

Overlea ArtsFest Youth Art Show Returns in 2025!

Calling all parents, educators and caregivers, Overlea ArtsFest invites your young artists to contribute their artwork to our next exhibition! We are hosting a Youth Art Show for kids and teens at the start of the summer, generously sponsored by our friends at Rosedale Federal Savings & Loan.

Details with Rec & Parks are still being worked out, but we hope to hold the Youth Art Show at the picturesque Holt Park & Center for the Arts on June 7th and 8th, for a whole weekend of family fun and community engagement.

Artists can be aged 6 thru 17, but all skill levels and mediums are welcome! There is no fee to enter the show and no formal submission process. Art can be dropped off at Holt Park during the week before the show. Prizes will be given to winners in each category. More info is available at <https://overleaartsfest.org/youth-art-show/>.

Let your child's imagination soar with an array of unique art & craft activities while you enjoy a beautiful day together at the park, complete with snacks from Pappas Seafood Co.! Learn how you can help support Overlea's young and emerging artists at this event and beyond by visiting OverleaArtsFest.org.

Do You Receive The OCA Members Bulletin?

Want to stay up to date on all the happenings in our neighborhood? The OCA members bulletin is **emailed** monthly to all dues paying members! Stay informed on important issues and events 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 Debi Brocht, Membership Chair at brochtdebi@gmail.com. Membership is PER PERSON, paid yearly, (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025). Please Submit your dues using the coupon below or online. Thank you for your support!

OCA 2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES! I WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OVERLEA!

(July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025)

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Plans for New Local Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail

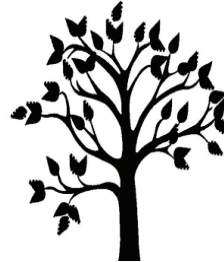
Dozens of residents joined DPWT staff last month at the Overlea-Fullerton Senior Center to learn more about the design plans for the proposed West-East Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail.

The approximately 3-mile West-East Trail would help connect Overlea and Parkville

communities. The planned trail will run from Hiss Avenue and Harford Road through Lillian Holt Drive. It will connect communities on Harford and Belair Roads, allow entry to Double Rock Park from the east entrance of the communities, (on Belair Road) and connect them to the proposed North East Trail and on to White Marsh. The project will add road markings and signage to create the trail thereby increasing safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. The OCA has voted to support this project.

Please Save Our Beautiful Old Trees From Ivy

English Ivy will strangle and kill a healthy tree! Winter is a great time to remove it. Using a hand saw, carefully cut out a 6-12" band around the tree trunk, near the base, then pull up as much from the ground as possible. The ivy above the cut out section will die off and fall from the tree.



Holt Park and Center for the Arts

34 Elmont Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21206

Leprechaun Quest - Sunday, Mar 16, 1-4pm

Come hunt for the leprechaun's treasure! For all ages. Cost: \$6. per Treasure Hunter

Egg Roll and Egg-stravaganza! - Sunday, Apr 13, Noon-4pm

Crafts, games, treats and family fun. Bring your own eggs to decorate in the historic cabin. For all ages. FREE.

Program registrations are on CivicRec: recandparks.baltimorecountymd.gov/MD/baltimore-co-md

Please visit www.overleafrc.com/programs/holtpark to find out more about programs and volunteer opportunities!

ADVERTISING RATES FOR THE OCA NEWSLETTER

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Overlea Community President's Message

These times are certainly unusual. There are days when I actively avoid the news about what novel approach to cutting government programs a nameless, faceless computer hacker has devised today. Much the way a hedge fund would liquidate assets in a company they were trying to look profitable, only to dress it up for a quick sale, or chop it up for parts, so we are carving up our government with a chain saw instead of a scalpel. There are a lot of good people, who have developed decades of expertise and competence in very specific subject matter. They are doing work that is sometimes repetitive or mundane, but none-the-less adds to a consistent data set we have been collecting for 250 years, or ensures breakfast gets delivered to underprivileged school kids who might not eat otherwise or makes sure the weather report is accurate. To see this class of public servants, who aren't shilling for lobbyists or working on their next book deal, scapegoated as the cause of government graft by the very people who write the funding bills in the first place just makes me angry.

But, in the face of this, we must keep living our lives. As the president of your community association, I want to assure you, I am not in it for the money. (This is a volunteer position.) I know the impulse people feel to help their communities and to give back through service is real because I operate on that drive as well. And when our neighbor has to leave town to help her aging mother, we take in her mail, and care for her dog. When the snow comes, we clear the sidewalk not just in front of our house, but more. The Overlea Community Association

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Overlea Community Association
Overlea Farmers Market
 2025

June 7
June 21
July 5
July 19
Aug 2
Aug 16
Aug 30
Sept 13
Sept 27
Oct 11
Oct 25

8:30-12:30
 Location to be determined
 Celebrating 10 years
facebook.com/overleafarmersmarket

Overlea Farmers Market 2025

We can't wait for the 10th season of our growers, makers, and bakers community event. The dates have been set, and applications are sent out. Due to construction at the Natural History Society, we'll have a new location - to be determined. Follow us on Facebook (Overlea Farmers Market) for info on market location and vendors. See you on June 7th!

