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NEIGHBORHOOD  
P.O. Box 8185, Colorado Springs, CO 80933



Summer 2009

## Fire Station #2 A Neighborhood Gem

### 113 Years of Service – and Counting

If you've resided in the Old North End for any length of time, there's a good chance you have paused to admire the City of Colorado Springs' Fire Station #2, located at 314 East San Miguel. First constructed in 1896, then rebuilt in 1938, the station and its firefighters have served our neighborhood and adjacent areas in the City for more than a century.

The original two-story brick structure cost the City \$1,392, and measured 24 ft. x 38 ft. At the time, the San Miguel location was near the northeast boundary of town. Firefighters of the day hitched a team of horses to a tank wagon to respond to a fire; the first fire of record for Station #2 happened at 103 S. Tejon.

By 1938, the first station had become inadequate for the City's needs; City Council petitioned funds from the Public Works Administration (P.W.A) to build a new station on the existing site. P.W.A. granted \$16,403 toward the project, and the bids rolled in. Architect **Earle Deits** designed the new building; other contractors selected for the project included Olson-Benbow Plumbing & Heating Company, West Side Electric Company and Whitney Electric. W.T.

Mitchell & Son served as the general contractor. During construction, a garage behind 124 North Wahsatch housed Station #2.



The original Fire House #2, built in 1896, had two stories. A team of horses pulled the tanker wagon.

### A Bungalow to Complement the Neighborhood, and The McKinley Elm

The new building was a bungalow, designed to better complement neighboring residences. State-of-the-art garage doors rose with the push of a button, and descended automatically after two minutes. Glazed brick finished the walls, and the floors were covered in linoleum and terrazzo. Constructed for a total cost of \$36,000, the new Fire Station #2 opened on February 10, 1939.

Fire Station #2 responded to many notorious Colorado Springs fires, including the J.C. Penney store fire in 1939, a fire at the School for the Deaf

and the Blind in 1950, the dining room fire at the Antlers Hotel in 1953, and the McGregor Hall fire at Colorado College in 1954.

In addition to the building itself, Fire Station #2 property includes another historic footnote. The large elm tree located in front of the building was planted by firefighter **Charles Losey** on September 6, 1901, the day that President McKinley was assassinated. It is known as the 'McKinley Elm'. The tree was preserved when the old station was torn down, and continues to thrive today.



Fire Chief **Stephen Cox** receives a commemorative plaque from **Vic Appugliese**, ONEN president. Over 300 people attended the rededication ceremony for Fire Station #2 on August 1.

## President's Corner

Hello neighbors! It's been a great summer so far here in the Old North End, and we've seen plenty of community activity. I'd like to thank the ONEN Community Development Committee for their involvement in a series of worthwhile events:

- Metro Rides Kids' Bicycle Roundup (June)
- Old North End & Left Side Spin Cruiser Ride (May)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ONEN Yard Sale (June)
- Independence Day activities
- Fire Station # 2 celebration (August)

Please accept my thanks on behalf of the neighborhood for everyone's energy and effort in making these events so successful.

Thanks also to all of you who took time out to help with the tree replacement program on April 17<sup>th</sup>



and Monument Valley Park clean-up on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your support speaks volumes about what we can accomplish by pulling together as a community.

It's hard to believe that many of our student neighbors, educators, and staff will be heading back to school in the next few weeks. Please be mindful of the posted speed limits in areas with heavy pedestrian foot traffic as well as the numerous school zones that are within and around the neighborhood.

Please plan to join us at the annual Garden Party on September 12<sup>th</sup> – I look forward to seeing you there!

**Vic Appugliese**  
President  
Old North End Neighborhood

P.S. If you're new to the neighborhood, or haven't had a chance to join or renew, I hope you'll consider doing so this year. Visit [www.oldnorthend.org](http://www.oldnorthend.org) and click on the Membership tab for more information.

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## "Musical Mondays" Concert Series A Big Hit

Friends of Monument Valley Park presented a series of well-attended free concerts on Monday evenings in July. Many thanks to sponsors **Kenton Pass & Co.**, **Old North End Neighborhood**, **Jack Quinn's Irish Pub & Restaurant**, **Patty Chase of the Platinum Group Realtors**, **Patty Jewett Bar & Grill**, **Bestway Disposal**, **Olson Plumbing & Heating Co.** and **Beckony Kitchens & Baths** for helping to underwrite this popular community event. Featured here is the Monument Hill Brass Quintet, which performed on July 13.

# Mark Your Calendars: 3rd Annual ONEN Member Garden Party

**Saturday, September 12, 2009  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
1342 North Nevada Avenue**



If you are a dues-paying member of ONEN, you are cordially invited to our 3rd Annual ONEN Member Garden Party. This party is to thank dues-paying ONEN members for their support, and encourage other Old North End neighbors to sign up for ONEN membership. Last year over 300 of your neighbors enjoyed this great event!

