



Neighborhood Watch Update

Block Captains Must Register for CSPD Training

The Neighborhood Watch Program has been getting lots of press recently for its effectiveness in reducing neighborhood crime. (see 01-08-09 *Gazette*, "Side Streets")

As part of a city-wide Neighborhood Watch revitalization effort, all current block captains must take a 90-minute training course to retain their block captain status.

As the chair of ONEN's Safety and Security committee, **Sheila Wallace** has taken over the ONEN Neighborhood Watch Program. Her first focus will be to retain current blocks and block captains, with the intent to increase Neighborhood Watch participation to cover the entire ONEN area.

"I inherited the program in good shape," says Wallace.

Dave Munger and previous Safety & Security Committee chairs worked extremely hard to bring the program to where it is today. But we've lost a few block captains, and some blocks are not yet served by a formal Neighborhood Watch Program."

If you are currently a block captain,

please take the certification training as soon as possible, since the "busy season" for neighborhood incidents is fast approaching.

Be a Block Captain? Yes, You Can.

What does it take to be a Neighborhood Watch block captain? A nominal amount of time, and a commitment to stay in touch with your neighbors. Having a strong network of block captains in place has become even more important to our neighborhood as we face the prospect of budget-induced reductions to police services. Here's the short story on what's involved:

1. Attend a short training session presented by Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD.)
2. Schedule a meeting at your home (preferably, or other convenient location nearby) to meet your neighbors and collect contact information.
3. Serve as the e-mail information conduit for updates and other news from CSPD.
4. Serve as the contact person for Safety & Security Chair Sheila Wallace and Cheyenne Mountain Security.

See www.oldnorthend.org under the "Safety" tab for more information about Neighborhood Watch.

Nancy Lippincott, who was instrumental in starting ONEN's Neighborhood Watch efforts, says concentrating on the program again "makes good sense, especially

when economic times are tough and burglaries could be on the rise."

Block captains can find the complete training schedule online at <http://www.springsgov.com/Page.asp?NavID=7459>. If you don't have internet access, please contact Sheila Wallace at 471-2810 for training dates and locations.

Do you wonder whether your block has a block captain? Or would you consider becoming a block captain? Call Sheila Wallace at the phone number above, or email her at swallace0325@yahoo.com.



President's Corner

The Old North End is loved by all of us for its wide and stately streets, canopy trees and green medians, and unique homes. Those of us who have lived here for some time also love our neighborhood for its very neighborliness. The tradition of caring for each other makes us all better people and completes our lives in ways which are not possible in other locations.

In these difficult economic times, neighborliness will prove to be a quality that helps us all.

As I write this letter, the City must reduce its budget by another \$16 million, bringing the total reductions of the 2009 budget to over \$40 million. These cuts will affect all aspects of City services, from parks to police. The Old North End, like all other parts of the City, will feel the effects.

Long-deferred maintenance, particularly of curbs and gutters, will continue. Our Parks Department, responsible for the maintenance of our medians and their trees, will be drastically reduced. It is unlikely to be able to afford to continue necessary watering or be adequately staffed to provide other significant care. The Old North End Board will be discussing how best to protect and preserve our medians, perhaps the most essential physical characteristic of the neighborhood.

Our largest public amenity, Monument Valley Park, will also be neglected. The ONEN Board is working with the Friends of Monument Valley Park to promote clean-up days in the Park (including Sat. May 2), but much more significant and far-sighted assistance

is required. I urge you to join FMVP and give your time and talent to preserving its legacy.

Given the required reductions in City staff, our Neighborhood Watch Program will become even more important. If you do not now have a block captain, please consider contacting **Sheila Wallace** to learn how you can make this important contribution to our collective well-being. If you do not know if you have a captain for your block, Sheila can answer that question as well. **Neighborhood Watch is as much a mindset as it is a program; it reminds us that we need to watch out for each other. Please look for ways in which we can help those who need assistance most.**

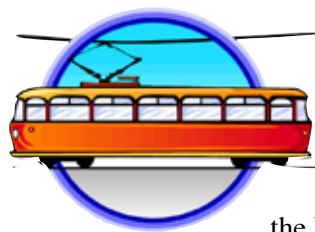
Thanks for your support and for your contributions to our beautiful Old North End.



