please help Ken and Teri find the perfect tenant (tho I have just heard they have offers). It will be hard to replace the convenient Ainsworth after 10 years. But, to cheer us up, we look across the street to a renovation project many of us have cheered on at 4212 N Interstate, where **Associated Antiques** has transformed the former **Jim's Interstate Auto** (Jim Jensen has retired) across from the Overlook Family Restaurant. They promise a multidisciplinary platform that unites creative artisans with a café, antiques & vintage goods and artistic services. Look for style nods to the original Walt's Associated service station and a vibrant patio.

Development News of Note

Daimler Trucks North America broke ground this month at the site of its new headquarters building on Swan Island. DTNA is placing a priority on creating an environmentally-conscious plan with the goal to achieve LEED Platinum Certification. During the demolition phase of the project, the company surpassed its goal to recycle at least 96 percent of all demolition material or donate it to The Rebuilding Center in North Portland. In addition, DTNA is working with the Port of Portland to significantly enhance the greenway trail that runs through the property along the Willamette River to promote better access and enjoyment by the public.

Plans have been approved by the City for a new apartment building on Overlook Park, and developer Vic Remmers tells us they will apply for their permits by early September, and his group is excited to finally starting construction on the project. They are mindful of the impact they'll have on the immediate neighbors and park and promise to limit it "as best we can." He adds a "thank you to the Overlook Neighborhood for their support and feedback."

Elections/Bylaws Update *Continued from Page 1*

or urgent issue to the agenda for a meeting on short notice.

Yeah, we know. Nobody gets excited about bylaws discussions, or neighborhood organization elections But this is your golden opportunity to participate in your neighborhood with your own bright ideas and replenish the pool of volunteers. There are always positions on the board that go un-filled and our neighborhood is a hot-bed of action, so full representation on the board eases the burden on everyone and helps the neighborhood stay connected and advocate for what we want and need. Current needs are for members to help with land use, communications, small business representation, and new area reps across the neighborhood.

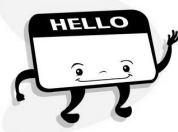
Come in person or email us: Chair@OverlookNeighborhood.org if you want to run for a position but won't be able to make it to the September General Meeting. Since this is YOUR neighborhood association, we'll be relying on YOUR vote to pass these changes, and serve on the board or volunteer to help out with a special project or two. And take this opportunity to thank outgoing board members Nicole Vasilevsky (Chair) and Michelle Thompson (Communications).

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www.OverlookNeighborhood.org

In a nod to neighbors' concerns, the City of Portland Bureau of Development Services (BDS) has implemented a new Courtesy Demolition Notification Process as part of an effort to encourage developers to provide neighborhood notification of pending demolitions of single-family homes when notification is not required by code. Notification is voluntary and may come in the form of door hangers. Learn more at the Demolition Delay and Notification webpage: www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/demonotice

Portland's 2035 Comprehensive Plan Proposed Draft is now available for review and you can view changes and comment with the online Map App. Zoning changes will shape neighborhoods and affect your property, even when they are not close nearby. Stay ahead of the game by knowing what is planned for Overlook and attending one of the many upcoming review sessions. Watch for "Comp Plan" news and visit www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/index.cfm?&a=497622



Hi, Neighbor!

We'll see *you* at the
Overlook
Neighborhood Meeting

Come meet your neighbors & find ways to
make your neighborhood better for all!

**In September:
OKNA Board Elections**
There are lots of ways to participate!
**OKNA Bylaws Update
Vote**
It's time to modernize, check it out!

**The 3rd Tuesday of Every Month
September 16, 2014
7:00-9:00 pm
@ Kaiser Town Hall
3704 N Interstate Avenue
Corner of N Interstate and Overlook Blvd**



Polish Festival

3900 N Interstate Ave.
Portland, Oregon
www.portlandpolonia.org/festival
Questions: 503.281.7532

September 20-21, 2014

Welcome to the 21st Annual Polish Festival—Two festive days of the best Polish food, dance and music! Enjoy non-stop stage performances, including a few dance groups and music bands, polka contests, a street dance, delicious Polish food and Polish beer. Find the festival at 3900 N Failing Street between the two historic buildings of the Polish Library, incorporated in 1911, and St. Stanislaus Church built in 1907, both located on N. Interstate Avenue. FREE Admission!

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

Police Non-emergency: Report it!
503.823.3333

Graffiti Hotline, 503.823.4824
email.graffiti@OverlookNeighborhood.org

Abandoned Auto 24hr Hotline
503.823.7309

Stay Connected!

To receive **The Weekly OKNA Email** for more time-sensitive items, visit

www.OverlookNeighborhood.org, enter your email address in the Yahoo! box and join our mailing list. Submit your short item to info@OverlookNeighborhood.org with 'Post to List' in the subject line. All submissions subject to review/edit.

Can't wait? "Like" us on **Facebook**: [OKNAinPDX](https://facebook.com/OKNAinPDX) and share your thoughts immediately. Business neighbors: your commercial postings are welcome.

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