



Overlook Views

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Overlook Neighborhood Association, Portland Oregon
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Toy Story and Toy Drive in Overlook Park

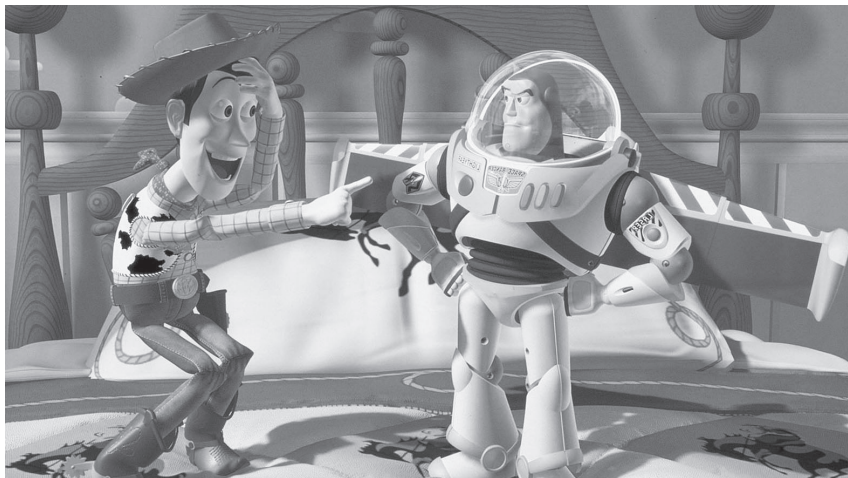
Sunday, September 6

by Cynthia Sulaski

Join us on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend at Overlook Park to enjoy the well-loved classic movie, *Toy Story*. We'll watch this first feature-length computer-animated film that answers the question, "What do toys do when we're not around?" Woody, Buzz and other toys owned by a boy named Andy will show us how to work out conflict, fight the bad guys and have fun too!

Like the fictional Andy, most real kids have lots of toys. However, many homeless and less fortunate families in Portland can't afford the basics of life, let alone toys and games. Together we can do something about that need. Benjamin White and Patty Arjun, my fellow movie committee members, and I decided to hold a toy drive in conjunction with our neighborhood movie event. We are partnering with Human Solutions staff who will collect toy donations and distribute them later to the children they serve.

For over 25 years, Human Solutions has made available to homeless and low-income families the tools and resources necessary to build pathways out of poverty.



Human Solutions helps them gain self-sufficiency by providing affordable housing, family support services, job readiness training and economic development opportunities.

We ask that all donated gifts be new and unwrapped so that parents have the pleasure of choosing and wrapping selected items for their children. Consider bringing: games, puzzles, blocks, Legos, soccer balls, basketballs, dolls or art supplies. Please do not bring stuffed animals.

In return for your generous donation, you'll receive a raffle ticket and an excellent chance to win a fabulous prize. Local businesses have con-

Last year, Human Solutions served more than 88,000 adults and children by offering:

- Prevention services – financial assistance preventing utilities shut-off and apartment eviction.
- Direct services - emergency shelter, transitional housing, Housing First programs, and permanent supportive housing.
- Employment programs - help finding family wage jobs and improving job skills to increase household incomes.
- Affordable housing - 18 high-quality affordable housing complexes containing 701 apartments.

tributed many gift certificates: breakfast/lunch/dinner for two, ice cream for the family, spa services, pizza school for kids, groceries, toys for the kids in your life and much more.

All kids who come to the movie dressed as a non-human character from *Toy Story* will also receive a raffle ticket. We'd love to see them channel the likes of Buzz Lightyear, Woody the cowboy, Mr. Potato Head, Bo Peep, Hamm the piggy bank or Slinky Dog. Word of warning: we won't give tickets to kids dressed as Andy, the young boy who owns the toys. Not enough of a challenge!

Come as early as 5:30, when the festivities will officially begin. We'll have three rock-climbing walls, face painting, free popcorn and live music by Danny Black. The first winning raffle ticket will be drawn at 7:00. The movie will start at dusk and end before 9:30.

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. Enjoy one of the last Summer Free for All movies at Overlook Park with us!



About Viva La Free

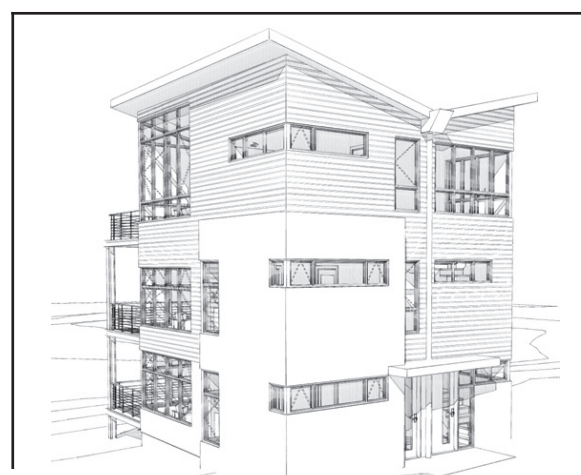
Art has the ability to heal trauma. Creatively processing difficult emotions empowers survivors to self determine their own healing. Viva La Free is a grassroots organization that provides arts to our most vulnerable populations. We are artists, survivors and allies. Founded in 2013 in North Portland by local Artist/Activist Layna Lewis. For two years Layna has brought a weekly art group to Portland's only safe house for sex trafficked and sexually exploited children, a residential program of Janus Youth Organization. Layna also facilitates public art projects and Healing Art Workshops for social service practitioners and educators.

Viva La Free provides interactive Murals to local events and conferences. Viva La Free is currently seeking funding to house an Arts Center to reach more of our communities with the healing power of art.

