

# Overlook Views

# Fall 2016

Overlook Neighborhood Association, Portland, Oregon www.overlookneighborhood.org

# Join OKNA for the Annual Summer Picnic Aug 16th

Come out to meet your neighbors in a social environment. New American restaurant has generously offered to host the event again this year with the same food deals as last year. Get a "drive-through" burger or veggie burger with fries or sweet potatoes for \$9, a farm salad for \$6, and half off on wine and beer.

Tuesday, Aug. 16 (6:30-8:30 pm) @ New American (2103 N Killingsworth St.)







# Each raffle package will be worth a minimum of \$125.

We thank the following businesses that generously donated gift certificates for their services or products.

### There's No Place Like Home...

Fundraiser + Costume Party + Movie in Overlook Park September 4, 2016, Sunday of Labor Day Weekend by Cynthia Sulaski

There truly is no place like home...unless you don't have one. As we know, homelessness is a significant problem in Portland right now. Every night, 800 families with children are homeless in our city. Some are fortunate enough to find lodging, many are not.

The Overlook Neighborhood Association (OKNA) Board has decided to support two organizations that provide temporary shelter for homeless families. In keeping with the "There's No Place Like Home" theme of the Wizard of Oz, OKNA will hold a fundraiser before the movie starts for two homeless family shelters, the Goose Hollow Family Shelter run by Portland Homeless Families Solutions (PHFS) and Community of Hope in St. Johns. This will be the fourth movie that OKNA has sponsored at Overlook Park in partnership with Portland Parks & Recreation.

Starting at 6pm we will sell tickets at the OKNA table (\$5/ticket, \$20/5 tickets). By 7pm we will begin drawing the winning tickets for the raffle packages. You will not need to be present to win. We will also sell tickets at the OKNA Summer Social and Picnic at New American on August 16 and the Organic Beer Festival at Overlook Park on August 25-28. If you can't make any of those events but want to support our fundraiser, email me at movie@overlookneighbor-

hood.org and we'll work out the arrangements.

In addition, each child who comes dressed as a character from the Wizard of Oz on September 4 will receive a FREE raffle ticket plus a small gift. Adults in costume will receive our acknowledgment and praise, but no free ticket. Don't let that stop you from showing up to Overlook Park as Glinda, the Tin Man or a flying monkey. The more, the merrier!

Don't miss this opportunity to watch one of the best-rated movies of all times under the stars with a few thousand other people! And, to send your kids to scale the climbing walls and then get their faces painted. And, to support two organizations who contribute to the quality of life for many children and their parents.

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. Special thanks to the sponsors of this year's Movie in Overlook Park: Portland Parks & Recreation, Overlook Neighborhood Association, Everett Custom Homes and Portland Children's Museum. See you on September 4th!

- Blooming Moon Wellness Spa
- New American
- Eddie's Flat Iron Pizza
- New Seasons Market
- Eisenhower Bagelhouse
- Oregon Children's Theatre
- Firelight Yoga
- Pinky's Pizzeria
- Garagiste Wine Bar
- Rhythm Bodyworks
- Lovely's Fifty Fifty
- Smartypants
- Lucky Labrador Brewing Company
- Spoke & Vine
- Miho Izakaya
- The Old Gold
- Mississippi Pizza Pub
- Widmer Brothers Brewing

# BECOME A BOARD MEMBER

Overlook Neighborhood Association Board Elections to be held at the September General Meeting 09/20 @ Kaiser Town Hall 3704 N Interstate Ave,

6:30 -8:30

OKNA seeks a volunteer editor to oversee publication of Overlook Views, our print newspaper distributed throughout the neighborhood. This is an excellent opportunity for someone with a sense for news to give back to the neighborhood and gain valuable experience as part of a news gathering and design team. Anyone interested should contact the OKNA board at info@ overlookneighborhood.org.

# Overlook Mural Update

Since the last update Viva La Free's innovative Mural Pilot Project in partnership with OKNA has received additional generous grants from the Lester Viles of the North Portland Project Fund (\$1000), North Portland Neighborhood Services Spring Boost Grant (\$500), food and beverage donation from New Season's (\$75) and other local businesses continue to fund the creation of the

Overlook Mural.

