



Overlook Views

Spring 2018

Overlook Neighborhood Association, Portland, Oregon
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Support our Houseless Neighbors and Join our Houseless Outreach Committee. New this year is our Houseless Outreach Committee! This committee is aimed at fostering positive and productive conversation, building relationships with our houseless neighbors, and providing support where possible. To join the committee or learn more, email views@overlookneighborhood.org.



To Jim and Jane Sasslos of the Overlook Restaurant:

“Thank You and Happy Retirement!”

By Cynthia Sulaski

After 43 years in business, Jim and Jane Sasslos officially announced in mid-December the closing of their Overlook Restaurant on January 21. Besides word of mouth and significant print and television media coverage*, people shared and spread the news on Nextdoor and Facebook. For those last five weeks, so many people poured in from near and far to enjoy one more meal that the restaurant

often ran out of food by late afternoon. Why such an overwhelming response to the restaurant’s closing? Here are some likely reasons:

The food. Customers could expect large portions of tasty Greek and American breakfast, lunch and dinner dishes, like country fried steak and eggs, Monte Cristo sandwich, moussaka, liver and onions, and baklava. Alan Sprott, from Vigor Shipyards, explained that he had lunched at the Overlook for 20 years because, “It was a shipyard institution that offered working people lots of food for a good price.”

Tradition. For many, the Overlook was the place to go during the week with co-workers before or after work or on Sundays with family after church services. Nicole Thorburn’s aunt and uncle, Gene and Geraldine Jacobs, enjoyed brunch with her parents most Sundays for over 25 years. Now in their 90’s, Gene and Geraldine drove in from their home in Ridgefield on that last Sunday to say

“Restaurant customers found the atmosphere friendly, warm, and thought it was a place where all folks were welcome and treated like family.”

goodbye to Jim and their favorite waitress, Ginny. Gene stated that being at the Overlook “was always a good experience. It was our meeting place.” A bit like the fictional Cheers bar, the real Overlook Restaurant was where “almost” everyone knew your name.

Loyalty and friendship. When feeling appreciated and attended to as customers, we tend to continue patronizing a business.

Jill and Kent Hoddick were examples of loyal Overlook Restaurant customers. They found the

atmosphere friendly and warm and thought it “was a place where all folks were welcome and treated like family.” They stated that they would miss the food and their favorite waitress, Ginny.

Mary Ellen Baldauff and her late-husband, John Brassard, began eating at the restaurant in 1978 when it was still called the Devlin’s Café. She remembered Jim and his growing family as being welcoming and always working. She considers

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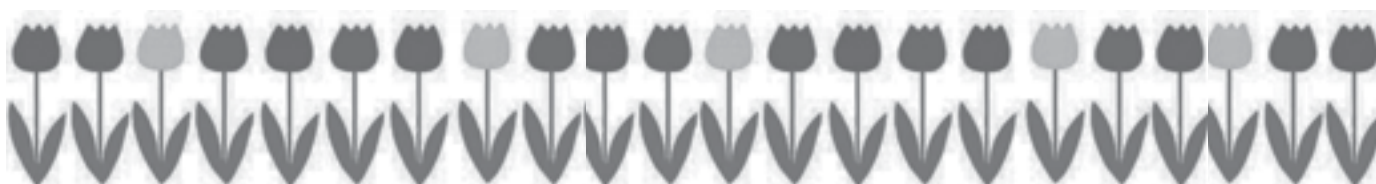
adidas employee store exclusive invitation ...details on pg 6

Overlook House Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is coming to Overlook House very early on Saturday, March 31 for the BIG Easter Egg Hunt. Be there at 10:30 a.m. sharp with your basket - the hunt is over in the blink of a bunny's eye!

Discover hundreds of eggs filled with treats, and lots of other toys spread on the back lawns of Overlook House. Find one of the special Golden Eggs and look inside for a special prize!

This fun event happens rain or shine, and is presented free for neighborhood children at your community center by the Friends of Overlook House, 3839 N. Melrose Drive. See you there, with our bunny ears on!



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Jim a good neighbor and appreciates the many things he has done for the neighborhood, especially generously donating many gallons of ice cream for the Overlook House's Ice Cream Socials.

