

## Two New Story Trails Added in Baltimore County

By Baltimore County Public Library

Our story trails have expanded to the east side of Baltimore County! You can now visit Holt Park, 34 Elmont Avenue, 21206, and Renaissance Park, 99 Stemmers Run, 21221, to read a picture book while walking along a path. Story trails are a great way to promote both early learning skills and health literacy, by encouraging families to get outside, read and walk trails together.

The 12-acre land of Holt Park and Center for the Arts in Overlea, was dedicated to the county by Lillian Holt in 1976 for the community to enjoy. Families are encouraged to walk along the newly paved paths and enjoy books about various forms of art.

### Cherry Heights Woodland Garden Update

The Cherry Heights Woodland Garden spring clean-up event was a success! We planted and mulched two dogwoods, three different oak trees, and ten native chokeberry shrubs. We removed invasive plants and lots of trash. An Eagle Scout from Troup 419, built and installed two Free Little Libraries. One for nature/gardening books, and the other for use as a dry goods food pantry and seed library for people to plant flower and vegetables. Donations are welcome! Please reach out to Muriel Cruickshank at [murielcruickshank@gmail.com](mailto:murielcruickshank@gmail.com) to coordinate donations.



### Volunteers Needed

Newsletter Carriers, a Bus Turnaround Champion, Newsletter and Bulletin Editors are needed. For more information, please text Martin Nibali at 410-302-4342 or email [president@overleasonline.org](mailto:president@overleasonline.org)

## Reporting Abandoned Vehicles

If you see an abandoned car or truck in the neighborhood, please report the location to the city or county agencies.

### BALTIMORE CITY

ONLINE: <https://balt311.my.site.com/citizen/s/>

OR PHONE: 311

### BALTIMORE COUNTY

ONLINE: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/online-report>

OR PHONE: Dial 3-1-1 within the county, or 410-887-0311

from outside the area.

### Keep Grass Clippings Out of the Street

Maryland laws prohibit blowing or raking grass clippings and leaves into streets, gutters, or storm drains. This is considered illegal littering or dumping, violating municipal codes due to safety hazards and environmental damage.

Grass clippings on roads are hazardous to motorcyclists and bicyclists, causing a loss of traction, similar to ice or grease. Clippings blown into the street end up in storm drains, causing localized flooding, and damaging the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. Homeowners may be reported or held liable for accidents or injuries resulting from grass clippings they blew onto the road. Residents are encouraged to compost, mulch, or bag clippings rather than blowing them into the street.

### Mosquitoes are a Summertime Health Concern

Mosquitoes transmit serious diseases—including Malaria, Dengue, West Nile virus, Zika, Chikungunya, and Yellow fever. Eliminate standing water in birdbaths, planters, buckets, and gutters. Use larvicides in water that cannot be drained, (lily ponds or birdbaths.) Abandoned swimming pools in yards, that are not being used, are a major source for mosquitoes. This is a code violation and can be reported to Baltimore City 311 or Baltimore County 311.

### Local Paint Recycling Program

Sherwin-Williams, located at 7927 Belair Rd, Baltimore, MD, 21236 (410-665-5222) will accept latex and oil-based house paint, stains and varnish in containers (maximum 5 gallons in size.) This site does not accept aerosols products, containers without original labels, or containers that are leaking. Call ahead for hours and to confirm your paint drop off.

#### ADVERTISING RATES FOR THE OCA NEWSLETTER

2"x3.5" (business card size) \$70 per issue, \$200 per year (4 issues)

2"x7" / 4"x3.5" \$120 per issue, \$400 per year (4 issues)

Contact Cory Scott @ [Corasco@gmail.com](mailto:Corasco@gmail.com)

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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.

[www.OverleaRocks.org](http://www.OverleaRocks.org) • Follow on Facebook too!

### Overlea Community President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

As the last vestiges of winter grudgingly retreat, we find ourselves on the cusp of another vibrant season. The promise of warmer days isn't just about shedding layers; it's about rekindling connections and remembering that, despite our individual quirks, we're all part of this vibrant Overlea community.

