

Oñate Neighborhood Association

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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.

Oñate Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

- Sharon Ruiz, President
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Thank You!

TO OUR NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION TEAM

The Oñate Neighborhood Association Board hosted its annual thank you dinner on November 20th. We enjoyed Peter Weh's homemade posole, accompanied by salads and beverages provided by Sharon Ruiz, and tortillas and cookies brought by Phyllis and Bruce Chavez. The dinner recognized the outstanding efforts of our newsletter distributors: Joe Baca, Shirley Jenkins, Toby Fedoravicius, Stan Hafenfled, 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!

Several ONA Officers and Directors support the newsletter distribution process: Alex Rahimi leads the Newsletter Distributors team and helps manage our social sites; Sharon Ruiz authors much of the newsletter content. Robin Rowlands Weh, our newsletter Editor, researches and provides content each quarter. Rachel Benner was instrumental in making TreeNM a reality in our neighborhood. She also led efforts to repair our playground equipment. Phyllis Chavez manages the newsletter printing and collating with Shirley Jenkins. Paul Martino uploads newsletters to our website, 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 or as a member of the Board of Directors, please email onateneighborhood@gmail.com.

Please cut out and mail the form below with your dues/other payments. ✂

Much of our funding and donations go toward police patrols to help prevent crime in our neighborhood.
 Thank you!

Annual Membership Dues/Payment Form

Date:

Name:

Address:

E-Mail and/or Phone:

Membership Dues (\$20/Year): \$ _____

Police Patrols: Please donate for police 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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Please email me a receipt for my donation.

ONATE NEIGHBORHOOD TREE PLANTING A SUCCESS

We were so excited to partner with TreeNM and the City of Albuquerque to bring the NeighborWoods program and 200 free trees to our neighborhood! The Sept. 7 tree planting was a fantastic event. More than 100 volunteers from the city, including Oñate residents, helped to plant 100 street trees. Each planting team, guided by a TreeNM expert, planted 5-10 trees at pre-approved homes. The homeowners were able to have input as to the type and location of the trees, which had to be in front yards to provide shade and beauty for the whole neighborhood. There was also a giveaway of 100 additional smaller trees.



TreeNM (treenm.org) is an amazing organization that provides educational resources for planting and caring for trees. Benefits of trees include shade, beauty, improved air quality, and habitats for wildlife/pollinators. They also improve property value, buffer sound, and lower heating/cooling costs. We are so grateful for the generous support from city councilor Renée Grout for funding the NeighborWoods program for Oñate and to the volunteers who have made a greener and lasting impact on our neighborhood! Thank you!

SECURITY PATROL UPDATE

The Albuquerque Police Department has been challenged with staffing issues and our Board explored patrol options outside of APD. Bruce Chavez, our de facto Safety Director, has invited security companies to bid on services in our neighborhood. We recently engaged the services of Aeternus Security for neighborhood patrols. Aeternus patrols three days/nights a week at variable times. They ensure good order and safety checks for vandalism, vagrant activity, burglary, or other suspicious activity. We hope to continue these patrols for the next few months.

GREEN WASTE COLLECTION DATES SET

The City of Albuquerque Solid Waste Management Department's Residential Green Waste collection dates are December 2 - 13, 2024. 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December – No ONA meeting

January 15 – ONA meeting | February 19 – ONA meeting

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to all! Hope you are doing well and staying warm during these much cooler days. I enjoyed watching the children making snowmen a few weeks ago; their laughter is contagious!

We were saddened to learn that Marilyn Ryerson has stepped away from ONA responsibilities as a director. She will continue to serve as a newsletter distributor. We wish Marilyn a happy retirement from her Board duties and know she and husband Dave will enjoy traveling and spending time with family. Thank you for your volunteerism these past several years, Marilyn; your generosity and enthusiasm will be greatly missed!

The holidays bring about a spirit of gratitude and reflection; so many individuals make a difference:

- **Residents** who donate membership dues for security patrols. Your donations count and are critical to support our safety and security priorities. *See related article at left.*
- **Residents** who donate to Oñate Elementary School's food pantry program. Donations are welcome at the school or the Chelwood Christian Reformed Church lobby. Thanks for your ongoing support.
- District 9 Councilor Renée Grout and Policy Analyst Rachel Miller are strong Oñate supporters and are helping improve our neighborhood in many ways. We plan to replace faded street signage and are learning about the city's Traffic Management Program. We continue exploring ways to deter speeding especially around the school and park.
- Grateful to Laura Garner, a resident and advertiser, for her support in the past to the National Night Out event.
- I remain eternally grateful to our **ONA Officers and Board members** for their ongoing commitment attending meetings, providing honest feedback, and supporting a myriad of community events and projects year-round – sincere thanks to all!

Wishing you all a blessed and joyous holiday season!

Sharon Ruiz

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2024, Beginning Balance:	\$6,014.98
2024 YTD Income:	2,635.00
2024 YTD Expenses:	2,316.69
November 20, 2024, Balance:	\$6,333.29

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