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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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# How the Air Force Academy Came to Colorado Springs

## Old North End Resident Joe Reich Played Key Role

In the late 1940s, the economic future of Colorado Springs looked uncertain. The Nestlé Company had decided to relocate, and with the end of World War II, both Camp Carson and Peterson Field had reduced activities. The city's population had dwindled, and downtown businesses were hurting.

At the time, downtown restaurant owner Joe Reich lived with his family in the Old North End, at 14 W. Espanola Street. Reich had come to Colorado Springs in 1932 where, he recalled, "There were the health seekers, the wealthy, who had made their money out of the mines, and the 'other' segment, of which I was part, that tried to get at the other two to make a living." His restaurant was The Swiss Chalet, located on East Pikes Peak, which eventually became the Little Chalet Restaurant, in the First National Bank Building. Some long-time residents may also remember a popular salad dressing Reich made and sold, called Chalet Dressing.

At the barbershop one day, a short news bulletin in the *Rocky Mountain*

*News* caught Reich's eye: "Newly formed Air Force to seek Academy of its own."

With the barbershop owner's permission, Reich tore the announcement from the paper and took it to Doug Crouch, then president of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce. Why not try to bring the proposed Air Force Academy to Colorado Springs? What a boost that would be to the city's economy!



Old North End resident Joe Reich, shown here in front of the Air Force Academy Chapel. Reich was instrumental in the campaign to bring the Academy to Colorado Springs, and remained deeply involved in building subsequent projects, such as the Cadet Chapel. (From the Photo Archives of the USAFA.)

### Not a Slam Dunk

Chamber members, however, were not initially enthusiastic. Some thought Colorado Springs hadn't a prayer of being selected, with the likely competition coming from East Coast cities near the other two service academies. In time, however, Reich and Crouch persuaded the rest of the Chamber to pursue a bid for the Academy. With other civic leaders, they organized a sub-committee and budgeted \$10,000 toward the effort. Joe Reich described this as the "first phase," which took place in 1949 and 1950.

Several concerns about a Colorado Springs site surfaced early. The Academy would train pilots, but flying along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, with such strong wind currents, was thought to be too hazardous. Health considerations were another obstacle. Living in such close proximity to one another, would the cadets be prone to the spread of streptococcus, which had been such a problem at Camp Carson during World War II? And then there was the question of water. Would there be enough to accommodate such a large installation?

The concern about flying conditions was put to rest when

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## President's Corner



Hello Neighbors-

Happy springtime to everyone – we love the warmer weather and longer days, even though old man winter can still reach out and grab us with an icy breeze. Keep those jackets handy ...

A big thank-you goes out to all of ONEN's dues paying members, sponsors and volunteers. Your efforts made possible the lengthy list of 2011 accomplishments – if you didn't see this list when it was published via e-mail, be sure to check the website for it. The breadth of accomplishment and activity makes a good case for a healthy neighborhood. We appreciate everyone for continuing to support the organization and neighborhood. And I would be remiss if I didn't ask you to please, when possible, patronize and thank the many and various ONEN sponsors for their valued participation in our community. Sponsorship income permits ONEN to tackle more projects, events, and activities than we could on membership revenue alone.

I want to acknowledge your ONEN board of directors for their endless energy, hard work and perseverance in service to our neighborhood and the greater community. I'm proud to work with this group and I'm even prouder to call them friends and neighbors.

2012 began with ONEN launching the CONO-initiated Snow Angel program in January. Perhaps by the time this newsletter hits print, we will have actually had enough snow to put the Snow Angels to work! History Day at Colorado College allowed many local students to shine, including recognition for several up-and-comers from the neighborhood. The ONEN plaque program continued the quest for a "plaque for every house" in March, and a brand-new ONEN website launched to better serve your information and communication needs.

Behind the scenes, plans are underway for ONEN's regular roster of spring and summer activities. Coming soon - tree plantings, neighborhood clean-up, sidewalk replacement and other improvements, neighborhood scholarship awards, a security seminar, the legendary yard sale, and various summer holiday events.

If you are as excited as we are about what's going on in our neighborhood, please consider sharing some of your time and talent with ONEN. Volunteers are welcome and needed for any of the above-mentioned projects, as well as new initiatives yet to be hatched.

I wish everyone a safe and joyful spring season. Hope to see you at the annual spring meeting in May. Look for e-blasts announcing the date and location of the meeting.