A balm for change. In times of rapid development like Portland is now experiencing, it was easy to assume (and hope) that the Overlook Restaurant would continue...forever and ever. Learning that it was actually time-limited, hundreds of people sought out its comfort one more time, extended their hands to Jim for one more shake of respect, and their arms to Jane and staff for one more hug of thanks and support.

Jim's story is a classic one of an immigrant making good when given the opportunity and working hard to realize his dream. At age 25, he came to Portland from Greece after doing a stint with the Greek merchant marines. After learning English and the restaurant business by working as a waiter, Jim took a big leap forward by buying the Devlin Café on Skidmore and Maryland in 1974. To this day he acknowledges and expresses



photo by Cynthia Sulaski

gratitude to the man who sponsored him for a U.S. visa and to the neighbors and businesses who lent him money for the down payment to purchase that original building.

Since the café was small, Jim used to crowd strangers together at the same table, a practice that forced conversation and encouraged relationships to form. The proverbial tables were turned when a woman working in a nearby office started coming in for lunch. Smitten, Jim wooed Jane with soup, fish sticks, and his considerable charm. They married, had a daughter, Tasia, and adopted two children, Alex and Anna. And now they are the proud grandparents of a beautiful baby girl, Eris.

As co-owner, Jane was actively involved in many aspects of running the restaurant, especially the accounting functions. When their oldest daughter was born, they couldn't afford childcare. So Jane solved that problem by bringing Tasia to work with her. As plucky and hard working as Jim, Jane learned how to balance work and family with grace and resilience.

During those last weeks in business, Jim and Jane created a booklet for customers to review that was filled with photos and articles written

New Development Where Overlook Restaurant Once Stood

By Michael Shea

Replacing the Overlook Restaurant will be two apartment buildings, five and six stories high. There will be 158 apartments and 58 car parking stalls. Only 53 car stalls are required by the city, but 176 bicycle parking spaces are required—more than the number of apartments and a perfect example of City Hall's priorities.

Ground floor retail space will be located along Skidmore Street and the main entry of the smaller building will also be on Skidmore. The entry of the larger building will be on Maryland Ave. The ground floor units in the smaller building will each have their own entry off of Montana Ave., as well as entries from within the apartment block.

The design of both buildings will be similar to each other and in a contemporary style, with stucco and metal panel siding, along with some wood siding at the ground floor. The developer plans to create a restaurant space along Skidmore St. that will continue to be a gathering spot for the neighborhood, but a tenant has not been identified yet.



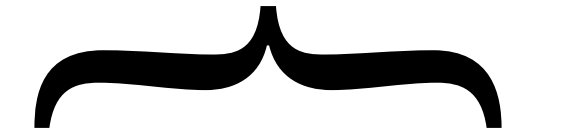
about the restaurant. They wrote: "To every single one of you who have been here since the beginning or joined us along the way, thank you for your support and patronage. You are a part of Jimmy's dream. Your support has impacted our family, our employees and our community."

To Jim and Jane: You established a business that offered more than just food. You created a comfortable environment that welcomed people of all ages, races, professions, and backgrounds. Thank you for all that you've given to the Overlook neighborhood and North Portland for over 43 years. May you enjoy this new opportunity to make art, spend time with family, explore the city, and take time just for yourselves. You earned it!

*Some archived articles and interviews can be accessed online at oregonlive.com (1/20/18), wweek.com (12/18/17), and koin.com (1/21/18).

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Volunteer to Make Air in Overlook Cleaner

According to the EPA's most recent National Air Toxics Assessment, Portland ranks as the worst city in the US for respiratory distress from air pollution. With this in mind, Portland Clean Air volunteers conducted data requests about industrial stack polluters and unfiltered diesel trucks from eight government agencies over the past three years. The Overlook Neighborhood Association (OKNA) has been working with Portland Clean Air to compile this data into a report for our neighborhood. The current report, called The Linnton Report, is available at: linntonna.org/get-involved/report/

OKNA is seeking volunteers to assist from home with data compilation and analysis. Previous science or data experience is welcome but not required. It took neighbors 42 years to identify that Bullseye Glass was annually emitting 6,000 lbs of lead, cadmium, and other heavy metals unfiltered next to a daycare in Inner SE Portland. This volunteer project is finding every unfiltered industry and truck fleets in Portland by neighborhood to request an immediate reasonable mitigation. To volunteer please email greg@portlandcleanair.org.