Our team of artists have gone above and beyond our limits as we became entrenched in the journey of history and research, professional and artistic development. The team determined that rather than creating a linear, historical timeline they will create an abstract painting that represents the indigenous cosmology of the Native America tribes who have been here over 16,000 years.

Last month the youth team visited the Grand Rhonde reservation to meet with Kalapuya Tribe elders. The Kalapuya are one of the tribes that lived in the area that is now Overlook. The youth asked permission to use iconography and legends of the tribe in the mural, visited the cultural center, studied historical archives on the reservation and were lucky enough to be invited to the Grand Ronde Salmon Ceremony commemorating the restoration of net fishing for the first time in over 100 years.

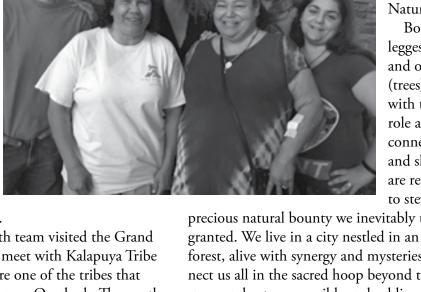
In keeping with the history and green spaces within Overlook theme the mural will symbolical ly reflect the cyclical aspects of the natural world on the organic and sub atomic levels. Tentatively titled "Three Sisters" to pay homage to the tremendous Oaks in the heart of Overlook, as well as, honoring Past, Present and Future,

The mural will act as a reminder that nature is

not 'out there'in the hills. mountains, and rivers, but in us, we are indelibly immersed in the organism. We are Nature.

Both two legges(human) and one legged (trees) are gifted with the unique role as conduits. connecting earth and sky. We are responsible to steward the

precious natural bounty we inevitably take for granted. We live in a city nestled in an enchanted forest, alive with synergy and mysteries that connect us all in the sacred hoop beyond time and of the mighty Oak whose humble life spans a season from but a promise to firm spring green, through a spectrum of seasons and hues to be carried away on a crisp wind to find itself transformed into another expression of life. This project is set to be completed in September.



space and yet as accessible and sublime as the leaf

# Overlook Fifty Years Ago: a serial

Overlook Views has been featuring a series of tales about Overlook written by former resident, Rob James. Look for all the stories in our Overlook Views pdf's on our website views@overlookneighborhood.org.

"I was lucky though, no

undergoing observation."

The opening of the US Bank on the corner of Interstate and Going was a special day for us. They had a treasure chest full of change and they handed out keys to all the kids. We stood patiently in line waiting for our chance to possibly open the chest and grab a handful of coin. Two friends in front of me exchanged keys while

in line and when the first key opened the chest, a fight ensued as both claimed the key. As fortune would have it, crisis was averted as the second key also opened the

chest. Excitement soon turned to despondency on my part as my key proved to be a dud as was my second key when I went back later in the day.

As I grew older, money became more and more of a necessity and the Stockade Garden Golf and the recently completed Interstate Lanes Bowling Alley cost money. To supplement my allowance, I would earn a quarter or two picking up litter in the Alibi Restaurant parking lot. When the weather was hot, we would look with envy at the swimming pool (since been filled in) located across

the street under the now famous neon sign of the

When desperation set in due to the heat and boredom overtook us, we would enter into the cool comfort of the air conditioned Safeway store on the corner of Interstate and Mason. Our activ

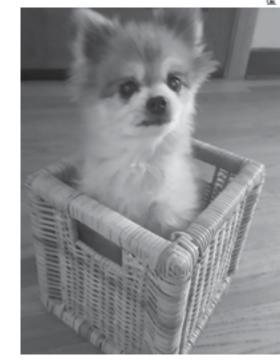
ity consisted of shooting each other with our broken bones but I was confined trusty pea shooters as to Emanuel Hospital for a week we scampered up and down the aisles while maintaining some sem-

> blance of civility and maturity in front of the store employees. The legume shelves with bag after bag of every kind of pea imaginable provided endless ammunition.

> A journey down to Swan Island was always a treat and guaranteed to fill a day with boyish activity. In my world, Swan Island at that time consisted of a smelly oily lagoon housing a large pier and a submarine used by a local Naval Reserve unit. Also nearby were the remnants of the deserted Continental Grain Company. Fishing

Yoga Classes At Overlook House

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



The Boe family welcomed Rocket Man to our home this Spring. "part muffin, part demon" Rocket Man... you're a real joy. We love you.