As ever, thank you for the honor to serve the best neighborhood in all of Colorado Springs!

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Charles Lindbergh showed up at the small private airport located north of town to fly a test run along the Front Range corridor. As Reich tells the story, the airport caretaker did not recognize Lindbergh, who did not have his pilot's license with him that day. Without his license, Lindbergh was told he could not use a plane - it was the rule. Of course this issue was cleared up, and Lindbergh made the flight, pronouncing the feasibility of training flights.

The concern over streptococcus outbreaks, so prevalent at Camp Carson during the war years, led to the involvement of the surgeon general of the United States and a medical evaluation at the University of Colorado. Since cadets would not be housed in barracks, but would instead live two to a room, the concern about streptococcus contagion was also dismissed. In the meantime, negotiations to buy water from the Western Slope of the Colorado Rocky Mountains guaranteed water availability.

### Calling in Reinforcements

For phase two of the campaign, the committee enlisted the support of additional prominent military, business and community leaders. Colorado's Governor Thornton and Congressman Chenoweth signed on to endorse the project. The Colorado Springs Chamber sought support from chambers across the state,

including Denver, and Colorado newspapers provided positive coverage. Committee leaders worked their connections in Washington and inside the Department of Defense and Department of the Air Force to locate the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

And what about Joe Reich? He was on the spot on June 24, 1954, when Secretary of the Air Force Talbot announced that Colorado Springs had been chosen as the site for the Air Force Academy.

In 1958, after the first class of cadets moved into their brand new facilities in Colorado Springs, Reich continued to work on various Academy projects, including the football stadium, the cadet chapel, and the golf course. His key role in bringing the Air Force Academy to Colorado Springs is memorialized by his portrait in a mural at Arnold Hall that depicts the history of the Academy site.

*(Information comes from the archives of the USAFA)*

## Phone Numbers

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[AskCSPD@SpringsGov.com](mailto:AskCSPD@SpringsGov.com)**

**Drug Hotline  
444-3111**

**Crime Stoppers  
634-7867**

**Cheyenne Mountain Security  
548-9990**

**Colorado State Patrol  
635-0385  
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**Impound Lot  
667-2777**

**Humane Society  
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**Colorado Springs Forestry  
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# Historic Windows Integral to Home Character

## Consider Restoration Before Replacement

Beautiful windows and wooden window frames are an integral part of the historic character and appearance of your home. Unlike other aspects of historic preservation, windows and frames are not protected by Colorado Spring's Historic Preservation Zoning Laws. Unless the size of the window opening is changed, homeowners can replace windows at any time without a building permit. Responsibility to restore or appropriately replace historic windows rests squarely with the homeowner.

The ONEN Historic Preservation Committee asks homeowners to please consider the following issues when making decisions about windows on your historic home:

### 1. Pay attention to design!

Windows and wooden frames are visible features of your historic home. These features are visible both inside and outside the house and are as important to the historic character of your home as the wooden siding, shingles, molding or dentil work. To read excellent articles on restoration as a viable option, go to [www.traditional-building.com/Previous-Product-Reports/3-windowsJune2008.htm](http://www.traditional-building.com/Previous-Product-Reports/3-windowsJune2008.htm) and "What Replacement Windows Can't Replace": [www.bing.com/search?q=What+Replacement+Windows+Can%27+Replace%2C+Sedovic%26+Gotthelf&x=124&y=19&for=m=MSNH14](http://www.bing.com/search?q=What+Replacement+Windows+Can%27+Replace%2C+Sedovic%26+Gotthelf&x=124&y=19&for=m=MSNH14) to download an informative 8-page pamphlet.

### 2. Windows are just one component in energy conservation.

Other avenues to conservation include:


- a newer and more efficient furnace
- sealing leaks around window and door frames
- insulating attics, foundations, and walls
- installing energy-saving appliances
- covering windows with insulated shades and drapes
- installing wood-frame storm windows on the inside or outside of a window.

### 3. Restore or replace?

If the best course is window replacement, there are products designed to fit **within** the existing frames of typical Old North End double-hung windows or in-swing, side-hinged windows. The labor cost to complete an "insert" replacement will be less than for a conventional full replacement. Wood and wood-clad aluminum and vinyl replacement window products now offer custom sizes, made to fit the exact size of the existing opening without affecting other historic details in the woodwork.

