

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

- Sharon Ruiz, President
- Alex Rahimi, Vice-President
- Rachel Benner, Secretary
- Phyllis Chavez, Treasurer

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Neighborhood Association page
and stay connected all year long!



ONA Event

Join ONA for its annual

Newsletter Team

RECOGNITION DINNER

Thursday, November 20

5:00 pm dinner ♦

Board meeting to follow

Join us in recognizing our many
dedicated Newsletter Distributors
who provide support to ONA on a
quarterly basis. *All ONA residents
are welcome!*



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 \$ _____

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BRINGS NEIGHBORS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, CITY TOGETHER

The afternoon weather was nearly perfect for ONA's National Night Out on August 5. More than 50 attended the event at Brentwood Hills Park, including Oñate residents, members of the Albuquerque Police Department, and representatives from the City of Albuquerque. Friends, neighbors, and guests were able to visit and get to know each other. Parents brought squirt guns, water balloons, a cornhole game, and other toys to provide fun for the kiddos. Champaigne's facepainting booth was a definite hit. Overhead, an APD helicopter circled the festivities.



Also in attendance were members of the U.S. Secret Service, who delighted kids with fingerprinting samples and coloring books to take home.

For dinner, ONA board member Peter Weh smoked a variety of meats: turkey Italian sausages, turkey and chicken breasts, and pork tenderloin, as well as hot dogs. Salad and ice cream bars were also on the menu.



For the fifth year, Oñate resident Laura Garner, ERA Summit Realty, made a large donation toward the event, and we again enjoyed the benefits of her generosity. Johnny Price and Champaigne of Priceless Cuts and Barber donated the facepainting booth and services. A big thank you to these local businesses!

Our sincere thanks go to our Oñate Neighborhood Association officers and directors who worked on set up, serving, clean up, arranging APD and Secret Service visitors, and posting signs around the neighborhood.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Volunteering with ONA is a great way to meet neighbors and get more connected in the neighborhood. If you would like to get involved as an event volunteer, a newsletter distributor, or a Board member, please email onateneighborhood@gmail.com. We would love your participation!

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2025, Beginning Balance:	\$6,011.20
2025 YTD Income:	2,470.00
<i>We appreciate your donations!</i>	
2025 YTD Expenses:	3,509.38
July 16, 2025, Balance:	\$4,971.82

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Residents:

I want to express my sincere thanks to all the residents who attended National Night Out on August 5! We had a wonderful turnout, and everyone seemed to enjoy the numerous activities. A special shout-out to Laura Garner for her generous contribution toward the food, and to the ONA Board for their instrumental role in arranging and organizing the park area. Thank you all for your tremendous efforts!

As we look ahead, I want to inform you that our officers will be changing in September. Alex Rahimi, Rachel Benner, and I have served as vice president, secretary, and president, respectively, for the past four years. During this time, we have achieved some noteworthy accomplishments:

- National Night Out has continued successfully.
- Safety and security patrols have increased.
- We partnered with Chelwood Christian Reformed Church and Oñate Elementary School in supporting the Coyote Kitchen food bank project.
- Our playground area is improving.
- We updated our bylaws.
- We planted nearly 200 trees.

Looking forward, we have scheduled a Neighborhood Walk with City Staff on Saturday, September 27, 10:00 – 11:30 am, starting at Brentwood Hills Park, to identify locations for more access ramps at the ends of sidewalks, especially near the park; and will continue requesting construction updates and improvements to our playground equipment. We will also pursue Bernalillo County funding for neighborhood associations.

I have truly enjoyed getting to know more of our residents and working with the public, particularly our District 9 Councilor, Renee Grout, and Policy Analyst, Rachel Miller. It has been a personal honor and pleasure to serve as your president. My sincere thanks for your ongoing support.

Be safe, be well. — Sharon Ruiz

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 11 – ONA meeting **October 9** – ONA meeting
November 20, 5:00 pm – ONA Team Recognition Dinner & meeting

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