Creating an Urban Canvas

The Overlook Neighborhood Association has been working with Viva La Free, a North Portland nonprofit and local business to install a large mural on a building near the intersection of N Interstate Avenue and N Shaver Street. Before they start painting, though, they want to hear your ideas for what should appear in the mural.

What images define our neighborhood? Particular focus will be directed toward Overlook history, it's environment and people. Send your ideas to info@overlookneighborhood.org.



Overlook Neighborhood Picnic

What: Overlook Neighborhood Picnic.

When: August 18th from 6:00 – 8:30 PM.

Where: Hosted by New American Restaurant at 2103 N Killingsworth St.

What's for dinner? For the grown-ups: enjoy a regular or veggie burger with the option of slaw, sweet potatoes, or fries for \$9; or have a house salad for \$5.50. Wine and beer for 50% off. Mac n' cheese (\$5.00) or Juicy Lucy burger (\$5.25) are available for the kids.

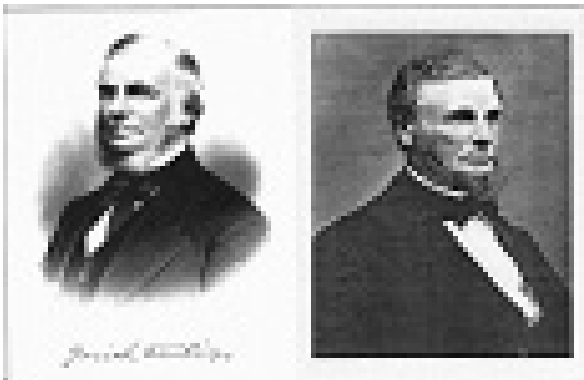
Want to be the first to know about new construction projects in Overlook? Want to have a say in what sorts of development take place around our neighborhood? The OKNA board needs a new land-use chair and land-use committee to keep tabs on what's going up and coming down. If you'd like to apply, contact the board by email or attend the next OKNA General meeting

Josiah Failing: My Great-Grandfather's Legacy

By Bill Failing

Failing Street and Failing Street Pedestrian Bridge, how did Portland come up with these names? The answer begins in 1851 when Josiah Failing arrived in Portland. Portland had been lovingly nicknamed “Stumptown” because the city’s rapid growth caused settlers to clear a lot of land quickly, leaving behind tree stumps. In some parts of Portland, there were so many tree stumps that people used to jump from stump to stump to avoid the muddy, unpaved roads! Upon his arrival, he and his two sons, Henry and John, cleared stumps on Southwest Front between Oak and Stark Streets to erect the beginnings of the family business: Josiah Failing & Company: a wholesale hardware enterprise to a Willamette Valley farmer clientele.

Josiah Failing grew up on a farm in Upstate New York, but like many others, followed the newly-built Erie Canal pointing him toward New York City. For a twenty-five year period he immersed himself in the drayage (teamster) business, being an active union-man in draying activity there. He rose quickly to become the Superintendent of Carts for New York City by 1845.



On the New York waterfront, amidst a stretch of endless masts, Failing was able to learn from first-hand accounts from ship captains about the bustling trade developing on this country’s West Coast. The 1849 Gold Rush created much of this impetus--but Oregon was a different market--a support source for the California gold seekers. Finally, in 1851, with a shipload of farm implements and goods, he headed West via the sea route.

Prosperity followed ten years of hard work on Portland’s busy Front Avenue, eventual financial security allowed Failing to focus on civic projects and philanthropy. Those contributions were sorted into several categories: political, educational, church, and business. While Failing became Portland’s third Mayor, with many public works to his credit, it is really his singular effort to provide free education for all that caused the street

to be named after him. Failing was so adamant about education for those who could not afford to pay, he became Portland’s first School Director. As a hands-on administrator, he advocated for free and tax-based education for all. He was also known to fire lower-level administrators who fell short of his high ideals. In ensuing historical accounts, he was christened the “Father of Portland Public Schools.” There was even a school in South Portland that still stands today named for him: ”Failing School,” a name seemingly a bit ironic to be attached to a school!

Failing’s politics evolved from being a Henry Clay Whig to being an Oregon Delegate to the Republican Convention in the 1860’s, providing his proudest political moment: helping to elect Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency. Josiah Failing lived until 1877, long enough to see Portland thrive as the West Coast’s second largest city. Upon his death, the City Fathers chose to name a street running through North and Northeast Portland in his honor. Because Failing was a man of and for the common people, it seems only fitting in retrospect that his legacy could apply to this day, connecting the Overlook and Boise neighborhoods together by means of a street and a pedestrian overpass.



Failing Street Pedestrian Bridge | by Curtis Gregory Perry

History of Failing Street Pedestrian Bridge

By Cynthia Sulaski

Interstate 5 in Portland was built in 1964, permanently separating many neighborhoods, including Overlook. Our neighborhood’s access to the east side of the highway was limited to a few major streets and a pedestrian bridge at Failing Street.

In the mid-1980s, there was an uptick in reported crime in North Portland. Police were often unsuccessful at catching the individuals who committed crimes in the Overlook neighborhood because of the easy escape that the pedestrian bridge provided them. Responding to residents’ concerns, ODOT staff closed access to the bridge at that point. Consequently, to travel east by foot or bicycle from the south end of Overlook, residents were limited to using Skidmore Street.

