

# Oñate Neighborhood Association

*Know your Neighbors and be a Good Neighbor*

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*You are welcome to attend our Board of Directors Meetings!*

Oñate Neighborhood Association (ONA) Board of Directors meetings are held on the second or fourth Thursday of every month, 6:00 pm, at the Chelwood Christian Reformed Church, 2200 Chelwood Park Blvd. NE, Albuquerque. See "Mark Your Calendar" on next page for exact dates.

## Oñate Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

- Alex Rahimi, President
- Peter Weh, Vice-President
- Sharon Ruiz, Secretary
- Phyllis Chavez, Treasurer

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Oñate Neighborhood,

My name is Alex Rahimi and I am honored and excited to introduce myself as your new Neighborhood Association President! Like many of you, I deeply value the unique sense of community, safety, and appeal that makes Oñate such a wonderful place to call home.



First, I want to extend my sincere thanks to the board and previous president, Sharon Ruiz, for their hard work and dedication. They have laid a strong foundation, and I look forward to building upon it together.

### My Vision for Our Community

My main goal is to foster a neighborhood that is even more connected, engaged, and vibrant. Over the coming months, I plan to focus on initiatives that:

- **Address Key Concerns:** Working proactively to address issues like community safety, traffic safety, and issues that have been addressed by previous neighbors.
- **Enhance Communication:** Ensuring everyone stays informed about local events, security alerts, and association decisions.
- **Strengthen Community Ties:** Organizing more opportunities for neighbors to meet, socialize, and celebrate our collective spirit.

Let's Work Together!

The strength of Oñate lies in the people who live here. I believe that by working collaboratively, we can achieve great things for our community. I encourage you to reach out, share your ideas, and let me know your priorities for our neighborhood.

I am genuinely looking forward to serving you all and meeting many more of you in the near future!

Thank you,

Alex Rahimi, Oñate Neighborhood Association President

Please cut out and mail the form below with your donation/other payment. ✂

Much of our funding and donations go toward security patrols to help prevent crime in our neighborhood.

Thank you!

## Membership Donation/Payment Form

Date:

Name:

Address:

E-Mail and/or Phone:

Membership Donation (\$20/Year): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Security Patrols: Please donate for security hours/shifts that you feel comfortable with.

☐ \$30 = ½ hour

☐ \$60 = 1 hour

☐ \$120 = One, 2-hour shift (all patrol shifts are 2 hours)

☐ \$240 = Two shifts

☐ \$360 = Three shifts

☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: OÑATE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, and mail to P.O. Box 13731, Albuquerque NM 87192

☐ Please email me a receipt for my donation.

## FIBER OPTICS CONSTRUCTION

As most of you have seen, the fiber optics construction has begun in our neighborhood. Depending on the location of your house along the street, residents may have varying levels of impact from the construction. Some residents have already experienced damage to existing internet lines, utility lines, and/or sprinkler lines. If you experience damage or have concerns, please *call 311 and file a report*. The construction company is responsible for repairing any damage. There is also a 1-year warranty on the work.

**Utility/Internet Lines:** Utility lines are being marked but are not always accurate and depths can vary. There has also been an issue with Comcast not marking their lines. If you know where your utility/internet lines are, please inform the construction workers.

**Sewer Lines:** The construction workers should ask where your sewer line is and make every effort to locate it. If they cannot find it, they are still allowed to dig and bore. If you find this unsettling, please contact 311 and city officials so that the laws can change to avoid future homeowner damage due to construction.

## NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY WALK HELD

The City of Albuquerque Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) launched the Neighborhood Walks Program in 2020. In Albuquerque, sidewalks and curb ramps must meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, yet many sidewalks in our neighborhood lack curb ramps at street corners. This poses a safety concern for individuals using wheelchairs, strollers, skaters, and others with limited mobility. In October, ONC Manager Vanessa Baca, along with several City of Albuquerque staff members and residents, participated in a safety walk aimed at identifying street corners without ADA-compliant curb ramps. We explored blocks around the Brentwood Hills Park and Oñate Elementary School, with plans to expand our efforts over the coming years. While this process will take time, we are committed to working closely with Councilor Grout's office.

## GREEN WASTE COLLECTION DATES SET

The City of Albuquerque Solid Waste Management Department's Residential Green Waste collection dates are December 1 – 12, 2025. Residents should place their Green Waste at the curb by 7 am on the day of their regular trash collection. For details see [www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/green-waste](http://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/green-waste).

## OÑATE SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY

During this season of giving, please know that the Oñate Elementary Food Pantry for non-perishable foods is ongoing to help with student food insecurity. Collection bins are near the school entrance on Thursdays and near the entrance of Chelwood Christian Reformed Church on Saturdays and Sundays. Thank you for your support!

### TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2025, Beginning Balance	\$6,011.20
2025 YTD Income	3,445.00
<i>We appreciate your donations!</i>	
2025 YTD Expenses	5,005.14
November 20, 2025, Balance	\$4,451.06

# Thank You!

ONA EVENT

## TO OUR NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION TEAM

The ONA Board hosted its annual thank you dinner on November 20th. We enjoyed Peter Weh's homemade posole and smoked chicken quesadillas, accompanied by apple and pumpkin pies provided by Sharon Ruiz. The dinner recognized the outstanding efforts of our newsletter distributors: Joe Baca, Rachel Benner, Toby Fedoravicius, Stan Hafenfeld, Tim Johnson, Adrienne Morrison, Dave Morrison, Angelica Plass, Marilyn Ryerson, Suzanne Atkinson, Natalie Brigance, Toby Garcia, Steve Plimpton (Chief Distributor), Inez Pohl, Alex Rahimi, Pam Rice, Paul Ripley, Marsha Urioste, Sharon Ruiz, and Robin Rowlands Weh. It was fun visiting and catching up with distributors who joined us in person! Chelwood Manor apartment residents are also receiving the newsletter thanks to their management team. We are grateful to all distributors for your continued support and teamwork to help keep our community informed and engaged; thank you so much!

During the dinner meeting, City Councilor Renee Grout announced that funding has been approved for new playground equipment for Brentwood Hills Park. Stay tuned for details on this exciting news.

Several volunteers support the newsletter distribution process: Alex Rahimi leads the Newsletter Distributors team and helps manage our social sites; he, Sharon Ruiz, and Rachel Benner author much of the newsletter content. Robin Rowlands Weh, our newsletter Editor, researches and provides content each quarter. Phyllis Chavez manages the newsletter printing and collating with Shirley Jenkins. Steve Plimpton distributes the newsletters to distribution team. Paul Martino uploads newsletters to our website, [onateneighborhood.com](http://onateneighborhood.com), where you will find previous issues. He also manages our web content.

If you know of someone interested in volunteering as a newsletter distributor, email [onateneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:onateneighborhood@gmail.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 18 – ONA meeting

January 15, 2026 – ONA meeting    February 12 – ONA meeting

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