Did you just move into the neighborhood? 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 Merideth Boe at views@ overlookneighborhood.org with your news!

in the lagoon consisted of crappie and carp with the large size of the carp making it the prize catch of the day. But it was at the grain building where things would get serious. Killing rats was the task and a nail located at the end of a long... very long stick was the weapon of choice. I, myself, never experienced the thrill or bragging rights of a successful kill (thankfully, as I think back) but participating made us feel like real men.

Biking was another big activity and generally safe as traffic thru the neighborhood was typically light except of course, along Interstate Ave. However, in 1964, I paid the price for inattentiveness when I was hit broadside attempting to cross Interstate at Overlook Blvd. My sole head protection was my always dependable baseball cap but it proved ineffective as I was flipped in the air and fell head first into the car's windshield. I was lucky though, no broken bones but I was confined to Emanuel Hospital for a week undergoing observation. It was a week my mom would never forget.

Look for the final story of Overlook by Rob James in our Winter 2016 Overlook Views



# Sustainable Overlook Reaches Fifth Year

Hey Neighbors, with so many new faces in the neighborhood, we figured we'd reintroduce ourselves. Sustainable Overlook, a committee of the Overlook Neighborhood Association, recently reached its fifth year of spearheading projects that aim to engage people around thinking about our immediate environment and how we can work together to effect real change at a hyper-local level.

Some of our projects have been recurring affairs such as sponsoring the annual Yard Sale & Free Share, facilitating garden tours, and leading intersection paintings. Some projects have meant a more sustained effort including the Pesticide Free Overlook initiative, which encourages neighbors to eliminate pesticide use from their yard work, and partnering with Overlook NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team) to think about how we can prepare our homes and become a more

resilient Overlook. Beyond that, we've also hosted countless film nights, seed swaps, plant sales, seismic-retrofitting workshops, and panel discussions that looked at ways to further shore up the economy, ecology, and equity of Overlook.

We're always open to new volunteers who might want to jump in to help and have some fun along the way. If you'd like to meet up or perhaps just provide us with a comment, idea, or question, please e-mail us at sustainable@overlookneighborhood.org. Please check in at www.sustainableoverlook.org from time to time to see what we're up to as well – we'd love your help any time you're up for it. Till then, see you around!

#### 5 years of Sustainable Overlook events

Photo Credit: Mulysa Melco



Neighbors painting the street mural at the 2012 Overlook Blvd. Intersection Repair, part of the Village Building Convergence. photo Credit: Greg Raisman



Food preservation workshop held at Daybreak CoHousing



A lady bug helper at the Sustainable Overlook table at Movies in the Park.



Honey bee on Crimson clover cover crop



Garden tour-goers admire a pesticide-free food and habitat garden



PESTICIDE-FREE

www.SustainableOverlook.org

Flyer for the Pesticide-Free Overlook Project, design by Jen Kilcoyne



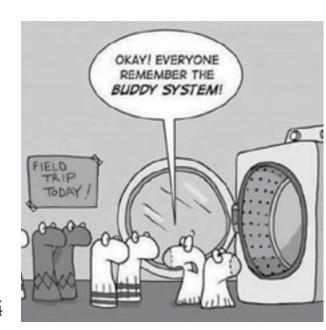
In 1982, my home town of Des Moines, IA was rocked when a twelve year old paper boy named Johnny Gosh disappeared without a trace. I was four and so the "stranger danger" talks began. Don't talk to strangers! Never get into a car with a stranger! Never take candy offered to you by a stranger!

Fast forward thirty years, my three year old son and I got separated for ten heart stopping minutes. A mom with kids returned my son. He had to talk to a stranger...but a safe stranger. Before he was even three years old, we already had a very simple talk.

Pattie Fitzgerald is the founder of the Safely Ever After Program and had me turning up the voice on the radio. "Remind your children: safe grown ups don't ask kids for help. ie "Can you help me find my puppy?" Below is a checklist of more safety guidelines from her websitE safelyeverafter.com

#### "One day your child might have to talk to a stranger. A mom with kids is a safe grown up. A safe grown up will never ask a child for help."