Moving forward to the late 1990s and early 2000s, change happened rather quickly - Kaiser

Permanente expanded their Interstate Avenue campus, TriMet built and opened the MAX Yellow Line, and Mississippi Avenue began to renew itself as a residential and entertainment district. During the planning phase of resurfacing I-5 in 2004, ODOT staff decided to remove the then-closed Failing Street pedestrian bridge because it would no longer meet clearance requirements. However, the will of the North Portland neighbors prevailed. Boise neighbors, led by Sunlan Lighting owner and community activist, Kay Newell, requested that a redesigned, ADA-compliant bridge replace the old one. In fact, Kay created a design that incorporated key elements of access, safety and security and submitted it to ODOT. Kaiser, St. Stanislaus Church, and neighbors supported her design and ODOT agreed to build it. Kay, Brad Halverson, and myself worked with ODOT staff to design a plaque honoring Josiah Failing to be placed on both sides of the bridge. We also helped plan a party to celebrate its opening in the summer of 2005. Accompanied by music, neighbors on each side walked up the new bridge’s ramps and met one another in the middle shaking hands and high-fiving. Boise and Overlook were once again connected! For ten years, several of us have met each month at the bridge to clean and remove graffiti. If you want to join us, please email graffiti@overlookneighborhood.org. Special thanks to Dave Wacker for emptying the trash can at the bridge without compensation! May the Failing Street Pedestrian Bridge continue to add value to our community and connect neighbors to one another.

Nextdoor

Communicating Suspicious Activity on Nextdoor

Recently we’ve have received questions about the appropriateness of nextdoor.com posts involving suspicious or problem activity. We refer many of these questions to the Nextdoor’s Guidelines for Neighborly Behavior. The Guidelines and an article on Reporting Suspicious Activity to Your Neighbors include examples of suspicious activity and advise members how to be effective reporters of what they are observing. It’s helpful to be matter of fact and accurate in the reporting of the activity that has occurred. Consider working with Crime Prevention for help with tips to communicate to your neighbors. We want to emphasize that you should always report criminal and suspicious activity to the police before posting on nextdoor.com. Call 9-1-1 for immediate threats to life or property and crimes in progress. Otherwise you can contact the police non-emergency number at 503-823-3333.

We also have been asked if comments made on social media by a witness to a crime might impact a criminal trial. We have been told by a Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney and the Police Public Information Officer that if you are a witness to or victim of a crime and you make statements on social media, those may be used in a trial.

The City of Portland’s Crime Prevention Program uses nextdoor.com, but can’t see neighbor initiated posts unless they are replies to our posts. If you want to communicate with us, respond to our posts or send a direct message to us. Additionally, we may not immediately read communications on this site.

Find Guidelines for Neighborly Behavior at https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood_guidelines/#guidelines. Then you can click on Frequently Asked Questions and then the link to Reporting Suspicious Activity to Your Neighbors. Visit our website for crime prevention information at www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/cp

Adopt-A-Neighbor Continues Beyond the Holiday Season

By Patricia Haggerty

Overlook Neighborhood Association members are strong supporters of REACH CDC’s Adopt-A-Neighbor program at Patton Park Apartments. Last year Overlook Neighbors, Humboldt Neighbors, community members and Patton Park residents showered love on fourteen families and fifty-one individuals!

While the holidays are a giving season we want to extend the reminder that REACH residents, www.reachcdc.org, are in need of basic need supplies (toilet paper, diapers, cleaning supplies, hygiene items and feminine products) year round. We make these donations available to residents through our Emergency Food Closet. An Overlook Neighbor recently donated cleaning supplies which was a much needed surprise.

To drop off items please connect with Patricia Haggerty, Resident Services Coordinator, who is onsite Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. Her contact information is phaggerty@reachcdc.org / 503-546-1662. Patricia Haggerty Resident Services Coordinator



Oak Savanna Pending Sale

by Ruth Oclander

Sale of the property on Overlook Terrace that is home to the 150-year old Oregon white oak heritage tree is pending. Friends of Overlook Bluff continue to work toward protecting the iconic tree. From the Parks’ website, “Heritage Trees are protected by City Code; once designated, no Heritage Tree can be removed without the consent of the Urban Forestry Commission and the Portland City Council.” While details of the pending sale have yet to be disclosed, the realtor has contacted Friends of Overlook Bluff to work toward a positive outcome for public open space surrounding the tree. At a recent board meeting FOOB board members agreed that engaging with a developer to discuss our concerns and influence development that protects the tree to fullest potential is our primary goal. While zoning potentially allows for attached housing, a representa-

tive working with the owner and developers has indicated that they are considering less impact, with 3-4 single-family residences.

We are once again turning to Portland Parks to seek help with acquiring a smaller section of the field surrounding the tree rather than our original goal to create an oak savannah, asking Parks to accept stewardship of what would now be considered a developed park rather than a natural area.

With construction of an apartment building on the corner of Overlook Park, vandalism at Mock’s Crest Park and lack of funding for the oak savanna, how can we shift the dynamics of being overlooked? Request support by sending a brief email (two sentences) to Parks’ Commissioner Amanda Fritz at amanda@portlandoregon.gov. Neighbors continue to visit the open space and express disbelief that the field will be lost to new construction. FOOB is diligent in its efforts to monitor the situation and seek a solution that balances the interests of the owner, the developer, the ecology of the bluff and oak habitat, and our community.

Overlook Tips: How to Paint Your Driveway

In Portland residents are able to paint their driveway clearance, this helps to makes the space where you can and more importantly where you cannot park more apparent. Having your driveway clearance more noticeable can go a long way in helping to prevent folks from blocking your driveway.