New to the Overlook Neighborhood?

If you're new to Overlook, we want to extend to you a warm welcome to the neighborhood. Overlook is a great place to live! Some of us on the board have lived in the neighborhood 70+ years, and others of us have been here less than three years. But no matter how long we've resided here, the Overlook Neighborhood Association strives to make our events and meetings places where we can get to know one another, talk about issues affecting our neighborhood, and share our history and experiences. Attend one of our twice-monthly meetings, sign up for our emails, or join a committee! More information at overlookneighborhood.org.



A Note from the OKNA Chair

adidas, Overlook Online, & Bylaws

By Chris Trejbal, Chair of the Overlook - Neighborhood Association Board - chair@overlookneighborhood.org

The Overlook Neighborhood Association continues to thrive in the cold, dark days of winter. I hope you were able to join us at our holiday party in December. It was our largest turnout in years, and I enjoyed meeting so many of my fellow Overlook residents for good food and cheer.

We haven't slowed down in 2018. Already this year, our committees have been hard at work on transportation, sustainability, event planning, working with the mayor's office and Joint Office of Homeless Services to develop a relocation plan for the Hazelnut Grove homeless camp, and more. OKNA sends announcements and additional information through our weekly email update. Contact me at info@overlookneighborhood.org if you'd like to receive it. Three specific issues have risen to the fore in recent weeks and months: adidas, OKNA's online presence and revisions to OKNA's bylaws.

1. adidas

As many residents learned in an October Oregonian article (bit.ly/adidasGrows), adidas plans to increase capacity on its campus in Overlook. The company wants to build new buildings on the current footprint to accommodate 2,000 workers with room for additional workforce growth.

I'm excited to see our largest corporate neighbor doing well globally, in North America and in Oregon, but the company's success has created some challenges for neighbors.

Residents closest to the campus contend especially with parking overflow and related trash, carts moving pallets and goods on residential streets, and a lack of communication about what the expansion plans will look like. They are justifiably worried that construction and expansion could further disrupt the residential character of their neighborhood.

OKNA reached out to adidas to address neighbors' concerns and to find opportunities for collaboration. On the issues of parking and carts on the streets, by the time you are reading this, there should already be improvement. Adidas has leased space in the Montgomery Park building in Northwest Portland and in January moved a

few hundred employees there. It also moved its showrooms there. Those showrooms will remain in Montgomery Park even after new buildings go up on the campus.

Most of the pallets being moved about are for showrooms, according to a company spokesperson, so those will now head to Montgomery Park, thus decreasing traffic on neighboring streets.

The company also is investigating options for ensuring that carts on the streets have lights after dark and possibility limiting hours to avoid times when children are going to and from school. By press time, those policies could already be in place.

In June, adidas will move its company store to Montgomery Park permanently. That should end the too-common occurrence of shoppers using streets for parking.

adidas also continues to incentivize employees not to use cars. It runs a shuttle bus between Montgomery Park and the campus for employees to get to meetings. It offers 50 percent reduced bus passes. It's in discussions about leasing parking on Swan Island. And it will build new parking as part of its expansion.

The specifics of the expansion, however, remain unknown. It is a fluid process that could change, and neighbors might know more by the time they

read this. The adidas Overlook Committee Lead said that the company is still in the early research and design phases. When it has plans ready, it will hold a public forum for the neighborhood.

"We love being part of the Overlook community. It's where we do business and where many of our employees live. Our company's growth has brought more people to our office and we understand the challenges this can pose. We have a dedicated team working directly with the community to listen and learn and make sure we continue to be a valued part of this neighborhood," he said. In the meantime, anyone with questions should send them to overlook@adidas.com or info@overlookneighborhood.org.



3. Help OKNA Revise Its Bylaws

OKNA's bylaws are in need of an update. We're looking for a few residents to serve on a Bylaws Review Committee to review our governing document and suggest changes. We hope residents will bring diverse views to this short-term project that should wrap up by summer.

