

OVERLOOK VIEWS

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Adidas expansion nears completion

By Lee Kebler

As the Overlook Neighborhood Association's new adidas liaison, I recently spoke with Tom Hughes, the company's point of contact for the neighborhood, about the current status of construction on the adidas campus and surrounding area.

Neighbors on the blocks immediately surrounding the campus recently benefited from having their streets being repaved. That repaving was paid for by adidas and is now complete with no further street projects in the near future.

Both new buildings on the campus are now complete. The company is in the final stages of moving in furniture over the next three weeks. Hughes assured me that construction is "pretty much done, there shouldn't be a whole lot of disruption."

Hughes did mention that there had been a complaint from a few nearby neighbors about late night interior demolition, which he immediately put a stop to. Not all neighbors had complaints for him though. Many neighbors have sent in thank you messages and compliments on the positive additions such as the manicured landscaping. "We are in the final home stretch, and there shouldn't be anything that disrupts the neighborhood," he said.

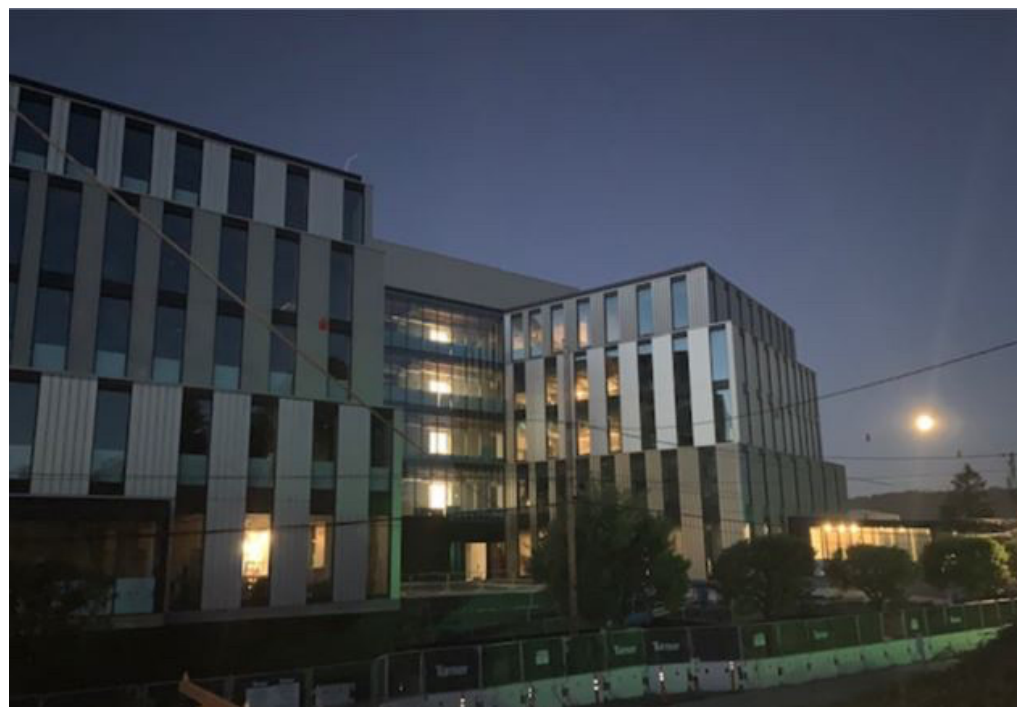
Adidas employees have been working from home since March of last year, so the new buildings are sitting empty for now. When asked about reopening the campus Hughes said they are monitoring conditions in the pandemic, and they will not reopen before April 1, possibly later. When the office opens it will do so in waves, prioritizing the employees who need to be in office first, and bringing back more employees as deemed safe. The reopening in part will depend on the rate of COVID-19 vaccination roll out.

The last topic we touched on was the cycling lane along N Greeley Avenue. It is a Portland Bureau of Transportation project that adidas is constructing. There is a pause on this project due to the homeless camps that occupy areas that are required for the cycle lane's construction, specifically on the corner of Greeley and N Going Street. Construction cannot commence as long



as there are biohazards in that area, a result of the homeless camps. The camps are a responsibility of PBOT and not an issue that adidas has the authority to address, so construction of the cycle lane will be stalled until PBOT decides if they will take action and when.

As our update wrapped up, Hughes wanted to make sure that Overlook neighbors knew that the neighborhood is at the forefront of the company's decisions. As a part of the Overlook community, adidas is dedicated to signing any letters that the association sends to Portland metro in the future.



