

# OLD NORTH END NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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# Traffic Calming Measures Proposed for ONEN

## **CC Transportation Master Plan Update**

Since November of last year, a working group of Colorado College (CC) students and staff, concerned citizens and stakeholders have been meeting to develop a plan to resolve vehicle and pedestrian safety issues on campus. The process resulted in two approaches which were extensively discussed – a system wide approach and a grade separated approach.

The grade separated approach, which involves either a pedestrian tunnel or overpass was rejected by the working group for reasons of aesthetics, cost, practicality, and safety concerns. In addition, the pedestrian/vehicle accident figures were considered too low to consider a bridge or tunnel. Participants were also opposed to removing trees to build bridges or tunnels.

The system wide approach would involve traffic calming measures that extend well beyond the range of campus boundaries and would affect many ONEN streets. Some of the measures being considered include:

 Reduce lanes of several streets surrounding the campus



A crosswalk sign illuminates a pedestrian walkway on the CC campus.

- Reduce Cascade Ave. to one lane in each direction
- Pedestrian stop light at Tejon and Uintah streets
- Increase number of bike lanes
- Narrow lane widths on Nevada Ave. north to Penrose Hospital
- Lane reduction on Fontanero St. for turn improvement
- Diagonal parking on Weber St. to improve parking at Steele Elementary

"Every street in the area has been looked at for traffic calming – not just Nevada and Cascade. We've looked

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# **Annual 4th of July Parade**

Please join your neighbors in celebrating the birth of our great country. As always, the neighborhood parade will start at Boddington Field on the corner of Wood Ave. and Washington St. on Thursday, July 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. This year, in addition to the usual munchies and lemonade, the post parade party will include games such as 3-legged

races, water balloon toss and more. Everyone is welcome!



A patriotic cyclist in the 2012 ONEN 4th of July parade



ONEN neighbors gathered on Saturday, May 18, 2013 for the annual planting party in the median of the 2100 block of North Cascade. So many volunteers showed up to join in the fun that the project was completed in approximately an hour & a half. The group then relaxed with a porch party of coffee, juice, munchies & conversation.

# **President's Corner**



Dear Neighbors,

Isn't summer in the Old North End fantastic? There is so much to enjoy in and around our neighborhood. We get to stroll or bike down our beautiful tree lined streets and admire all the beautiful historic homes. We are minutes away from great events in Monument Valley Park and Downtown. Neighborhood events (and yard work) give us a chance to meet and gather with friendly neighbors. We are so fortunate to call ONEN home, and it is an honor to be your President.

On behalf of the neighborhood, I'd like to extend a huge thank you to the Community Development Committee for putting on another great Yard Sale and another festive Independence Day celebration. The Old North End Neighborhood (ONEN) was established to preserve, protect and enhance the neighborhood. Building community through these events certainly enhances our neighborhood, and we owe it all to these dedicated folks. Even though they deserve a break, I know they are already hard at work on the Annual Garden Party in September. I hope you will all join us for a great evening with your neighbors who support ONEN.

Our neighborhood has benefited from the concerted efforts of a relatively small number of neighbors throughout the years. Imagine what we could accomplish if everyone found a way to chip in. I invite you to think about what contribution you can make to improve our community and to get out there and do it. Please let me know if the Board and I can support you in any way. I look

forward to seeing you all out in the neighborhood.

Thanks, Bob Sullivan, President

P.S. If you're new to the neighborhood, or haven't had a chance to join or renew, I hope you'll consider becoming a member and supporting our neighborhood this year. Visit www.oldnorthend.org and click on ONEN Membership in the top right corner.

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The ONEN board wishes to thank Vic Appugliese for his four years of valiant service as President of the ONEN Board of Directors. During his tenure, he initiated many projects of lasting value to the neighborhood. Thank you, Vic!

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# **ONEN Women Save the Day!**

Yard Sale Thievery Squelched



Wonder Women (and son) From left: Ana Zook and her son Leo, Michelle Hylton, Caren McCurdy, Jill McCormick, Julie Hershberger, and Lori DiPasquale at the ARC Donation Truck during the 2013 Annual ONEN Yard Sale.