If you're interested in participating, send an email to chair@overlookneighborhood.org by Feb. 28 describing yourself and why you're interested. Any bylaws changes will go to the membership for a vote before adoption.



Relatives and friends of Brian Spawlding, murdered 6/12/17, have set up a reward fund for information on gofundme.com under his name.

Public Safety

Efforts Being Organized to Restart Public Safety Action Committee Meetings

By Michael Salvo

The Public Safety Action Committee, or PSAC, was officially pronounced disbanded on October 1, reported Meg Juarez, crime prevention specialist for North Portland. These were monthly meetings for all residents or business owners with officers of North Portland Police Precinct to discuss all manner of criminal issues and share information toward resolving problems. The opportunities were limitless and police officers got to know folks that attended the meetings. Other agencies also participated, such as the District Attorney's Office, which gave updates on particular arrests and the status of criminal investigations.



Free Tax Help

An AARP Tax Aide program will again be doing free taxes at two locations in our community. Starting on February 1st and going until April 12th, the **North Portland Library (512 N. Killingsworth St.) will be open on Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The second location at **Peace Lutheran Church (2201 N. Rosa Parks Way) is open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** starting February 6th and going until April 17th.

Both sites are walk-in sites, meaning that you cannot make an appointment beforehand. There is no charge and it is for low-to-middle income people. All returns are electronically filed and both the federal and state forms will be completed. For other sites and times please call 1-888-227-7669.

Please bring your Picture ID, SS Card, W-2's, 1099's, SS Statement, Health Coverage Statement, etc., along with a copy of last years' taxes.

Kent Hoddick, one of our board members, has been doing free taxes at these sites for more than 15 years and wants to encourage people to use the free service. All of the preparers are certified by IRS.

Last year, over 400 returns at these two sites, 17,000 in Portland, 52,000 statewide, and 2.1 million nationwide were completed and filed for free through this program. AARP Tax Aide is the biggest nonprofit organization in the United States.



What is NET?

The City of Portland's Bureau of Emergency Management has encouraged neighborhoods to form teams and make independent plans for disasters.

These Neighborhood Emergency Teams, or NETs, operate with the assumption that professional first responders will be unable to arrive quickly, perhaps not for days, following a disaster. NET members are trained in some basic search and rescue techniques and will likely be called to perform a range of tasks, from triage to neighborhood surveys to building assessments.

Whether you're NET trained or not, we definitely welcome your participation and input. Join us for an Overlook NET team meeting or contact us to learn more at overlookprepares@gmail.com.

Join the Neighborhood NET Team

- Saturday, March 10, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Beach Elementary Staging Area Walkaround
- Monday, April 9, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
NET Meeting at Lucky Labrador Tap Room on N. Killingsworth St.
- Saturday, May 12, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
N. Jessup St & N. Omaha Ave. Staging Area Walkaround
- Monday, June 11, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
NET Meeting at Lucky Labrador Tap Room on N. Killingsworth St.