City will decommission Hazelnut Grove homeless camp

By Christian Trejbal

Following a formal request from the Overlook Neighborhood Association, the City of Portland announced in January that it will soon decommission the Hazelnut Grove homeless camp in the Overlook Neighborhood.

The camp formed more than five years ago when homeless residents illegally occupied land owned by the Oregon Department of Transportation near the intersection of Interstate and Greeley avenues. ODOT quickly transferred the land to the city. Since then, two mayors – Charlie Hales and Ted Wheeler – have repeatedly promised to remove Hazelnut Grove because it is an unsafe site for camping and for the neighborhood.

“Steep slopes create a danger of landslides and other environmental problems,” the city noted in its announcement. “The location is difficult for firefighters to access,

jeopardizing residents’ safety in this wooded setting. Serving portable toilets, removing trash and performing other maintenance is equally challenging. And accessing the site can require sidewalk and bike lane closures, putting pedestrians and cyclists at risk.”

With the opening of the St. Johns Village, it appears that the city will finally make good on its promises. Hazelnut Grove campers were given the opportunity to move into the St. Johns Village where they will have access to wraparound services and professionally constructed pods. The city offered access to shelters and other housing opportunities to those who did not pass background checks or declined to move to St. Johns.

With those opportunities for residents in place, the city will decommission the site and restore it to its natural state. The realities of winter and a

pandemic make a quick shutdown challenging, but it should begin soon.

“The City plans to begin decommissioning Hazelnut Grove within the next month, after St. Johns Village is ready to welcome its first residents. At that point, the City will ensure nobody remains at Hazelnut Grove to protect health and safety while the site is restored,” the city said in its announcement.

Read OKNA’s letter to the city at bit.ly/HomelessPromises. The city’s announcement can be found at bit.ly/CloseHG. And more information about the St. Johns village is at bit.ly/StJohnsVillage.

OKNA will continue to work with neighbors and the city to address other problem campsites in the neighborhood such as along Greeley Avenue and in lower Madrona Park.

ST. JOHNS VILLAGE - SITE PLAN



Introducing OKNA's Homeless Update Committee

By Casey Boggs

OKNA Homeless Update Committee chair



Homeless camping along N Going Street.

Homelessness continues to be an extremely complex and challenging issue affecting many Oregonians, including the residents of the Overlook Neighborhood. According to a November 2020 research study conducted by Portland-based DHM Research, one in two Oregonians (50%) believe it is either very important (28%) or urgent (22%) that leaders in their community make solving homelessness their number one priority.

Countless efforts, volunteer hours and communications from the Overlook Neighborhood Association (OKNA) and residents have addressed issues related to homelessness over the past several years. Yet the issues continue to exist, and matters have seemingly gotten worse. Furthermore, anxieties

and differences of opinions on how to approach the situation among neighbors has intensified as evidenced by guest participants at OKNA meetings, NextDoor postings and day-to-day neighborly conversations.

Real solutions and a harmonious, unified approach to eradicate homelessness are hard to come by. One mostly agreeable sentiment among residents is that the city's current approach (or lack thereof) to address homelessness needs improvement.

To keep the OKNA and all Overlook residents apprised on what's currently being done in our community and city about homelessness, the board formed the

Homeless Update Committee designed to:

- Provide updates on homelessness and camping on and around the Overlook Neighborhood. The committee's primary role is to inform; not advocate.
- Meet periodically with, for example, city officials, neighboring Portland neighborhood associations, homeless support groups, Portland Parks & Recreation, and law enforcement.

With the information gleaned by the Homeless Update Committee, and when the OKNA is in an appropriate position to get involved or vote on a related topic, OKNA will be prepared to make well-informed decisions.



Message from the Chair: Can we improve how we treat each other?

By Alexandra Degher

I write this message on Jan. 20, Inauguration Day. President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have taken the oath of office. It is a day of change. They have a tough challenge ahead of them bringing a divided nation together. Regardless of your politics, the inexcusable and violent attack against Congress at the U.S. Capitol should be a wakeup call.

Divisive, angry civics are not restricted to the national debate. Here in Overlook, too many people seem unable to engage in civic debate about important issues to our neighborhood and Portland.

Sadly, I have seen people kicked off of Zoom calls because they held a different position than the host. They were not kicked off because they were causing trouble, just voicing an option that the host didn't agree with.

I have seen this on our OKNA board. Two previous board members sent an email to the rest of the board insulting and berating them simply because the other board members disagreed with them.

