

Overlea

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A Message to all Overlea Citizens

By Carol Stover

Holiday season is here! As I write this, Halloween has just passed, with Thanksgiving and Christmas right on its heels. The flurry of parties and shopping has begun. As the weather turns cold, please remember those around you in your neighborhood who may need help. Reach out to an elderly resident nearby and offer to shovel snow from their walkway. As you plan holiday festivities for your own family, invite someone on your block who is living alone to join you. Gratitude is contagious, and blessings grow when shared.

A lot has happened in Overlea this year, and there are many plans for new things to come in 2016. You will see changes to our newsletter and to our website. New partnerships are being formed with local businesses and organizations to strengthen our community interaction. Our focus next year will be on greater connection between all of Overlea's residents, businesses and institutions so that Overlea can begin to grow in more positive directions. To do this we need your support. Speak out to the OCA with your ideas, come to the meetings and share your thoughts. Everyone has something of value to offer.

Whatever holidays you celebrate at this time of year, may you and your loved ones be safe, healthy and thankful.

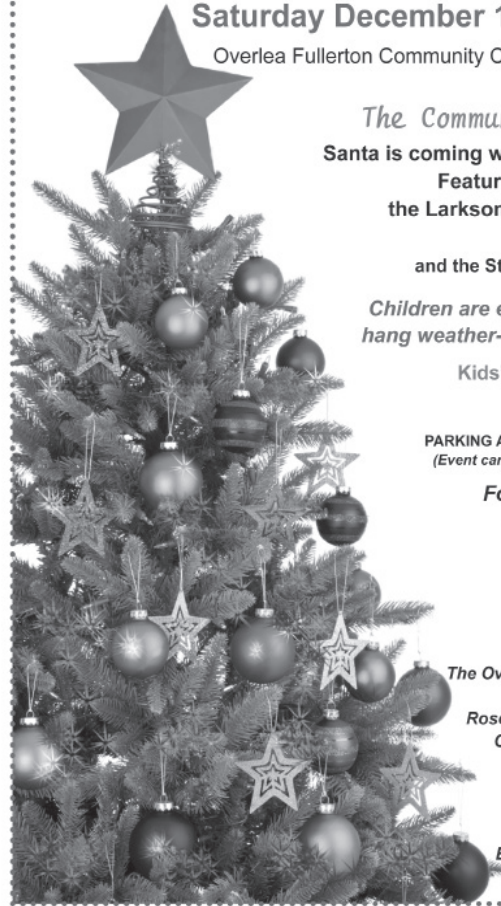
Overlea Businesses Partner Again to Sponsor Holiday Event

Overlea has great business partners in the community. Heather Lassahn of Lassahn Funeral Home, Inc. has provided resources, time and energy to numerous community projects. Lassahn was a primary sponsor of the Suffrage March Commemoration in 2013, made possible by their financial commitment to the project. Now for the second year, Heather will chair the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event scheduled for December 12th. Her leadership brings the business district together again to create an outstanding event, making Overlea THE holiday event destination in the greater East Baltimore area. Heather had this to say about her commitment to Overlea: "My family has proudly been part of this community for seven generations as a resident, business and community neighbor. I'm pleased to partner with the OCA and other businesses to produce the Tree Lighting event, and do what is needed to promote the community." Lassahn Funeral Home, Inc. at 7401 Belair Road, has been family owned and operated for five generations. Their second location, the E.F. Lassahn Funeral Home, P.A., is at 11750 Belair Road in Kingsville. Lassahn provides the highest standard of care and service to the community when our families need it most. To learn more, visit: www.lassahnfuneralhomes.com.

Mary Geddes of Raymond Geddes & Company, Inc. is another outstanding business force in our neighborhood. Mary was also a primary sponsor of the Suffrage March in 2013, helping to make it possible with her financial commitment. And now for the second year, Geddes & Co. is participating in the annual Christmas Tree Lighting event. Mary, as Heather, never hesitates support and contribute to our community. When asked about Overlea and her continued involvement, Mary remarked, "We love having our business in a real neighborhood. Our business has been here since 2008 and we enjoy the people, community and fellowship. It is our pleasure to be a business partner with Overlea." Raymond Geddes & Company, Inc., family owned and operated since 1924, is a national online school supply business located at 7110 Belair Road. Geddes & Co. also sells a huge variety of novelty promotional items that are ideal for school and church fundraisers. To learn more, visit: www.raymondgeddes.com.

Join Us for the 2nd Annual
Overlea Community Christmas Tree Lighting
Saturday December 12, 2015 • 7 p.m.

Overlea Fullerton Community Center • 7209 Belair Road



The Community is Invited!

Santa is coming with goodies for the kids!
Featuring Christmas Carols by
the Larksong A Cappella Ensemble,
in Renaissance costumes
and the St. Michael's Children's Choir

*Children are encouraged to make and
hang weather-friendly tree ornaments!*

Kids' goodie bags provided by
Raymond Geddes & Co.

