

Project ReTree Fall 2025

Every spring and fall, Baltimore County’s Forest Management group plants trees throughout the county, offering residents tremendous benefits in terms of air quality improvement, cooling our communities and homes, biodiversity support, storm-water management, beautification, and helping people relax and recharge. In addition to tree planting along County roadways, individual homeowners can request a free tree to be planted in their front yards. Homeowners can even choose what tree species they’d like! Baltimore county residents can take advantage of this program by submitting a request before 8/29. To learn more, visit the County’s Project ReTree Site at <https://baltco-forestmanagement-bc-gis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/project-retree>



Tips for Successful Fall Planting

Fall is the time to plant spring-flowering daffodil, tulip, crocus, and hyacinth bulbs. Get plants in the ground at least six weeks before the ground freezes-up until early November. Water plants as needed to keep the soil moist to the depth of the root ball, continuing to water until the ground freezes.  
Mulch: Apply a 2-3” layer of organic mulch (e.g. shredded leaves, pine straw, or bark chips) around plants, keeping it several inches away from the stems or trunk. This conserves moisture and helps prevent winter freeze-thaw cycles that can stress plants.

Have You Paid Your OCA Dues Yet?

Membership is PER PERSON, paid yearly, (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026). Please submit your dues using the coupon below or pay online. Support your community!

OCA 2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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(July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)

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Notes from Your Neighborhood Museum

The Natural History Society of Maryland continues exterior renovations of the building, with work expected to be completed near the end of 2025. The Exhibit Halls will re-open to the public in January. The NHS program calendar is filled with events and opportunities for everyone! Enjoy a membership discount of 10% if you join or renew by 8/31/25. Members receive discounts on program registrations. To offer expanded museum hours NHS is seeking volunteer welcome desk greeters and gift shop helpers. If you are available weekdays, enjoy learning new things and want to make an impact right here in your neighborhood – we need you! Contact: [nhsm@marylandnature.org](mailto:nhsm@marylandnature.org).

Please do your part to keep Overlea neighborhoods clean and tidy by picking up any trash and debris that you see in the curbs and storm drains, especially after trash and recycling pick up dates.

Baltimore County Trash and Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Trash Pick-up: Friday      Recycling Pick-up: Thursday.  
The next bulk trash pick up date is November 11, 2025. For more info call call 410-887-2000 or go online to: Collection Schedule | Baltimore County Government <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste/collection-schedule>

Baltimore City Trash and Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Trash Pick-up: Thursday      Recycling Pick-up: Tuesday  
Every month, city residents can put out up to three items for bulk trash collection but must call 311 before the scheduled date to request this service. Go online: <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/pw-bureaus/solid-waste/bulk>

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The Overlea Community Association creates neighborhood awareness, community building and works to preserve Overlea’s charm by promoting and cultivating this thriving, growing and diverse neighborhood so others will come to live and call Overlea home.

Fall 2025 • [www.OverleaRocks.org](http://www.OverleaRocks.org) • Join us on Facebook too!

Overlea Community President’s Message

Dear Neighbors,  
These are busy times in Overlea—and while the world around us can often feel uncertain or overwhelming, I continue to be inspired by the strength, generosity, and spirit of our community.  
I’d like to share some updates and invite you to be part of what’s happening right here in our own backyard.  
First, mark your calendars! The 2nd Annual Movie Night is coming up on Friday, September 20, at the Overlea Fullerton Community Center. We’ll be showing 50 First Dates—a crowd favorite—bring a chair, a friend, and maybe even a blanket to enjoy an evening under the stars with your neighbors. It’s free, fun, and an opportunity for adults to spend some time with their neighbors.

Meanwhile, our work continues to advocate for thoughtful improvements along the Belair Road corridor. In collaboration with the Baltimore Community Foundation, we are participating in the planning process to ensure the voices of Overlea’s residents are heard—on both the City and County sides of the line. We believe this is an opportunity to shape a corridor that works better for everyone—safer, greener, and more connected.

The Overlea Farmers Market is also thriving in its new location at Spruce and West Overlea Avenues. Thanks to all who continue to

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50FIRSTDATES

FOOD TRUCKS & VENDORS!

COMPLIMENTARY WINE SERVED!

Free Outdoor Movie Night in Overlea!

Friday, September 20th

Overlea-Fullerton Community Center • 7209 Belair Rd.

(in the parking lot behind the building)

Get a sitter, grab your partner, parents, friends and neighbors!

This is NOT your kids movie night!

Showing “50 First Dates” with Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler.

Bring your lawn chairs, dinner and anything else that sweetens your evening with other adults watching a great movie.

Opens 6pm - Movie starts 7pm

Brought to you by Baltimore County Recreation and Parks, Screen on the Green and the Overlea Community Association.

OCA MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Overlea Community Association meeting will be Tuesday, October 14, 2025, @ 7pm at Lassahn Funeral Home 7401 Belair Rd, Nottingham, MD 21236

Speakers for this meeting and community updates are sent via OCA Email Bulletins to current members, and advertised on the Overlea Community Facebook page.

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@overleaonline.org](mailto:president@overleaonline.org)).