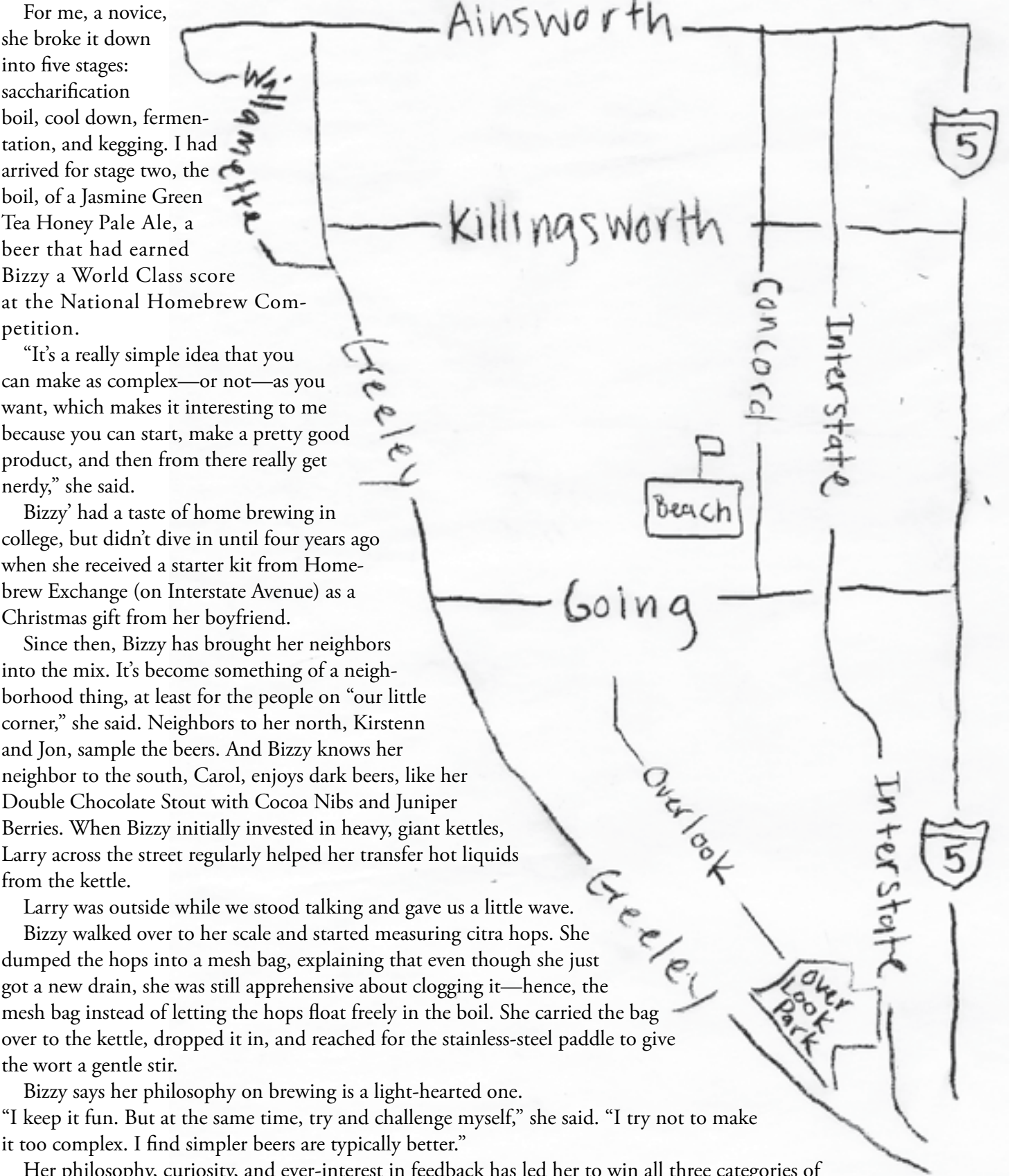
Award-winning Homebrewer Makes an Overlook Porch her Beer Kitchen

By Noelle Smith

Smack dab in the middle of the triangle that is the Overlook Neighborhood is a homebrewer making award-winning beers on the porch of her old 1913 rental home. Bizzy is a business analyst by trade, but a homebrewer by nights and weekends.

I walked up to Bizzy's porch on a crisp and oddly full-sun Saturday in the middle of January to find her in the middle of a batch. As I climbed the steps, the pungent smell of hops floated through the air to greet me. To the left was a five-foot tall propane tank, feeding the flames of a giant stainless-steel pot already mid-boil. To the right was a couch and tables with equipment scattered about—scales, jugs, jars, strainers, measuring devices—and a laptop playing bluegrass and folk. Timbers Army paraphernalia decorated the porch.

Within minutes of meeting Bizzy, I had an original she brewed with her neighbor Doron in hand, a warm and rich Chocolate Cinnamon Stout. I sipped as she dove into the process.



For me, a novice, she broke it down into five stages: saccharification, boil, cool down, fermentation, and kegging. I had arrived for stage two, the boil, of a Jasmine Green Tea Honey Pale Ale, a beer that had earned Bizzy a World Class score at the National Homebrew Competition.

"It's a really simple idea that you can make as complex—or not—as you want, which makes it interesting to me because you can start, make a pretty good product, and then from there really get nerdy," she said.

Bizzy had a taste of home brewing in college, but didn't dive in until four years ago when she received a starter kit from Homebrew Exchange (on Interstate Avenue) as a Christmas gift from her boyfriend.

