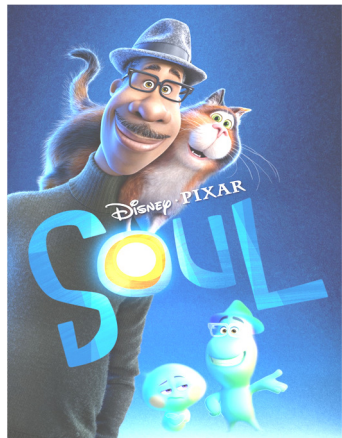


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OVERLOOK VIEWS

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SOUL: SUMMER MOVIE IN THE PARK

By John Carter
OKNA Parks Chair

Join your neighbors Sunday August 20th in Overlook Park for the "Summer Free For All" Movie in the Park event!

This year we're hosting Pixar's critically acclaimed "Soul," a beautiful and heartwarming film that brings joy to all ages. The story stars a pianist (Jamie Foxx) who falls into a coma after getting his big break playing alongside a famous jazz quartet. As he seeks to reunite body and soul, the film explores themes of purpose, passion, and the meaning of life. If you're hoping to tap into your "spark," you won't want to miss this charming film!

Come with your blankets, chairs and picnic - the film starts at dusk and you'll want to be early to grab your ideal viewing spot!

Why come early? At 5pm, local improvisational group **Polyjamorous** will be conducting an open music jam for all to participate in. Their slogan is "You're Already in the Band!" so bring your instruments and plan to play along!

We encourage everyone to utilize public transportation or bike for travel to the movie. The MAX Yellow line will get you there easily, with Rose Quarter TC for connections. There is a Biketown station

along with accessible bike parking nearby. If you do drive, please be courteous to your neighbors and park legally.

There will also be **FREE** bike repair available on-site, so if you want any fixes made during the film bring your bike along!

The Portland Parks and Recreation Free For All summer programming is a wonderful way to celebrate our public spaces and support local artists and performers. We look forward to seeing everyone at the park!

Sunday, August 20th 2023
5:00pm- Polyjamorous Open Music Jam
Dusk—Outdoor screening of Pixar's "Soul".
Overlook Park
(N. Interstate Ave/N. Fremont St)

FREE shaved ice will be available!

An Overlook Note: Summer Free For All is not free to put on! Neighborhood associations have costs associated with hosting Movie In The Park and other events. This year, OKNA's participation is thanks to the generous contributions of former Overlook neighbor Cynthia Sulaski and our business neighbor Kaiser Permanente.

No Summer Social in August

Nope, you didn't miss it; OKNA ran out of capacity to create a Summer Social this year. If you'd like to help event plan a Holiday or Summer Social gathering with us, please get in touch!



HOWDY NEIGHBOR!

Notes from Michelle Thompson, Overlook Views Coordinator

Hopefully you've been enjoying a fantastic summer in Overlook; with busy schedules and few people around, OKNA cancelled the July and August public meetings. We also say good bye and thank you to Ana Helena and Nick and wish them the best in Greece (see page 8). We've lost some neighbors, seen others stricken ill, and had many new baby neighbors join us. As I paged through the news for this issue I've been struck by the many examples we have of leadership from our neighbors. They prove over and over again that you don't have to be a big shot to make an impact. It is in fact the little bit of work from so many of us that keeps things running. Like it or not, you are part of the community and you have the power to impact us all!

Look for those examples of leadership in this issue and be inspired by the ways regular people shape the community they (and we!) live in. What talents can you bring to Overlook?



More Meeting Participation With Room To Grow at Beach School!

We're going back to school! Portland Public Schools Civic Use of Buildings programs has approved OKNA to hold our monthly neighborhood meetings in the auditorium of Beach Elementary School, at the intersection of N Concord and Humboldt.

Please join us for one of our community meetings, starting Monday September 11, 2023 at 6:00PM. Our General meeting agenda will be followed by a meeting of the OKNA Board of Directors aka the Board. Board meetings are public, but closed to participation.

We are hoping to broadcast OKNA meetings online but are still working out our options.

New OKNA Year Starts In September

it's easier than ever to help shape your neighborhood—won't you contribute?

By Stacey Nuissl
OKNA Events Chair

there is a way for everyone to participate.

September means the start of the new year for the Overlook Neighborhood Association aka OKNA. This is when new terms for our board members begin and when necessary, we have an election. This year we have 7 board seats open, which means lots of opportunities!

What do OKNA board members do? They run the non-profit organization, monitor civic information and share it with neighbors. They look for opportunities to build community or keep watch on a topic of special interest and report back about it. The main purpose of the organization is to keep neighbors informed and connected to civic work.

OKNA board members hold monthly neighbor meetings, organize events like neighborhood cleanups and stay informed about development and transportation news. The board is made up of executive members (chair, vice chair, secretary & treasurer), committee chairs and members at large). Whether you have a particular interest in a position or would just like to serve as a member at large,

At the October meeting, the new board decides who will be responsible for each role. If you have any questions about board responsibilities, email chair@overlookneighborhood.org

Anyone interested in participating on the board this year should email their statement of interest to chair@overlookneighborhood.org by September 1. Elections will be held at the Monday, September 11, 2023 OKNA meeting.

Names of candidates will be published on the OKNA website seven (7) days before the election and published via our email bulletin.

If you live, have a business, own property or are a designated representative of a non-profit organization within the Overlook neighborhood boundaries, you are eligible to be a board member.

DEADLINE TO RUN SEPTEMBER 1, 2023



Overlook's own event center! Host your next meeting, retreat or event at the publicly owned Historic Overlook House. The warm and gracious private home is completely available for your use. Period interiors include hardwood floors, rich colors, a fireplace, and unpainted woodwork. Lush gardens and grounds provide an intimate oasis in the heart of the city. Flowering roses and mature plantings frame views of the Downtown, West Hills and Willamette River.

Several free community gatherings are hosted throughout the year by the volunteer staff. The Friends of the Overlook House utilizes volunteers and donations to put on cultural, educational, and social activities.

Special rates for Overlook neighbors!

Free Neighborhood Community Gatherings Join us for Overlook fun!

