

OCA 2022 – 2023 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Dear Neighbor,
YOUR Overlea Community Association works hard on your behalf to make our community better for everyone who lives here! We need your support to keep our programs and services continuing through next year. Improving the quality of life in the community takes hard work, persistence and dedication by residents. Paying dues is a great contribution to this effort.

Here's what your dues help to finance:

- The quarterly newsletters you receive
- The www.OverleaRocks.org website
- Donations for use of the facilities for General Meetings
- OCA post office box
- Beautification projects

- Beautiful plantings in our Belair Road stone flowerpots
- Donation to support the annual fireworks display
- Donations and insurance for the Christmas Tree Lighting event
- ...and many other operating costs.

The people who serve you in the community are all volunteers, and your dues are only used for Overlea events and operating costs. So every dollar goes into making YOUR community better! **Please Join Today!**

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July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 OCA MEMBERSHIP- YES, I WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OVERLEA!

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Want to stay up to date on all the happenings in our neighborhood? Our membership bulletin is emailed monthly to all dues paying members! Stay informed on important issues and events happening in Overlea. If you have paid your dues but have not provided the OCA with your email address (or if you do not have one) please contact Doris Poling, Membership Chair at 443-841-9132. Membership is PER PERSON, paid yearly, July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023. Please Submit your dues using the coupon below or online. Thank you for your support!

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Overlea Community President's Message

Dear Residents of Overlea,

Spring is finally here! That can only mean one thing, The Overlea Farmer's Market is returning to Overlea. Starting June 4th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m, the party can be found in the parking lot of the Natural History Society of Maryland to celebrate seasonal produce, coffee, meats, eggs, flowers and more! We are so excited to be returning for our 7th year of the market. This is truly a community effort, and the market can only survive and THRIVE with the support from members of the Overlea Community. While you are at the market, be sure to stop inside the NHS to see all the amazing programs they have to offer. Our farmer's market runs EVERY OTHER Saturday until October 22nd. If you would like to volunteer for the Farmer's Market, please email me at mspicknall1@gmail.com for more information.

Your Overlea Community Board has been hard at work. We received information last month that thanks to the efforts of our County Councilwoman, Cathy Bevins and County Executive Johnny Olszewski, Baltimore County will commit 7 million dollars towards the State's request for Federal funds to revitalize Belair Rd. If approved, these federal funds will continue the Belair Rd revitalization project. The total cost of this project with federal, state, and local funding will be the 36-million-dollar investment in our community. When this project is completed, Belair road will be ADA compliant with a greatly improved, safer walkway with crosswalks. This will benefit businesses and community members alike.

In addition to the funds for Belair Rd, three million dollars will be allocated for updating Lillian Holt Park, the site of the Overlea ArtsFest and a true community treasure. The Natural History Society of Maryland will also receive one million dollars toward their building

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Fullerton Fireworks Celebration is Back!

After a two year postponement, the iconic fireworks celebration is back.

This year's event will be on Sunday July 3rd with a rain date of Monday July 4th. Music by Awaken will begin at 5 pm with food vendors ready to serve you. This year's vendors include Jimmy's Famous Seafood, Sporty Dogs, Bullseye's Pit Beef, Quinn's Ice Cream, pizza, burgers and a lot more. Once again, beer and wine sales will be sponsored by the Fireworks Foundation.



The biggest fireworks display in Maryland will begin at 9:15 pm. Volunteers are always needed! If you can help, please contact George Stover at: george@adventureproductions.com



Overlea Farmers Market Returns

Save the dates! The Overlea Farmers Market, organized by your Overlea Community Association, begins on Saturday, June 4 and runs every other Saturday through October 22. We'll be in the parking lot of the Natural History Society of Maryland (6908 Belair Rd). So get those dates on your calendars now, and plan to support local farmers, bakers, and makers this season. If you'd like to get involved (all hands on deck!), please email OCA president Melissa Davis: president@overleasonline.org. See you at the market!

OCA MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Overlea Community Association meeting will be June 4th, 2022, @ 7pm. This important meeting will include elections for the 2022-2023 year of the Overlea Board. Please check the website / facebook for meeting details, or email president@overleasonline.org. Until then, community updates will be broadcast via OCA Email Bulletins to current members, and advertised on Facebook and Nextdoor. Please sign up for the community association bulletin emails by becoming a member of the Association. If membership dues are a barrier to you, please reach out to Melissa Davis about alternatives (president@overleasonline.org).

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and programs. These are tangible investments in the betterment of our community, and we are incredibly thankful.

In addition to our busy spring, ArtsFest will be returning to Holt Park this summer on August 12th-14th. Check out our juried Art Show, live entertainment, film festival, and so much more. ArtsFest started as a one-day celebration of the arts, and has grown into a three day must see event for the whole family, that celebrates the Baltimore art community.

And who can forget, the Fullerton Fireworks?! It's back, and bigger than ever! This year the event will be held on Sunday July 3rd, with a rain date of Monday July 4th at the Fullerton Field. We have SO missed these fireworks for the past two years and I have it on good authority that this year's show is not to be missed. Events will kick off at 5 p.m. with live music, food, and of course FIREWORKS!

