#### The OLD NORTH END NEIGHBORHOOD

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## **CEG Targets Real Concerns: Working for a Safer Community**

ver the past 18 months citizens, organizations and community leaders from the Pikes Peak Region have come together to address genuine concerns about a growing public health and safety crisis in our community. Under the banner of Citizens for Effective **Government** (CEG), the participants have conducted hundreds of hours of meetings, focus groups, research and discussions with community leaders and public health and safety providers. The initial goals were:

- 1. to clarify and document researched information to explain how public health & safety in the Pikes Peak Region are at risk;
- In partnership with community leaders and front-line providers, to develop a range of viable solutions.

CEG's comprehensive review of public safety and health issues paints a disturbing picture.

Safety: Crime trends in El Paso County show double-digit increases in all categories. Without a comparable increase in response resources,

- Emergency response times have grown longer, and our jails are both extremely overcrowded and often unsafe for both staff and inmates.
- The DA and Coroner's caseloads are overwhelmed, and both offices have serious backlogs, causing

- major inefficiencies and many safety risks.
- Criminals who typically would be in jail for first felony offenses may go free until a second or third arrest; this includes sex offenders and perpetrators of violent assault.

Public health: Even as infectious disease cases increased by 200%, the El Paso County Public Health Department has lost 31% of its



- Lack of staff and funding means inspections for childcare facilities, swimming pools and restaurants are limited, at best.
- Although the law requires regular inspections, those inspections are far behind requirements because of lack of resources.

CEG proposes a series of baseline initiatives to fight crime, restore safety and protect public health at levels we expect as citizens of a first-world country. Only because of dedicated triage by our public health and safety workers have we not experienced a crisis--YET - but that safety net has frayed to a dangerous point.

To learn more about this issue, please contact:

Colorado Springs Police **Department Community Relations** (719) 444-7410, <u>AskCSPD@</u>

> Ask for the brochure "Our Service Delivery: A Community Challenge," Statistics on response, challenges posed by our growing community.

- www. springsgov.com/ strategicplan ; The 2008 plan lists City
- services as the #1 priority find out about the Sustainable Funding Committee
- www.springsgov.com/budget or budget@springsgov.com Ask for the February 2008 brochure "Budget in Brief," which summarizes budget information for general consumption.

#### **President's Corner**

As we enjoy this beautiful summer, we may not be aware of the challenges we face this fall.

Our public health and safety infrastructure and work force are increasingly insufficient to protect us. Crime continues to rise (although not yet in the Old North End), police response times get longer, the deteriorating community jail is too small, district attorney caseloads are too heavy, infectious disease has increased 200% in the past six years, and County funding for public health has declined 31% in the same period.

The Citizens for Effective Government are proposing a ballot initiative this fall to increase our sales tax by a modest amount to cover the most pressing needs. Your ONEN Board strongly supports this initiative, and we encourage you to do likewise. Please read the accompanying article for ways you can help make our community safer.

Recently-appointed State Representative Doug Bruce has proposed making all City enterprises voluntary, essentially arguing that these are illegal taxation mechanisms. His proposals are also on the fall ballot. Please understand that a "yes" vote on these measures will reduce local government funds dramatically, basically crippling the airport, parking system, Pikes Peak, the Human Services Complex, and other important services--all without reducing your individual taxes by very much. Only two percent of your sales taxes are used to support the City of Colorado Springs, and we pay the lowest sales and property taxes of any major city in the Front Range. I encourage you, no matter what your view of the

appropriate role of local government and taxation, to carefully consider the implications of these proposals before you cast your vote.

I also encourage you to personally help correct some illegal practices in our neighborhood. Some companies continue to send their 5-axle trucks down Nevada or use Nevada as a through route for smaller trucks. On the residential side, some drivers continue to park their vehicles too close to or blocking alleys and driveways—a violation of City law. If you notice such violations, please contact the police at 444-7000 or <a href="http://www.springsgov.com/Page.asp?NavID=7008">http://www.springsgov.com/Page.asp?NavID=7008</a>.

Thanks for all you do to make our neighborhood the beautiful and welcoming home that it is to all of us.

Dave Munger, ONEN President

# Penrose Is Now Tobacco-Free

Phil Shaw, Interim President and CEO

of Penrose-St. Francis Health Services, has announced that effective August 8, no tobacco use of any kind will be permitted—inside or outside-- on any Penrose-St. Francis property. This includes our ONEN neighbor and sponsor, Penrose Hospital. One component of the new and comprehensive tobacco-free program will be "Keep the Earth Clean & Kick Butts!!!", a volunteer program dedicated "to keeping Penrose a clean and healthy environment by picking up cigarette butts around the Penrose Hospital campus and neighborhood," as described in Penrose-St. Francis media material. Interested neighbors who would like to volunteer to "kick butts" can contact Erin Heberlein at (719)776-7394. Our thanks to Penrose for being a good neighbor!