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY

Kids 1-5 years old join together to enjoy games, crafts, costumes and light refreshments.
Halloween Day
4-6pm

SANTA VISIT

Santa arrives via firetruck to take pictures and hear holiday wishes, the event includes children's entertainment.
First Sunday in December
11am-1pm

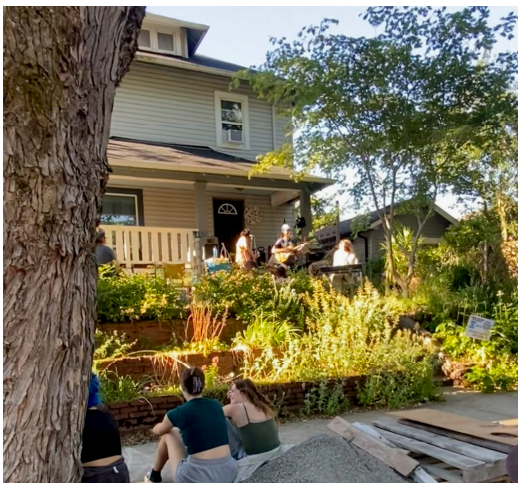
ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny and friends cover the garden with treasure-filled eggs.
Saturday before Easter Sunday
10:30am sharp!

OVERLOOK ICECREAM SOCIAL

Music, games, raffle, and an ice cream sundae bar make for a fun filled summer afternoon.
First Sunday in August
4-8pm

PORCHFEST: OVERLOOK'S OWN ART & MUSIC FEST



Porchfest photos thanks to Ana Helena De Castro.



Should we know?
Email OKNA
with your neighborhood info or
let us know what's happening
in your Overlook business.
views@overlookneighborhood.org

On Sunday July 16th the neighborhood burst to life with music as we came together to celebrate the Second Annual Overlook Porchfest! We coordinated with neighbors to use their porches as stages for musicians, all across the neighborhood - there were 23 acts in total across nine locations.

It was a day that brought out the true vibrancy of our neighborhood, the sort that surfaces when people come together to activate private space into the public realm. The musicians shared their gifts to bring everyone outside and it brought forth a communal energy for neighbors to meet and new connections to form. Overlook is a thriving organism when we create the conditions to



its potential, we need to do all we can to create more opportunities to lower the barriers between the public and private space

so that we can exchange our gifts and resources, allowing this flower to bloom to all it can be.

I encourage everyone reading this to come to our monthly neighborhood association meeting so we can collectively brainstorm ideas on how to bring people together like this consistently.

It was an honor to organize (and perform at!) this event. Thank you to the rest of OKNA for their support. Thank you to all of the musicians, live painters, and other creative minds that contributed their craft. And thank you to all of the people who generously offered their porches to be stages for the day. We are looking forward to next year's Porchfest as well as having many more musical events throughout the year!



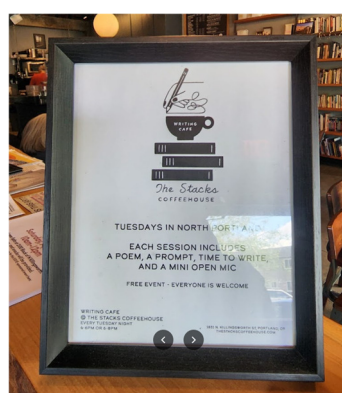
Community Spirit is Delicious at The Stacks Coffeehouse

By Michelle Thompson
Overlook Views Coordinator

There are lots of great businesses in Overlook, but one deserves special recognition today, for stepping up to serve the neighborhood in a time of need. Owners Nathan and Mary and the team at The Stacks Coffeehouse on N Killingsworth have gone out of their way to create and foster community events since they opened the cafe. They especially came through for OKNA when we lost access to our decades-long meeting place in the pandemic. Nathan opened up the space for us at no charge, outside of business hours and shared the shop's A/V equipment so we could continue our monthly neighborhood association meetings.

Now that OKNA meetings are moving to Beach School, there are still plenty of ways to make community at the Stacks Coffeehouse. The Writing Café meets weekly for 4 hours on Tuesdays, The Humble Poets' Open Mic is on the last Sunday of each month, when poets and storytellers are encouraged to share their works, and musical accompaniments are welcome as well. Book launches, author events and local art are more of the community-positive vibe at The Stacks. And you probably don't need to be told about the breakfast tacos...

Thank you can never be said enough; we are all grateful for your contributions, Nate, and the sharing of your space. Thank you, neighbor!



Got Fig Leaves? Meet Neighbors!

One can't help but notice the abundance of fig trees in Overlook. Who knows, it might be a city-wide thing but it seems there are more here than in Italy! I stumbled on the following post and thought, what a great way to meet neighbors and share resources... not only are the figs a desirable crop, the leaves are useful for all sorts of edible uses!

The Side Yard Farm is at The Side Yard Farm.

Fig leaves! One of my very favorite things to work with in the kitchen.

You can do so much with these magical leaves and also fig wood as well. In this photo, I am getting the leaves ready for the dehydrator and I'm going to grind the dried leaves after and mix them with sugar to use in baking. The smell is something else, I love it. Coco-nutty, almondy, hints of leather and tobacco.



I love using the leaves for making syrups, I add it to my baklava syrup and it's amazing. They make a delicious ice cream, cookies, cakes, muffins, pancakes and more. You can use them as a wrap for things like fish, use them in a meat brine and more. The wood is also magical. We dry the wood out for a year, cut into small rounds and use in the smoker to smoke fish.



Deliver the Overlook Views

See the far corners of Overlook or walk around a nearby block when you join the ranks of our Volunteer Newsletter Delivery Team!

Have you always meant to volunteer? Here's an easy way to help your neighbors and maybe meet new people. The commitment is to deliver the newsletter to your neighbors' door within a given timeline. Routes take about an hour to complete on foot.

Send your name, address, phone and email to Delivery Coordinator Alan Cranna, 70+ year resident of Overlook, to help once or every few months.

ViewsDelivery@OverlookNeighborhood.org

Double Mountain Taproom

Now Open in Overlook



By Stacey Nuissl
OKNA Events Chair

It's so nice to see the corner of N Concord and N Killingsworth bustling again. On the weekend of July 8 we saw the much anticipated opening of the Overlook Double Mountain Taproom. Many of us are happy to once again have a taproom in the neighborhood and Double Mountain is filling the void left behind by the decision of Lucky Lab to not re-open their Overlook location.

I had a chance to sit down and speak with manager Brendon Martin recently amid a busy lunch crowd. Even out in the open air at one of their outdoor picnic tables the aroma of pizza sauce was detectable. Their menu is full of delectable specialty pizzas, but also appetizers, salads & sandwiches. Their long breads are baked fresh in house and remaining breads are from Portland French Bakery. Double Mountain also offers a kids' menu with Goldfish as a side choice.