- Never leave young children unsupervised... not even for a minute.
- Replace the word "stranger" with "tricky person" It's not what someone looks like, it's what they say or want to do with a child that makes them unsafe or "tricky".
- A tricky person can be someone you know well, don't know at all, or know just a little bit... like your mail carrier or the ice cream man. Anyone who tries to get a child to break their safety rules or hurt their body is not okay.
- Listen to your child. If they don't want to be around a particular person, such as a babysitter, relative, or family friend, don't force them. They may be getting a "red flag" signal that you are unaware of.
- Be mindful of settings where older children have a lot of privacy with younger children. Keep doors open, especially during playdates.
- Practice personal safety strategies with your kids: what would they do if they were lost in a store? What would they say if someone asked them for directions or assistance?
- Do not write your child's name on the outside of any personal belongings such as a backpack or jacket.
- Older children should always use the buddy system whenever and wherever possible.
- "The uh-oh feeling": trust your instincts and let your child know it's okay for them to trust theirs.



- Establish a straightforward family rule: No secrets allowed, especially if it involves "private parts" or "uh-oh" touches. It's always okay to tell!
- Let children decide for themselves how they want to express affection. Do not force them to hug or kiss another person.
- Spend time with your kids. Children who are starved for attention can be especially vulnerable to a predator's tricks.
- Volunteer at your child's school or other activities. Know who the people are who are interacting with your children.
- Develop strong communication skills with your child so that they will feel safe coming to you if something is bothering them.
- Teach safety concepts in a loving, easy-going manner. Scare tactics can make a child fearful and are not necessary.



## Concerned about Crime?

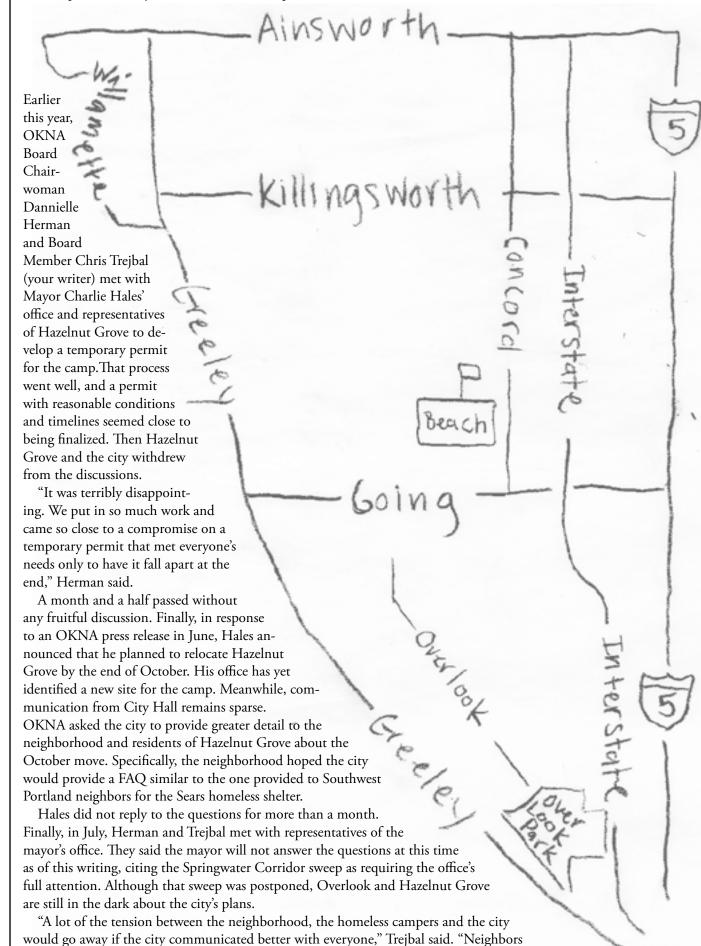
Starting a Neighborhood Watch can help!

A Neighborhood Watch has several purposes: • To help reduce crime and fear of crime in our neighborhoods. When an organized Neighborhood Watch exists in an area, it can serve as a deterrent to criminal activity, as well as give residents a sense of safety so they can better enjoy their homes and neighborhoods. • To help ensure a prompt and effective response to neighborhood crime and livability problems. Trained Neighborhood Watch members are in a good position to notice problems within a neighborhood, such as burglaries, vandalism, abandoned vehicles, illegal dump sites, evidence of drug dealing or manufacturing, and street prostitution, and they know where to

# Homeless Camping in Overlook – Update

The Overlook Neighborhood Association continues to try to work with city officials, neighbors and homeless residents to address the challenges created by camping in the neighborhood.