#### Old North End Neighborhood Board

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#### **Tree Program Update**

An important message from Vic Appugliese, ONEN Vice-President and Trees Committee Chair:

The weather has been extremely hot and dry so far this summer, and our trees need as much water as they can get. A harsh combination of heat, drought and wind is drying out trees at a faster rate than is typical with more normal rainfall. We are privileged to live in a neighborhood which understands the

importance of planting new trees; what we do now with those trees will determine whether they live or die. Just one five-gallon bucket of water tossed onto a tree near you would really make a difference for that tree's survival during this dry summer; **five** 

> gallons once a week will benefit trees on your property and parkways while the weather is hot and dry. Scaling back to every two weeks with that same five gallons will suffice during normal moisture patterns. In the best interest of our newer trees, the Old North End has determined that we will skip our fall 2008 trees

**planting**. This will permit us to focus our resources, time and efforts on the survival of the newly-planted trees.

We will return to planting in April, 2009.

If you have contacted me about receiving replacement trees for your yard or parkway this coming fall, you are still on the replacement list. I will contact you within the next few weeks to confirm that you still wish to receive a tree. Those on the list who do not get a tree this fall will be first for the spring tree planting in April. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause; however, right now the need to help our existing trees survive the summer out-weighs the need to plant more trees which will only need more water.

So be a good neighbor, be kind to a tree, stay cool, and by all means... 'Plant 'til you're planted'! -- Vic

"Of all man's work of art, a cathedral is greatest. A vast majestic tree is greater than that"

-- Henry Ward Beecher

## Way to Go, 2008 ONEN Scholarship Recipients!

Congratulations to Kerry Cavanaugh and Sarah Theobald for being the first recipients of \$500.00 ONEN Scholarships. Each applicant was required to live within the boundaries of the Old North End Neighborhood. As part of their application each wrote a 300-word essay describing a school or community experience, and submitted two letters

of recommendation. The ONEN Scholarship Committee received five outstanding applications this year, and we look forward to awarding the ONEN Scholarship to high school seniors again in 2009. Thanks to you, our ONEN members and sponsors, whose support allows ONEN to recognize and reward these bright and talented young people!



Dave Munger presents the ONEN Scholarship to Sarah Theobald; Kerry Cavanaugh was also honored to receive the scholarship, but was unable to attend.

### Security Update

#### Neighborhood Safety: Two Ways You Can Help

Help Bust Big Trucks on Nevada On May 15, 2008 when the Cimarron Bridge re-opened, another important change went into effect: a hard-won new City ordinance which will make Nevada Avenue a safer place to live and travel, go to school, church, or Penrose Hospital, and to do business.

The ordinance restricts commercial truck use of the stretch of Nevada which runs from Fillmore Street to Cimarron Street; trucks which do travel this section of Nevada must have four axles or less, and have a delivery or pick-up directly in the area. Along with many others, the Old North End Neighborhood has been very involved throughout this process, and continues to work to help enforce the ordinance.

ONEN President Dave Munger reports that ONEN is doing its part by

- working with our City
   Councilman, Scott Hente, to
   encourage police to consistently
   enforce the ordinance;
- reporting violations to the Surface Transportation Advisory Coalition (STAC), our local trucking association (STAC has assured us that they and their members support the Nevada Avenue restriction ordinance, and will correct violations.);
- receiving assistance from STAC in getting local companies to keep their drivers compliant;
- reporting violations to the Trucking Issues Sub-Committee (TISC) of the Citizens' Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB).

Dave Munger now chairs the TISC, which will review the Nevada restrictions and their enforcement at the September TISC meeting. Results of the meeting will be reported to CTAB and to City Council.