OK, now for the good stuff!
Double Mountain offers beers and ciders from 22 taps, with about 5 being in their standard long term list and the remaining rotating by season, small

batch and reserve batches.

Their selections are brewery direct from their Hood River location thus eliminating a middle person & keeping their pricing reasonable for the quality of product offered.

Something unique to the Overlook location is the use of firkin casks for some of their beers. You're going to want to try some of these uniquely fermented beers that skip the added carbonation caused by CO2 and are more smooth & served at room temperature. Their beer and cider list is too long to list here and rotates regularly. Another beverage highlight for those wanting a non alcoholic beverage is their home brewed root beer and ginger ale.

Menu items and all of their tap and bottled beer and cider are offered for take out. They offer 32 and 64 oz growlers, refillable 500 ml bottles & refillable 6 packs and will refill your growlers from elsewhere.

Double Mountain is not just a restaurant and taproom, they have a mission to be part of our community. The decision to close by 10 pm, for example, was made so as to not disturb nearby residential neighbors into the late hours of the night.

The corner community room survived the detailed remodel and is available both for private events and civic use. The cost varies based on the day and time of day the space is reserved. Stay tuned

for live music entertainment in the not too distant future.

"I see Portland coming back, and we wouldn't be investing in a new location if we didn't see that," he said. "We're excited to be in Overlook and be part of another cool neighborhood."



On the Grow!

Land Use & Development Recap

By Josh Cabot
Land Use Chair

Development has been steady around the neighborhood, with some large construction projects underway and others on the horizon. The Kōz apartments at N Killingsworth & Interstate continues to rise up floor by floor, and the affordable housing apartment building at 5020 N Interstate, between N Alberta and N Webster, has recently topped out.

Looking to the horizon, Daimler has recently received planning approval to build a new large maintenance and testing building near its flagship office building on Swan Island. And in the months to come, a more detailed design is expected for Carter Commons, which is intended to be affordable senior apartments at the SW corner of N Overlook Blvd and Interstate.

The new apartment development slated for the site of the current Palms Motel has been working its way through the Land Use (a.k.a. Planning) process, and the 4 variances the development team was seeking has recently been approved by Portland's Bureau of Development Services (BDS). This project has been controversial for many neighbors because of the way the mass of the proposed 7-story building will loom large along N Interstate Ave, with only a minor buffer to the single family homes behind the development on N Massachusetts Ave. A lot of correspondence has been exchanged between neighbors as well as with the City and the development team, so there have been hopes that this dialogue will help to make this a better project, but there is no doubt some still have sore feelings.

A big lesson learned from the Palms Development process is the importance of participating in large policy processes when they arise, because there is a much greater chance of influencing future development outcomes vs. attempting to obstruct development that largely complies with the zoning code as written. For instance, the Portland Comprehensive Plan, updated over the past 10 years, has greatly influenced the City's zoning, which has allowed the Palms development to go forward as designed. The N Interstate Ave corridor is envisioned to substantially increase in density in the decades

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Building Community: Block Parties!

It's been a great summer of block parties and we're not done yet! It's not too late to organize a party on your own block and if you just love neighbor gatherings, check out OKNA board member Nic Cota's Wine Wednesdays monthly get together, open for anyone to drop in on!

COME JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR WINE WEDNESDAYS!

Bring a chair, a bottle to share, and enjoy the summer air with neighbors!

Church St between Montana and Minnesota

Last Wed. of each month-
May 31st, June 28th,
July 26th, August 30th!
6-9pm

We will close the street and open it to seating, lights, music, snacks, all for anyone in the area to enjoy

Address	SF	Bed/Bath	List Price	Sold Price	Days on Market	Zoning
5211 N Maryland Ave #6	880	2/1	\$359,900	\$320,000	0	CM3
3957 N Concord Ave	2689	3/1	\$700,000	\$700,000	0	R5
5125 N Concord Ave	979	3/1	\$500,000	\$485,000	1	R5
4309 N Overlook Blvd	4198	8/2	\$650,000	\$637,000	2	R5
5715 N Detroit Ave	1851	1/1	\$450,000	\$527,500	3	R5
1837 N Emerson St	942	3/1	\$530,000	\$570,000	3	R5
4074 N Colonial Ave	2481	4/2	\$750,000	\$815,000	3	R5
2114 N Wygant St	1833	3/2	\$795,000	\$880,000	3	R5
2525 N Killingsworth St #307	848	2/2	\$329,900	\$329,400	4	RM2
1652 N Jarrett St	2597	4/2	\$749,000	\$750,000	4	R5
2334 N Alberta St	3043	4/2.1	\$789,000	\$795,000	4	R5
5528 N Detroit Ave	2872	5/4	\$850,000	\$875,000	4	R2.5
2413 N Emerson St	938	2/1	\$415,000	\$435,000	5	R5
5525 N Boston Ave	2080	3/1	\$575,000	\$575,000	5	R2.5
2025 N Wygant St	2240	4/2	\$625,000	\$650,000	5	R5
5851 N Campbell Ave	2120	4/2	\$659,000	\$675,000	6	R5
4204 N Castle Ave	1770	3/2	\$385,000	\$472,000	7	R5
1455 N Killingsworth St #209	674	1/1	\$159,999	\$171,000	8	CM3
3970 N Interstate Ave #204	769	1/1	\$259,000	\$240,000	9	CM3
5655 N Denver Ave	1743	3/2	\$514,500	\$515,000	11	R5
3920 N Montana Ave #101	1198	2/2	\$400,000	\$400,000	12	RM2
5024 N Montana Ave	1632	3/2	\$575,000	\$600,000	13	RM3
5916 N Atlantic Ave	2022	4/2	\$499,000	\$499,000	14	R5
1550 N Sumner St	2348	3/2.1	\$775,000	\$775,000	17	RM1
1632 N Wygant St	1407	2/1	\$439,000	\$420,000	28	R5
4138 N Montana Ave #6	837	2/1	\$335,000	\$338,680	34	CM3
5221 N Maryland Ave #1	881	1/1.1	\$409,900	\$395,000	46	CM3
3920 N Montana Ave #302	1198	2/2	\$425,000	\$435,000	53	RM2
3970 N Interstate Ave #203	1387	1/1	\$269,900	\$244,500	74	CM3
3970 N Interstate Ave #406	1450	2/2	\$429,000	\$410,000	77	CM3
2639 N Sumner St	2646	3/2	\$453,900	\$395,000	211	R5



Real Estate Recap

Here is a round-up of real estate sales completed in the Overlook neighborhood in 2Q2023.