Painting your driveway is especially helpful for those residents who live close to apartments with no parking or close to the max line. The cheapest option is for you to paint your driveway yourself. You can head over to our local Miller Paint at 1510 N Albert St and pick up some Traffic Line Yellow paint. Next

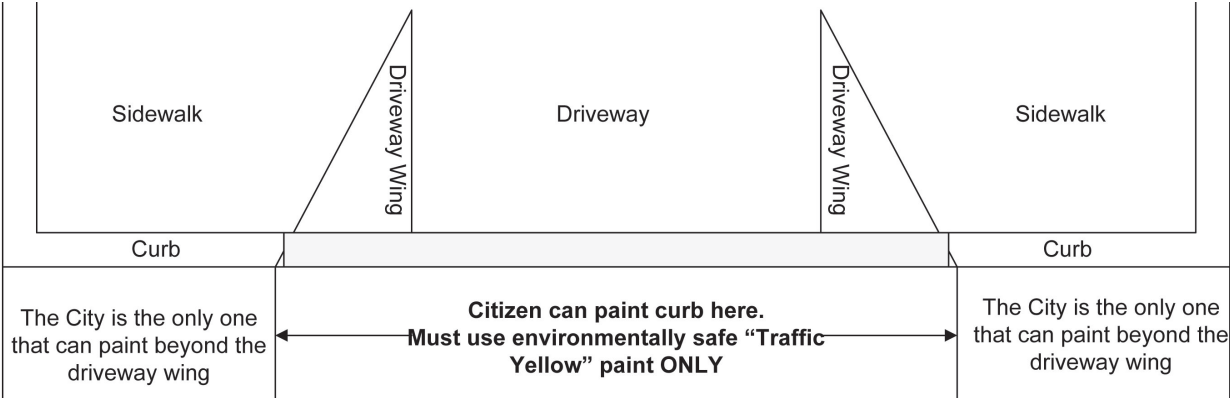
step is to paint the curb in front of your driveway with a maximum of an eight-inch wide line of bright yellow paint. The yellow line can be in front of your driveway and out to the “wings” of your driveway. If your driveway doesn’t have wings as depicted in the illustration paint to the “throat”, when the curve is almost parallel with the street. Many older homes in Overlook have this style of driveway.

Of course sometimes painting the curb and

wings is not enough to deter all cars, in this case you can request that the Bureau of Transportation System Management paint a larger driveway clearance or request that they install signs. However, this extra bit of paint will cost more – the typical fees assessed are \$360 for the painting OR \$75 each for the necessary signs.

Requests can be mailed to:

Bureau of Transportation
System Management
1120 SW 5th Ave Rm 800
Portland, OR 97204
For more information
please visit:
<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/64557+>



<p>Overlook is growing!</p> <p>It seems like there is a new business opening in Overlook every week! To make sure that you never miss a new place or don't lose touch with Overlook's more established businesses, we will be including a Business Directory in each issue. Want your business included? Send your contact info and 30 – 40 words about your company and you'll be listed. It's that easy!</p>
<p>Business Directory</p>
<p>Katie Collins-Guinn - www.katieguinn.com – info@katieguinn.com Apparel designer, custom clothier, artist and occasional contributing writer for the Portland Mercury. Katie recently joined the Overlook Views team as a writer and fact-checker. She's a wife, gardener and serious mother. (Bespoke Inquiries by appointment only).</p>
<p>Firelight Yoga - 1475 N Killingsworth St - 503-972-1987 - www.firelightyogapdx.com - holly@firelightyogapdx.com Employee Wellness: Bring yoga to your office, (or bring your office to yoga!) Firelight Yoga can tailor options to your workplace. Private classes for your group, a bulk number of classes purchased at a reduced rate for your staff, or class package discounts for employees.</p>
<p>GreenSky Collective - 4027 N Interstate Ave - 503-208-9775 – greenskycollective.com Oregon's premiere OMMP dispensary - elevating your cannabis experience. Open every day 10 am – 10 pm</p>
<p>Investments for Developing Communities - lisa@idcempowers.org - 971-400-2181 - idcempowers.org Lisa Whitridge's non-profit provides education assistance and enrichment to local underserved school children. We also provide education sponsorships for girls and microloans to women in developing countries. This summer we offer a photo and contemporary dance class.</p>
<p>Chris Lazarus Associates LLC - 503-867-1370 - chris@chrislazarus.com Chris Lazarus is a writer, publicist, photographer and marketing consultant. She specializes in helping you figure out what makes your product, service or story special and how to convey that concept to your audience. She collaborates with a graphic/website designer.</p>
<p>Tamara Maher – 503-285-1294 - www.tamara-maherlaw.com - tamara@tamaramaherlaw.com OKNA board member & treasurer since 2011, Tamara practices elder law in a store front office on N Lombard, near Greeley. She enjoys helping families with estate, incapacity and Medicaid planning, as well as providing counsel through the administration of probates and trusts.</p>
<p>Metropolitan Design Studio – 503-867-5615 - www.mds-architecture.com – jeremy@mds-architecture.com Overlook based MDS+Architecture is a proponent of sustainable, smart growth in the neighborhood, from ADU's and Duplexes to Mid-Rise Multifamily we are looking to provide designs to meet Portland's growing population while maintaining much of the neighborhood feel of Overlook.</p>
<p>New American Restaurant – 2103 N Killingsworth St - 971-229-0570 - newamericanpdx.com New American solves the dinner dilemma by offering tasty, sustainable, and wholesome meals in our family-friendly restaurant with the added convenience of online ordering and take out.</p>
<p>Matthew Boe Crow's Foot Construction LLC crowsfootconstruction@gmail.com 612 432 7280</p>

<p>Emily Ordas - PDX Urban Real Estate - 503-267-4946 - www.emilyordas.com A proud resident of Overlook, her service to her clients, both sellers and buyers, is unparalleled and unconventional. Her deep knowledge of the market specifically in Overlook and Arbor Lodge gives her a unique edge as a listing agent.</p>
<p>Sirena Pictures – dreamscopepix@hotmail.com - 503-890-9304 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. Sarah offers a passion for sustainability oriented projects that encourage a healthy, artful and happy community for all.</p>
<p>United Advantage NW FCU – 1430 N Killingsworth St – uanw.org As a local credit union that recently become open to the public United Advantage is now a resource for anyone who lives, works, or worships in the Overlook neighborhood. Chantelle Castle, the Operations Manager, and her team provide the benefits of small, local business while offering loans, banking, and other services.</p>
<p>Young Design Studio LLC, Architecture and Interiors - youngdesignstudio@gmail.com - 971-222-5629 - www.youngdesignstudio.com 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 interior design, to new commercial buildings. They can help you plan, visualize and realize your project.</p>
<p>Elise Wagner Fine Art & Encaustic Painting Studio and Workshops http://www.elisewagner.com/encaustic_workshops.html</p>