The text said "Help". That was the word Ana Zook sent to a group of ONEN friends as she viewed with desperation the scene at the ARC Donation truck at the ONEN yard sale on June 8, 2013. Neighbors with leftover yard sale items had left them by the unmanned truck with the idea that their donations would benefit Steele School. When Ana arrived at the scene, she found people had converged on the pile of donations and were taking things left and right, though she begged them not to do so. "It was a riot," she said. "It was thievery! There was a homeless guy actually selling the stuff."

At the funeral reception of a cherished friend, that Ana herself had left only minutes before, five neighborhood women received the call. Without hesitation, they charged to Ana's aid, still in their funeral finery, and took charge of the chaotic situation.

"They were great," said Ana, who organizes the annual donation drive to literally turn trash into treasure. Last year, she was able to raise \$2000 for the school. This year, despite the initial upset, the donation drive garnered \$946, and more good news was still to come. The previous week, Forest Meadows neighborhood had filled a 45 foot trailer with goods for the ARC. After the ARC alerted them of the theft in ONEN, they agreed to donate their proceeds of \$804 to the ONEN fundraiser, so the total amount going to Steele School will be \$1750! Many thanks to our neighbors in Forest Meadows! And kudos to Ana and her Wonder Women crew!



Savvy customers inspect the merchandise at the ONEN Yard Sale on Saturday, June 8, 2013.

## **Phone Numbers**

Colorado Springs Police Department EMERGENCY 911 Non-emergency 444-7000

CSPD Community Relations 444-7410

AskCSPD@SpringsGov.com

CSPD Victim Advocacy Unit 444-7777

CSPD Senior Victim Assistance
Team

444-7438

Drug Activity Anonymous Tip Line 444-3111

Crime Stoppers 634-7867

Cheyenne Mountain Security 548-9990

Humane Society 473-1741

Colorado Springs Forestry 385-5942

(pruning median/parkway trees)

Penrose Parking Violation Hotline 776-PARK (7175)

# School Redistricting Update

Upon the closure of Lincoln Elementary, ONEN attempted to extend the boundaries of Steele Elementary School to include all elementary school students within ONEN boundaries. Though ONEN was unsuccessful in this venture, preference will be given to ONEN students living north of Penrose Hospital who submit permits to attend Steele.



## **Historic Preservation Corner**

## The Tami-Onka Building

by Pat Doyle

Do you know this building? The **Tami-Onka** building, so named after the craft and hobby shop located within it many years ago, is located at 117 E. Fontanero. But did you know that before it was the Tami-Onka building, it was the **Buttercup Bakery**?

Owned by the Owens family from the mid 1950's to the mid 1960's, the bakery operated strictly as a family business. Back then, the bakery resided in the west side of the building. The Fontanero Barbershop and two apartments occupied the remainder. Across the alley were Worrell's Watch Shop Repairs and Musick Drug, in the space currently housing Haley Realty.

In a recent interview, **Mrs. Sue Owens Anderson** shared reminiscences about the Owens family and their years with the bakery. The primary baker was her father, Harold, whose specialty was cakes. Her mother, Edna, sold baked goods and other items from behind the showcase, and her older brothers were entrusted with a variety of tasks. As the youngest member of the family, Mrs. Anderson shared how much fun it was to accompany her brother on morning deliveries to the Hidden Inn at the Garden of the Gods. The family also

delivered spice cakes to the Flying W Ranch and a variety of baked goods to several local restaurants, including the Village Inn on E. Pikes

Though most customers took their orders home, folks could enjoy coffee and pastry or lunchtime sandwiches and sodas at the tables made available



The Tami-Onka building at 117 E. Fontanero Ave. Inset: Previous owner Edna Owens at work in the Buttercup Bakery.

Peak, which is now St. George's Anglican Church.

During the holidays, the bakery building was always warm and cozy. Beyond the red cabinets to the rear of the store, ovens continually heated special orders for turkeys, stuffed or unstuffed, and all the fixings. These orders, which included free delivery, were especially popular with older people in the neighborhood.

for that purpose. Later, candy bars were sold, which made the bakery an after-school gathering place for school children.