Thanks to our Overlook neighbors for sourcing this information for you!

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The report now includes zoning designation. Pay attention to this important property information. Here's where you can learn more about Portland zoning & what each code allows.

www.portlandmaps.com/bps/zoning/#/map/zoning/#/map/

New to Overlook? Welcome to the neighborhood!

Get yourself over to the OKNA website OverlookNeighborhood.org and find all the resources you need to feel right at home!

Join our Email list and 'like' us on Facebook & Insta @ OKNAinPDX to stay up-to-date with the news.

Overlook Coffee Shops

Coffee shops are a staple of any happy community, and in Overlook we're overjoyed to have delicious options available in every corner of the neighborhood. Here's a round up of Overlook coffee shops; do you have a favorite?

Collected by neighbor Julianne Sixel; thank you!



Iced goodness at The Stacks

Just Botta Coffee
1502 N Ainsworth St
7:30 am-4:00 pm daily

Located inside Botta Moto Works, and open to the public. Serving delicious hand crafted espresso drinks, nitro cold brew, sparkling tea and more. Also serving Bowery Bagels and pastries from Petunia's.

Madrona Hill Café
5937 N Greeley Ave
6:00 am-3:00 pm daily

Relaxing, art-adorned coffeehouse features specialty drinks, sandwiches and house-baked pastries.

Blend Coffee
2710 N Killingsworth St
M-F 7:30 am-2:00 pm
Sat/Sun 8:30 am-3:00 pm

Bright airy hangout with free Wi-Fi offers coffee and baked goods as well as regional beer and wine.

The Stacks Coffeehouse
1831 N Killingsworth St
7:00am-4:00 pm most days,
open 'til 8:00 pm on Tues
Sunday 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Neighborhood coffeehouse filled with books. Serving coffee, tea, breakfast tacos and pastries.

La Perlita
5620 N Interstate Ave
8:00 am-4:00 pm daily

A POC owned and operated cafe. Proudly serving Reforma Roasters coffee. Serving cortaditos, the award winning True Mexican Mocha, cafe negro, espresso, pour overs, you name it. Also selling bottled flash brew and bags of Reforma Roasters. Come in Fridays for La Reinita pastries.

Holiday Moka (in the Kaiser building)
3500 N Interstate Ave
Mon-Fri, 7:00 am-5:00 pm

Daryl's Cousin Biggy Foots Lives in Overlook

By Michelle Thompson
Overlook Views Coordinator

One day, a young person knocked on the front door at Paulina Thorne's house and asked "Can I install a Sasquatch on that tree stump out front?" A big maple had recently been removed on the corner, and the corner seemed bare in its absence. Without knowing exactly why, Paulina said Yes. She didn't know the artist. They never offered their name or motivation. But somehow, in the moment, it felt right.

Paulina's late husband Connie Thorne was a Scout leader and had a business teaching urban wildcrafting in our urban environment. He worked with lots of young people and was well loved by his students. Paulina says there was always someone dropping by to help Connie with one thing or another. Maybe one of his students heard that Connie had passed away and wanted to offer this tribute? Connie, with his wild head of hair and robust white beard, certainly seemed as if he was a creature of the woods. Somehow, it just felt right.

"Biggy Foots" quickly became a neighborhood treasure, with people turning up at all hours for selfies with the Squatch. Dog walking neighbors, strolling Kaiser staff and the meandering curious have all come across its serious visage and been instantly charmed. Well, until somehow, hopefully not on purpose, one of Biggy's arms was broken off at the elbow. This

damage bothered my husband Pete for ages until I finally reached out to Paulina's family seeking permission to mend him. You see, Pete can fix just about anything and handymen never retire.



Pete working the multi-step repair procedure.

With dry weather and his schedule finally clear, Pete reshaped the arm and secured it in a new position. Paulina looks forward to watching all the goings on as neighbor kids stare in wonder, visitors commune

with the Squatch and people interact with their community. If you want to find the magic, look around the intersection of N Mason & N Colonial on the south side of Overlook.



Restored to new glory, the Sasquatch keeps an eye on things.



Pete with the OG Biggy Foots.

Clear Out Your Household Junk at Waste Collection Event!

Last year's multi-neighborhood Fall Waste Collection Event was such a success, we're doing it again!

Overlook, Arbor Lodge and Kenton Neighborhood Associations invite you to either drive, bike, or walk-thru to drop off your extra house-

hold waste at our combined collection event on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Here's a partial list of what we'll collect:

Household junk
Metal

Block Styrofoam – no film or peanuts
Tires, sponsored by Les Schwab Tires on Lombard



Details and volunteer opportunities to come soon; stay tuned to OKNA's email announcements or contact Stacey at events@OverlookNeighborhood.org to help make this another successful Waste Collection Event!



One of the traveling pianos of @pianopushplay visited Overlook the week ending July 24, 2023. The image above shows piano, installed on the south side of the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) at 5340 N Interstate Ave. This piano was designed by some of the artists in residence at IFCC.

Anyone was welcome to enjoy this public piece of art; the photo shows Antoinette Edwards, a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee at the IFCC.

Help Develop a Center for Black Arts & Culture at Overlook's IFCC

Help advance the community-led vision for a center for Black arts & culture at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) in Overlook!

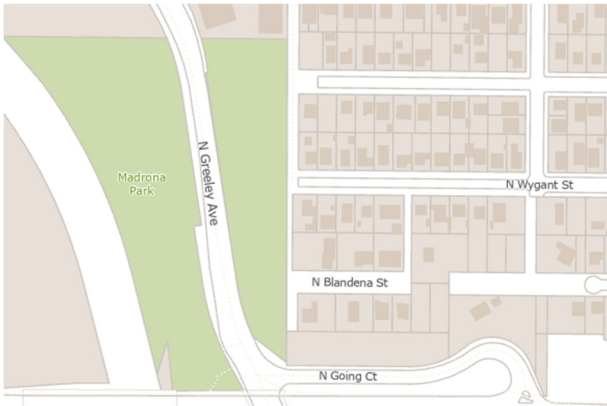
Come to a community gathering on Wednesday, August 30, to learn more and add your voice to the ongoing legacy of IFCC. A feasibility study is underway which will produce market, financial, and operational analyses to determine a sustainable operating plan for IFCC – a plan that is in alignment with the community's vision.

Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Avenue
Wednesday, August 30, 2023
5:45pm: Doors will open and refreshments will be served
6pm – 7:30pm: Presentation and small group conversations

Learn more about the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center and the feasibility study currently underway at portland.gov/parks/construction/ifcc.



