

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 THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH, 6:00 PM, AT THE
CHELWOOD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH,
2200 CHELWOOD PARK BLVD. NE, ALBUQUERQUE.**

Oñate Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

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ONA Event



Join your Oñate area neighbors and friends on August 5th for our annual National Night Out gathering in Brentwood Hills Park. 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.

Together we are helping to make our communities safer, more caring places to live and work. We look forward to seeing you on August 5th!

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,
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☐ Please email me a receipt for my donation.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS SAFETY AND SECURITY, CRIME PREVENTION, FOOD DRIVE

ONA's community meeting took place on March 19, 2025. More than 25 residents enjoyed a pizza dinner and the chance to discuss community concerns while socializing with their neighbors. We heard from the following speakers:

Community Meeting Recap

- Bradley Nelson of Aeternus Security provides security patrols in the ONA neighborhood. Aeternus patrols the neighborhood a couple of times weekly to help deter crime. Safety and Security continue to be our major concerns, and your donations are vital to continuing our patrols.
- Alex Rahimi spoke on behalf of City of ABQ Foothills Area Command Samantha Martinez, Crime Prevention Specialist. Recent statistics show that the Oñate neighborhood is one of the safest areas in Albuquerque. The most common types of calls for service are related to suspicious persons and disturbances.
- Resident Paul Ripley reported on the Foothills Community Policing Council (CPC). Paul has become actively engaged in CPC and provides monthly updates to the board.
- Sherry TenClay reported on the Oñate Elementary School's "Coyote Kitchen Food Drive." *Did you know that 43% of Oñate Elementary students have food insecurities on the weekends?* To help address this, Oñate Elementary, Chelwood Christian Reformed Church (CCR), and ONA have teamed up to help collect non-perishable food items for students. Drop-off locations include:



- *Thursdays* – Oñate Elementary School
- *Saturday mornings* (7-9:30 am) and all-day *Sundays* (9:30 am – 4:30 pm) – CCR, just inside the front door

These non-perishable items are needed and appreciated: *Beans, boxed meals, canned fruit, canned meats, canned vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, jelly/jam, sauces, soups, rice, pasta, shelf stable milk, and condiments.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2025, Beginning Balance:	\$6,011.20
2025 YTD Income:	2140.00
<i>We appreciate your donations!</i>	
2025 YTD Expenses:	2400.19
May 21, 2025, Balance:	\$5,751.01

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 18 – ONA meeting **July 16** – ONA meeting
August 5 – National Night Out
August 20 – ONA meeting

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors:

I was thrilled to see so many of you at our annual community meeting in March, and I truly appreciate your presence and participation. A special thank you goes to Brad Nelson from Aeternus Security, along with residents Alex Rahimi, Paul Ripley, and Sherry TenClay, for their important presentations and updates. We had meaningful discussions that left me with a continued strong sense of community. Many suggestions focused on uplifting our neighbors and enhancing our neighborhood, and I am delighted to see so many residents supporting these initiatives.

I want to inform you that later this year, three of our ONA officers will be vacating their positions: *President, Vice President, and Secretary*. As a result, we will need to fill these important roles for a two-year term, with the option for a subsequent two-year term if desired. This is a great opportunity for residents who are interested in contributing to our community and making a positive impact. If you or someone you know is interested in running for one of these positions, please consider the following descriptions:

1. *President*: Responsible for leading meetings, representing the community, and overseeing initiatives.
2. *Vice President*: Assists the President; steps in when the President is unavailable. Leads the newsletter distributor team.
3. *Secretary*: Manages meeting minutes, correspondence, and documentation.

I am pleased that Paul Ripley has volunteered to join the ONA board, and we will vote on his membership next month. We encourage all interested candidates to submit their names to a board officer by August 5 – National Night Out or send an email to onateneighborhood@gmail.com. If you have any questions or would like more information about the roles and responsibilities, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your interest, and let's work together to ensure a smooth transition for our community leadership!

– Sharon Ruiz

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