Mrs. Anderson has fond memories of the Old North End. "I loved the time I spent over there (at the bakery)", she said. "I love to come over to this part of town. It's just a beautiful place. I love it and am so thankful that they (ONEN) are doing such a good job of keeping it intact."

# 2013 ONEN Scholarship Awards

ONEN's Scholarship Committee received several excellent applications from North End graduating seniors. The committee was pleased to present \$1000 scholarships to **Kate Henjum** and **Allison Groniger**. Both of these young women are



outstanding --exemplary school and community service, academic record and leadership. Kate will be attending CU-Boulder to study International Affairs and Spanish. Allison will attend CSU in Ft. Collins to study biology. Congratulations, Kate and Allison!

Allison Groninger, left, and Kate Henjum, right, receive their 2013 Scholarship Awards from ONEN Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Cathy Mundy.



# **Historic Preservation Committee Receives Grant**

## **Historic District to be expanded**

The ONEN Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) is pleased to announce that ONEN has received a grant from the State Historical Fund to expand the North End National Register Historic District. The exact boundaries of the expansion will be determined following a survey of the homes to determine their age, condition, and historic integrity. The areas to be surveyed include all of the streets in the neighborhood west of Wood Avenue, and the four blocks of the neighborhood north of Madison Street. The Historic Preservation Overlay Zone will not be expanded

as part of this project, and there will be no restrictions of any kind placed on the properties included in the expansion. Historic District



Historic Preservation Committee Members Bob Loevy, Pat Doyle, and Jennifer Lovell, with ONEN neighbor Bruce Doyle at the ONEN entryway sign dedication on June 7, 2013.

designation is strictly honorary, and the properties included in the expansion will become eligible for the many benefits, such as tax credits, that those already in the historic districts are afforded.

The HPC will be working with the State's Historic Preservation Office to arrange a public meeting to explain the project to the neighbors. Once the meeting date is confirmed, it will be announced via eblast. A representative from the state and HPC members will be on hand at the meeting to answer any questions.



Fire Station 2 Captain David Broch, (front row, second from right) and CSFD Deputy Chief of Operations Steve Dubay (second from right back row), with some of the Station 2 crew in front of Engine #2 displaying its new ONEN logo at the dedication of the new entry way sign on June 7, 2013.

## A Thank You

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of the people who have supported the Gilkes family over the past couple of months. We wish we could thank each of you personally but since we don't know your names we hope that this thank you will be okay. The meals, the monetary donations and everything else you did for them is most appreciated. You are a wonderful group of people for all you have done for them. Ed and Sue Cliatt (Karen's parents)

# Please Consider Paying Dues to ONEN

- All contributions are voluntary and tax-deductible.
- Dues start at just \$35.00; ONEN welcomes other amounts. For example, a contribution
  of \$65 provides additional funds to water and maintain trees, and helps pay for neighborhood
  security services.
- Your dues payment covers one year from the time of payment and helps us support ONEN master plan objectives to protect and enhance our neighborhood.

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Amt. enclosed:

- \$35
- \$65
- other amt.

Please mail this form and your contribution to: ONEN P.O. Box 8185 Colorado Springs, CO 80933-8185

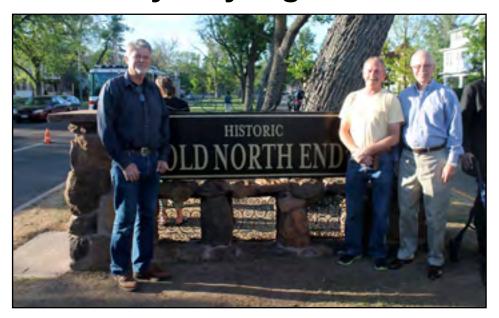
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Click on the "Donate"

button at <u>oldnorthend.org</u>

to contribute via PayPal.