4. **Plain vinyl or aluminum windows placed into an existing wood, double-hung window frame** do not look original or historic, and might **decrease the amount of available light** that comes through the window.

Beware of misleading information and comparisons. You may want to conduct an energy efficiency audit before making a decision to replace any of your windows. For information about energy audits and to access other links to important information, go to the neighborhood website [www.oldnorthend.org](http://www.oldnorthend.org) and [www.nfrc.org](http://www.nfrc.org) (National Fenestration Rating Council.)



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Please contact

[kadyh@comcast.net](mailto:kadyh@comcast.net) - we'd love to have you on the beat in time for the July 2012 issue.

## New ONEN Website Launches

### Same Bat Time, Same Bat Channel

Thanks to Dan Gross and his team at James Media, [www.oldnorthend.org](http://www.oldnorthend.org) is sporting a fresh look and enhanced functionality, to better serve users across the neighborhood. Please check out the new site, and be sure to send along any suggestions for additional content to help us serve the neighborhood's communications needs.

## We Want to Hear from YOU

Neighborhood Survey Now Available Online

Please take a few minutes to complete a brief online survey about the neighborhood. Here's your chance to let the ONEN board know what's most important to you – find the survey on the homepage of the new website, [www.oldnorthend.org](http://www.oldnorthend.org).

**Deadline: April 23, 2012**



## 100 Trees in April

A quick glance at the calendar: it's April, it's springtime - can you believe we made it through another Colorado winter? Time to dust off the shovel, gather some mulch and get busy planting trees in the Old North End.

ONEN is proud to announce that once again, we will plant 100 trees this year, many to replace those lost during the severe winds that ripped through our area between December and February. This year's arboreal mix features 100 trees from Trees Across Colorado (TAC): **White Oak, Bur Oak, English Oak, Shumard Oak, Red Oak, and White Swamp Oak,**

along with **Canada Red Cherry and Red Bud trees.**

Following ONEN tree program tradition, spring planting will launch during Colorado Arbor Day weekend, April 20<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. If you are aware of parkways or area yards that have lost trees and could benefit from a replacement, please contact Vic Appugliese at (719) 630-3951 or [president@oldnorthend.org](mailto:president@oldnorthend.org). Along with a new tree, you'll receive free mulch with planting and watering instructions. If you cannot physically plant the tree, let Vic know and he'll be sure your ONEN tree gets properly planted.

Please be sure to take special care to generously water any new trees. For pruning, you can call

City Forestry at 385-5942, for trees in medians and parkways.

It's a simple process, with tremendous benefits for our neighborhood and community. You'll assist with a fantastic legacy of planting trees in our neighborhood that goes back to General Palmer.

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**- William Gilpin**

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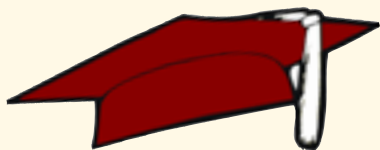
## 2012 ONEN Scholarships

ONEN is proud to offer two scholarships, \$1000 each, to high school seniors who live in the neighborhood, with plans to attend college after graduation.

Here are the requirements for scholarship consideration. To apply, you must:

1. Live within the boundaries of ONEN.
2. Be a high school senior in the year when you apply.
3. Submit a completed application form (obtained from your school counselor.)
4. Attach a statement describing one of your school or community experiences.
5. Submit two letters of recommendation -- one from a teacher and the other from a person outside of your school who is not a relative.

The two scholarship recipients will receive their awards at the ONEN spring meeting, scheduled for May 23, 2012.



*Please mail your application, statement, and letters of recommendation to:*

Cathy Mundy, Chair,  
ONEN Scholarship Committee  
2100 Wood Ave.  
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471-8244

**Deadline: April 16th, 2012**

## Accepting Nominations for Dog of the Year 2012-2013

The ONEN Dog of the Year Award began in 2010 to honor the neighborhood's beloved canine friends. The first dog recognized as Dog of the Year was Charles Wentworth. Charles has an extensive track record of community service throughout the Old North End and Pikes Peak region, and remains active in many service capacities, in good health and good spirits. The 2011 Dog of the Year, Shilo, was recognized for service that included Christmas Treecycle, suicide prevention, cancer research, and youth sports.