New Beach Principal Vanessa Martinez

by Carol Smith

The Beach School community welcomes Vanessa Martinez as the new principal at Beach, succeeding Mary Patterson, who served as interim principal. Ms. Martinez, trilingual in English, Spanish and French, brings to Beach an extensive background in dual language immersion as well as in teaching and school leadership. She was raised in Spain and Switzerland where she attended international schools in dual language immersion programs, and moved to the U.S. as a senior in high school. She earned her bachelor's degree and teaching credentials in English from Humboldt State University in California.

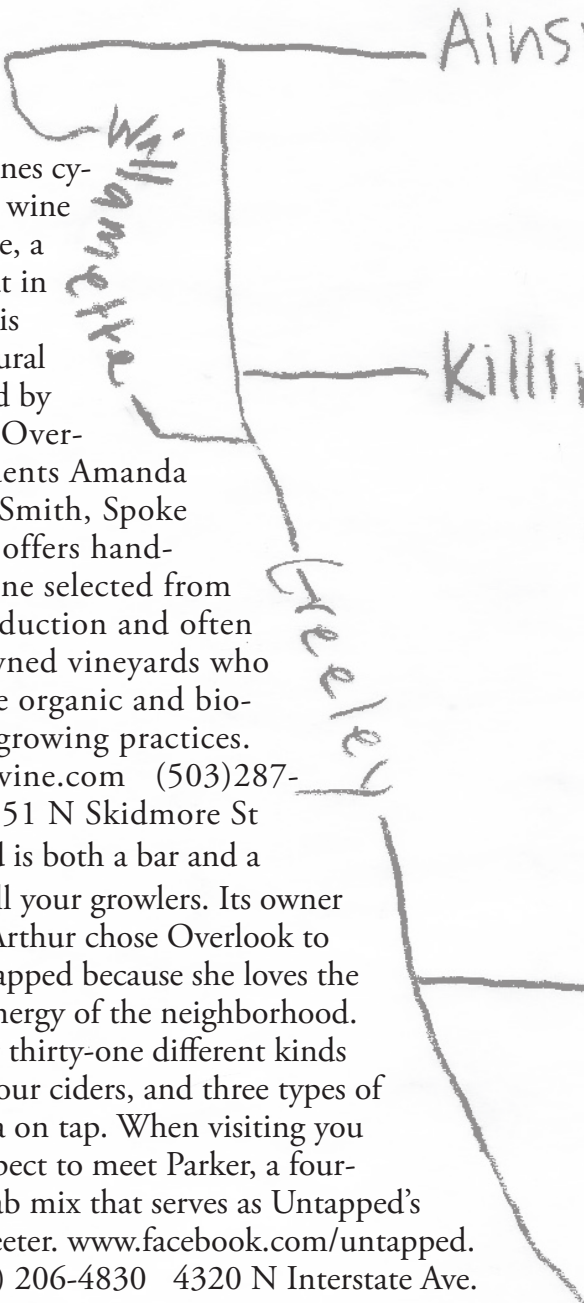
From 2006-2008, Ms. Martinez taught high school language arts at Eureka High School in

*****Unofficial Tour

Are you new to Overlook and interested in its neighborhood? This guide to the wealth of resources and community-oriented businesses in the area will explore nearby businesses in different sections of Overlook. The tour's starting point and need is just right around the corner. In this edition we will be

Exodus Salon & Spa is owned and operated by Lisa, who has been in the industry for 18 years. With 25 years experience. The skilled staff offers a variety of services (manicures, pedicures, facials, massage) in a neighborhood setting. www.exodusspa.com (503)288-3110 4211 N Interstate Ave.
Overlook Restaurant is a family-owned restaurant and bar in the neighborhood, this is a classic diner with pleasant casual atmosphere, reasonable prices, and good senior/kids offerings. (503) 288-3110
Happy House Chinese is an affordable Chinese-American restaurant. Both vegetarians and omnivores alike will be satisfied. www.happyhouse.wondermenus.com (971)279-2040
Fire on the Mountain one of three locations around the city. The restaurant serves burgers and sandwiches but are really more like pizza with twelve different sauces. Owners Jordan and Sara even have a dog. www.portlandwings.com (503)280-WING 4224 N Interstate Ave.
Salsa Con Coco's Dance Studio is owned by Erick Garcia. He is a pro in dance and in life. This dance studio is new to Overlook. He has been over thirteen years and strive to teach not only steps but also the culture. salsaconcoco.com (503)258-7127 (503)258-7192

Spoke & Vine this wine bar combines cycling with wine in its name, a nod to the fact that in Overlook is a very natural fit. Owned by long time Overlook residents Amanda & Philip Smith, Spoke and Vine offers hand-picked wine selected from small-production and often family-owned vineyards who emphasize organic and biodynamic growing practices. spokeandvine.com (503)287-1700 1451 N Skidmore St
Untapped is both a bar and a place to fill your growlers. Its owner Lisa MacArthur chose Overlook to open Untapped because she loves the feel and energy of the neighborhood. They offer thirty-one different kinds of beers, four ciders, and three types of kombucha on tap. When visiting you should expect to meet Parker, a four-year-old lab mix that serves as Untapped's official greeter. www.facebook.com/untapped.pdx (503) 206-4830 4320 N Interstate Ave.