I have seen neighbors insult other people during our virtual general meetings. Somehow, they felt it was acceptable to insult but unacceptable for others to disagree.

I have seen OKNA board members afraid to speak their opinion publicly because they fear people attacking their homes and families.

This has gone too far.

I understand that people are passionate about things they find important. I feel exceptionally passionate about climate change and saddened by the effects it is having on the planet. However, I also believe that arguing and berating instead of attempting to understand and compromise is unacceptable on any side of an argument.

People feel that they have the moral high ground on what they believe so they're justified in insulting and belittling others. It's time for some self-analysis, reflection, thought. Is this really who we are? Does this make us happy?

In 2021, as the new president calls for unity, I call not for unity in Overlook but civility and open minds. Let us all commit to treating each other with respect and listening to what the other side has to say. We might not ultimately agree, but when we listen, we might see the challenges we face in a new light.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about what's going on in Overlook, please feel free to email me at:
chair@overlookneighborhood.org.

OVERLOOK NEIGHBORHOOD WORD SEARCH

How to play: All of the wildlife listed below can be spotted in the Overlook Neighborhood from time to time and appear hidden in the puzzle. They can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal. Words can also appear backward. Ignore spaces.



BIRDS

BALD EAGLE
CHICKADEE
CROW
FALCON
HAWK
HUMMINGBIRD
OWL
ROBIN
THRUSH
TURKEY VULTURE
WOODPECKER

MAMMALS

BAT
COYOTE
MOLE
RABBIT
RACCOON
SQUIRREL
RIVER OTTER
VOLE

OTHER

BUMBLEBEE
BUTTERFLY
GARTER SNAKE



If you're new to the neighborhood, welcome! The OKNA board would love to get to know you at one of our events or board meetings which are always open to the public. You can also stay connected by subscribing to our weekly emails at overlookneighborhood.org. We hope to see you soon!

UPCOMING OKNA BOARD MEETINGS 6:30-8:30pm Location TBD

- Tuesday Mar. 2
- Tuesday Apr. 6
- Tuesday May 4
- Tuesday June 1

UPCOMING OKNA GENERAL MEETINGS 6:30-8:30pm Location TBD

- Tuesday Mar. 16
- Tuesday Apr. 20
- Tuesday May 18
- Tuesday June 15

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Interstate Bridge replacement rebooted

By Brad Halverson

Another effort by the states of Oregon and Washington to replace the Interstate 5 Bridge over the Columbia River is underway.

The need for a new bridge has not changed even though traffic is not overflowing onto Interstate Avenue and other north-south streets like it did pre-pandemic. Though many people will continue to work from home for the foreseeable future, experts predict that traffic patterns on I-5 will return to normal in the future.

The Interstate Bridge has functioned at capacity during rush hour for decades, backing traffic onto parallel surface streets through North Portland neighborhoods like Overlook. It has the last working lift spans in the interstate highway system, almost invisible shoulders so three narrow lanes can squeeze through, and multiple complex interchanges on either side. The bridge also was built on pilings that would probably fail in a major earthquake, cutting off a major route for relief efforts.

Other than all that, the Interstate Bridge works just fine.

The cracked trunnion that was discovered 20 years ago finally had to be replaced last September because it could not wait a few more years.

The project's website, interstatebridge.org, was recently updated, and the committee

members have been selected. Their task is to build on the work done by the Columbia River Crossing project that folded up shop years ago due to a lack of state funding in Washington.

Since then, Washington has completed some other major transportation projects. A tunnel replaced the Alaskan Way Viaduct along the Seattle waterfront, and a new Hwy 520 bridge crosses Lake Washington. With those projects out of the way, the Interstate Bridge project is the next priority for Washington's transportation department.

The new Interstate Bridge Replacement Program will work to update the existing documents and submit a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to the federal government which is required for funding. The website indicates the draft version of the SEIS will be published in 2022 then finalized in 2023. Once that happens and the Coast Guard and Federal Aviation Administration permits are secured, construction could start as early as 2025.

There will be opportunities for public comment at each meeting and when the draft SEIS is published. Sign up for the project's mailing list on the website to be notified when all those opportunities will happen.