OCA MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Overlea Community Association meeting will be **March 11, 2025, @ 7pm**

at **Lassahn Funeral Home 7401 Belair Rd, Nottingham, MD 21236**

Speakers: Reading Partners Baltimore and Councilman Mike Ertel

Community updates are sent via OCA Email Bulletins to current members, and advertised on Facebook and Nextdoor. Sign up for the bulletin emails by becoming a member of the Association. If membership dues are a barrier to you, please reach out to Martin Nibali about alternatives (president@overleonline.org).



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is a voice for you in local politics, in business development, in beautification. But first and foremost, we want to help our community come together. We want to empower you to be heard, but we also want to give you the opportunity to listen to each other.

We want to encourage you to “love thy neighbor” if for no other reason than to live the Truth that people aren’t just self-interested, petty, and indifferent. Our struggles are shared. Our triumphs can be, too.

Martin Nibali
President, OCA

Outstanding Issues for March 11th General Mtg.

Updates by Councilman Mike Ertel.

The leadership of the Overlea Community Association met with Councilman Ertel two times in 2024, requesting the following:

- 7201 Belair Road. Help with this burnt-out building. The OCA has asked for help from Baltimore County Government with little or no action. This eyesore embarrassment has been allowed to stand and foul our community for four years.
- Road paving on the east side of Belair Road, inside the Kenwood Avenue loop. After the gas line project was completed by BGE, most roads were spot paved. The OCA asked State Highways to finish the paving in 2023, with no action. The OCA has asked Councilman Ertel to advocate for this and paving on the west side of Belair Road, as well as gutter, curb and sidewalk replacement, and much needed sidewalk ramps in the Cherry Heights Community.
- Legislation request. The OCA requested Councilman Ertel to introduce a bill that would limit live music in a Commercial Revitalization District (CRD)-which Belair Road in Baltimore County in Overlea has. Specifically asking for no outside music allowed after 9pm, permitting requirements to include

providing off street parking and Community Association notification 30 days in advance.

• 6900 Belair Road. If the new business opens by March 13th, the liquor Board will allow transfer of the liquor license. The zoning change for this building happened last year restricting use that does not allow for a tavern. The liquor license transfer supersedes the zoning change under certain requirements. The OCA requested legislation to limit the number of times these licenses can be transferred after a zoning change.



Fullerton Fireworks 2025

The annual Fullerton Fireworks will be held on on Fullerton field Friday, July 4th with a raindate of Saturday, July 5.

Music and food will begin at 2pm with four bands performing throughout the day. Beer and wine sales will start at 3 pm.

Maryland’s largest fireworks display will ignite at 9:15 pm. We’re planning a CornHole tournament and other competitive activities which will take place throughout the day. Fullerton Avenue will close at 7 pm. Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the event. For further information contact: fullertonfireworksfoundation@gmail.com

Resources for Federal Workers

If you are a Federal employee affected by the terminations and actions in Washington, DC, this website may be helpful to you. Review your employment rights under federal law here: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/employee-relations/employee-rights-appeals/#url=Appeals>

Health Benefits of Walking

Walking is low impact, requires minimal equipment, can be done at any time of day and can be performed at your own pace. Walking is considered to be a weight-bearing exercise. Some of the benefits include:

- increased cardiovascular and pulmonary (heart and lung) fitness
- reduced risk of heart disease and stroke
- improves hypertension (high blood pressure), high cholesterol, joint and muscular pain, and diabetes
- stronger bones and improved balance, increased muscle strength and endurance and reduced body fat.

Political advertising in the OCA newsletter is accepted on a paid/space available basis, and does not constitute endorsement of any candidate.



Lassahn Funeral Homes Inc will Host OCA Meetings

The Natural History Society of Maryland building is undergoing renovations this summer. As a result of this, a new location was needed for the three OCA General Community meetings this year. Heather Lassahn and family have graciously agreed to host the meetings in one of their beautiful comfortable rooms. There is ample parking and the building is completely accessible. Heather had this to say, “We are always happy to help the Overlea Community and will enjoy having the meetings”. Thank you to the Lassahn family. We have good friends in the neighborhood!

Welcome New OCA Volunteers!

Elyse Morin and her husband Albert met as volunteers in Rockport, Texas while serving in AmeriCorps. Along with their daughter, they moved to the community in 2023. Elyse is a social worker at Oak Crest Village where volunteering is encouraged.



As an event manager, she was drawn to chairing the Adult Movie Night in September. Elyse looks forward to engaging with the community and making Movie Night a successful annual event.

Anthony and Marci Medina and family moved to the community in 2022. In 2023 they greatly enjoyed attending the Annual Tree Lighting event. Anthony is a professional community organizer in East Baltimore, so organizing is his forte! When approached about chairing the 2024 Tree Lighting event- he easily agreed. Anthony looks forward to chairing the event again in 2025. A huge success!

c moved to Overlea in 2021. Alex attends the National Night Out events, helps with the Bus Turnaround and is a regular volunteer at the Overlea Farmers Market- the best kind- he comes early for set up! Alex is a Chemist at DAP and a very talented professional photographer. Alex wanted to do more in the community and has agreed to become editor of the community newsletter. He will produce the quarterly newsletter and oversee other volunteers working on the publication and distribution.



Are you nterested in exploring volunteer opportunities with the Overlea Community Association? Contact Doris Poling, Vice President at dfpoling18@yahoo.com

Get Connected on

Catch up on community news and conversations on Overlea’s NextDoor social networking site. Sign up at <https://overleabl.nextdoor.com>.


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