Eureka, California. She then taught at Century High School in Hillsboro from 2008-2011 while earning her master's degree and administrative license at Portland State University. She went on to serve as assistant principal at Lane Middle School for two years and then at Hosford for the last two years; both are language immersion schools, featuring Russian and Chinese respectively.

Ms. Martinez says she is looking forward to leading an immersion in her native language and describes her leadership approach as one that seeks to learn the story of a school and believes that eliciting student voices benefits the learning community as a whole. She collaborates with teachers to provide rigorous instruction to all students and supports and encourages them to focus on providing a positive learning environment, using various business practices to create a culture where the whole child can flourish. She focuses on brain neuroscience and breathing practices so they can de-stress. Ms. Martinez said she is delighted to join the Beach community and immerse herself in the values and traditions of the school while creating a positive learning environment. Join us in welcoming Ms. Martinez and in thanking Princip

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and businesses? Or are you a long-time resident curious about
? Well let us at Overlook Views serve as your unofficial tour
businesses our neighborhood has to offer. Overlook Views
book to help our neighbors discover that everything they
be featuring businesses around Interstate and Skidmore.

Esmeralda Caldera, a long-time Overlook resident
at Exodus offers a full range of spa services (mani-
environment that makes you feel right at home.
state Ave
d has been open for over 40 years. A fixture in the
ual atmosphere and a nice large lounge, very reason-
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frican restaurant. Order take out or enjoy the lunch
satisfied with the options available.

3 4234 N Interstate Ave
Portland (but Interstate is the original!) this res-
most famous for their chicken and vegan wings and
bottle their sauces so you can bring them home.

Interstate
Gonzalez and Catherine Rolph who are both partners
look but Erick and Catherine have been teaching for
ut to develop dancers of all ages.
4330 N Interstate Ave



The Speakeasy by Brent Young

The Speakeasy is a quarterly forum for businesses to share information, resources and services. It's also an excuse to get together for a few drinks and visit new venues in our neighborhood. Whether generating new business, sharing ideas, or just getting to know other entrepreneurs, the Speakeasy has become a rewarding resource for Overlook. Interested in joining us for the next Speakeasy? Mark your calendar for our next meeting on Wednesday October 7th at 6pm, the place has yet to be determined. If you are interested in joining us next time please email us at youngdesignstudio@gmail.com. The event is open to everyone who wants to promote their business in the Overlook Neighborhood.



Family Fun in the Sun

As temperatures climb, Portlanders head outside – typically sporting a big grin -because the best season of the year is here. It's finally summer in Portland! This year, Clean Energy Works is sponsoring Portland Parks & Recreation's Summer Free For All: Movies in the Park, a beloved Portland tradition, bringing fun, free movies to the whole family.

Snag a good spot at Portland parks all summer long for performances by local musicians, free popcorn, and great movies. Stop by the Clean Energy Works table to say hi. And learn how our nonprofit can help keep your home cool and your utility bills down this summer. We'll see you at the park! See the full schedule of movies we'll be tabling at here: cewo.org/summer

Real Estate Recap

Activity has been much higher in 2015 compared to 2014 to date in the greater Portland Metro area. According to the most recent RMLS market action report, pending sales are up 24.2%, closed sales are up 20.9%, and new listings are up 8.5% for the year thus far. In the Portland Metro Area overall prices are obviously on the rise in 2015 when compared to 2014. Comparing each year through June, the average sale price increased 5.8% from \$328,900 to \$347,900. In the same comparison, the median sale price rose 7.1% from \$280,000 to \$300,000. Emily Ordas *Real Estate Broker PDX Urban Real Estate 503-267-4946 * www.emilyordas.com

Mls	Address	Sq Ft	Beds & Baths	List Price	Sold Price	Days on the Market
15241178	5623 N INTERSTATE AVE	734	2 / 1	\$260,000	\$260,000	0
15017623	5014 N MARYLAND AVE	916	2 / 1	\$225,000	\$268,000	4
15289207	5925 N DELAWARE AVE	2600	3 / 2	\$320,000	\$320,000	17
15045635	1223 N ALBERTA ST	1968	2 / 2	\$299,900	\$326,000	5
15175014	325 N MONTANA AVE	1562	2 / 2	\$299,000	\$345,000	5
15071861	2425 N SUMNER ST	1665	2 / 1.1	\$339,000	\$350,000	3
15079535	1530 N ALBERTA ST	1482	3 / 2	\$319,000	\$350,000	3
15651803	2405 N ALBERTA ST	1184	3 / 2	\$339,900	\$352,000	5
5674955	5556 N ATLANTIC AVE	1491	2 / 1	\$299,000	\$355,000	6
15591639	5514 N BOSTON AVE	1670	3 / 2	\$315,000	\$360,000	4
15237666	5604 N OMAHA AVE	1840	2 / 1	\$329,000	\$369,000	3
15339718	2615 N EMERSON ST	1664	2 / 1	\$400,000	\$398,000	22
15551236	5561 N ATLANTIC AVE	1497	2 / 1	\$365,000	\$404,000	3
15104840	2953 N WILLAMETTE BLVD	1430	3 / 2	\$424,900	\$424,900	6
15121087	1914 N WILLAMETTE BLVD	2000	3 / 1	\$369,900	\$425,000	4
15237398	1334 N ALBERTA ST	2415	4 / 2	\$415,000	\$426,500	7
15159928	5310 N CONCORD AVE	1920	3 / 2	\$379,900	\$427,500	7
15201767	1910 N AINSWORTH ST	2258	3 / 2	\$389,900	\$430,000	3
15161106	2424 N HUMBOLDT ST	1196	2 / 1	\$349,900	\$436,700	21
15540199	4225 N COLONIAL AVE	1802	2 / 1	\$394,900	\$460,000	4
15473844	3826 N LONGVIEW AVE	3413	4 / 3	\$459,000	\$470,535	3
15657159	2603 N WILLAMETTE BLVD	2352	3 / 2	\$439,000	\$472,000	3
15324712	2044 N SUMNER ST	1729	3/1	\$419,950	\$490,000	4
15365326	3965 N MASSACHUSETTS	2680	3 / 1.1	\$500,000	\$511,500	5
15415948	1551 N SKIDMORE ST	2853	4 / 2	\$525,000	\$515,000	4
15526232	6002 N BOSTON AVE	1932	3 / 2.1	\$515,000	\$524,250	11
15312533	3805 N OVERLOOK BLVD	2875	3 / 1.2	\$529,000	\$556,000	5
15366037	5815 N DETROIT AVE	2601	4 / 2.1	\$524,000	\$560,000	8
15040720	5729 N WILBUR AVE	2124	5 / 3	\$499,900	\$575,000	5

WeddingBells!