Since then, Bizzy has brought her neighbors into the mix. It's become something of a neighborhood thing, at least for the people on "our little corner," she said. Neighbors to her north, Kirstenn and Jon, sample the beers. And Bizzy knows her neighbor to the south, Carol, enjoys dark beers, like her Double Chocolate Stout with Cocoa Nibs and Juniper Berries. When Bizzy initially invested in heavy, giant kettles, Larry across the street regularly helped her transfer hot liquids from the kettle.

Larry was outside while we stood talking and gave us a little wave.

Bizzy walked over to her scale and started measuring citra hops. She dumped the hops into a mesh bag, explaining that even though she just got a new drain, she was still apprehensive about clogging it—hence, the mesh bag instead of letting the hops float freely in the boil. She carried the bag over to the kettle, dropped it in, and reached for the stainless-steel paddle to give the wort a gentle stir.

Bizzy says her philosophy on brewing is a light-hearted one. "I keep it fun. But at the same time, try and challenge myself," she said. "I try not to make it too complex. I find simpler beers are typically better."

Her philosophy, curiosity, and ever-interest in feedback has led her to win all three categories of the annual Timber's Army Homebrew Competition, in three separate years. As a prize, she co-brewed with the professionals at Base Camp Brewing Company, Widmer BrothersBrewing, and Lompoc Brewing. That learning experience, "It's kind of like drinking out of a firehose," she said. I couldn't help but think that pun sounded dangerous for a beer-drinker.

As the National Homebrew Competition approaches again in April, she's still debating which beer to enter possibly the Cocoa Nib Stout that Carol likes. I asked Bizzy if she'd ever consider brewing professionally. "I would love that. Yeah, that would be great," she said. "But stainless steels' expensive." Her dream is to create a brewery that's "vertically integrated," or one that grows and brews its own ingredients on site.

"I'm a business analyst by trade, so I think I could write a pretty decent business plan but haven't got to it yet. I think I'd be making a lot less [financially], but to be doing what you like, that's kind of the trade off, right? Yeah, I think that'd be a wonderful job." For now and until then, she'll be brewing on her porch in Overlook.



Real Estate Recap

Overlook Neighborhood Sold Listings | October - December, 2017

Address	Sq Ft	Beds/Baths	List Price	Sold Price	Days on the Market
3970 N Interstate Ave #303	769	1/1	\$264,526	\$265,000	72
3970 N Interstate Ave #309	766	1/1	\$275,000	\$275,000	4
2525 N Killingsworth St #309	840	2/2	\$265,000	\$275,000	5
5425 N Minnesota Ave #4	915	2/1	\$317,526	\$317,526	59
5425 N Minnesota Ave #2	915	2/1	\$315,526	\$318,026	74
4040 N Montana Ave #6	837	2/1	\$329,900	\$334,900	100
1604 N Jarrett St	1284	2/2	\$349,500	\$351,000	9
1736 N Prescott St	980	2/1	\$375,000	\$365,000	5
3957 N Concord Ave	2544	3/1	\$399,000	\$375,000	132
1235 N Prescott St Ne	1818	3/2	\$375,000	\$380,000	249
1215 N Alberta St	2296	3/2	\$419,900	\$392,500	18
1205 N Alberta St	2680	4/1	\$419,000	\$400,000	73
5524 N Denver Ave	1560	2/2	\$414,900	\$401,000	104
5535 N Boston Ave	1020	3/1	\$398,000	\$410,000	4
5115 N Concord Ave	1640	2/1	\$435,000	\$425,000	25
1521 N Church St	1957	2/1	\$399,000	\$430,000	6
2825 N Willamette Blvd	2640	3/2	\$450,000	\$430,000	45
2426 N Sumner St	1440	1/1	\$439,000	\$439,000	20
5723 N Greeley Ave	2216	3/1	\$449,900	\$439,520	19
1626 N Wygant St	905	3/1	\$449,900	\$444,000	11
5526 N Montana Ave	2188	3/2	\$449,900	\$445,000	24
4906 N Montana Ave	1764	3/1	\$449,999	\$449,000	38
1634 N Church St	2190	4/2	\$449,900	\$450,000	101
5736 N Boston Ave	2595	3/1	\$469,000	\$450,000	62
5533 N Delaware Ave	1542	3/2	\$475,000	\$475,000	15
5315 N Greeley Ave	3078	4/2	\$525,000	\$480,000	286
1521 N Jessup	2124	3/2	\$495,000	\$485,950	16
1633 N Sumner St	2292	3/1	\$449,000	\$490,000	5
6005 N Denver Ave	2452	4/2	\$499,900	\$491,000	32
2905 N Killingsworth St	2640	3/1	\$429,000	\$492,500	0
5926 N Maryland Ave	2172	3/2	\$475,000	\$500,000	2
2055 N Webster St	2652	4/1	\$550,000	\$535,000	9
5617 N Detroit Ave	2474	3/2	\$519,000	\$535,000	6
5134 N Interstate Ave	1504	3/1	\$550,000	\$540,000	124
1834 N Willamette Blvd	2802	3/2	\$549,000	\$545,000	24
3906 N Massachusetts Ave	2602	3/2	\$599,000	\$554,000	28
2045 N Blandena St	2224	3/2	\$564,900	\$564,500	37
5641 N Delaware Ave	2336	4/3	\$575,000	\$575,000	13
2105 N Alberta St	2339	4/3	\$625,000	\$650,000	2
4038 N Castle Ave	2072	4/2	\$649,000	\$664,000	8
5626 N Wilbur Ave	2526	4/2	\$699,950	\$695,000	10
5905 N Wilbur Ave	2556	4/2	\$685,000	\$700,000	18
5554 N Omaha Ave	2826	4/2	\$689,000	\$720,000	4