The largest camp in Overlook remains Hazelnut Grove, located along the multiuse path near the intersection of N Greeley and N Interstate avenues. About 30 residents reportedly reside there in tents and structures. The land on which Hazelnut Grove set up camp now belongs to the City of Portland. Although city officials allow the camp to exist, they have issued no formal permits for it.



Illegal camping unrelated to Hazelnut Grove continues on the north side of N Going Street west of the water tower. The campsite there had been relocated after OKNA contacted city fire officials about open fires and illegal tree cutting at the site, but the campers soon returned. There also have been reports of camping in Overlook Park. OKNA will monitor the situation and ask the city to enforce camping rules. Residents can report issues to the city by using the "one point of contact" at portlandoregon.gov/campsites or by calling the police non-emergency line at 503-823-3333. In case of an emergency, dial 911.tree cutting at the site, but the campers soon returned. There also have been reports of camping in Overlook Park. 503-823-3333. In case of an emergency, dial 911.

deserve to know what rules, if any, are being enforced, and campers deserve to know the timeline

for relocating so they can plan ahead."

report these problems in order to get a quicker, more effective solution. • To promote positive communication and relationships within a neighborhood. Neighborhood Watch provides an avenue for neighbors to get to know one another and build a sense of community.

At your Neighborhood Watch training, your CPC, Mark Wells, will train your group in the following topics and give you the assistance and materials you need to start your group. Purpose of Neighborhood Watch • Discussion of any crime issues of particular interest to group • Organizing your Neighborhood Watch • Roles within a Neighborhood Watch • How to use Neighborhood Watch tools: block profile questionnaire, block profile form, block map, telephone tree • Neighborhood Watch signs • Recognizing and reporting suspicious activity • 9-1-1



"Hazelnut Grove's "Groove at the Grove" event drew visitors to the camp for music, food and discussion on July 23."

#### Questions about Hazelnut Grove sent to Mayor Charlie Hales. The mayor's office has refused to answer them.

- What is the proposed timeline for the move?
- Will Hazelnut Grove residents abide by a code of conduct that includes a ban on weapons, drugs and violence?
- One of the conditions in the proposed permit was that Hazelnut Grove obtain general liability insurance. Will the city now take on liability for the safety of campers and neighbors in the event of fire, landslide, structural collapse or other damaging incident?
- Hazelnut Grove residents have been working to build new structures. Will the city limit or halt the construction in light of the upcoming move?
- Will new construction be inspected for safety?
- Have the city and Hazelnut Grove residents agreed to a cap on the number of campers allowed on site? Who will enforce the limit?
- Portland bans smoking on public property including parks. Will the city ban smoking at Hazelnut Grove? If not, will a designated smoking area be established that prevents both conflict with users of the nearby multi-use trail and minimizes fire risk?
- Have outreach groups or volunteers been http://blogs.faithlafayette.org/faithkids/files/2014/08/Safety-Kids.jpg contacted to help coordinate the move in order to limit the amount of property damage and stress to the residents of Hazelnut Grove during the move
- After Hazelnut Grove residents have transitioned to their new location, will the city clean and restore the site to its previous condition as undeveloped open space?

The new Crime Prevention Coordinator for Overlook is Mike Boyer for questions on crime prevention, home safety, neighborhood mediation. Mike can be reached at 503-823-4904, or email michael.boyer@portlandoregon.gov



vs. non-emergency number • Other resources for neighborhood problems • Describing suspects and vehicles in a way that police can use the information • Documenting suspicious and criminal activity • How to improve the security of your home (inside and out) and the security of your vehicle • Scenarios- how to deal with certain types of situations • Maintaining your Neighborhood Watch in the long term • Discussion and signing of volunteer agreements • Selection of watch organizer • Q & A

