

Oñate Neighborhood Association

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ONA EVENT

You are welcome to attend our Board of Directors Meetings!

Oñate Neighborhood Association (ONA) Board of Directors meetings are held the third Monday of each 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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Join ONA for its annual **NEWSLETTER TEAM RECOGNITION DINNER**

November 16, 2026
♦ Dinner at 5 pm
followed by Business Meeting
♦ Chelwood Christian Reformed Church

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

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 patrol shift

☐ \$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.

Now you can
**DONATE to
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Event Recap

ONATE RESIDENTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT CELEBRATE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out took place at Brentwood Hills Park on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, bringing neighbors and law enforcement together across Albuquerque. More than 60 Oñate residents came together and enjoyed delicious smoked meats, salads, desserts, and refreshments. Several Albuquerque Police Department officers, APD Crime Prevention Unit, and other City of Albuquerque representatives shared community outreach activities and answered questions that evening. We saw an APD helicopter flyover, then once the clouds provided some respite from the heat, we enjoyed watching APD drones in action! Many children got their faces painted with beautiful designs from Champaigne. Thank you, Champaigne and her husband Johnny, from Priceless Cuts. We enjoyed meeting several new residents who stopped by to introduce themselves!

District 9 Councilor Reneé Grout joined us for a visit. She covers a lot of ground during National Night Out and we enjoyed catching up with her. Sincere thanks to the ONA Board members who provided food, refreshments, and activities. It turned out to be a fun-filled and pleasant evening. We hope to see you again soon!



TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2026, Beginning Balance	\$4,073.62
2026 YTD Income	3,340.00
<i>We appreciate your donations!</i>	
2026 YTD Expenses	3,555.36
August 17, 2026, Balance	\$3,858.26

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ONA Meetings

September 21, 2026

October 19

Newsletter Distribution Team
Dinner: November 16

Fall Green Waste Pickup

November 30 – December 11,
2026 (see
[www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/
green-waste/](http://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/green-waste/))



Paid advertisement
Oñate Resident-Owned

SMACK THAT MOSQUITO

We will spray your yard. **PET SAFE**

\$79 PER HOUSE

505-610-7883

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Oñate Neighborhood Residents,

Upcoming Newsletter Distribution Team Recognition Dinner.

The ONA Board is excited to host our annual Newsletter Distribution Team Dinner on November 16, 5:00 PM, and we want to extend a warm invitation to the entire Oñate community! This special evening is dedicated to celebrating our hard-working newsletter distributors and welcoming anyone interested in joining our team.

We would like to give a big shout-out and special recognition to our dedicated distributors and partners: Joe Baca, Rachel Benner, Toby Fedoravicius, Stan Hafenfeld, Tim Johnson, Angelica Plass, Suzanne Atkinson, Natalie Brigance, Toby and Christine Garcia, Steve Plimpton (Chief Distributor), Alex Rahimi, Pamela Rice, Paul Ripley, Jerry and Marsha Urioste, Sharon Ruiz, and Robin Rowlands Weh.

A special thank you to Robin Rowlands Weh, our Chief Editor, and Phyllis Chavez, who efficiently manages the printing and bundling process.

We also want to express our deep gratitude to Angelica Plass, who will soon be stepping down from her distributor role. Angelica, thank you for your many years of dedicated service, warmth, and commitment to keeping our neighborhood informed. Your volunteer time and support have meant the world to our association and community!

Join Our Newsletter Team! We are currently looking for two new distributors to join our team! It's a small-time commitment with a big impact: routes are walked just four times a year and take only about 30 minutes per quarter. If you—or someone you know—might be interested in taking on a route, please join us at the dinner to learn more, or email us directly at Oñateneighborhood@gmail.com.

Security Patrols and Safety Funding. Safety remains the top priority for our neighborhood association. Thanks to your monthly donations, we are able to partner with Aeternus Security to provide early morning and evening patrols throughout our community. You've likely seen their high-visibility green and black vehicles on our streets! They serve as a strong crime deterrent, report suspicious activity directly to law enforcement, and provide our Board with weekly security updates.

Thanks to these consistent efforts, we've seen a noticeable decrease in suspicious activity across our neighborhood. If you value these security measures and want to help us maintain them, please consider making a recurring or one-time contribution. Check the front page of this newsletter for instructions on how you can donate today. Thank you to everyone who is currently contributing—your support makes a direct, measurable difference!

Playground Equipment Update Coming Soon! As previously shared, we are eagerly awaiting the installation of our new playground equipment, which remains on track for completion by the end of the year! We appreciate everyone's patience as the city works through the final timing for delivery and setup. Keep an eye on Brentwood Park as progress unfolds: we have already seen refinished tennis courts – blue and green in color – and pickleball lines added to the two southernmost courts!

Once again, a big thank you to Councilor Reneé Grout and our city representatives for securing these wonderful improvements for our community!

Alex Rahimi, President, Oñate Neighborhood Association