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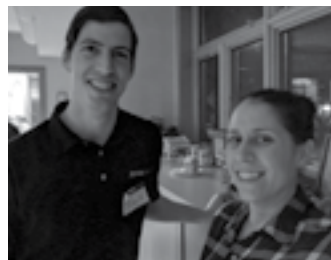
Largest OKNA Holiday Party in Nearly Twenty Years

More than 50 people from all corners of the neighborhood gathered at Daybreak Cohousing on a rainy Friday night in December, with home-made dishes and desserts in hand. The annual Overlook Neighborhood Association Holiday Party Potluck celebrated its largest turnout in over two decades!

At large tables arranged under festive decorations, neighbors sat and shared stories, hot dishes, libations, laughs, and many, many holiday cookies.

When bellies were full, neighbors went around the room and introduced themselves and welcomed new folks to the neighborhood and first-ever Holiday Party attendees.

Lucky winners of the raffle took home bottles of wine, boxes of (more) cookies, gift cards to area businesses, and even an I-O-U for a live rabbit - for pet or for meat.



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Sunday, March 11



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It was a fun event and the OKNA board would like to extend a special thank you to our neighbors at Daybreak Cohousing for hosting us. We hope to see you all there next year, to set a new attendance milestone!



Beauty Within the Storm

By Melissa Castor

The calm and still around us moves not a speck of dust. The winds that begin to blow not by chance but by must. Clouds roll in over mountains creating shadows on the ground. Such a display of breathtaking views one has ever found.

The contrast of Autumn leaves that are changing colors against the sky. So many frames of Art that can be captured by the minds eye. Eventually the leaves wither and die beginning the deadfall.

They rain down all around us and float by from nature's call. Clouds bring showers that cleanse everything it touches on the Earth.

Replenishing streams and rivers down to the oceans continual birth. Nutrition supply moving all around from plant to the life in the sea. To the animals and humans to obtain from food and water necessity.

Our growing trees that provide fruit, oxygen and shade.

Everything is alive with energy with and thru love and care will never fade.

The storm will end though life renews from season to season.

The beauty within the storm is easy to see without rhyme or reason.



Hope

By Melissa Castor

Don't give up hope although you feel you are sinking fast.

True your struggle is unique to you, but it definitely won't last.

Through knowing that's it's a temporary condition if you can but try.

By learning from our experience gives us answers of the why?

Everything negative can become positive in so many ways.

It could help you in the future or help another through their hopeless days.

We grow from rising up from the very hell that we create.