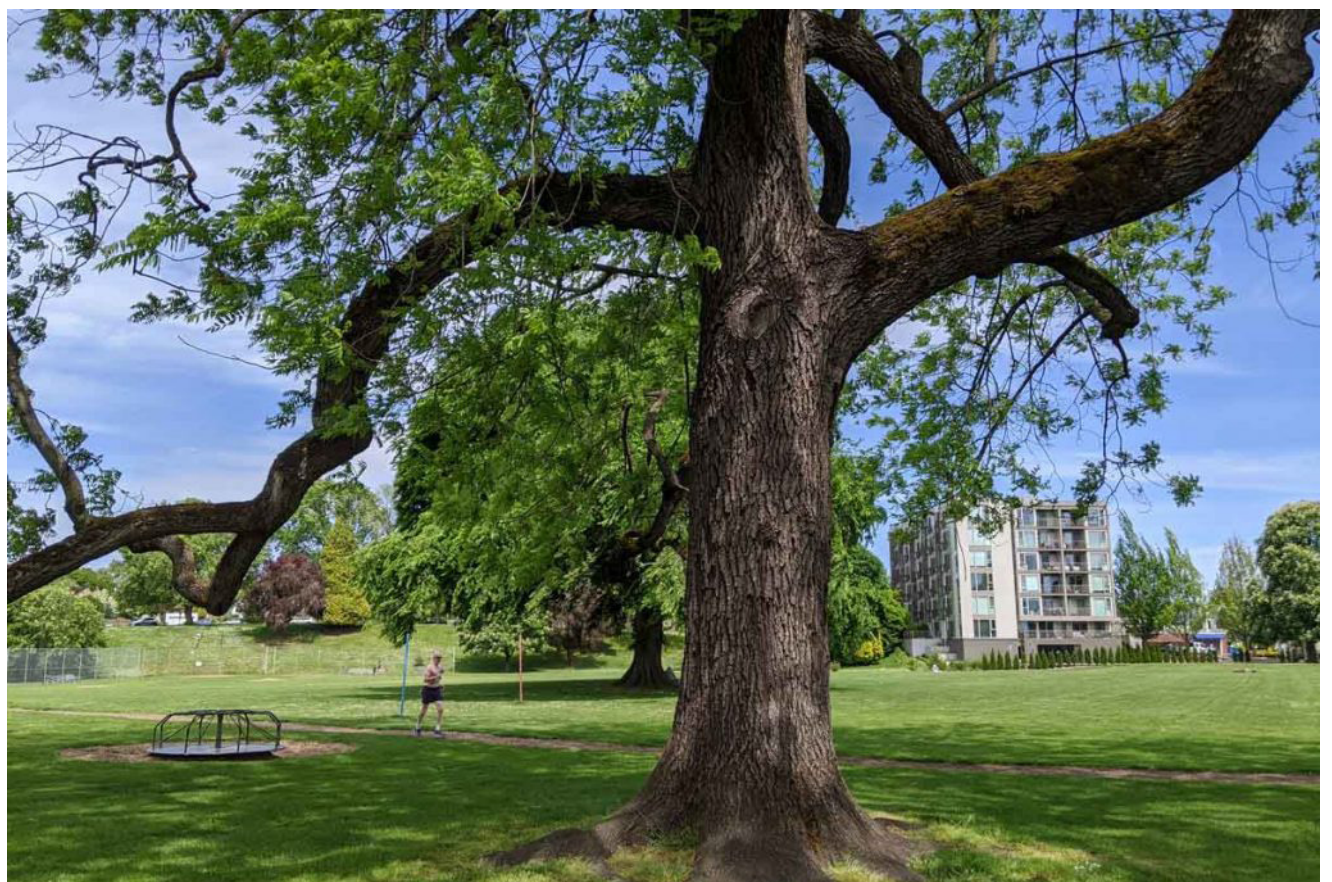
Parks web resource for North Portland

by Cynthia Sulaski

With the benefit of funding from grants (including a donation from the Overlook Neighborhood Association), members of the North Portland Parks Advisory Group (NPPAG) launched a website dedicated to informing community members about North Portland's many natural areas, trails, parks, community centers, pools and sports facilities.

NPPAG includes neighbors from all areas of North Portland who are committed to advising and working with the City of Portland and others to acquire, develop, maintain and preserve North Portland's treasured man-made and natural resources.

They welcome you to visit their new website, discover new parks and natural areas, give them feedback, attend one of their meetings, and sign up for their occasional emails and updates. Just go to northportlandparksadvisorygroup.org.