- All dues-paying ONEN members are invited to come join the fun. There will be light appetizers, wine, beer and soft drinks as well as entertainment and neighborhood camaraderie at the yard of **Caren and Jay McCurdy**. It's a great way to see old friends and meet new ones! We are requesting an advance RSVP with a suggested \$10 donation per person (or \$15 per person at the door) to help support future neighborhood enhancement projects. You will be receiving an invitation the beginning of August with more details and your reservation form.
- Want to come to the Garden Party but have not paid your annual dues? No problem. Simply pay your dues prior to the party via your dues statement, web site or at the door. You will be receiving a dues statement in early August. If you have misplaced it, you can join ONEN via the web site: [www.Oldnorthend.org](http://www.Oldnorthend.org)

Please be sure to **RSVP by September 5, 2009** by mailing in your check and RSVP form to ONEN, or RSVP by email at [Gardenparty@oldnorthend.org](mailto:Gardenparty@oldnorthend.org). Due to the large number of attendees, we can only admit those on the RSVP list. Also note, children and pets are asked to stay at home, please.

Thank you for your support of ONEN and we look forward to seeing you there!

Current Member \_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_ (Please check one)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



Please send this RSVP registration form with your check by September 5, 2009:  
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## Recent Events in the Old North End Neighborhood

A barbershop quartet entertained during the Fire Station #2 Rededication.



Spiderman directs eager buyers to bargains at the Old North End Yard Sale.



A fire wagon from the Fire Museum made an appearance at the Fire Station #2 Rededication.



Bikes decorated in patriotic themes and happy children were in evidence at the Old North End 4th of July Parade.



Commemorative t-shirts were a huge hit at the Fire Station #2 Rededication. These can still be purchased from the Fire Museum for those who missed the event.



Young musicians from the Youth Black Rose Acoustic Society played to the enthusiastic crowd at the Fire Station #2 Rededication.

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## Please Consider Paying Dues to ONEN



All contributions are voluntary and tax-deductible. Dues start at just \$35.00. \$65 dues payment provides additional funds for trees and our neighborhood security service.

Your dues payment covers one year from the time of payment and helps us support the objectives of the ONEN Master Plan to protect and enhance our Neighborhood.

Please make checks payable to Old North End Neighborhood or ONEN.

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year first moved to the Old North End: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this form and your contribution to Old North End Neighborhood,  
 P.O Box 8185, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80933-8185**

**e-mail: [admin@oldnorthend.org](mailto:admin@oldnorthend.org)**

# Gain Perspective on City Budget Issues

Several budget-related educational tools are available online to citizens which may be helpful as the dialogue on budgets, goals and services continues:

## 1. 2009 Budget in Brief

<http://www.springsgov.com/units/budget/2009/2009BudgetinBriefForWeb.pdf>

**2. Economist Dr. Fred Crowley** discusses business cycles and government services in a TABOR / Gallagher world.

<http://www.springsgov.com/Page.aspx?NavID=242>

## 3. Did You Use or See These Today?

Take a quick quiz and find out what daily city services you use. This is a great discussion starter that you are welcome to print and share with neighbors, family and friends

<http://www.springsgov.com/Page.aspx?NavID=2383>

## 4. City Council's 2008 Strategic Plan Annual Report -

Accomplishments, challenges and goals shared by City Council and City staff <http://www.springsgov.com/Files/08AnnualReportFinal.pdf>

**5. Two Cent Sales Tax flyer** - This single sheet explains how core general services are funded on 2 cents on the dollar.

<http://www.springsgov.com/units/communications/1-27fact%20sheet.pdf>

**6. Why are we cutting service?** This is a basic factual look at sales tax revenue that is key to understanding the General Fund Budget.

<http://www.springsgov.com/SectionIndex.aspx?SectionID=10>

*(Information provided by Sue Skiffington-Blumberg, Public Communications Manager, (719) 385-5254. These materials are also available from the City's lending library and in printed form from Public Communications or the Finance Office.)*

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## State Historical Fund Awards Book Grant

### Focus on Architecture, History – Plus a Walking Guide

ONEN's Historic Preservation Committee has been awarded a grant from Colorado's State Historical Fund to develop a book chronicling neighborhood architecture and history.

"We've been planning a book for some time now, and feel extremely fortunate to gain the State's support so we can move forward," said

**Jennifer Lovell**, ONEN Historic Preservation Committee. ONEN and the Historic Preservation Alliance of Colorado Springs will provide the grant's required cash match.

This project will be the first published book dedicated to the history and

architecture of the Old North End, illustrated with historic and present-day photographs. Insets will focus on North Enders who have made significant contributions locally, nationally and internationally, as well as interesting stories and cultural highlights. The book will also include several walking guides of the neighborhood.

With publication anticipated in 2010, the book will be available at neighborhood events, and at local stores, historic sites, and museums. All proceeds will support future neighborhood historic preservation efforts.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**3rd Annual ONEN Garden Party**  
**Saturday, September 12, 2009**

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. • 1342 North Nevada  
RSVP by September 5th (see article)

**CC Student Garden/ONEN Community**  
**Work Day • Saturday, August 22, 2009**

12:00 p.m - 3:00 p.m.  
1228 Wood Avenue (use driveway on south  
side of 1228 Wood)

**Streetcar & Railway Museum Open House**  
**Saturday, August 22, 2009**

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
2333 Steel Drive • Call 475-9508 for info

**ONEN House Research Workshop**

**Saturday, Nov 7, 2009 • 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
Penrose Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave. • RSVP:  
by Nov 3rd to Tamara Higgins, 244-8981

**ONEN Fall Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2009**  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Location TBD

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