

Oñate Neighborhood Association

Know your Neighbors and be a Good Neighbor

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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

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ONA Event

To our Newsletter Distribution Team

On November 16, the ONA Board hosted its annual thank you dinner recognizing our newsletter team members for their dedication over the past year. We enjoyed rotini pasta with sausage marinara made by Board member Peter Weh, accompanied by Marilyn Ryerson's salad, sourdough bread from Phyllis and Bruce Chavez, refreshments from Alex Rahimi, and dessert pies provided by Sharon Ruiz.

Thank you to the distributors who joined us in person: Joe and Dolores Baca, Toby Fedoravicius, Stan Hafenfeld, Tim Johnson, Don Lang, Dave and Adrienne Morrison, Angelica Plass, Marilyn and Dave Ryerson, Jan and Jay Stephenson, Rachel Benner, Bruce and Phyllis Chavez, Robin Rowlands Weh, and Sharon Ruiz. Rounding out the distributor team are Alex Rahimi, Suzanne Atkinson, Natalie Brigance, Toby Garcia, Steve Plimpton (Chief Distributor), Inez Pohl, Pam Rice, and Marsha Urioste. We salute all of you and deeply appreciate your volunteerism and commitment to social responsibility. What a team!

Several ONA Board members act in other capacities while also serving on the newsletter team: Alex Rahimi leads the distributor team and manages our social sites; Robin Rowlands Weh has served as newsletter Editor for more than three years. She also researches and provides content, as does Sharon Ruiz. Phyllis Chavez prints and collects nearly 500 copies from our local printer. She and Shirley Jenkins count and bundle for each assigned area, then deliver to Steve Plimpton who delivers them to each distributor. The newsletter is also posted to our website, onateneighborhood.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 \$ _____

Make checks payable to: ONATE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, and mail to P.O. Box 13731, Albuquerque NM 87192

Please email me a receipt for my donation.

WANT MORE TREES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

The Oñate Neighborhood Association is trying to get involved with the TreeNM program (see treenm.org for more info and tips on caring for your trees). It is possible that interested residents could get 1-2 FREE trees for their front yards in the spring, but we will need your help!

If you are interested in obtaining trees for your yard and/or the neighborhood, please email us at: onateneighborhood@gmail.com with your name, contact info, and interest. Let's help the environment and beautify our neighborhood with more trees!



REMINDER: Fall Green Waste Collection Ends Soon

As reported in our last ONA newsletter, the Albuquerque Solid Waste Management Department's fall Green Waste collection program runs through Friday, December 8th. Solid Waste customers should have their Green Waste at the curb by 7:00 am on the day of their regular trash collection.

For details see www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/green-waste.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2023, Beginning Balance:	\$6,000
2023 YTD Income:	2,718
2023 YTD Expenses:	3,449
November 15, 2023, Balance:	\$5,331

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 13 – No ONA meeting
January 17 – ONA Meeting
February 21 – ONA Meeting
March 20 – ONA Annual Meeting

Happy Holidays

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

During this festive holiday season, we are especially thankful for our residents who have donated to the ONA for membership dues and police patrols. APD recently began outsourcing patrols and rates have increased. Every dollar counts and we appreciate your continuing donations to support our safety and security priorities.

Oñate Elementary School recently reached out to our community for much needed assistance and involvement.

1. **Food Pantry.** Behavior Redirector Sara Mcquarie, sara.mcquarie@aps.edu, shared information on Oñate's food pantry program for children experiencing food insecurities. While many schools provide free lunches, we continue to see families struggling with hunger. Sara estimates one in ten students at Oñate has food insecurities, one to two students per class. Each grade has two classes; grades K and 2nd have three each. They fill backpacks on Fridays and restock the following week.

Oñate has placed a gray barrel with a large teal sign just inside the front gate where we can drop off perishables. Some suggestions: Boxes of cold cereals, peanut butter, spaghetti noodles and sauce, canned soups, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned fish, whole grain pasta, brown rice, small packages of food, and boxed macaroni and cheese. Drop off hours are 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM, at 12415 Brentwood Hills NE, Albuquerque NM 87112.

2. **Coffee with the Principal.** We are invited to meet Principal Allie Weeda on the first Friday of each month. First planned date is Dec. 1, 8:00-9:00 AM; we will need to sign in and provide photo identification. Principal Weeda is new to Oñate and wants to engage with the community so let's get to know her. These are good opportunities to learn more about the school's structure and curriculum, especially for those researching schools in the area. We already have several residents who volunteer at Oñate, and you might run into a neighbor!

I wish you all a blessed holiday season with family and friends. The time together is precious!

Be safe, be well. – Sharon Ruiz

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