Teaching ourselves how to distract and overcome from a sad to a happy state.

We adapt to changes and challenges in ways we never knew.

Telling ourselves it will be okay and believing that it's true.

Seeking for answers yet each step closer to our goal.

Finding what we were searching for deep within our soul.

Though times get tough it's hard yet where there is will there's a way.

Turning your back on negative finding positives in every day.

When we spend time on things that are way beyond control,

realize how time can instead be spent from the time that worry stole.

We all have a choice of how to face struggles, troubles, and fears.

Wouldn't you prefer to hear your laughter to the sound of your dropping tears?

Life is meant for hope, joy, peace and most importantly for love.

To grow, gain knowledge and strength improving the qualities in the person you are made of.



Put Saturday, June 9 on Your Calendar!!

Big block party to repaint the intersection at N Overlook Blvd and N Concord Ave. Super fun for ALL ages! Mid morning to mid afternoon. Check the next issue of the Views for details!



Say hi to Mango Boe! New to the neighborhood as of December.



Overlook Families Encouraged to Apply for Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion Program

Dual language immersion education provides social, cognitive and academic benefits to children and prepares them to be successful in a competitive, global society. Portland Public Schools offers free programs in five languages: Spanish, Japanese, Mandarin, Russian and Vietnamese. Our own Overlook neighborhood school, Beach Elementary, houses the Spanish program.

The lottery period for fall kindergartners to enroll in a dual language immersion program opened on Wednesday and continues through March 2. Late entry for students in grades 1-12 is by petition. Apply and learn more on the official website (pps.net).

While Spanish, Japanese and Mandarin programs often have long wait lists, the Vietnamese program is newer and therefore has more opportunity for enrollment. It will be housed at Rose City Park in NE Portland next year. Native and non-native Vietnamese families looking for a challenging, engaging and highly beneficial language and social program should apply.

An Overlook family with a kindergartener in the Vietnamese program this year is happy to answer questions about it and is available to form study groups, act as carpool partners and provide general support for families interested. Please contact Sarah Tran (st.tran@gmail.com) if you'd like to discuss the Vietnamese program with an Overlook family.



Write for our Newsletter

We're seeking writers to find and cover neighborhood topics and stories for Overlook Views. It all starts with an idea! Contact our editor, Noelle Smith, at views@overlookneighborhood.org to learn more.



Coming to Overlook for Planting

By Lizzy Venturi

Friends of Trees is a Portland-based non-profit that brings the community together to plant trees, expanding our urban forest and improving the health and livability of our communities. The next planting event that will encompass the Overlook, Arbor Lodge, Kenton, and Portsmouth neighborhoods will take place on Saturday, March 17th. If you have been wanting a tree for your parking

strip or your yard there is still time to sign up. "I only pay \$35 for a tree? Cool! But what else do I get?" For \$35, you will not only get a tree, but the hole will be dug and the tree planted, by Friends of Trees. We will also inspect the tree two times during its first summer, and we guarantee the tree for one year (see our Terms and Conditions for more details).

Finally, you have the opportunity to take part in a fun and fulfilling community event, that benefits your community. Trees help to clean our air, absorb storm water, provide shade for those hot summer days, aid in summer and winter energy costs, and make the neighborhood more beautiful! You can still sign up to see what your tree options are by February 12th.

Don't want a tree but still want to help out on planting day? Great! Our greatest needs fall into

these categories: pickup truck driver (with your own truck - no canopies please), potluck food donations, and tree planters.

For more information, please visit <http://friendsoftrees.org> to see how you can help, or contact us at 503-595-0213 or volunteer@friendsoftrees.org.



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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.

Overlook House Neighborhood Discount!

Overlook House is a great location for celebrating that special birthday, family reunion, memorial gathering, anniversary, or other lifetime event! Are you getting ready to celebrate a graduation, business or social meeting? Did you know neighborhood residents receive discounts on Overlook House rentals? There are a few limitations: One application per household per year and proof of your Overlook residency. Not available May-October weekends and other limitations may apply.



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Where to go?

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

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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

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503-823-7309

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Have something to say? Submit a short item to OverlookNeighborhood.org with ‘Post to List’ in the subject line. All submissions subject to review/editing.

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

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