



What Makes A Neighborhood?

Community Development Has Many Facets

When the original ONEN master plan was drafted back in 1990, it identified a series of objectives to improve and protect the neighborhood where all call home. While the association's focus has shifted across a number of priorities in the ensuing years, the fundamental thrust of the plan remains as applicable today as it was 18 years ago: take care of what we have, stay attuned to change that could degrade any of our assets, and be proactive about both opportunities and threats.



ONEN neighbors enjoyed a get-together at the historic Whitney residence on Cascade Avenue (Sept. 2008).

- Encourage better maintenance of rental and non-residential properties

- Promote neighborhood clean-up
- Promote beautification and streetscape improvements
- Establish entryways and identification for neighborhood
- Discourage billboard, bus

bench and other incompatible advertising

Many of the master plan components involve physical aspects of the neighborhood: traffic and transportation issues; parks, landscaping and public infrastructure; environmental concerns; historic preservation. Running through these physical aspects, however, is a less tangible but equally important thread, that of neighborhood quality. **Here are the initiatives identified in the original plan under the banner of "neighborhood quality:"**

- Promote unity activities
- Improve ONEN association
- Continue social and cultural diversity
- Strengthen Neighborhood Watch
- Provide incentives for property maintenance and renovation

Creating

Opportunities

A great deal of change has taken place since 1990, both in the city as a whole and in the Old North End. What hasn't changed is the recognition on the part of so many residents of the intangible assets we share as a neighborhood. Within the ONEN board, the energy to drive many of the "neighborhood quality" activities comes from the Community Development Committee. Co-chaired by **Stephanie Waltman** and **Khristine Prickett Vadala**, this committee has launched both the

annual neighborhood-wide garage sale and holiday caroling events. Though each of these events has a relatively short history, their success has already made them fixtures on the community calendar. This committee has also been instrumental to the success of the Donor Appreciation Garden Party held each September for the past two years.

The master plan highlights a number of other strategies that support neighborhood quality. Neighborhood Watch has always had an important role, since beyond its security function, it puts in place a structure that makes it easier to become acquainted with your neighbors. The latest iteration to the board selection process (see p. 5 for more details) drills down to pull in board representation from every corner of the neighborhood. And improved communications, back and forth between the board and residents, and

around the neighborhood in general, has become a daily reality thanks to technology that was barely on the horizon when the master plan was first adopted.



Neighbors of all ages enjoyed songs and holiday cheer at the holiday caroling event (Dec. 2008).

The bottom line:

ONEN's master plan is alive and kicking and has served to help the neighborhood evolve with ongoing priorities in clear view. If you'd like to learn more about the plan, check out the Master Plan tab at www.oldnorthend.org, especially the summaries following the plan outline.

President's Corner

The State of the Neighborhood

This year we have seen the fruition of several decades of effort directed at accomplishing the objectives of our neighborhood master plan. Those accomplishments have made the neighborhood a better place to live. Other initiatives, currently underway, hold similar promise. However, we still have a long way to go to achieve all the objectives of the master plan, and we face bigger obstacles today than we did a year ago.

Accomplishments and Current Initiatives:

- Tougher enforcement of truck restrictions on Nevada
- Preliminary agreement with CDOT to reduce noise on I-25
- Helping to fund feasibility study of UCCS-to-downtown streetcar
- Speed study on Nevada
- Increased funding of ONEN scholarships: \$1000 each
- Planted 100 trees for second year
- Paid for deep-wand watering of trees on medians
- Revised by-laws to make all residents members of ONEN
- ONEN Board most geographically representative in at least 10 years
- Initiated open election of some Board members by residents
- Continued strengthening of ONEN organization
 - Almost 50% of households voluntarily pay dues
 - Average contribution exceeds \$60 per year

- Greater communication
 - ★ 4 newsletters this year
 - ★ Average of 4 e-mails per week to 800 recipients
 - ★ 2 neighborhood-wide meetings per year
- Continued funding of 5 circuits per day by security patrol
- Continued coordination of Neighborhood Watch
- Continued coordination of Yard Sale Day, Garden Party, and Holiday Caroling
- Continued coordination of house plaque workshops
- Initiation of oral history program
- Applied for state funding of neighborhood history and walking guide
- Created education committee to assist neighborhood schools

We need your help in several areas:

Although we have paid to deep-water our median trees, please water the trees on your parkways between the sidewalk and the street to keep them strong and beautiful.

This August, we will be holding a block party to award plaques commemorating the history of Fire Station #2; we'll need some help to make this a great summer event!