Dave Munger, ONEN President

ONEN Contributes to Streetcar Study

The ONEN Board contributed \$1,000 to test the feasibility of an electric trolley that would run from downtown



Colorado Springs to UCCS. The study, funded largely by

the Downtown Partnership,

Colorado College, and downtown businesses will take place late this winter and this coming spring. The article "Springs Reinflamed with Streetcar Desire" (Perry Swanson, *Gazette*, January 16, 2009) which reported on this project, incorrectly listed an ONEN donation of \$10,000.

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From ONEN's History Committee:

"Older neighborhoods are a community's treasure."

Historic Preservation Updates

Plaque

Program:

We offer several tools for researching your home's history:

- Attend one of the upcoming **House Plaque Workshops** at Penrose Library
- Download a **house research kit** at www.oldernorthend.org
- Get a copy of *Sadie's House: A Guide to Researching Your Old House* by Matt Railey; available for \$10.00 through patdoyle@mac.com or tamhig35@yahoo.com

- **Get professional help:** Historian **Jennifer Lovell** can get you started or do all the leg-work. jenwen13@yahoo.com

Interest in this program is growing! Since 2007, 18 homes have

received plaques, with four others pending. Congratulations to recent plaque recipients: **Kalah** and **Tim**

"Every house, old or not so old, has a story. And each of those stories is an important part of our community's collective history. Even if you don't feel your house has historic, architectural merit, researching its origins may reveal fascinating aspects about our neighborhood's past."

Do you or a friend or neighbor have ties to our neighborhood's past? Perhaps there is a story or two to be told about how things used to be. If you or someone you know would like to be interviewed, please contact us!



Kalah Fuller receives a plaque for her property.

Fuller at 115 E. San Miguel Street, **Jennifer** and **Zach Lovell** at 2216 N. Cascade Avenue, **Nancy** and **Gordon Merrick** at 1315 Wood Avenue, and **First Lutheran Church** at 1515 N.

Cascade Avenue.

New Oral History Project:

Trained committee members will be interviewing long-time or native residents of the North End about their lives and families here, from "the good old days" to the present. Tapes and transcripts of 12 interviews will be available by 2010 at Penrose Library, to be an invaluable resource for residents, researchers and educators. Please contact **Pat Doyle** at patdoyle@mac.com with any

questions.

Please Support an Important State Grant Application:

An ONEN Walking Tour Guide Book,

underwritten by the Colorado State Historical fund and featuring a diverse variety of properties across the neighborhood will combine architecture, history and photographs, both past and present. To **show your support with a letter** to be included in the grant application, contact **Jennifer Lovell**: jenwen13@yahoo.com, or mail your letter to ONEN, P.O. Box 8185, C/S, CO 80933.

Sharing a bit of our Victorian Past at Steele Elementary

You might think studying the Victorian era would be a tough sell for seven-year-olds, but two 2nd grade classes at Steele Elementary School enjoyed a recent opportunity to step back in the past. Steele teachers **Mrs.**



Montoya and **Mrs. Utterback** presented the Victorian period to their students in December. The teachers and some students dressed the part in grand style and took the students out to tour some of our neighborhood Victorian gems. Capped with a true Victorian tea party, this study unit presented an experience these 2nd graders won't soon forget.

On December 18th, the classes were invited into the homes of **Deb Mahan**, **Stephanie** and **Paul Rahill**, and **Tamara Higgins** to enjoy gracious Victorian hospitality and the period's true fancy for finer things. More than 40 students explored the homes and enjoyed a Victorian High Tea. These students displayed their knowledge of the Victorians by asking thoughtful questions about the homes' architectural details and took a genuine interest in how the Victorians must have lived a hundred years ago.



