

Oñate Neighborhood Association

Know your Neighbors and be a Good Neighbor

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ONA Event

ONATE 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.

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ONATE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND!

- **FREE PIZZA DINNER** and refreshments, 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- **SPEAKERS ON SAFETY** at home and in the neighborhood. Learn tips on how you can make a difference.
- **MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!** Knowing your neighbors helps keep all of us SAFER!
- **DOOR PRIZES**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024
Chelwood Christian Reformed Church
2200 Chelwood Park Blvd. NE, Albuquerque
Dinner & Speakers 5:00 pm | Business Mtg. 6:00 pm

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.

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AT THE ONA ANNUAL MEETING ON MARCH 20

Our annual meeting takes place on Wednesday, March 20, at the Chelwood Christian Reformed Church near the corner of Chelwood Park and Menaul. Joining us will be City Councilor Renee Grout, District 9, and her Policy Analyst, Rachel Miller. They will share information on District 9 updates and projects, and efforts to improve our Brentwood Hills Park. Representatives or officers from the APD Foothills Area Command Center may join us to discuss ongoing safety and security. This will be an excellent time to meet safety and city staff and ask questions about improving our community. Primary concerns continue to be auto thefts, auto burglaries, residential trespassing, drug and narcotic violations, and speeding.



ONA's mission is to keep our neighborhood safe. Safety and security will be of paramount importance as neighborhoods evolve and we adjust to unforeseen changes. Our community comprises youngsters, oldsters, and everyone in between; active and disabled, independent and dependent, and we rely on each other for support in many ways. Join us March 20th to learn what measures we can take to improve neighborhood safety and protect our families and possessions.



Support Oñate Elementary School with food pantry donations!

Oñate Elementary School has started a food pantry to help with student food insecurities. A gray barrel with teal letters has been placed just inside the school's front gate where we can drop off perishables – 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 to 2:30 pm during school days, at 12415 Brentwood Hills NE, Albuquerque NM. 87112.

Multicultural Arts Festival | May 6

To celebrate the rich cultural diversity in southeast Albuquerque, the city is hosting an arts festival on May 6, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at its newest community center, The Singing Arrow, located at 13200 Wenonah Ave, SE. The festival will feature music, performances, food trucks, arts and crafts for sale and more. For more information visit the city's website – www.cabq.gov - or enter www.cabq.gov/family/crei/2024-multicultural-arts-festival in your browser.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 20 – ONA annual meeting

April 17 – ONA meeting May 15 – ONA meeting

June 19 – ONA meeting

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors:

I hope this finds 2024 off to a great start for everyone! This recent weather certainly adds comfort to my days. Now I am looking forward to daylight saving time on March 10, 2024!

The Oñate Board took a break in December to enjoy family and friends. We reconvened in January to kick off the new year. District 9 East Gateway Coalition of Associations (which ONA participates in) held its annual meeting in February. We heard remarks from Mayor Tim Keller and Councilor Renee Grout. District 9 is actively pursuing upgrades to our Brentwood Hills Park playground equipment as it is exhibiting extreme signs of wear and tear, which have become safety issues. We also requested more trash bins in the park and are also hopeful for a shade structure there. And we are on the waiting list for trees through the TreeNM program! We appreciate the efforts from ONA Secretary Rachel Benner for taking the lead on these important projects.

We look forward to seeing you on March 20 at our annual meeting to be held in the community room at Chelwood Christian Reformed Church. A pizza dinner and refreshments will be served at 5:00 pm followed by our regularly scheduled meeting from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Be safe, be well. – Sharon Ruiz

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2024, Beginning Balance:	\$6,014.98
2024 YTD Income:	470.00
2024 YTD Expenses:	139.00
February 21, 2024, Balance:	\$6,345.98

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