Another area in which we need your help is safety. Your dues payments enable us to fund a security patrol which has proven effective at preventing crimes and identifying criminals. But the best single thing you can do to help make yourself and your family more safe is to participate in the Neighborhood Watch program coordinated by our Safety and Security Committee. Local, state, and national statistics all document the reduction in crime and the apprehension of criminals which accompany active block watch programs.

Other problems we face are due, in part, to the dramatic reduction in spending forced on the City by an equally dramatic reduction in income. The City is disproportionately dependent on sales tax revenues. As the economy has slowed, the City's ability to fund the services we need has been drastically undermined. While we have been able, in the case of the tree watering program, to make up for some spending reductions, neither the City nor ONEN have the resources we require to repair our curbs and gutters, bury the utility lines, pave un-paved alleys, or design and construct appropriate entryways to the neighborhood. Without a change in the City's taxation policy or some restructuring of the neighborhood, we will not have such resources in the foreseeable future. We must either begin a dialogue to correct this situation or agree to watch our neighborhood deteriorate indefinitely.

This is my last letter as president of the Old North End Neighborhood. **Vic Appugliese**, who served this past year as both president-elect and chair of our tree program, will assume the president's duties toward the end of our annual meeting, May 20. Vic, who is profiled elsewhere in this newsletter, will be an active and able president, one who will continue the progress we have made, and one whom I will be happy to support as a member of the ONEN Board.

On a personal note, I've enjoyed my tenure as president and have greatly benefitted from the support, advice, and even occasional criticism you have offered. I'm particularly grateful for the many courtesies and kindnesses you have shown me. Thank you!



Dave Pronger

Trees – and Then Some

Incoming Board President Has Served in Many Capacities

Beginning June, 1st, 2009, **Vic Appugliese** will be spending less time looking out for the neighborhood's wonderful trees and more time as the voice and guiding presence of the Old North End Neighborhood Board. As incoming Board president, Vic brings both tremendous experience with neighborhood relations and enthusiasm for our community's potential that comes from living in the Old North End for more than 10 years.



those lost to drought and disease. Vic also spearheaded Colorado College liaison efforts, bringing off-campus student residents and their neighbors together to get acquainted and head off potential misunderstandings.

Vic has two daughters, Alysia, 20, a student at Eastern Arizona College School of Nursing, and Leya, 17, a junior at San Simon High School. Residents of East San Miguel, the entire family has volunteered extensively in the Colorado Springs community. Vic is a veteran of the first Gulf War, and holds degrees in information systems and project management. He works for Qwest communications, and has been an ONEN board member since 2006.

Most of us know Vic from his work on ONEN's Trees Committee. Every spring for the past 5 years, he and countless neighborhood volunteers have delivered and planted hundreds of trees around the neighborhood, to replace

"I'm honored to have been chosen to lead this fantastic neighborhood and organization!"

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Need some help around the yard?

If your list of spring clean-up chores is looking daunting, or if you just need an extra hand, please check this list of young neighbors who are keen, eager and ready to go to work.

Barak Ben-Amots • 963-7554 • barak.benamots@gmail.com • general cleaning and help
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Sophia Tobin-Freeman • 13 • 473-3808 • babysitting, mother's helper, CPR and first aid certified, pet/plant/house sitting
Willy Weeks • 12 • 632-9468 • weeks@steveweeksmusic.com • pet sitting and yard work



Lifeline for Median Trees

Watering Program Underway

It's common knowledge by now that serious budget constraints will affect almost every aspect of City operations for the foreseeable future. The Parks Department, which is responsible for maintaining the landscape on public medians, has announced that it must limit watering activities for the medians to a maximum of 24 inches. In addition, the Department will delay operating the sprinklers until mid-May, several weeks later than in past years. If rainfall this year reaches average levels, this supplemental water will be barely adequate; if there's less rain, the trees and landscape will continue to suffer stress after the past three seasons of limited precipitation.

The ONEN Board consulted several tree authorities, all of which confirmed that in particular, our median trees are at extreme risk. The arborists recommended intense watering now for the best chance of survival. Most of us remember how the severe drought in 2002 caused many trees, particularly on North Nevada, to die. Facing this risk, **ONEN has committed to underwrite supplemental deep watering of the median trees on Wahsatch, Nevada, Cascade, and Wood, as well as the Culebra island.** Although this is an acknowledged City responsibility,

funding constraints make it impossible to meet the obligation.

Starting in early April, Mountain High Tree Service, one of the sponsors of the ONEN



Mountain High Tree Service crews began deep-wand watering of the neighborhood's median trees in April.

website, began deep wand watering of the median trees. Although labor-intense, this technique minimizes water loss and maximizes benefits to the trees.