HOLIDAY CAROLING 2008

A Warm Gathering on a Cold Day

This year's event at the Steele Elementary School Gazebo on Sunday, December 21, 2008 featured special appearances by members of the Steele school choir, Santa Claus himself, and some pretty talented neighbors! The forecast was for below 20°F, but hoping for the best, we set up tables of cookies and hot drinks, stoked the fire-pits, and set up a big chair for Santa. At 3:00 p.m. the gazebo was decorated, singers and song sheets were ready, Santa was in his chair, and our volunteers waited to see who would brave the bitter cold.

Despite the weather, at least 50 extremely bundled-up neighbors of all



and with red, runny noses, singing enthusiastically. They climbed onto Santa's knee to share their holiday wishes and pose for pictures, then Santa spoke to all the children, reminding them to be good!

Thanks to: Our choir, including: **Amalia DiPasquale, Johanna Gilkes, Paige Groninger, Leta McWilliams, Jason Marcus, Callie Matteson, Karen Rodriguez, Ashley Vitti, and Molly Weeks;** song leaders **Stephanie Vitti and Gretchen Whitworth;** members of the ONEN



Community Development Committee and spouses, **Terry Darby**, our jolly Santa, **Skip Mundy** snapping photos, and those who came out from all over the Old North End to sing together, donate food for the hungry, and have some fun.

If your help and participation has not been acknowledged, please accept our apology and very grateful THANKS!



ages (and some dogs) stopped by to share a few songs and holiday cheer over the warm fires and hot cider. Most brought food items, filling a donation barrel for Care and Share Food Bank.

The highlight of the afternoon was the Steele choir and other kids, standing on the gazebo steps, and, clutching songs sheets in mittened hands

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Third Annual ONEN Yard Sale Day
Saturday, June 27, 2009!
Over 50 houses • Have your sale
with ONEN • Share this fun new
tradition!

Wood-Fontanero Intersection Open after 7 Months of Road Work

The City recently completed an extensive project to improve drainage and crosswalks at the intersection of Wood Avenue and Fontanero Street. After seven months of detours, the first traffic rolled through on Friday, February 6, 2009. Many thanks to residents for their patience during the extended period of closure and construction, and to the City, for delivering this attractive and functional new intersection that is fully compliant with ONEN master plan requirements.



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2009 Old North End Neighborhood Scholarship



Dear Student,

The Old North End Neighborhood (ONEN) Board is excited to be able to offer two scholarships, \$1000.00 each, to graduating high school seniors who live in the neighborhood and who are pursuing a higher education opportunity after graduation.

In order to be considered for this scholarship, you must:

1. Live in the boundaries of ONEN (see map on p. 7 of newsletter)
2. Submit the completed application form.
3. Attach a statement describing one of your school or community experiences.
4. Submit two letters of recommendation - one from a teacher and the other from a person outside of your school who is not a relative.

Please mail your application, statement, and letters of recommendation by March 31, 2009 to:

Paula Munger
1306 Wood Ave.
CO Springs, CO 80903

The two scholarship recipients will be presented with their award at the ONEN Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. Should you be chosen for an ONEN Scholarship, you will receive notice prior to this meeting.

Thank you for your interest in this scholarship. If you need further assistance, please don't hesitate to call Paula Munger at 633-7998.

Sincerely,

ONEN Scholarship Committee

2009 Old North End Neighborhood Scholarship Application



NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE NUMBER_____

E-MAIL_____

SCHOOL_____

GPA_____

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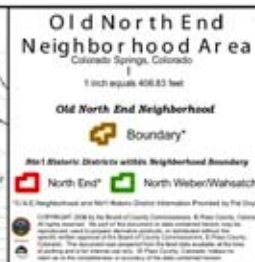
LEADERSHIP ROLES

***PLEASE ATTACH A 300 WORD STATEMENT DESCRIBING ONE OF YOUR SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES THAT HAS HELPED YOUR PERSONAL GROWTH.

You're in the **Old North End Neighborhood** if:

- You live in the shaded area shown on the map on the right.
- You received this newsletter by mail or e-mail.