We have so many events happening this spring and summer! I look forward to seeing all of you!

Stay safe,
Melissa Davis, *OCA President*

Overlea ArtsFest at Holt Park August 12th, 13th & 14th
Join us in August as Overlea ArtsFest 2022 comes back to Holt Park & Center for the Arts, with a fabulous full weekend of entertainment and activities:

Friday, August 12th officially opens the Juried Art Show & Sale at 5 pm, with a 'Peace-Love-Art' theme. Wear your favorite 60s outfit and shop for some great local art! At 8 pm Friday evening the Film

Festival begins, with compelling local and international short films. Saturday, August 13th brings a performance by the Ed Hrybyk jazz trio, Latin music by the Bad Hombres, a special appearance by the one-and-only Baltimore Hons, and more! Plus free art activities for kids sponsored by Holt Park, and Art on the Trails nature walks.

And new this year - educational workshops for artists, junior artists, photographers and writers, offered for free on Sunday. Details coming soon on our new website at www.OverleaArtsFest.org. See you at the ArtsFest!

Friendly Summertime Reminders
As lawn mowing season is here, please be reminded that it is illegal to blow grass clippings into the street. The debris and fertilizers are pollutants to the Chesapeake Bay. Also, city residents are responsible for maintaining the grassy alleys behind their homes. They should be free of debris and overgrowth that may prevent utility trucks from accessing the alleys.

Many Thanks to Councilwoman Bevins
Thank you Councilwoman Bevins for your unending dedicated commitment to our neighborhood. It is with sincere thanks and gratitude that we acknowledge your hard work with local funding initiatives that will continue to put Overlea on the map.

The funding from Baltimore County for the Belair Road revitalization project, once completed, will attract new businesses and residents to the Overlea corridor. The funding for Holt Park will establish a unique Art park in Baltimore County. The funding for the Natural History Society of Maryland brings it closer to becoming The Natural History Museum of Maryland, a state-wide attraction. All three measures are critically important to the investment and growth of Overlea.

Over the years, Councilwoman Bevins has advocated for new sidewalks; raised school crosswalks; upgraded street lighting; the butterfly mural fence; renovation of the NHSM parking lot; establishment of the Overlea Commercial Revitalization District; stream restoration between E. Elm and Madeline Avenues; zoning of Kamenetz properties and green spaces; the GRAG grant; the Farmers Market; and so much more. We appreciate all she has done for Overlea during her tenure and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Community Commitment.....
Neighbors Making A Difference

By Doris Poling
Meet Paul and Jean Bender.

Jean was raised on Fuller Avenue and lived there until she was 26. Paul and Jean married in 1966- 55 years now. They moved into a lovely house on Taylor Avenue, just around the corner from where Jean grew up. Overlea has been their home since 1972.

They raised three sons in Overlea, one who now lives in the house Jean was raised in, raising his three children close by his parents. Their other two sons live in Idaho and they love going to visit the families there during the summer. They have nine grandchildren in total.

Jean and Paul walk in Overlea several times a week on their street and streets nearby. When they do, they make it count! They always have bags in hand for picking up litter as they go. They are committed to keeping their corner of Overlea neat and tidy. Jean had this to say about their efforts, "We want to make a difference on God's earth and it is a blessing and privilege to do this." She also added, "Bending is good for us!"

Jean and Paul hope others in the community, especially on the streets they walk, will be inspired by their efforts. You too can make a difference! Show your pride by taking a small bag with you while walking in the neighborhood and do your part to keep Overlea clean.



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This summer will mark the 9th year of generous financial support from Rosedale Federal Savings and Loan to fill our 14 beautiful Belair Road flower pots with lovely seasonal flowers! We could not do this beautification project without their help. Our community is grateful for their help.

Advantage Lawn and Landscaping continues to generously provide their services again along with community members paying their dues. If you or your business would like to fund a second late summer/early fall planting, please send your donation of \$500 to OCA, PO Box 18895, Baltimore, MD 21206.

Reasons to Compost Food Waste
Did you know that composting not only reduces waste going to a landfill but also upcycles those materials into a beneficial product to use in your own yard? By adding nutrients, compost improves the biological, chemical, and structural health of soils. If you would like to donate your food scraps, bring them to Farmers Market on alternating Saturdays from 9:30-10:30am beginning on June 4th!

Holt Park & Center for the Arts - Summer Programs

Activities for children and adults <http://www.overleafrc.com/programs/holtpark>

- Preschool Nature:** Wednesdays, 11am-noon
- World of Art & Crafts:** Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm
- Creative Clay:** Fridays, 6:30-8 pm
- Open Nature Cabin:** Saturdays, Noon-3pm
- Garden Club:** Sundays, 10-11am

- Summer Camps:**
- 7/25-7/29, 9am-1pm, Little Nature Explorers (3-5 yo)
 - 8/1-8/5, 9am-2pm, Nature Explorers (6-11 yo)

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