To nominate the next ONEN Dog of the Year, here are the requirements: The nominee must

1. Live within ONEN.
2. Love to play and behave well with kids.
3. Be active in service to benefit the neighborhood and community
4. Have no outstanding issues with neighbors (excessive barking and/or howling, unwanted gifts in neighbors' yards, chasing neighborhood cats, attacks on postal, newspaper or delivery employees)
5. Have a great disposition around other animals and people

**"What S.O.B. doesn't like dogs? What kind of monster is he? He ought to be glad he can hear the wonderful sound of dogs barking."**

**– Humphrey Bogart**

The Dog of the Year will have his or her picture published in the ONEN newsletter and web site. ONEN will honor this recognition by donating 50 pounds of dry dog food to the dog's animal charity of choice, and deliver a grab bag of healthy snacks to the new Dog of the Year.

To nominate a worthy dog, please prepare a 50-100 word essay explaining why this dog deserves such an honor, and include a photo. We will announce the winner at the neighborhood meeting in May. Submit to: [admin@oldnorthend.org](mailto:admin@oldnorthend.org), with a subject line "ONEN Dog of the Year." **Deadline: May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

### ONEN Loves Photos!

Whether you are the type who never leaves home without your camera, or just happened to get lucky with a shot – we welcome your photo submissions. Take pictures of your neighbors in action at area events, and send them along to us (including name(s) and any details about activity) – we'd love to feature them in the newsletter and/or on the website.

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# Ongoing Sidewalk Improvements Planned

## Fast Track Fix for Dangerous Walkways

The ONEN sidewalk improvement program helps area residents repair and replace worn-out sidewalks at the front and side of their homes. With limited public funds allocated for repair and replacement of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, requests submitted to the City may take months to hit the schedule. The ONEN program targets sidewalks with severe damage that present a safety problem for pedestrians. Damaged sidewalks are not only unsafe and unsightly – they may expose homeowners to potential liability.

Well-maintained sidewalks contribute to the safety and beauty of this historic neighborhood as well as improve the overall walk ability of the neighborhood. With a budget of \$5,000 for ONEN's share of any improvements, the 2012 sidewalk improvement program could replace as many as 10 sidewalks.

ONEN's contractor for the sidewalk improvement program is Groninger Concrete. Groninger Concrete is a family-owned local business with deep ties to our neighborhood and community.

ONEN has worked successfully with Groninger Concrete to repair and replace 24 of the very worst sidewalks around the area over the past two years. We appreciate the effort and dedication of the folks at Groninger Concrete to improve our sidewalks!

For specific instructions on how to submit your needy sidewalk to the ONEN program, please go to [www.oldnorthend.org](http://www.oldnorthend.org), and click on the tab for "Streets, Trees & Sidewalks."

## History Day 2012:

### Revolution, Reaction & Reform in History

National History Day 2012 took place at Colorado College on February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. After much conversation, debate, and project review, the ONEN judges awarded eight \$50 awards. Participating ONEN student award winners included:

**Lauren Dewey**  
Junior Individual Performance  
*Women's Suffrage in Colorado: Ellis Meredith and the Fight for Women's Rights*

**Thomas Price**  
Senior Individual Performance  
*The Bones Wars: March's Revolution, Cope's Reaction, and the Reform of Paleontology*

Thanks to ONEN judges Pat Doyle, Nelson Kent, Bruce Doyle, Jennifer Lovell and Vic Appugliese, and kudos to Kathy Lindeman and the staff of Tutt Library of Colorado College for hosting an outstanding event.



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#### **ONEN Home Research Workshop**

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Penrose Library

#### **FMVP Bird Walk (led by Ken Pals)**

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Details – please check [fmvp.net](http://fmvp.net)

#### **ONEN Community Meeting**

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Location TBA

## **Upcoming Events**

#### **FMVP Wildflower Walk (led by Carey Harrington)**

Saturday, June 2, 2012

Details – please check [fmvp.net](http://fmvp.net)

#### **5th Annual**

#### **Old North End Yard Sale**

Saturday, June 16, 2012

#### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Bike Decorating**

Tuesday, July 3, 2012

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Steele School Gazebo

#### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

Wednesday, July 4, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Boddington Field

#### **Musical Mondays**

July 9, 16 & 23, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Monument Valley Park

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#### **ONEN Garden Party**

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