

# 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

## Oñate Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

- Sharon Ruiz, President
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## ONA Event



# NEWSLETTER TEAM RECOGNITION

----- Dinner -----

Wednesday, November 15 | 5:30 pm dinner; 6:30 pm meeting  
Chelwood Christian Reformed Church

ONA invites you to a Thanksgiving dinner for all our residents. On November 15th we'll recognize our many dedicated Newsletter Distributors, followed by the monthly ONA meeting. We appreciate and want to acknowledge this team for its support to our neighborhood on a quarterly basis.

We look forward to seeing longtime residents as well as meeting new neighbors. Join the Board for dinner at 5:30 pm and meeting at 6:30 pm at the Chelwood Christian Reformed Church Hall.

## 2023 Fall Green Waste Collection

The Albuquerque Solid Waste Management Department kicks off its fall Green Waste collection program from Monday, November 27 through Friday, December 8, 2023. Solid Waste customers should have their Green Waste at the curb by 7:00 am on the day of their regular trash collection.

All Green Waste must be 5 feet away from trash/recycling containers and placed in trash bags, which must not weigh more than 40 lbs. Branches must be cut to four-foot lengths and bundled securely. Dirt, debris, gravel, construction material or tree stumps will not be picked up. Do *not* place green waste in your recycling cart.

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.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT A HIT

National Night Out is an opportunity to connect neighbors with public safety and government staff and our August 1 event brought friends and neighbors together. Tantrum BBQ provided dinner and offered several delicious meal options. We would especially like to thank resident Laura Garner, ERA Summit Realty, for her meal voucher donation! This is the third year Laura has made a large donation toward meals and we have enjoyed the benefits of her generosity. Ice cream desserts were also a nice surprise!

Some of us were able to visit with City of Albuquerque General Services Director John Craig, Parks and Recreation Department Director David Simon, and Parks Supervisor Daniel Ortiz. We shared concerns about placing more trash receptacles around the playground and park, and more trees and better lighting in the neighborhood. They shared information about the City's NeighborWoods and Tree-Bate programs. ABCWUA's Tree-Bate program ([abcwua.org/conservation-rebates-tree-rebates](http://abcwua.org/conservation-rebates-tree-rebates)) provides a maximum rebate of \$100 on residents' water bills to help cover the cost of tree maintenance or the purchase of new trees.

Rachel Miller, Policy Analyst District 9 (Councilor Renée Grout) attended our August Board Meeting to further discuss these issues. We would like to bring the NeighborWoods Tree New Mexico program to our neighborhood and asked Rachel to add Oñate to the District 9 list for consideration for future plantings. ABQ NeighborWoods increases the tree canopy by 100 planted trees and 100 giveaway trees, one neighborhood at a time!

Our sincere thanks go to our Oñate NA officers and directors who worked on set up, serving, clean up, arranging APD visitors, and posting signs around the park and neighborhood. We simply cannot host events like National Night Out without your continued care and encouragement for each other and your commitment to supporting community events.

## Q&A: POLICE PATROLS

*Most of the donations we receive from residents go toward APD Chiefs Overtime (COT) Patrols to help prevent crime in our ONA area.*

**Q: How much is received in donations for patrols?** Year to date in 2023 (January – September), we received \$1,596 in donations for patrols. Expenditures for patrols were \$1,475 for the same period.

**Q: How are the police patrols scheduled?** The COT patrols are usually performed before and after an officer's regular shift, and specific patrol times usually cannot be accommodated. Overtime is limited for officers, and they are not always able to perform a two-hour minimum patrol for our neighborhood. A scheduled COT patrol can be cancelled without notice due to an emergency event anywhere in the city.

We are currently working with APD to increase COT patrols to a twice weekly basis.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Partly cloudy skies and cooler temperatures made for an enjoyable and uplifting National Night Out event with friends and neighbors. Thanks to all who attended, played, dined, and visited with APD officers and staff. Some of you might have missed the triple flyover by an APD helicopter team, or the K9 dogs who kept a close eye on their trainers. The laughter from children is one of my favorite sounds that absolutely warms my heart. Hope you all had an enjoyable time!

The ONA Board recently received a formal resignation from Stan Hafenfeld. He wrote, "After due deliberation (but no sleepless nights), having served in three positions and 14+ years on the Board, I have concluded that now is the time to move on and give someone else a chance to provide their input." Stan has been an active member on ONA and a long-time newsletter distributor. I have referred to Stan as our Sage because of his uncanny ability to recollect historical facts about the neighborhood. He is the wellspring of all useful information, and we will continue reaching out to him for guidance. Sincere thanks, Stan, for your commitment and support these many years – we salute you and look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood. You will be missed!



The ONA Board has voted to increase annual membership dues by \$2 to \$20. Dues cover expenses such as PO box rental, newsletter printing, website fees, and some neighborhood event expenses. Our last dues increase occurred prior to 2012.

Be safe, be well. – Sharon Ruiz

## TREASURER'S REPORT

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| January 1, 2023, Beginning Balance: | \$6,000.33 |
| 2023 YTD Income:                    | 2,124.46   |
| 2023 YTD Expenses:                  | 2,924.35   |
| August 2023 Balance:                | \$5,598.36 |

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 20 – ONA Meeting      October 18 – ONA Meeting  
November 15 – Meal/Team Recognition & ONA Meeting  
December 20 – ONA Meeting

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