Thanks to the past generous support of many ONEN residents, the Board has been able to make this critical watering commitment. This

expenditure will, however, deplete funds on hand by about one-third. Making this commitment also involves deferring other expenditures, such as street calming and neighborhood identification in support of ONEN master plan goals. **Thanks to everyone who has made a supplemental contribution – we appreciate it!**

All our wonderful neighborhood trees need water now! Please be as attentive and generous as you can to make sure that the parkway trees between the sidewalks and the streets around your home receive significant amounts of water this spring, summer, and fall.

Watering Guidelines to Save Your Trees

After an unusually dry fall and winter, many trees and shrubs need water now. Here are some watering tips:

1. Make a note on your calendar each month and water when there has been little or no snow cover and temperatures are above 40 degrees.
2. Water established trees and shrubs deeply every 4 weeks, depending upon natural precipitation.
3. Slowly penetrate the soil to a depth of at least 12" (you can dig a small hole to check if the ground allows) in the entire area underneath the tree canopy. Even watering right at the trunk can help if you can't get at the root zone (e.g., if it is beneath the street).
4. A soaker hose, soil needle attached to your hose, or well built out of soil around the tree are all effective ways to prevent run-off.
5. A rule of thumb: Apply about 5-10 gallons of water per inch of tree diameter. Shrubs need about 5 gallons per month.
6. When possible, apply wood chip mulch 3-4 inches deep in the canopy area to preserve moisture.

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ONEN Board Seeks New Members

Neighbors to Nominate

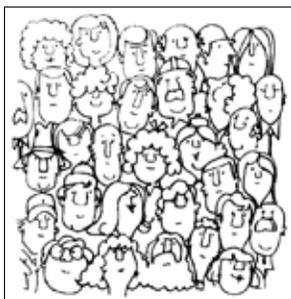
To encourage broader and more direct micro-neighborhood representation, your ONEN Board is now seeking nominations from localized sectors of the neighborhood. The target is to have these sector representatives make up one-third of the Board.

The sectors are organized around the major north-south streets, and will be identified by their street names:

1. Wahsatch between Uintah and Fontanero, including all houses on cross streets from the alley between Wahsatch and Corona to the alley between Wahsatch and Weber

2. Weber between Uintah and Lilac, including all houses on cross streets from the alley between Weber and Wahsatch to the alley between Weber and Nevada

3. Nevada between Uintah and Lilac, including all houses on cross streets from the alley between Nevada and Weber to the alley between Nevada and Tejon



4. Tejon between Uintah and the railroad tracks, including all houses on cross streets from the alley between Tejon and Nevada to the alley between Tejon and Cascade

5. Cascade between Uintah and the railroad tracks, including all

houses on cross streets from the alley between Cascade and Tejon to the alley between Cascade and Wood

6. Wood, Wood Terrace, and Monroe Place, including all houses on cross streets west of the alley between Wood and Cascade, all houses west of Wood on Madison and Monroe, and 113 and 114 West Del Norte, and 112 West Fontanero

7. Alamo, Culebra Avenue, Culebra Place, and El Parque, including all houses on cross streets west of Wood except 113 and 114 West Del Norte and 112 West Fontanero.

This approach to obtaining ONEN board leadership will allow for a more diverse and representative board serving the neighborhood. The new selection process does not require constant change to the ONEN bylaws, yet allows defined areas within the neighborhood to select representatives who can speak for the issues that affect them most directly. This should make for a more effective neighborhood association.

For the 2009-2010 board year that commences in June, residents of the Wahsatch, Weber, and Nevada sectors will have an opportunity to nominate a representative to the ONEN Board.

Two of the new sector representatives will fill three-year terms on the Board; another will fill a one-year term, which can then be renewed a year later for a three-year term. This process will support the Board's rolling rotation of three equally-sized "classes" to ensure continuity for ongoing projects.

Next year, residents of the Tejon and Cascade sectors will select representatives, and in 2011, residents of the Wood, Wood Terrace, and Monroe Place, and Alamo, Culebra, and El Parque sectors will gain a representative on the Board.

If you live in the Wahsatch, Weber and Nevada sectors, by now you should have received a nomination form by mail or e-mail; if you haven't received yours, please check the ONEN website. New sector representatives will be announced at the ONEN Spring Meeting on Wednesday, May 20.

This process will strengthen the ONEN Board and allow us to more effectively serve the entire Old North End. Please contact Dave Munger (pdmunger@aol.com/633-7998 or admin@oldnorthend.org) if you have any questions or concerns.