Crime Prevention Program Numbers All numbers are area code 503

Main Line ....503-823-4064 North Precinct area....503-823-4098, 503-823-

4094,503-823-4764 Neighborhood Watch and Foot Patrol ....503-823-2781

Enhanced Safety Properties.....503-823-4763
Training and Education.....503-823-3131
Program Manager.......503-823-2030

www.portlandoregon.gov/police/cor/

#### Portland Police Bureau Reported Offenses January 1, 2016 - March 31, 2016 Overlook Neighborhood

| Reported Offenses           | 2016 Month |     |     | Total |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-------|
|                             | Jan        | Feb | Mar | TOTAL |
| Person                      | 6          | 6   | 4   | 16    |
| Assault Offenses            | 6          | 5   | 3   | 14    |
| Aggravated Assault          | 2          | 0   | 0   | 2     |
| Intimidation                | 0          | 2   | 1   | 3     |
| Simple Assault              | 4          | 3   | 2   | 9     |
| Sex Offenses, Forcible      | 0          | 1   | 1   | 2     |
| Property                    | 35         | 25  | 21  | 81    |
| Burglary                    | 4          | 1   | 3   | 8     |
| Fraud Offenses              | 1          | 4   | 0   | 5     |
| Identity Theft              | 0          | 2   | 0   | 2     |
| All Other Fraud             | 7          | 2   | 0   | 3     |
| Larceny                     | 21         | 11  | 8   | 40    |
| Bike Theft                  | 3          | 1   | 1   | 5     |
| Shoplifting                 | 0          | 1   | 0   | 1     |
| Theft from Auto             | 6          | 3   | 4   | 13    |
| All Other Larceny           | 12         | 6   | 3   | 21    |
| Motor Vehicle Theft         | 4          | 2   | 1   | 7     |
| Robbery                     | 0          | 1   | 1   | 2     |
| Trespassing                 | 0          | 1   | 1   | 2     |
| Vandalism                   | 5          | 5   | 4   | 14    |
| Other Property Offenses     | 0          | 0   | 3   | 3     |
| Society                     | 3          | 7   | 8   | 18    |
| Disorderly Conduct          | 2          | 2   | 1   | 5     |
| Driving Under the Influence | 0          | 1   | 2   | 3     |
| Drug/Narcotic Offenses      | 0          | 2   | 3   | 5     |
| Weapon Law Violations       | 1          | 2   | 0   | 3     |
| Other Society Offenses      | 0          | 0   | 2   | 2     |
| Total                       | 44         | 38  | 33  | 115   |
|                             |            |     |     |       |

#### Make Your Home Look Lived-In While You're Away

By the City of Portland's Crime Prevention Program

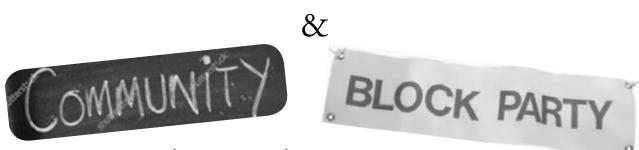
Burglars don't typically target occupied homes. It's too risky. It's important to keep this in mind when you plan for your summer vacation this year. We recently heard about an apartment that was burglarized while the owner was out of town. The owner knew the perpetrator. Even though it's nice to immediately share photos of your trip to Europe on social media, it creates a vulnerability when the word gets out that you're away. Because creating an appearance of occupancy is such a significant aspect of burglary prevention, include some or all of the steps below in your vacation planning. They can also be applied to your work week. Here are some options while you are out:

- Consider hiring a housesitter who has been background checked.
- Don't announce your vacation on social media before or during your vacation. Post your photos after you return.
- Hold your mail, delay package deliveries and stop the newspaper.
- Notify your trusted immediate neighbors, friends and/or relatives that you will be on vacation and request their help:
- Moving your garbage and recycling to the curb and back.
- Watching your home and calling the police if someone is loitering around your home or behaving suspiciously. If there will be visitors at your place during your vacation, inform them.
- Checking on your home's interior to make sure everything's okay.
- Parking in your driveway or moving your car regularly to make it look like there is activity at your house.
- Removing circulars or advertisements placed on your door.
- Provide them with the phone number that you can be reached at during your trip.
- Place indoor lights that are visible from the outside and exterior lights on automatic timers; if you can activate them remotely, this is another option. If you already have dusk-to-dawn or motion-sensor lighting, you are set for the outside. The benefit of timers is that is looks as though someone is at your home. Whereas when outside lights are left on for the entire vacation, it may advertise that one is around.
- Place televisions and radios on automatic timers as well. Make sure that sound is just audible from the porch or other areas around your home, but the source can't be determined. Talk radio is a good option because it's more likely to sound like a conversation.
- Maintain landscaping. Unkempt yards indicate that you are away.
- If you have a monitored alarm system, make sure your emergency contact information is up to date. Inform the company if you are having a housesitter watch your residence. Make sure that the housesitter knows how to arm and disarm the alarm and what to do about false alarms.
- If you monitor your camera surveillance system, determine how this will be handled while you are gone.
- Consider storing expensive items such as jewelry in a safe deposit box.