Answers to Madrona Park Tree Damage Incident also: opportunities to volunteer!



By Reif Larsen
Overlook Neighbor

For those unfamiliar, Madrona Natural Area is the forested part of Madrona Park, directly south of adidas on the west side of N. Greeley, and it is owned and operated as a park by Portland Parks & Recreation (PPR). Several months have passed now since a few concerned Overlook neighbors discovered severe root damage and extensive ecological impacts to the forested bluff, which has been a protected natural area since 1921 and is home to several of the few remaining, mature Pacific Madrones in Overlook. Our combined efforts revealed that the

root damage was caused by heavy machinery, operated by contractors working for PPR's City Nature department, following an emergency eviction order from the Street Services Coordination Center, a county-city partnership formed by Mayor Wheeler.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA-PNW) cautions against using heavy machinery within mature trees' critical root zones, as was done here, and on public projects this always requires a permit and is often prohibited. So far, PPR has worked collaboratively with us to find answers and approach accountability for the technical oversight that may still lead to the permanent loss of urban forest. City Nature has expressed their remorse over the methods used, agreed that this sets a risky precedent for future emergencies, and have discussed establishing a set of Best Management Practices for similar situations when time does not allow for typical tree protection and erosion control procedures.

City Nature has also discussed hosting volunteer efforts in the coming rainy season for the restoration of the Madrona Natural Area. PPR and OKNA have collaborated in the past to plant native species on the site, and to continue this relationship would both help the site recover and demonstrate to our City government how important this nature patch and others like it are to us as a community. Please stay tuned for opportunities to volunteer! Message us at Parks@OverlookNeighborhood.org now while you are thinking about it and we'll be in touch! Thank you to all who contributed to this neighbor-led success!

Leslee's Home Electrification Project

By Leslee Lewis
OG Sustainable Overlook

This year we finally completed the last stage of our energy efficiency projects in our 1909 Overlook house. This involved replacing the natural gas furnace (which had itself replaced a heating oil furnace 30 years ago) with a heat pump system. That system involves an outdoor heat exchange unit and 4 indoor delivery units, and both heats and cools the house.

Over many years we have put blown cellulose insulation into the walls, put solar panels on the roof, and in an Energy Trust of Oregon Home Energy Audit project, added even more insulation to the attic, sealed leaks, replaced the old electric water heater with a hybrid heat pump water heater, replaced a few leaky windows with double paned windows and added some Indows (locally designed and produced interior insulating 'storm' windows) to 8 other windows. All to reduce heat loss in colder months and heat gain in the hot ones.

We are still in our first year of living with this new heating and cooling system, and it is definitely requiring some adjustments – there is no sudden ability to generate heat or cold, so we are tending (like most heat pump users I've talked to) to put the heat pump on a certain setting and just leave it there. I have to say it's been very nice to have cooling in the house for the first time... It's been a pretty warm summer so far.



Now, aside from an aging Subaru wagon, which we are keeping for our infrequent long-distance travel, we are burning no more petroleum products at home. What things are you doing to make your home more resilient or energy efficient?

How many Electrification Incentives do you qualify for?

Interested in getting a new heat pump for your home, or perhaps an electric vehicle, water heater, electrical panel, or even solar panels? Good news! The benefits to homeowners from the Inflation Reduction Act are numerous and really starting to come online as we get into the second half of 2023.

Visit Rewiring America's online IRA calculator to see how much your home can qualify for across a whole range of product types:
www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator

2023 Overlook Yard Sale & Free Share Was Poppin'!

By Josh Cabot
Sustainable Overlook Chair

This year's Overlook Yard Sale & Free Share was another reminder that we're bringing our neighborhood together in bigger and better ways following the pandemic. Since this format of the Yard Sale & Free Share was launched neighborhood-wide in 2011, this was the largest year yet with more than 57 homes participating with the map, and plenty more informally joining in on Saturday and putting out free items on Sunday. Thanks to everyone who took the time to peruse the sales and free piles, and chat up your neighbors. Having Porchfest align with this weekend made for so many opportunities to meet, reconnect, and remind ourselves of what a special place we have here in Overlook.



Free Piles are an easy way to keep items out of storage and in use.



Castle Avenue vendors discover the joy of selling at the Overlook Yard Sale/Free Share.

For those thinking way ahead, note that we always have the Yard Sale & Free Share on the 3rd weekend in July. See you in 2024!

BUILDING THE COMMUNITY YOU WANT! LIL PET LIBRARY IS UNIQUE

By Isabella Delacosta
Overlook Neighbor

After a nearly 30-year career in finance, I made a decision to do something meaningful with my life. I wanted to pursue a career in veterinary technology and become a veterinary nurse.

Seven years ago, I bought a house in the Overlook neighborhood, went back to school and became a licensed Veterinary Technician, currently working in the ICU department at Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital. Nearly every day, I walk around the neighborhood with two of my dogs, Rex and Henry, and we stop by several of the cute little free libraries around the neighborhood. I thought it would be a cute idea to build a little library of my own, but after working in an emergency animal hospital I decided to build a little library for our furry friends. I wanted it to be a place where people could bring all of the things their puppies and kittens had outgrown, or from pets that had passed away, and share them with others who needed them. By chance a few months ago, I was invited to an auction fundraiser, and surprisingly there was this amazing little library that someone's father had built up for auction. The person who built this little library used to be a design engineer for the Lane County public works department and worked on many of Oregon's covered bridges during his career. The little library itself is modeled after an old wooden bridge. I felt a strong desire to bid on this free library.. it was perfect for my idea to have a free small animal library. It was big and spacious inside, had hooks on the outside for leashes and collars, and had a large base for a number of other things. Luckily, I won the auction and set it up out front of my house.



I immediately posted it on the Buy Nothing Group and the Overlook Neighborhood Chat Facebook page. In the beginning it was very exciting. I put a bunch of my own used things in the box, had a little watering station below for thirsty dogs and posted PSA safety signs near the little library. My hope was to have a reservoir of things for peoples' furry friends and companions, and to share my knowledge as a Veterinary Technician with others in the community to help keep their pets safe and happy.

Unfortunately, this has not turned out as I had hoped... Someone has been coming by regularly and taking every single thing out of the little library, and leaving it empty every day. My signs were also recently vandalized, pulled off their metal stakes and replaced with a dirty pizza box. I have yet to figure out how to combat the problem, and I'm not sure why it's been happening, but it has been incredibly upsetting to say the least.