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support the local growers and artisans! If you haven’t yet stopped by, I encourage you to check it out—it’s a great way to spend every other Saturday morning.

And right across the way, the Maryland Natural History Society is hard at work improving the exterior of the building. This long-overdue facelift is a welcome sign of the growing momentum in our community, and we can’t wait to see the finished result.

At the heart of all this progress is something deeper: the belief that we are stronger together. Whether it’s sharing a laugh at Movie Night, picking up produce at the market, or taking time to help shape the future of Belair Road, our acts of participation make a difference.


*“We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It’s easy to say ‘It’s not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.’ Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.” — Fred Rogers*

Thank you for being one of those people.

With gratitude,  
Martin Nibali  
President, Overlea Community Association

**Food Access is a Priority at the Overlea Farmers Market**

The Overlea Farmers Market is partnering with local organization Breadcoin to increase the community’s ability to buy from local farmers and food vendors. The mission of Breadcoin is to restore the dignity of choice and make sure that food insecurity does not happen in isolation. This mission is aligned with the goals of the farmers market: provide access to fresh food and create a place for the community to gather. The beauty of Breadcoin is that you do not have to qualify or apply. Just stop by the community table at the farmers market and ask for Breadcoin. If available, these coins can be used at any food vendor, including hot food. For more information on Breadcoin, visit their website at [www.breadcoin.org](http://www.breadcoin.org).



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Overlea Community Association

*Overlea Farmers Market*

2025



Aug 2  
Aug 16  
Aug 30  
Sept 13  
Sept 27  
Oct 11  
Oct 25

Celebrating 10 years • 8:30 - 12:30  
NEW LOCATION: St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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**Baltimore County Water Line Replacement Project**

For Overlea residents on the west side of Belair Rd. you may not have noticed the next round of utility work that began this spring, just after the BGE work that finished up last year. A representative from the county spoke at the spring OCA meeting to provide details on the project. Here are some updates: the project includes watermain replacement in the Overlea neighborhood east of Belair Rd. bordered by Belair, Kenwood and Fullerton. The work performed by Cossentino Contracting is expected to last approximately 2 years until spring 2027. They’ll be working in multiple locations at once to meet the schedule. Currently, they are on Linden Avenue and the cross streets –Maple, Overlea, Willow, Madeline, E. Elm, and Apple. They should complete Fullerton Avenue work before school begins in late August. While they are installing the new watermain, they will temporarily patch the road on a weekly basis. Once the work is completed, they will repair or replace the roads as needed. Residents should be notified of parking, street closures and service interruption. Contractors do not need to access your yard or home unless there is a problem. The work is done in the street only. For questions contact OCA Infrastructure Volunteer Cory Scott at [corsco@gmail.com](mailto:corsco@gmail.com).

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**Save the Date for Charm City Cleanup in Overlea! Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

Baltimore City’s most ambitious citywide cleaning initiative will be focused on cleaning public spaces and supporting city residents in each of Baltimore’s neighborhoods. This coordinated effort combines government services, community engagement, and cross-agency collaboration. Every single neighborhood will be visited, by the city agencies and partner cleanup crews, to address resident’s 311 service requests. Neighbors are encouraged to report issues to 311, to volunteer for cleaning events and to assist in the coordination of cleanups in their own neighborhoods.

The following agencies will be part of this coordinated effort:

- Department of Public Works (DPW): sweeping streets, clearing storm drains, removing graffiti, and rodent issues.
- Department of Transportation (DOT) will be filling potholes, clearing sidewalks, and mowing median strips.
- Baltimore City Recreation & Parks (BCRP) will clean tree pits, trim trees, and care for green spaces.
- Clean Corps will tackle alleys, streets, sidewalks and vacant lots, working alongside volunteer Baltimore residents.

City residents can report 311 requests by calling 311 or online at <https://311.baltimorecity.gov>




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If any Overlea residents would like to volunteer or be involved in the coordination of this clean up effort on October 15th, please contact OCA president Martin Nibali at: [president@overleasonline.org](mailto:president@overleasonline.org)




**Announcing the Overlea ArtsFest/ CCBC Film Festival!**

Coming to you this fall - a new 3-day event showcasing local and national filmmakers! In a partnership with the CCBC Essex Digital Media Production department, the juried Short Films portion of ArtsFest has become a separate event, to take place November 7th, 8th and 9th at the CCBC Essex campus.

It will be a weekend of original short film screenings, guest speakers, workshops and more. Submissions are still open for filmmakers 16 yrs old and up, with short films between 1 and 30 minutes long. Go to <https://overleaartsfest.org/short-films-2025/> for submission and event info! No fees to submit, prizes for winners and free admission to the weekend festival. See you there!

**Holt Park and Center for the Arts**  
34 Elmont Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21206

Many renovation projects are underway at Holt Park! The woodland trail has been repaved, the amphitheater was recently cleaned and repaired, and landscapers have added water management berms throughout the grassy areas. The campfire ring has been entirely redone and expanded with new log bench seating. Improvements to the pond and to the interiors of the historic cabins are coming next. Educational arts and nature programs have continued and some fun new programs are planned. Find out more on the website: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/recreation/parks-directory/holt-park-and-center-for-the-arts>.



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