Police patrolmen in our area are doing their best to enforce the new ordinance, but ONEN is asking for your help: Nevada Avenue residents and others who have concerns about



restricted trucks on Nevada can help the police by sending any information, license plate photos, etc. related to violations to

- TISC Chair Dave Munger: <u>pdmunger@aol.com</u>, (719) 633-7998
- City Councilman Scott Hente: <u>shente@springsgov.com</u>, (719) 385-5487

 Officer Chris McCleary: mccleach@springsgov.com or mccleach@ci.colospgs.co.us , (719) 444-7621

ONEN Neighborhood Watch numbers are up--

But we're still short: We need 29 more block watch captains

ONEN Security Committee is proud to say we now have 52 blocks for which someone has stepped up and become the neighborhood watch block

> captain. If only 29 more blocks had one person who took this initiative, our entire neighborhood would be covered. Block captains are needed especially in the north and east sections of our neighborhood (see the ONEN map in this newsletter). If you are not sure whether or not your block has a captain, please contact ONEN President Dave Munger: (719) 633-7998 or *president@* oldnorthend.org. You can also visit http://www. oldnorthend.org/html/ <u>safety\_\_security.html</u> and click on information about the ONEN Safety Committee, where you will find more information about how

to get involved. Organize an ONEN Neighborhood Watch on your block and become an active participant in crime prevention!





Kim Schultz McLain Group

## Musical Monday: A New Summer Tradition

The Friends of Monument Valley Park hit a home run with **Musical Mondays** in the Park, held each Monday evening in July in a perfect location behind the Fine Arts Center, and



featuring a variety of music, including **Joe Uveges**, **Susan Rissman** and **JK Braithwaite**, and concluding with **The Most Dangerous Summer Band**. Each concert crowd exceeded 200, and folks came from all over town to enjoy the park and the music!

Highlights included **Steve Weeks**, whose crowd-pleasing songs "Rabbit Run" and "Kiki Kangaroo" delighted the kids, and **Bill Emery and the New** 



Century Band, who filled the park with swing music. The Friends of Monument Valley Park hope to repeat these free concerts next summer. Big thanks for generous support from sponsors Kenton Pass & Company, Olson Plumbing & Heating, Norwood Development Group, Patty Chase of The Platinum Group Realtors, Patty Jewett Bar & Grill, and members of both ONEN and The

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concerts happen again next year!

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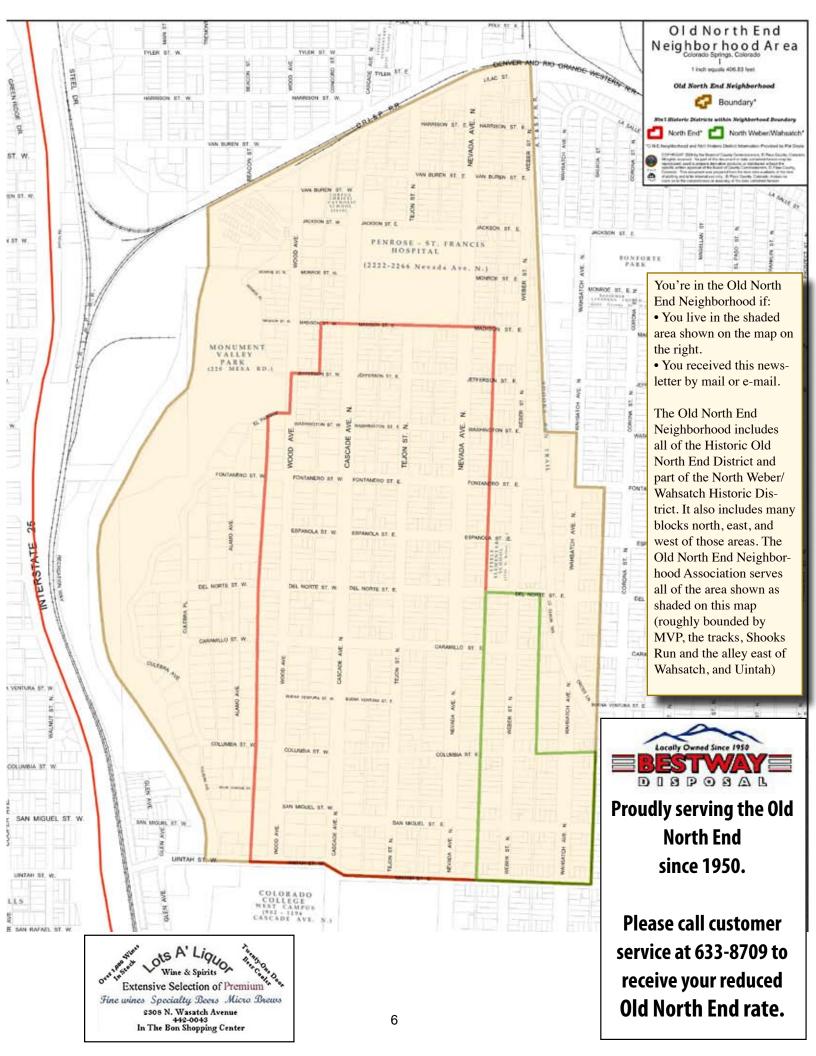
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e-mail: <u>admin@old-</u> northend.org



### **ONEN Summer Workers List**

Is your summer work-load overwhelming? Too many errands running you ragged? Going on vacation and worried about Fido? Help is at hand! Contact one of these hard-working young neighbors and students--They would love to help you and earn some extra cash! For more detailed listings, visit <a href="https://www.oldnorthend.org">www.oldnorthend.org</a>.