"Hey bad guys! Come rob our house!"

# BUMAGE SALE



# September 10th from 9am -2pm.

Bethal Lutheran Church \* 5658 N. Denver Ave Live Music, Bouncy House, Rummage Sale, Food, and More! Held in the parking lot behind the church.













## Why Do We Carve Pumpkins on Halloween?

The name "jack-o'-lantern" is British in origin and dates from the 17th century, when it literally meant "man with a lantern" (i.e., a night watchman).

It was also a popular nickname for the natural phenomenon known as ignis fatuus (fool's fire), or "will o' the wisp," those mysterious, flickering blue lights sometimes seen over wetlands at night and associated in folklore with mischievous ghosts, goblins, fairies and the like.

By the late 1800s, people were applying the name "jack-o'-lantern" to a homemade object more commonly known before that as a "turnip lantern," described by Thomas Darlington in his

1887 volume The Folk-Speech of South Cheshire as "a lantern made by scooping out the inside of a turnip, carving the shell into a rude representation of the human face, and placing a lighted candle inside it."

On both Hallowmas (All Saints Day, Nov. 1) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2), Catholic children would carry turnip lanterns while begging doorto-door for soul cakes to commemorate the dead. urbanlegends.about.com/od/halloween/a/Why-Do-We-Carve-Pumpkins-On-Halloween.htm





# Returns to Overlook Aug. 25-28

This year, OKNA will host a booth. Stop by and say hello! The Organic Beer Fest (formerly North American Organic Brewers Festival) returns to Overlook Park Aug. 25-28. The event is an opportunity for our neighborhood to shine, as people from throughout Portland visit our park. The festival runs noon to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The name might have changed, but the motto remains the same: Drink Organic, Save the Planet, One Beer at a Time. Festival organizers are looking for local volunteers. Anyone interested can learn more and sign up here: http://organicbeerfest.org/volunteer-signup/. For each shift worked, volunteers will receive a festival t-shirt, cup and 12 tokens.

# Join the Fun! Sunday Aug. 14th

Volunteer for the Providence Bridge Pedal!



Helping out at the 2016 Providence Bridge Pedal is a great opportunity to give back twice by volunteering once! Volunteers are needed to staff the St. Johns rest stop at the U.S. Bank plaza

From 7 am-12 pm.
Each volunteer earns \$25 from the Overlook
Neighborhood Assocation.
Contact Alan Cranna at ascran3@hotmail.com

#### 23rd Annual Polish Fest!



"Cute As Cute Can Be" by Unknown Photographer

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.

Saturday, Sept 17, 2016 11am - 10pm Sunday, Sept 18, 2016 noon - 6pm 3900 N. Interstate Ave., Portland, Oregon

ADMISSION FREE



# Real Estate Recap

Prices continue to rise in the Portland metro area. Comparing 2016 to 2015 through June, the average sale price rose 11.8% from \$347,900 to \$388,800. In the same comparison, the median sale price rose 13.3% from \$300,000 to \$339,900. For more information on current market conditions please contact your neighbor and Realtor Emily Ordas.