With spring in full swing and summer just around the corner, there's a renewed energy in the air. We're particularly excited for the return of our beloved Farmers Market, kicking off its season in June. Get ready for fresh produce, local crafts, and perhaps even a friendly chat or two.

Beyond the market, we'll have various opportunities for those inclined to lend a hand. Whether it's sprucing up our local park or helping with an event, your efforts genuinely make a difference. It's a chance to contribute, connect, and maybe even enjoy the sunshine before it gets too hot.

Let's embrace the season with a healthy dose of community spirit and a dash of good humor. Looking forward to seeing you around.

With gratitude,

Martin Nibali, *President*, Overlea Community Association

# OVERLEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Newsletter - Summer 2026

## Overlea Farmers Market



2026

June 6

June 20

July 4

July 18

Aug 1

Aug 15

Aug 29

Sept 12

Sept 26

Oct 10

Oct 24

8:30-12:30

NEW LOCATION: St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church

8 W Overlea Avenue, 21206

[overleafarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:overleafarmersmarket@gmail.com)

The Overlea Farmer's Market will be held in the parking lot behind the Natural History Society again this year as construction continues. Look for our colorful tents and your favorite vendors at the intersection of West Overlea Avenue and Spruce Steet in June. Vendor applications are available on our website.

## COMMUNITY MEETING AND EVENTS NOTICE

The next meeting date is Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 7pm at Lassahn Funeral Home, 7401 Belair Road.

Enter the side door off the parking lot. Elections of OCA officers will take place.

SAVE THE DATES! Date Night Outdoor Movie Friday, September 18th

13th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Saturday, December 12th



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## Thank You Rosedale Bank!

Rosedale Bank has provided a grant to the community that will partially fund the Belair Road Flower Pot project for this year. We are so thankful for their contribution!

The second contribution is from Dan Trupia of Advantage Lawn and Landscaping who receives ads in the newsletter in trade. Thank you Dan!

The third and very important contribution has to come from the OCA operating budget. These funds come from membership, ads and the occasional donation. Currently there are only 100 people in the neighborhood who paid dues this current fiscal year (there are 1300 homes in the community). Please consider paying dues to support the Flower Pot Project and your community. It will not happen without this vital piece of funding. Donations for this project will also be appreciated.

## 2026-2027 OCA Membership Dues are Due!

It's a great time to renew or pay first time OCA Membership dues for FY 2026-2027! Don't wait! Membership runs from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Dues help pay for the newsletter, community advocacy, the Farmer's Market, Potluck dinners, the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, the Belair Road flower pots, the website, and so much more. You can support the community by paying annual membership dues. There are several membership options:

- \$10 Regular per person
- \$25 Good Neighbor per person
- \$50 Business
- \$500 Lifetime member

If you have mailed dues and it was returned from the post office, this is a post office error. Leadership has done everything possible to have this corrected, but it has not helped. Please do not remail or throw it in the trash. If this happens to you, please contact membership Chair, Debi Brocht at 410-456-7747 or by Email at brochtdebi@gmail.com Thanks for your support!

## OCA 2026-2027 MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES! I WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OVERLEA!  
(July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check membership type and make checks payable to:

### Overlea Community Association

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**MAIL TO:** Overlea Community Association, P.O. Box 18895, Raspeburg, MD 21206

**OR PAY ONLINE:** with PayPal at [www.OverleaRocks.org](http://www.OverleaRocks.org), click on OCA Membership tab.

## Possible Zoning Changes in Baltimore City

Overlea's city residents may want to be aware of legislation being discussed by the Baltimore City Counsel. City ordinance 25-0066 hopes to address the housing shortage in Baltimore City by allowing homeowners to develop multi-family units from their single family dwellings in low-density, residential communities. This legislation would eliminate zoning requirements and parking minimums. The number of units would be determined by the size of the lot and building structure. Overlea is considered R-3 and R-4 zoning which would allow homes with 3000 square feet of dwelling and between 3000 and 5000 square feet of lot size to become a dwelling with 4 family units. Public input for this legislation has been closed since December, but community members are encouraged to reach out to our councilperson, Danielle McCray, at 410-396-4808 or Danielle.McCray@baltimorecity.gov with questions or concerns.