Congratulations to Kirk & Nora Berggren - Jensen on their May 23rd, 2015, marriage. "My very best friend of 6 years and I are getting married this weekend! We just moved into the neighborhood a couple of months ago to start our new married life and we love it." - Nora





Package Theft Prevention

Package theft is a common occurrence in the city of Portland. This type of crime tends to increase during holiday months as residents purchase more goods that are shipped to their homes. Many of these incidents are crimes of opportunity. An offender may not intend to target a particular home, but walks or drives by an area and sees an easy target where something of perceived value can be quickly taken without

notice. On occasion we hear about thieves who trail a delivery truck, stealing packages as they are dropped off. Not only is an untended package that is visible from the street vulnerable to theft, but it may indicate that no one is home, making the home a possible target for burglary.

There are a number of delivery options available to the consumer that can help reduce package theft. Some options to consider:

- Ship your package to a location where someone you know will be available to receive it, which may include your work address or a relative, neighbor, or friend's home. Some shipping companies will allow you to choose a preferred time and date as well as to change locations when the package is in route.
- Require a signature for deliveries.
- Track your package and request an email, text, or other alert about the status of delivery.
- Consider using other delivery options that are available. Retailers and shipping companies may deliver to other secured locations including
- lockers or allow you to pick up at the retail store or package carrier.
- If there are no other options, provide specific

instructions about where the package should be left on your property.

- Choose a location that conceals the item, so that it can't be seen by people walking or driving in the area.
- If you are going on vacation, place deliveries on hold until you return from your trip.
- If you frequently receive deliveries to your residence, consider purchasing a locking parcel delivery box that can be bolted down or secured.
- As a good neighbor, be alert and report all crime and suspicious activity. If you see a package being stolen from a neighbor's home, call 9-1-1. Neighbors are encouraged to call suspicious activity to the police by calling 9-1-1 for immediate threats to life or property or the non-emergency number to the police at 503-823-3333.
- Report package theft to the police at 503-823-3333 or www.portlandoregon.gov/police/cor and the delivery company.



"Cute As Cute Can Be" by Unknown Photographer

Getting Podniecony for Polish Fest!

The Polish festival is an event for families and singles, adults and children, for food connoisseurs, music lovers, concert goers, dance enthusiasts. During the festival, we provide non-stop stage performances, including a few dance groups and music bands, polka contest on Saturday and Sunday, a street dance, delicious Polish food and imported Polish beer.

The event is held on 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.

Sept 19 11am - 10pm Sept 20 noon - 6pm
3900 N. Interstate Ave.
Admission Free

A Sculpture Garden in Overlook by Merideth Boe



For some reason my friends called it the "Clown House" but I don't know why because there are more skulls than clowns. Maybe you've walked past this house before? It's on Sumner between Concord and Denver. When you get there you'll know. Look up and see a tree with former United States Presidents faces instead of leaves. Then look down and you'll see a fence lined with decorative concrete skulls. Inside the fence is a pretty normal looking yard complete with raised beds and chickens but from the side walk, there's lots to see and think about.

The house was "just a shack" when Jimmy moved to Overlook 16 years ago. He added on the second story, balcony, and garage by hand. Portions of the structure are remnants from the Vanport Flood of 1948. The yard has three

800 gal of water combined. The chickens names are Itty Bitty & Roberta and they are proud to be so fancy. He recently procured a vintage washing machine from the 50's that seemed to bridge ancient and modern worlds more like a timemachine. I'm not sure if it was in working order but..it had

a plug *and* a hand crank. Um Before Overlook he lived on SW

Arthur Street in some sort of forgotten triangle of busy streets between sw Barbur Blvd and what's now known as Naito Pkwy. Flying into PDX 20 years ago you could look down to a roof top with "GROWTH SUCKS" painted in green. That was Jimmy's house. He spoke of his old home for a while and I listened to a nice memory of a place a long time ago, filled with music and art and individual expression. A place where him and his weirdo friends could be free of judgment. In fact, a lot of his projects originated in these artist communities. He didn't answer my question when I asked him if his old neighborhood was "alive with punk houses?" I bet it was.

The artwork in his yard or "yartwork" is made up of all kinds of materials from all parts of the world but just like most of our stuff...it's made in China. Much of his work symbolizes a mistrust or 'untrust' of our government, world leaders, religion, global consumerism, media outlets, and

not to mention, a deep love for humanity. Above the jukebox at The Roxy on SW Alder, there's an iconic Portland sculpture, that's Jimmy's too.

I asked him if he decorates for Christmas and he said "Yes, year round." He said he gets lots of trick or treaters for Halloween and instead of handing out

candy everyone roasts marshmallows. So stop by his house this year and bring wipes. Also, he's happy to help his neighbors with 'fix it' solutions so talk to Jimmy

about any woodwork or metal / welding needs you might have. Another neighbor making Overlook awesome! Thanks Jimmy.