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**)



A friendly reminder: In these remaining winter months and throughout the year, 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.

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**

Friends of Monument Valley Park

Now More Than Ever

With city budget cuts at an all time high, it is so important that we ALL take part in the care and maintenance of our beautiful Monument Valley Park. This park is a jewel in an urban area, a gift from General Palmer to the people of Colorado Springs. At any time of day, runners, bikers and families from the entire Colorado Springs area are enjoying this park.



Friends of Monument Valley Park was formed in 2000 to promote, enhance, and preserve Monument Valley Park. Monument Valley Park was placed on the National Register of Historic Places during the park's centennial year in 2007. During 2008, FMVP donated and planted trees in both the south and north ends of the park to replace trees that were devastated by the recent droughts. FMVP organized four Musical Mondays in July 2008. These free concerts were presented on the lawn below the Fine Arts Center. In May 2009, there will be a clean-up of the park, and in July 2009, FMVP will sponsor General Palmer Day, the centennial of his death.

JOIN US AND BECOME A FRIEND OF MONUMENT VALLEY PARK!

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TO KEEP THE PARK AT ITS BEST
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_____ activities, _____ clean-up & restoration. Any amount will help!*

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Find worker info also at [www.](http://www.oldnorthend.org)

[oldnorthend.org](http://www.oldnorthend.org)

Mark your calendars: Saturday, May 2, 2009

Clean-up Day in the park.

TREES UPDATE

Spring Planting is Just Around the Corner-- Call to Reserve Your Free Tree!

Need a new tree at your house, or see a place where a tree could be? The ONEN Trees Committee will be planting another **one hundred trees** this spring, featuring a mix of species from across Colorado. Efforts target replacing older and diseased trees and adding new ones where needed and wanted. Here are some details:

- **Vic Appugliese** is your contact to have a tree replaced or added.

(719) 630-3951;
vicappugliese@yahoo.com

- The program is not just for residences, but also **for any bare spots you see** in need of beauty and shade, anywhere in the Old North End.
- In addition to the tree, you will receive instructions for planting and watering, plus free mulch.
- Delivery will be **Colorado Arbor Day** weekend: **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 17-19, 2009.**
- Unable to plant the tree yourself? **We can help!** Please let Vic know and the volunteers will do the digging. You are

responsible, however, for the watering and care of a tree on your property. Looking after new trees which are not at your house would be neighborly, also.

Trees Need Winter Water

Becky Wegner of Mountain High Tree Care and Consulting reminds us that our dormant winter trees and shrubs need water, too, and offers these 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/inch of tree diameter. Shrubs need about 5 gallons/month.
6. When possible apply wood chip mulch 3-4 inches deep in the canopy area to preserve moisture.

For more information check out www.csu.org or www.watersaver.com. Mountain High can provide watering service: call 444-8800 to set up a watering schedule.

A Renovation Reminder: ONEN Policy on Zoning Variances

The Board of Directors of the Old North End Neighborhood supports the City of Colorado Springs zoning ordinance and the process for requesting a variance from the provisions of the ordinance. The Board strongly encourages all property owners to become familiar with the ordinance and the procedure for requesting a variance, especially if they are contemplating adding to or modifying the structures on their property. **The Board will not support any property modification which does not follow the City process for approving such structures or additions.**

Before beginning any construction project, including fences, walls, and supporting structures (such as sheds and garages), please check with the City's **Office of Land Use Review**, (719) 385-5905, and at www.springs.gov



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- **ONEN Scholarship
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Tuesday, March 31, 2009
- **Tree Program Home Delivery**
(Arbor Day Weekend) ...
Friday – Sunday, April 17-19, 2009
- **FMVP Cleanup*** ...
Saturday, May 2, 2009
- **ONEN Spring Meeting*** ...
Wednesday, May 20, 2009
- **3rd Annual ONEN Yard Sale
Day*** ... Saturday, June 27, 2009

**more information will be available
closer to event date*

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