## Plans for an Overlea Native Perennial Garden

Flower bed planting event at the Overlea sign at Walther Blvd on Saturday, April 25th, 10am - Noon (Rain date - Wednesday, May 6th, 5pm-7pm). Volunteers are needed. Wear sturdy shoes. Bring gloves, a water bottle, and wear sunscreen. If you have extra cardboard boxes, please bring those with you.

## Why Cities Need Trees for Air Quality

Cities are shifting to more eco-friendly urban landscaping and including more greenery. Vegetation creates better habitats for wildlife and people, but it also helps clean the air and reduce pollution. Trees improve air quality by shading surfaces and reducing temperature. By shading buildings and houses, trees reduce the need for air conditioning—thus reducing greenhouse emissions. Trees can directly remove air pollutants. Not only can they absorb carbon dioxide and emit oxygen, but trees also filter air pollutants like sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide through their leaves, and effectively removing Particulate Matter (PM) from the environment. PM can cause severe health problems, but not all trees filter it in the same way. This difference widely depends on the canopy, leaf size and structure. Bigger canopies can trap smaller particles, and larger leaves trap more pollutants than smaller ones. Also, leaves with rough surfaces have higher efficiency when filtering PM. Research shows that tiny hairs on the leaves can trap solid and liquid particles of PM.

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## Overlea Business Spot Light: Most Inc. General Contracting

Most Inc. General Contracting has been located in Overlea at 7203 Belair Road since 1979. Owners Rob and Randy Keiser, took over the family business that was started by their grandfather Milton Most in 1947.

Milton served in WW2 with the Seabees. His work with the Seabees laid the foundation for his building contracting business after the war.

Rob and Randy grew up on Springwood Ave and attended Overlea High School. Randy lived on W. Elm Ave For 25 years. They have always felt a deep connection with the community.

One early project completed by Milton Most was to rebuild the Bill and Earls Transmission building. It was previously the McMann Bus Depot. Originally, this same building was a stage coach house, that offered trips up to Belair, Maryland.

As word has it, folks from points south would take the street car to the Overlea station, walk down the hill to the stage coach house and continue on their journey north.

While much of what they do is commercial work, they have completed large outstanding residential projects in Overlea. Most Inc. has been recognized for high quality conscientious work and has earned an award from the Maryland Improvement Contractors Association and the Home Builders Association of Maryland.

For more information about Most Inc., call 410-668-6678.



## Overlea From the Front Porch

After living for a year in Cuenca, Ecuador, both working for a software company, Liz Mullan and Joe Allen landed in Overlea to start a new chapter of their lives. Looking to buy a house, they walked into the Fuller Ave house and knew instantly they were home. In March 2020, they moved in. While the whole world was in isolation, they undertook projects creating the home they dreamed of.

As the world reopened, they met their neighbors and became interested in the Overlea Community Association. Joe reached out to offer his web development expertise and redeveloped the overleonline.org website.

In 2022, Liz came to a community meeting and became interested in volunteering and managing the Overlea Farmers Market for the 2022 season. Both Joe and Liz deliver newsletters on Manor Ave, edit and send Bulletin emails, and volunteer at the Holiday Tree Lighting event by setting up, making hot chocolate and organizing the St. Michael's food pantry donation table. One of their favorite neighborhood activities is volunteering at the Overlea Farmers Market. They're looking forward to the 2026 season!

Liz and Joe married in April of 2022 in a small outdoor wedding at Patapsco Valley State Park. In February this year, they joyfully welcomed their son, Jack, into their lives.

When asked what they like best about living in Overlea they had this to say, "Our neighbors and the friends we have made here. We really enjoy the Holiday Tree Lighting, the 4th of July fireworks (we can watch from our front porch!), pot luck dinners and the movie nights- all of the great ways that bring neighbors together."



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