Lost Cats in Overlook

By Julia Hakes

Cindy Norris, Overlook resident, had been feeding two feral cats for around twelve years when one who Cindy called Mama didn't come to breakfast one morning. Cindy later that day found what was left of Mama's body in her backyard. "Everyone I have talked to including the Humane Society" that's where she took Mama for a private cremation so that she could scatter Mama's ashes around her home, they all said "That it was most likely a raccoon."

Cindy's words "Though I am grateful that I found her and know what happened to her, I could say goodbye and give her a proper send off." It could have been a coyote that got her and not a raccoon.

The next night a neighbor across the street heard a ruckus and went outside to investigate and she saw a coyote out in the middle of the street just a half a block down from our houses. That's pretty disconcerting to me to think that these animals are lurking about our yards so freely." Oh well.

Cindy advises cat owners, "The folks at the Humane Society said that if it was a raccoon, it very likely was rabid. Please keep your little fur babies safe and sound. I would have given these two indoor homes had they allowed that, but feral cats have their own attitudes."

Heather Keel, another Overlook neighbor, became concerned after her cat Lucy hadn't come home after a few days. "She has stayed out all night before, but is always home the next day. It has been over a month. I am hopeful that she is being cared for by a kind neighbor who thought she was a stray. But I have heard too many stories about coyotes," Heather explained. Multnomah County Animal Services writes, "The disappearance of an outdoor-access cat means that something has happened to interrupt that

cat's behavior of coming home, whereas indoor-only cats who escape outdoors

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typically hide in silence near their escape point. Cats are territorial. When an outdoor-access cat suddenly vanishes, it means that something has happened to that cat to interrupt its normal behavior of coming home. The disappearance could mean that the cat is injured, trapped, or deceased

within its territory. The territory for an indoor-only cat is the inside of the home where it lives. When an indoor-only cat escapes outdoors, it is 'displaced' into unfamiliar territory. Usually they will look for the first place that will

offer concealment and protection." Luckily, Heather's story ended happily, too, "Found her! Well, she found us. Lucy came home last night after nearly 6 weeks missing. She is skinny and filthy and has obviously been living outside. We're so happy to have her back."



For more information visit <https://multcopets.org/lost-pet> and make sure your cats are microchipped!



August Free Spay/Neuter Special For Feral & Stray Cats

In August the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon (FCCO) will offer FREE spay/neuter services for stray and feral cats as part of a "Summer Spay Spectacular" special. Kittens weighing more than two pounds also qualify to be spayed/neutered. The nonprofit spay/neuter program urges residents caring for feral or stray cats to take advantage of these free services which include: spay/neuter surgery, vaccines, treatment for fleas, ear mites and tapeworms; pain relief medication, and an ear-tip for identification.

Spay/neuter prevents litters of homeless kittens, reduces unwanted mating behaviors like spraying and fighting; and improves a cat's overall health. The free services are performed by licensed veterinarians at FCCO's North Portland clinic and sponsored by generous community donations. Clinics are open to feral and stray cats living in Oregon or southwest Washington.

To schedule an appointment, call 503-797-2606 or fill out a simple application at www.feralcats.com.

A Sweet & Spooky Halloween Party for Little Kids!

Calling all astronauts, princesses, superheroes, cowboys and robots! Save Halloween afternoon Saturday, October 31 from 4-6 PM to celebrate in just your style. The Friends of Overlook House will hold their annual children's party featuring fun games, crafts, healthy treats, disco dancing (in the Fog Room!) and more fun! Wear your costume and come see what your friends are wearing. This event is free, with donations gratefully accepted. A reminder will come your way in the weekly Overlook email, but put this fun Overlook House event for little spooksters on your calendar now!

Overlook House Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 14
& Sunday, November 15

The annual bazaar will come just in time for your holiday shopping! it's the perfect way to get that special gift for someone or smaller stocking stuffers for your little ones. All items are hand-crafted. The Bazaar is great way to shop local! The Bazaar bake sale will also return to tempt your sweet tooth, with savory items as well.

If you are interested in vending at the Bazaar, or would like to donate items for the bake sale, please contact the committee at

OverlookHouseEvents@gmail.com



Steady Boe

October 2005-March 2015

My sweet dog.
“He only bites kids a little bit”
We love you

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Can’t wait? ‘Like” us on Facebook: OKNA in PDX and share your thoughts immediately.

Business neighbors:
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503-823-4524



Neighborhood News

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Got accepted into college? Getting married?
Do you have any exciting news that you’d like to share? We’d love to hear from you.
Please contact us at views@overlookneighborhood.org with your news!



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Overlook Neighborhood Picnic	August 18 6:30 to 8:30pm
Overlook Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) Beach School Walkaround @N Denver & Humboldt	September 13 3:00-4:00pm
Polish Fest	September 19-20
Speakeasy Location tbd. Email youngdesignstudio@gmail.com for details	October 7@ 6pm
Overlook Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) Regular Meeting @ Lucky Lab	October 12
Overlook House Halloween Party	October 31 4:00-6:00pm
Holiday Bazaar	November 14-15



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Yoga Classes At Overlook House

Hatha yoga classes are offered at the Overlook House on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:30pm. Beginner to experienced, all are welcome. Outdoor classes when weather permits! Want more information? Email instructor Ruth Oclander directly at ruth.oclander@gmail.com.



where to go?

OKNA Board Meetings
1st Tuesday Monthly
6:30 – 8:30pm
Overlook House
3839 N Melrose Dr
OKNA General Meetings
No August Meeting
3rd Tuesday Monthly 6:30-8:30pm
Kaiser Town Hall
Corner of Interstate & Overlook Blvd

who to call?

Police Non-Emergency
503-823-3333
Abandoned Auto 24hr Hotline
503-823-7309
Crime Prevention Coordinator
Angie Russo, Problem Solving
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Mark Wells, Neighborhood Watch and Foot Patrol
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