I recently secured a treat bowl to the little library so that it cannot be removed and I have placed a hook that can also not be removed on the side of the library which has poop bags for those who might have forgotten them on their walk. So far those are still there and I am grateful that at least these items are still available to all the passersby.

I hope that this little library survives the current issues....it is my dream to make sure all the furry creatures in overlook are treated to something special whenever they walk by.

Explore and support Isabella's little free animal library on N Concord, south of N Skidmore Street.

EXPLORE OVERLOOK:

PT658, AN OVERLOOKED GEM OF OVERLOOK

By Stacey Nuissl
OKNA Events Chair

Save the PT Boat, Inc is a non-profit formed to restore and preserve PT658, a WWII patrol torpedo boat, one of only 4 surviving U.S. Navy PT boats. PT658 is named to the National Historic Register by the National Park Service and is the only place on the register that floats.

It is nestled in a custom made boat house in a lagoon on Swan Island where it has been docked and restored since 1992. The boat house also houses a museum & research library. Many photos & artifacts related to the history of PT boats and their role during WWII are housed in the museum and there are docents present with stories for every artifact & piece of memorabilia.

PT boats played an important role during WWII, mostly in the Pacific & European Theater but also assisted on the European front and even during the D Day invasion at Normandy. PT boats typically made night runs in squadrons of 8 boats with a crew of only 12-19 men. They were especially good at swiftly maneuvering at high speeds when necessary. Throughout the war PT boats successfully sunk 38 enemy vessels.

Once the war was over, most of the PTs were stripped of valua-

ble parts & destroyed and many now lay in the depths of the Mariana trench in the Pacific Ocean

The tour of PT658 includes a guided interpretation of every part of the boat & visitors are allowed on and below deck, including crew & captain quarters and the engine room. The engine room houses three 2500 horsepower Packard marine v-12 engines. Thus making it possible for the patrol boats to reach speeds of 60 mph.

I had the opportunity to sit in a turret with a .50 cal twin Browning M2 machine gun!

A list of all of the PT658's armament stock are outlined in detail on the website savetheptboatinc.com

The boat & museum is 100% maintained and operated by a group of about 20 volunteers. Every Monday, Thursday and Saturday about 6 volunteers will be found giving tours, working on various parts of the boat and serving as docents in the museum.

My tour guide, Bob Day, has been volunteering on the boat for 15 years. He offered a treasure trove of facts, stories and bits of trivia.

All of the volunteers comple-



ment each other in their areas of expertise such as Gary being the electrical guy, Ron working on paint & engines & Larry the webmaster. Ron's favorite part of being on the volunteer team is building relationships with his fellow volunteers who share the love of preserving the history of PT boats for future generations.

The annual operating cost to maintain the boat and the museum is about \$120,000. The non-profit survives on generous donations from individual donors, community organizations and in kind donations. Their biggest donor is Quest for Truth Foundation. Housing the boat is possible from the generous break that Vigor Industries offers for mooring expenses.

I want to thank Bob Day, Ron Taylor and Gary Veenker for taking the time to give me such an informative tour of PT658!

To arrange a tour & visit the museum, call 503-286-3083 or email ptboat658@gmail.com Visitors will need to make arrangements ahead of time to meet your tour guide at the locked gate at 5556 N Lagoon Ave.

For more information, to make a donation or to take a virtual tour, visit their website at <https://www.savetheptboatinc.com/history.htm>



OUTDOOR OVERLOOK – PATIOS THAT MAKE LIFE DELICIOUS

ROUND UP THANKS TO OVERLOOK NEIGHBOR ERICA TAFAVOTI

With lots of August left and a beautiful Second Summer on the way, we've got plenty of months to experience the joys of drinking a fresh beverage in a charming patio setting. Overlook is home to a generous selection of outdoor eating/drinking spots that have elevated their al fresco patio scene.

Advice Booth
5426 N Gay Ave
Mon-Thurs 3pm-12am
Fri-Sat 1pm-1am
Sunday 1pm-12am

A charming local haunt with a photo booth, plenty of board games, and trivia hosted by Untapped Trivia every Tuesday. You'll find rotating slushies, pudding shots, and lots of friendly faces. Their large, covered patio makes for an excellent place to imbibe in every season.



The Old Gold
2105 N Killingsworth St
Mon-Thurs 3pm-11pm
Fri 3pm-12am
Saturday 12pm-12am
Sunday 12pm-11pm

Drink Where You Live goes the slogan, and this neighborhood joint has been here for a whiskey drink, reliable dinner, birthday party or wake - whatever the family occasion calls for. Solid sandwich and salad selection in the out-front patio.



Spitz
2103 N Killingsworth St
Mon-Thurs 11am-10pm
Fri-Sun 11am - 10pm
Happy hour daily 3-6

Donar meats and delicious Mediterranean munchies based on street fare with Turkish flare make a fine accompaniments to a refreshing drink in the sun; the seasonal sangrias are a civilized way to take the sun in the street-side patio.



Backyard Social
1914 N Killingsworth St
Mon-Tues 4pm - 9pm
Weds-Sat 4pm - 10pm

The backyard patio gives major cozy vibes as if you're hanging at a friend's house - if your friend had slushies and pudding shots. There's a full menu of seasonal salads, lots of veg-friendly options, a burger, and plenty of small plates for snacking.



Gilded Raccoon Wine Lounge
1910 N Killingsworth St, Portland, OR 97217
Tues-Sat 5pm-10pm

Find the neighborhood's biggest selection of wine by the glass and plenty of bottles to go. On pleasant days, you can enjoy a glass of chilled white, rosé, or my favorite - Lambrusco, a bubbly chilled red - along with charcuterie and snacks on their covered street side patio.

George's Corner
5501 N Interstate Ave, Portland, OR 97217
11am - 2am daily

Old school neighborhood tavern that still draws the first dates. Known for their burgers, fried chicken and a no-cussing policy. Yeah it's popular now, but it didn't go to their head. They just added a little patio in the backyard for shenanigans.



Satellite Tavern
5101 N Interstate Ave
11am - 10pm daily

Featuring a large covered patio that makes for all-weather outdoor eating and drinking and a perfect place to catch a game. You'll find tons of TVs, corn hole, buckets of beer, Jell-O shots, and lots of fans in jerseys. Don't miss the jalapeño poppers if they're on special!



Greeley Avenue Bar & Grill
5421 N Greeley Ave
Mon-Thurs 11am -12am
Friday 11am-1AM
Saturday 9AM-1AM
Sunday 9AM-12AM

Hearty burgers & lots of TVs are featured at this bar with wood-paneled walls, pool & live music but it's the weekend brunch you don't want to miss. Diner favorites and dive bar drinks with a modern sensibility.