Contact info below.

| Address                | Sq Ft | Beds /<br>Baths | List Price  | Sold Price  | Days on<br>the market |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 5625 N Gay Ave         | 830   | 2/2             | \$275,000   | \$230,000   | 22                    |
| 5023 N Minnesota Ave   | 1174  | 1 / 1           | \$279,000   | \$305,900   | 4                     |
| 1418 N Sumner St       | 2116  | 3 / 1.1         | \$359,999   | \$325,000   | 4                     |
| 5613 N Omaha Ave       | 1922  | 2 / 1           | \$299,000   | \$341,000   | 2                     |
| 6000 N Omaha Ave       | 1364  | 1 / 1           | \$299,900   | \$350,000   | 6                     |
| 5715 N Minnesota Ave   | 1513  | 2 / 1           | \$359,000   | \$378,000   | 6                     |
| 5909 N Curtis Ave      | 1632  | 2 / 1           | \$429,000   | \$432,000   | 5                     |
| 1614 N Emerson St      | 1920  | 2 / 1           | \$400,000   | \$450,000   | 5                     |
| 2611 N Sumner St       | 2068  | 2/2             | \$469,900   | \$450,000   | 3                     |
| 4635 N Minnesota Ave   | 2496  | 3 / 2           | \$425,000   | \$451,888   | 7                     |
| 1520 N Emerson St      | 3552  | 5/3             | 439,000     | \$465,000   | 7                     |
| 5835 N Wilbur Ave      | 2626  | 4/1             | \$469,000   | \$469,000   | 5                     |
| 5825 N Burrage Ave     | 2263  | 3 / 1           | \$424,900   | \$471,630   | 3                     |
| 2030 N Skidmore Ct     | 2772  | 4/2             | \$475,000   | \$500,000   | 7                     |
| 5643 N Burrage Ave     | 2600  | 3 / 1           | \$449,900   | \$505,000   | 5                     |
| 2004 N Sumner St       | 1903  | 3 / 1           | \$445,000   | \$506,000   | 7                     |
| 1731 N Simpson St      | 2250  | 3/2             | \$499,900   | \$515,000   | 5                     |
| 4134 N Colonial Ave    | 2384  | 2/2             | \$525,000   | \$525,000   | 6                     |
| 2335 N Wygant St       | 3380  | 5 / 1.1         | \$549,000   | \$549,000   | 6                     |
| 3964 N Colonial Ave    | 2107  | 4/2             | \$579,000   | \$555,000   | 13                    |
| 2601 N Sumner St       | 2082  | 3/2             | \$499,900   | \$565,000   | 4                     |
| 1551 N Skidmore St     | 2924  | 4/2             | \$575,000   | \$578,000   | 11                    |
| 1626 N Willamette Blvd | 2431  | 4/2             | \$500,000   | \$590,000   | 7                     |
| 5924 N Villard Ave     | 2461  | 4/2             | \$579,000   | \$635,000   | 6                     |
| 5528 N Detroit Ave     | 2616  | 5/4             | \$625,000   | \$645,000   | 4                     |
| 2919 N Willamette Blvd | 2650  | 3 / 1.1         | \$650,000   | \$653,300   | 8                     |
| 2025 N Alberta St      | 3141  | 5/3             | \$849,950   | \$840,000   | 44                    |
| 3973 N Concord Ave     | 3900  | 5/3             | \$799,900   | \$850,000   | 4                     |
| 3818 N Colonial Ave    | 4261  | 3 / 2.1         | \$975,000   | \$970,000   | 13                    |
| 2042 N Skidmore Ct     | 2514  | 4 / 2.1         | \$1,100,000 | \$1,050,000 | 257                   |
| 3735 N Overlook Blvd   | 3670  | 4/3.1           | \$1,200,000 | \$1,200,000 | 25                    |

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### where to go?

#### OKNA Board Meetings

1st Tuesday Monthly 6:30 – 8:30pm Overlook House 3839 N Melrose Dr

#### **OKNA** General Meetings

\*No December 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**

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Mark Wells, Neighborhood Watch and Foot Patrol 503-823-5532 mark.wells@portlandoregon.gov

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# I Hear America Singing Walt Whitman

I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear, Those of mechanics, each one singing his as it should be blithe and strong,

The carpenter singing his as he measures his plank or beam,

The mason singing his as he makes ready for work, or leaves off work,

The boatman singing what belongs to him in his boat, the deckhand singing on the steamboat deck,

The shoemaker singing as he sits on his bench, the hatter singing as he stands,

The woodcutter's song, the ploughboy's on his way in the morning, or at noon intermission or at sundown,

The soft singing of the mother, or of the young wife at work, or of the girl sewing or washing,

Each singing what belongs to him or her and to none else,

The day what belongs to the day-at night the party of young fellows, robust, friendly,
Singing with open mouths their strong melodious songs.

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