# **Oñate Neighborhood Association**

Know your Neighbors and be a Good Neighbor June 2024 Volume 2024 Issue 2



**ONA Event** 

OÑATE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (ONA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 6:00 PM, AT THE CHELWOOD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, 2200 CHELWOOD PARK BLVD. NE, ALBUQUERQUE. ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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Like Us on FACEBOOK and NextDoor. Like or follow the Oñate Neighborhood Association page and stay connected all year long! ALBUQUERQUE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Tuesday, August 6, 2024 6:00 – 8:00 pm Brentwood Hills Park

Please join us on August 6 for another National Night Out event! National Night Out is a wonderful opportunity to catch



up with friends, meet new neighbors and residents, and support our ongoing fight against crime and drug prevention awareness. This event benefits police-community partnerships to help make our neighborhood safer and establish a more caring community. You can also learn more about setting up Neighborhood Watch Programs.

Free food and beverages will be provided along with games for the children, and visits by local City of Albuquerque law enforcement and first responders.



We look forward to seeing you on August 6!

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 19 – ONA meeting | July 17 – ONA meeting August 6 – National Night Out August 21 – ONA Meeting September 7 – ONA Tree Planting Day – see page 2

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Much of ou	funding and donations go toward police patrols to help Thank you!	prevent crime in our neighborhood.	
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#### NEED TREES? OÑATE NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDED GRANT FOR 200 FREE TREES

The Oñate neighborhood was awarded the ABQ NeighborWoods Grant by City Councilor Renee Grout. This grant provides funding, training, consulting professionals, and materials for Oñate neighborhood members to plant 100 free street trees and to perform a giveaway of 100 free small trees on September 7, 2024!

Street trees are free to the homeowner. The trees must be placed within 20 feet of the street; front and side

yards are usually a great option. Tree New Mexico will ensure all utility lines get spotted; they will facilitate the digging of holes, and they will provide the mulch



for all the street trees. All 100 street trees will be planted in one day – September 7 – by volunteers, many of whom should come from the Oñate neighborhood. This is a great way to build the community. We hope to see you, and your friends and family there!

The 100 free small giveaway trees will happen on the same day, and they can be planted anywhere on the homeowner's property, by the homeowner. This is a first come, first served event.

## Q: How can I register for a free tree or volunteer to help?

A: Oñate neighbors, please contact Tree New Mexico at onate@treenm.org or (505) 265-4554 as soon as possible with your interest in adopting a tree or to volunteer to help canvas or plant! The deadline to sign up to receive a free street tree is **August 3rd**.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2024, Beginning Balance:

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors:

Hope your spring and summer are off to a great start! We would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Jan and Jay Stephenson, who decided to step away from newsletter distributor activities on Elaine Street. They volunteered for many years, and we wish them all the best! That route will now be covered by longtime resident and new volunteer Paul Ripley — thank you, Paul; and thank you to all our Oñate volunteers!

We hosted the ONA Annual Meeting in March attended by more than 35 residents. District 9 City Councilor Renée Grout and Policy Analyst Rachel Miller made several announcements regarding TreeNM, playground improvements and tennis court resurfacing at our park, and more. Also presenting were APD Foothills Area Command Sergeant Ignas Danius and Crime Prevention Specialist Samantha Martinez. They discussed neighborhood safety and crime prevention, an ongoing priority. Visit onateneighborhood.com for more information.

Oñate Elementary School recently partnered with Chelwood Christian Reformed Church to help grow their Food Pantry Program. Oñate resident and CCRC Elder Sherry TenClay volunteered to represent our community! When school resumes in August, there will be additional drop-off areas. Appreciate your continued support for the Food Pantry Program.

We hope to see many of you and your families on August 6 at National Night Out! This has been an enjoyable event for several years and we plan to continue the fun and frivolity. Enjoy some free food and let's catch up!

Be safe, be well. - Sharon Ruiz



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