PARKING AVAILABLE BEHIND THE CENTER
(Event cancelled in case of snow emergency)

For more information visit
www.OverleaRocks.org

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& additional support from
Baltimore County Government

Get Connected on



Are you "connected" yet? Overlea has its own neighborhood social networking site called NextDoor. Catch up on community news and join neighborhood conversations, simply by clicking on the NextDoor house icon shown on any page of our website, www.overle rocks.org. Or go to <https://overleabl.nextdoor.com> to sign up.

OCA MEETING SCHEDULE

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING:
Tuesday, March 8, 2016 • 7pm
LOCATION: The Natural History Society of MD
6908 Belair Road, Baltimore, MD 21206
corner of Chesley Ave. & Belair Rd.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE MARCH MEETING:

- Maryland State Delegate Cory McCray

The OCA holds monthly board meetings, usually on the first Thursday of every month. Residents and business owners are invited to attend, particularly if they want to bring forth an issue for discussion. Call or email Carol Stover to confirm meeting time, place and date. 410-961-6293 or carolstover@comcast.net.

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Nature Connections

Programs at the Natural History Society of MD

Enjoy Sunday afternoons of fun and hands-on exploration designed for families and anyone eager to learn more about nature. The programs at the Natural History Society of Maryland's Naturalist Center at 6908 Belair Road are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 1 – 4 PM, each with a different nature theme. Programs are free and open to the public. More details on each "Nature Connection," such as guest speakers and activities, are posted on their webpage at www.marylandnature.org/nature-connections. The Natural History Society is excited to offer these programs to educate and entertain the neighbors in the community, and to feature the valuable collections at the center. Their staff and volunteers look forward to connecting with you!

Dec 13: Winter Slumber: Cycles and Seasons
Dec 27: Winter Solstice: Watching the Night Sky
Jan 10: Owls
Jan 24: Tracks, Traces and Signs
Feb 14: Minerals
Feb 28: Skulls and Teeth

Sprucing Up Spruce Street!

The sidewalk, curb and gutter along Spruce Street has been replaced. Many thanks to Councilwoman Cathy Bevins who listened to the concerns of neighbors and the OCA. This "gateway road" to original Overlea now looks great!



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John's Corner

By John Miller

In this issue, we introduce a new column by our own local historian and longtime resident John Miller, who has lived in Overlea since 1948. John will share stories about Overlea's past and his experiences living here.

In the 1940s, my father-in-law Harry Kemp and his wife Emma purchased a large piece of land (2-1/2 acres) at the west end of Fuller Avenue. The property was deeded for six building lots; but Mr. Kemp wanted to build one house in the center of it, which he did with the help of his two sons, Harry and Frank. It took a year to build – which is a story for another time. But one interesting fact about it is that it was built using stones from the Pratt Street roadbed near where the Aquarium and Harborplace now stand. When the old streetcars were replaced, the paving stones that held the rails in place were pulled up and my father-in-law paid 2 cents each to buy them. We moved in in December 1948 and have been here ever since. During the early years we didn't have an automobile, so we walked to the streetcar line in Overlea. Those were the days when you knew everyone on your street and visited each other frequently. Today, you rarely see your neighbor.

In the next issues we'll be learning about other interesting times and people from Overlea. If you have some interesting Overlea history, contact me at 410-668-9683 or compound3@comcast.net.

Newsletter Delivery Options

Many of you have expressed concern over unpredictable newsletter delivery on your block. We heard you and are working to resolve this. Some of you said you would prefer to receive our newsletter in email form. Since preferences for email and physical delivery seem to be at 50/50 so far, we will continue to deliver a physical newsletter to your home unless we hear otherwise. To opt into our new "Email Only" delivery, please send your full name, complete address and the subject line "Email Overlea Newsletter" to Ed Mahoney at emahoney77@gmail.com. The carrier on your block will then know to skip your house, and the OCA will email the newsletter to you electronically. Everyone we have an email address for will automatically receive it that way regardless.

DUMPSTER DAY

It does not matter if you live city side or county side - if you live in Overlea, you can use the dumpster for FREE. Dumpster Days are for OVERLEA RESIDENTS ONLY - NOT FOR COMMERCIAL USE. There will also be a blue pick-up truck at each event to collect metal objects you want to dispose of.

DUMPSTER DATE: DECEMBER 12

9am - Noon or until full • Brook Avenue and Overlea Avenue
ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: oil-based paints, pesticides, herbicides, car and household batteries, drain cleaners, gasoline, pool chemicals, tires or any other hazardous materials.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR OCA DUES *Have you paid your dues yet? Support your community by sending in your membership dues! You can pay by Paypal, visit www.OverleaRocks.org/OCA info tab.*

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OCA MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Membership is active from September 2015 through August 2016.

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