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What is Crime Prevention?

Free Seminars from CSPD Sharpen Awareness

Criminal prevention: “a pattern of attitudes and behaviors intended to reduce the threat of crime and enhance the sense of safety and security. Crime prevention ... helps to develop environments where crime cannot flourish.”

The Colorado Springs Police Department offers a series of free seminars on crime prevention to businesses and employees, citizens groups, church groups, private clubs and other citizen organizations. The goal of these seminars is to educate citizens in police reporting skills, crime prevention tactics and observation techniques. By educating the rest of us, the police will be able to prevent more crimes.

ONEN can request a presentation of any of these seminars. If you are interested in a particular seminar, email **Sheila Wallace** (swallace0325@yahoo.com.) If there is enough interest, she will make arrangements to bring the seminar to our neighborhood.

Alternatively, you can request a seminar presentation for your group or business. Please contact the divisional Crime Prevention officer at least two weeks prior to your desired date.

- Crime-free Multi-Housing (8 hrs.)
- Child Internet Safety (1 hr.)
- Violence in the Workplace (1 – 2 hrs.)
- Refuse To Be A Victim (4 hrs.)
- R.A.D. (12 hrs. with UCCS Campus Police and Monument PD)
- Sexual Harassment (1 hr.)
- Personal Safety for Seniors (1 hr.)
- Fraud Prevention for Seniors (1 hr.)

- Automobile Security & Carjacking (1 hr.)
- Child Abduction Prevention (1+ hrs.- varies with age)
- Home Security (1 hr.)
- Identity Theft (1+ hrs.)
- Verbal De-escalation: Defusing Hostile People (3 hrs.)
- Robbery Prevention (1 hr.)
- Shoplift Prevention (1 hr.)
- The Stages of an Assault, Targeting Hardening, and Verbal Stunning (1 hr.)
- Mental Preparedness & Mind-setting for Survival (1 hr.)
- Boundary-setting and Personal Space (1 hr.)
- Conflict Resolution (1 hr.)
- General Personal Safety – abridged versions of Stages of Assault, Target Hardening, Mental Preparedness, plus Automobile Safety (1 hr.)

In addition, CSPD offers Home and Business Security (CPTED – Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) assessments upon request.

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(Information taken from the Colorado Springs Police Department website:

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Owners of Homes in National Register Historic Districts Workshops on Tax Credits

- Are you planning a restoration or rehabilitation project?
- Is your home located in the **Old North End** or **Weber-Wahsatch National Register** historic districts? (Map - www.oldnorthend.org/html/neighborhood_map.html)

ONEN is sponsoring two free workshops to help your project comply with the tax credit requirements:

**Thursday, May 28th
7 to 8:30 p.m.**

**or
Saturday, May 30th,
9:30 to 11 a.m.**

- ◆ **Where:** TBA by e-blast
- ◆ **Presenter:** **Tim Scanlon**, Senior City Planner, Historic Preservation
- ◆ **Content:**
 - 1) Guidelines to obtain state tax credits
 - 2) Step-by-step process using a sample project
 - 3) Q & A

- Please contact **Pat Doyle** (patdoyle@mac.com 473-8108) if you have questions or need more information.

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The Old North End Neighborhood includes all of the Historic Old North End District and part of the North Weber/Wahsatch Historic District. It also includes many blocks north, east, and west of those areas. The Old North End Neighborhood Association serves all of the area shown as shaded on this map (roughly bounded by **MVP, the tracks, Shooks Run and the alley east of Wahsatch, and Uintah**)

Old North End Neighborhood Area
 Colorado Springs, Colorado
 1 inch equals 458.33 feet

Old North End Neighborhood Boundary

Map of Historic Districts within Neighborhood Boundary

North End* North Weber/Wahsatch*

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A friendly reminder: Please try to check in on neighbors who may be less able. Slipping a note with your name and number under a door can be a respectful way to reach out; asking for help is hard for some who need it. Thanks for all you do to make the Old North End a special place to live!

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.

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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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. All ages welcome!

Location info: http://fmvnp.net/News_and_Events.html
Contact Cathy Mundy
(471-8244) or Linda Kennison (632-9674)

ONEN Spring Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 7:00 p.m. in Slocum
Commons, CC campus

ONEN's 3rd Annual Yard Sale
Saturday, June 27, 2009, 8:00 a.m.

Tax Credit Workshops-Historic Home Rehabilitation
Thursday, May 28, 2009, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
or
Saturday, May 30, 2009, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., Location TBA

Musical Mondays in Monument Valley Park
July 6, 13, 20, 27, arrangements in progress

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