Arbor Look Carts
5916 N Greeley Ave
12pm - 10pm daily

10 rotating options on draft and non-alcoholic offerings plus over 250 beers and dozens of Wine, Cider, Seltzer, and other options that can be enjoyed in the beer garden. Covered seating with some heat available as well. Movie Nights and a Magic Box vending machine keep it fun and social. Pets and children are welcome.



Should we know? Email Michelle with your neighborhood info:
views@OverlookNeighborhood.org

Borrow, Don't Buy!

Community Resource:
The NPTL is dedicated to building community and fostering sustainability by providing free tool access. One of the only tool libraries in the world with a free membership, access to tools, and educational workshops.



**NORTH
PORTLAND
TOOL LIBRARY**



My name is Nic Cota (he/him), the transportation chair for the Overlook Neighborhood Association (OKNA).

My goal is to make sure every Overlook resident feels empowered to walk, bike, roll, and take transit for as many trips as they can. I believe we live in the **BEST** neighborhood to live car-light, or car-free as far as transportation goes! For example: we have not just one, but **THREE** MAX stops! We also have the busiest bus line in the whole state, Line 72 Killingsworth running through our neighborhood! Our streets are also very flat, and low traffic: a perfect roadway climate for biking around for those small inner-North Portland trips!

My ask of neighbors is to understand each of our personal barriers to reasons why we can't get around without a car. Is it the distance? Are there no alternatives? Why aren't there alternatives? Is it something the Overlook Neighborhood Association can help prioritize and focus on? Let me know!

If you're interested in transportation, come join me; we can always use more folks in the transportation committee! Email me at transportation@overlookneighborhood.org, or come to an OKNA meeting or one of our monthly community bike rides.

Thanks for reading the Views, let's catch up soon! Happy biking/walking/rolling!

Nic Cota, OKNA Transportation Chair

Overlook Community Bike Rides

We have monthly coffee meetups and bike rides! Join us every 2nd Sunday of the month, 9:30am at Stacks Coffeehouse on N Killingsworth.

Upcoming Transportation Coffee Meetups and Bike Rides:

- August 13th, 2023
- September 10th, 2023
- October 8th, 2023
- November 12th, 2023
- December 10th, 2023



Overlook Transportation Updates

North Portland in Motion - the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) has been working with a committee of volunteers (I'm one of them and the Overlook liaison!) to identify projects throughout North Portland to help make biking, walking, and transit safer, quicker, and more accessible. The plan is going to the city council sometime this fall to be approved and includes several projects in Overlook. Check out 'North Portland in Motion' online for more information!

Delaware Neighborhood Greenway - PBOT has funded a new neighborhood greenway running from the adidas campus all the way north to Columbia Boulevard. Dates TBD as they are awaiting their roadway crews to have availability to install the project.

Greeley Transit and Freight lanes - In order to keep freight moving on this critical corridor, PBOT is planning to designate the outside lane of northbound Greeley Ave between Interstate and N Going St as a bus and freight priority lane. Dates TBD.

Concord/Killingsworth Diverter - A traffic diverter has been installed on N Concord where it crosses Killingsworth. This was installed to keep vehicles from using Concord to bypass Interstate, and keep traffic counts low. This small improvement will help keep the Concord greenway safe for the many families and Beach students who bike and walk on Concord. Please use caution!

Shaver Greenway - A small portion of neighborhood greenway has been installed on N Shaver St between N Concord Ave and the Failing St Bridge over I5. This greenway will in the near future be connected to another greenway further east to help guide bikes heading east into Northeast Portland.

Public Art Spotlight: TriMet's Overlook Park Station

A delightful series of public art installations enliven the MAX train stations along Interstate Avenue's Yellow Line.

Situated at the top of the hill with a broad vista of the city, Overlook Park Station offers direct access to the Kaiser Permanente medical offices, the grassy expanse of Overlook Park, and the Polish Library Hall and St Stanilaus Church, historical landmark buildings that are the heart and soul of the Polish community. The Overlook neighborhood developed at the turn of the 20th century along one of Portland's new streetcar lines, providing homes for the influx of European immigrants to the east side. Kaiser Permanente, the nation's largest health care program, dates back to the 1940s when Henry J Kaiser established a prepaid medical plan for the tens of thousands of workers employed at his wartime shipyards, including nearby Swan



Island.

Station artist Frenana D'Agostino approached this station as a complex puzzle that needed to incorporate the strong historical times of the Polish community, the present reality of a diverse neighborhood, the theme of health and healing and the natural beauty of the park. Light towers modeled after roadside shrines in Poland feature portraits of community members overlaid with images of nature. Art glass in the windscreen suggests the transforming power of nature.

Community map artist Margaret Eccles chose the image pictured above of a shaft of wheat with roots weaving into a street grid as a symbol of good health and longevity. Anatomical drawings silkscreened onto glass blocks and placed within the roots/street sytem show how various cultures have "mapped" the

Live Safe

Public Safety & Crime Prevention



Today I Learned .

In the City of Portland's never ending quest at perfection, some programs have recently moved bureaus, presenting new opportunities for citizens to help make their community safer.

The Community Safety Division handles many of the services of the former Crime Prevention program. Their website says "The City is developing an emergency response model grounded in the community's needs and capabilities. The Community Safety Division works with Council and public safety bureaus to develop equitable and accountable emergency response innovations and a holistic plan to modernize community safety."



Overlook Neighborhood Emergency Team

Join the Overlook NET Team email list for training and meeting dates and disaster preparation information. Overlook NET: www.facebook.com/OverlookNET

OverlookPrepares@gmail.com

Citizen Online Reporting

Report car prowls and other nonviolent crimes online:

www.portlandonline.com/police/cor/

Lost Property, Suspicious Activity, Theft From Vehicle, Vandalism (Excluding Graffiti) & More.