A runner enjoys the trail through Overlook Park. (Photo by NPPAG)

Real Estate Recap

Overlook Neighborhood Sold Listings Third Quarter, 2020

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Address	Sq Ft	Bed(s)	Bath(s)	List Price	Sold Price	Days on Market
5616 N Wilbur Ave	2124	3	1	\$350,000	\$355,000	7
3817 N Overlook Blvd	2408	3	1	\$439,900	\$400,000	39
4215 N Colonial Ave	3180	3	3	\$449,900	\$455,000	4
2846 N Killingsworth St	1412	2	1	\$399,900	\$475,750	5
4905 N Montana Ave	1696	2	2	\$459,900	\$480,000	97
5603 N Minnesota Ave	2093	4	3	\$529,900	\$497,500	13
1824 N Blandena St	1610	3	1.5	\$489,900	\$500,000	14
2031 N Jessup St	2500	2	1	\$519,000	\$519,000	5
1816 N Sumner St	1774	3	2	\$450,000	\$520,000	4
3914 N Massachusetts Ave	1515	2	2	\$449,000	\$526,000	4
1835 N Humboldt St	2079	3	2	\$564,900	\$555,000	23
2125 N Humboldt St	2234	3	2	\$575,000	\$563,000	16
5815 N Boston Ave	1870	3	2	\$499,900	\$572,000	4
5636 N Maryland Ave	2258	3	2	\$549,000	\$580,000	5
5133 N Gay Ave	2954	5	2	\$580,000	\$580,000	5
5738 N Denver Ave	2223	4	3	\$599,900	\$589,000	40
4013 N Montana Ave	2682	3	2.5	\$597,700	\$597,700	9
2621 N Sumner St	2001	3	2	\$635,000	\$635,000	16
2334 N Sumner St	1728	4	2	\$559,000	\$645,000	3
4215 N Court Ave	2997	3	2	\$649,000	\$665,000	7
1593 N Skidmore St	2080	3	2	\$624,900	\$675,000	2
2105 N Skidmore Ter	2402	4	3	\$624,900	\$680,000	11
4159 N Overlook Ter	2411	3	2	\$899,000	\$750,000	70
4018 N Colonial Ave	3035	5	2.5	\$869,000	\$869,000	4

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Ad rates for 2020 are:

Type	Size	1x	2x	3x	4x
1/16 page	4.9" W x 1.8" H	\$40	\$75	\$105	\$130
1/8 page	4.9" W x 3.8" H	\$75	\$140	\$200	\$240
1/4 page	4.9" W x 7.8" H	\$145	\$265	\$385	\$465
1/2 page	10" W x 7.8" H	\$280	\$510	\$745	\$900
Full page	10" W x 15.8" H	\$550	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$1,750

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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.



Business neighbors: your commercial postings are welcome.



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Air quality around the Union Pacific rail yard

By Grant Phillips

The Overlook Neighborhood Association has endorsed a letter to Union Pacific asking that the company work with the neighborhood and address harmful emissions from Union Pacific Railroad's Albina Yard.

For many years, Overlook residents have reported a strong chemical odor outside their residences. Over the past two years, the group Portland Clean Air (portlandcleanair.org) has researched volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions throughout Portland and concluded that a small number of industries, including those operating at the Albina Yard, are responsible for the majority of emissions in our neighborhood due to lack of control devices that mitigate such pollution.

VOC exposure is dangerous and can cause eye, nose and throat irritation; headaches; loss of coordination; nausea; and damage to the liver, kidney and central nervous system. Some, such as formaldehyde, also can cause cancer.

In addition to the VOC pollution, according to the 2014 Environmental Protection Agency National Air Toxics Assessment released in 2018, Portland ranks in the worst 1.3 percent of communities for diesel particulate exposure, an airborne carcinogen. Many unfiltered diesel trucks pass through Overlook and North Portland on the way to the Swan Island and Albina Yard areas. The Oregon Department of Transportation reports that the Albina Yard generates the greatest number of truck trips.



Union Pacific's Albina Yard looking south taken in 2019. (Photo by "Graywalls" | CC-SA4.0I.)

Standard emission devices such as thermal oxidizers can destroy 97-99% of VOCs before they are released into the atmosphere. OKNA has urged Union Pacific to install a thermal oxidizer and work with the neighborhood to establish an actionable Good Neighbor Agreement so we can collaboratively agree on steps to mitigate impacts on the surrounding

neighborhoods. For example, we might work together to encourage state lawmakers to set a reasonable timeline to phase out unfiltered trucks, keeping all businesses on an equal footing. Read the full letter at bit.ly/AirQualityUP.

If you have concerns or questions regarding the Albina Yard and emissions please feel free to reach out to Grant Phillips at sustainable@overlookneighborhood.org.



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