Alexander, Nick, Ben & Chip Cipoletti; 471-0220

Josh Cohn (15); mowing; 473-8613 or 650-7238

Courtney Day (19); babysitting, errands; rightsidespike 4life@yahoo.com

Emily Day (17); babysitting, errands; <a href="mailto:laxbabe195@yahoo.com">laxbabe195@yahoo.com</a>

Taylor Dickens (16); yard work: mow, trim, weed, mulch; wash cars; heavy lifting/wheel-

barrow work; dog- walking; 520-1861 or 331-1104

**Nate Everett (**22); available through late Sept; house-sitting, pet care, mowing & weeding, watering plants, errands; 352-7236 or 577-9119 and <a href="mailto:nmeverett@gmail.com">nmeverett@gmail.com</a>

Jamie Herold (11); pet sitter (doggy day camp)/ house watching while you're away.

Isaac Herold (17); yard work/odd jobs. Experienced! julieherold@msn.com

**Sara** (16), **Davey** (14), and **Michael** (11) **Neuder;** yard work, mother's helper, pet-sitting, babysitting; 633-9821 and <u>DGNeuder@aol.com</u>

**Andrew Theobald (**15); babysitting, yard work, house sitting, call about other jobs; Eagle Scout w/references! 442-0602 and <u>aatstarr@yahoo.com</u>

**Sophia Tobin-Freeman** (13); babysitting (CPR and First Aid trained) pet-sitting, house-sitting, tutoring elementary school, all subjects; 473-3808 or 930-3119

Tucker Vana (14); 375-3025 and <a href="mailto:cschwotzer@mac.com">cschwotzer@mac.com</a>

Annabel Voorhees; babysitting, pet-sitting, errands; 471-8482

**Courtney Walker-Langman** (19); babysitting, house cleaning, errands, pet-sitting (experienced w/dogs, cats, birds, small mammals); Head Start volunteer, professional housekeeper; has own car; 209-4800 or <a href="mailto:cutepenguin8586@yahoo.com"><u>Cutepenguin8586@yahoo.com</u></a>.

## 2008 ONEN Garden Party

Please join us on Saturday **September 6** as ONEN says thanks. with the Second Annual Old North End Neighborhood Member's Garden Party! Last year more than 300 of your neighbors gathered for an enchanted evening, and this year's party promises to be just as popular. Our hosts Penny and Craig Whitney graciously invite you to enjoy the beautiful gardens surrounding their stately and historic Tudor home at 1700 Cascade Avenue. Casual elegance and lots of fun are the order of the evening, with live jazz in the gazebo—and maybe even some dancing (shoes optional) under the trees!

#### Planning to attend?

 New and renewing ONEN members who have just received a dues invoice, kindly include a \$10.00 donation (to help support neighborhood enhancement projects) with your RSVP, by check made out to ONEN (You can memo "Garden Party"), with your ONEN dues contribution.

 Current members whose dues are up-to-date will receive an invitation with a handy RSVP form included, which can be

mailed to ONEN with a donation enclosed.

• Donation payment at the door will be \$15.00.

Please RSVP by September 1 by mailing in your check and RSVP form. Children and pets are asked to stay at home, please. Email questions to gardenparty@oldnorthend.org. Find more information at <a href="http://www.oldnorthend.org/html/garden\_party/html">http://www.oldnorthend.org/html/garden\_party/html</a>.

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



#### Upcoming Events

### **Second Annual ONEN Garden Party**

Sat. Sept. 6, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Home of **Penny and Craig Whitney** RSVP w/payment by Sept. 1

## ONEN Annual Meeting and Candidate Forum

Wed. Oct. 15, 7 p.m. Colorado College Bemis Hall

### Salvation Army Women's Auxilliary 2008 Historic Homes Holiday Tour

Fri. and Sat. Nov. 21 and 22 Homes needed! Call **Gunnel Zetersten**, 522-1813.

#### **Holiday Caroling**

Sun. Dec. 2, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.



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