You may also call the police non-emergency number: **503-823-3333**

Reporting these crimes helps with data-

Some of these services are prioritized to neighborhoods with the highest need; maybe you're a person who likes to keep an eye on how the city is serving the community. Find these at the new website: www.portland.gov/community-safety

Safe Blocks Program
Street Services Coordination Center Overview
Rose City Self-Defense

Related public safety programs are linked here including:
Focused Intervention Team Community Oversight Group
Community Safety Data Project

North Portland Public Safety Action Committee (PSAC)

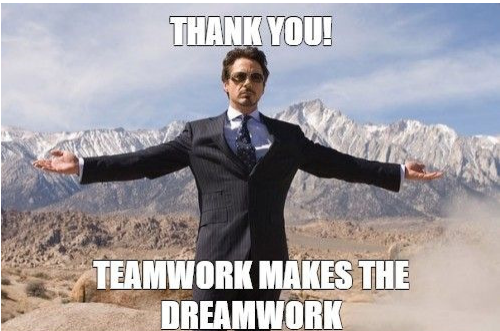
Take charge of your neighborhood's public safety and problem solve with public safety officials from the City of Portland, Portland Police Bureau, District Attorney's office and more at the monthly PSAC meetings.

co-facilitators
Akemi Joy Ishikawa
Judith Ashley Klefman

Join the mailing list for invitations to meetings, meeting notes, and other North/Northeast Public Action Committee updates.

<https://landing.mailerlite.com/webforms/landing/a7i4w7>

BUILDING THE COMMUNITY YOU WANT!
START WITH GRATITUDE



By Michelle Thompson
Overlook Views Coordinator

Sometimes, you get lucky in life. Land butter-side up. Come up aces. Overlook neighbors had just that experience in this past year+ when an extraordinary pair of people turned up to help the Overlook Neighborhood Association out of a jam. The details can be read in past Overlook Views issues or meeting minutes but it’s fair to say that Ana Helena De Castro and Nick Reddel stepped up and may have saved OKNA from dissolving into legal nothingness. With energy, talent and maximum community spirit, they took on two of the more important and time consuming positions in the organization and kept our 501-C3 non-profit on track and flourishing.

Ana and Nick practice what I believe in: Building the community you want to have. Ever inclusive, thoughtful AND practical, they worked hard to use the organization to it’s highest purpose: Communicating important civic news to neighbors, advocating for and representing the Overlook neighborhood in the many ways available and fostering a spirit of fun in community activities.

Thank you seems insufficient after just a month doing your tasks and while we are thrilled for your next adventure, we’re sure glad you’re “staying” in Overlook.

Eefcharisto poli, geítones and bon voyage!

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to come - while this should help to reinforce use of public transit and aligns with many principles of sustainable development, it will change aspects of the form and function of our neighborhood. If you'd like to learn more about how these processes work, visit <https://www.portland.gov/bps/planning/engage-land-use-planning>

Beyond these large developments, there are smaller but significant changes afoot in some areas of the neighborhood too. A handful of properties have sought to be subdivided to allow for smaller townhouses to be built, allowing for much-needed "missing-middle" housing. If you're interested to learn more, or if you'd like to get more involved with land use in the neighborhood, please reach out to Josh via landuse@overlookneighborhood.org. This is also a good moment to mention that the North Portland Land Use Group (NPLUG) is getting restarted after a few years' hiatus. The next meeting will be September 28th (the 4th Thursday of the month going forward) at 7pm at the Kenton Firehouse (8105 N Brandon Ave, Portland, OR 97217).

Upcoming Overlook Events

- August 14: OKNA Board Meeting/No General Meeting
- August 20: Movie in the Park!
- September: 1 Declare your intent to join the OKNA Board
- September 10: Neighborhood/Community Bike Ride
- September 11: OKNA Meeting and Board New Year Election
- September 30: Waste Collection Event with Arbor Lodge & Kenton Neighborhoods
- October 8: Neighborhood/Community Bike Ride
- October 20: Overlook Views Content Deadline
- October 31: Kids Halloween Party at Overlook House
- November 4: Winter Issue of Overlook Views
- November 12: Neighborhood/Community Bike Ride

You Can Help Oregon’s Foster Care Crisis

On any given day, there are about 6,000 children in Oregon’s foster care system. Many of these children come from situations of abuse and neglect only to find themselves facing uncertainty and instability once they enter foster care.

Boys & Girls Aid, a nonprofit founded in Portland in 1885, wants to change that. We are looking for compassionate people to help improve the lives of children in foster care.

A good foster home is often the first place a child in foster care has felt safe in a long time. Foster parents help children build trust in adults and provide a supportive environment where they can thrive.

Boys & Girls Aid supports foster parents with responsive program staff available 24/7, ongoing free professional training, and generous monthly, tax-free stipends ranging from \$1,200 to \$3,500 per month. There are options to fit every family, from full-time placement to relief care a few days a month.



Fostering children might bring life changes and challenges, but it’s a great opportunity to make a difference in a child’s life — and in your own life, too.

“It’s worth it to get to know these kids,” said experienced

foster parents Jen and Chad. “It’s enriched our lives a lot.”

To learn more, visit boysandgirlsaid.org/fostercare, or contact Outreach & Certification Coordinator Hallie Campbell at 503-544-7003 or hcampbell@boysandgirlsaid.org



O’look Ota Tofu Plans

Eater PDX and The Oregonian report that Ota Tofu, the oldest tofu shop in the country, will open a second production facility this year, at N Interstate Ave and N Mason. The labor-intensive hand pressing and folding method produces a delicious fresh tofu unlike others.

Some reporting confused a second project of Ota Tofu, under new ownership. The company will open a retail café at 812 S.E. Stark St. by the end of this year.

Read it all online <https://pdx.eater.com/2023/6/23/23771029/ota-tofu-shop-retail-space-portland>

<https://www.oregonlive.com/dining/2023/06/americas-oldest-tofu-shop-to-expand-with-second-portland-location-add-snacks.html>

Stay Connected With OKNA!

To receive **The OKNA Email** for more time-sensitive items, visit www.OverlookNeighborhood.org and join our mailing list.

Have news to share? Submit your short item to info@OverlookNeighborhood.org with ‘Post to List’ in the subject line. All submissions subject to review/edit.

Can’t wait? “Like” us on **Facebook** or **Instagram** @OKNAinPDX and share your thoughts immediately. Business neighbors: your commercial postings are welcome.

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Hi, Neighbor!
We'll see *you* at the Overlook Neighborhood Meeting

Come meet neighbors and find out ways you can be involved in neighborhood activities

The 2nd Monday of Every Month
September 11, 2023
6:00-7:00 pm General Meeting
7:00-7:30 Board Meeting

New Location! Meet in-person at Beach School, 1710 N Humboldt St



Overlook Neighborhood News



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PESTICIDE-FREE OVERLOOK

Help **OVERLOOK** become Portland's first Pesticide-free Neighborhood!

Let's work together for a healthier community:
Register your yard with Sustainable Overlook

learn more about natural gardening

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www.SustainableOverlook.org