# **New Entry Way Sign Installed**



Ed Rinker, Rock Wiley and Chuck Martin stand next to the new neighborhood entryway sign that they helped build at the intersection of Nevada Ave. and Uintah St. The sign, which contains a time capsule full of ONEN documents, was unveiled at a dedication ceremony on June 7, 2013

After decades of planning and fund-raising, a new entry way sign was installed at the intersection of Nevada Ave. and Uintah St. on Friday, June7, 2013. The sign incorporates grates salvaged from the former Stearman house on the Penrose Hospital campus, stones donated by ONEN neighbors, and ironwork salvaged from buildings along the

Front Range. Contained within the structure is a time capsule containing ONEN documents. A second sign is planned for the north end of Nevada Ave. following completion of bridge repairs. From conception to installation many hard-working and forward-thinking neighbors contributed to this project. Thank you to all!

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at Weber, Wahsatch, Wood, Corona. We are truly trying to make sure we look at this holistically", said ONEN neighbor and Project Manager, Tim Siebert, of N.E.S. Inc.

Despite CC efforts to achieve consensus, some ONEN neighbors are not convinced these traffic calming measures will have the intended effect. Steve Marsh is a long-time ONEN resident who is part of a group that has proposed a pedestrian underpass on Cascade Ave. to protect pedestrians without impinging on traffic flow. "Their proposal is not a permanent solution to the main issue, which is kids getting hit by cars." He is also concerned about who will be footing the bill for these improvements. In addition, he says traffic engineers expect traffic calming measures to drive traffic out of the area to I-25. "That's not going to happen. It's going to make traffic worse and push cars coming off Constitution down streets like Royer and Corona."

Mr. Siebert, however, cited traffic analysis of the current lane closure of

Nevada Avenue due to construction on the Nevada Avenue bridge. "Traffic counts were taken before and after lane closure. To date we have not seen any spillover effects from that."

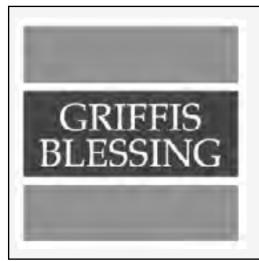
## **Be Informed**

To read about the citizens' proposal for a pedestrian underpass go to: <a href="https://www.safercc.com">www.safercc.com</a>
To see the working group's proposed plan, read minutes, find a map of the proposed changes, go to: <a href="http://www.coloradocollege.edu/other/transportationmasterplan/">http://www.coloradocollege.edu/other/transportationmasterplan/</a>

Though the proposal has been informally submitted to the city for comments, Mr. Siebert expects the formal proposal to be submitted by mid-July 2013. Once it is submitted, the city will conduct its own review and hold public hearings on the issue. The Citizen's Transportation Advisory Board will also review the plan. Ultimately, the plan will end up at city council for approval, disapproval or modifications.

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# 2013 ONEN Dog of the Year

Lily, a 14 year old English Sheepdog, was named the ONEN 2013 Dog of the Year at the Community Meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. Earlier this year, her companion, Monica Agnew-Kinnaman, who has fostered dogs for many years, published a book about her experiences with them. The book. So This is Heaven is available at Amazon.com or from Monica at <u>dragnewk@juno.com</u>. Lily received a bag of treats, and a bag of food was donated in her name to Peak Pet Pantry, a local non-profit that provides temporary pet food assistance.



Lily and friend, Monica Agnew-Kinnaman.



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# **Upcoming Events**

### 4th of July Parade

Thursday, July 4, 2013 9:00 a.m. Boddington Field Wood Ave & Washington St.

FMVP Musical Mondays
Free Concerts
July 9 - J Miller Band
July 16 - Acme Bluegrass Band
July 23 - Durango Drifters
7:00 p.m. West lawn below the Fine Arts
Center (Monument & Cache la Poudre)
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Lecture: Streetcars in Colorado Springs,

Past, Present and Future Speaker: John Haney Wednesday, July 10, 2013 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$6 per person Light refreshments 2333 Steel Dr

Lecture: What Streetcars can do for

Colorado Springs Speaker: Greg Roberts Saturday, July 20, 2013 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$6.00 per person Light refreshments 2333 Steel Dr Friends Of Monument Valley Park Tree Walk, Led by Carey Harrington Saturday, September 21, 2013 10:00 a.m. Meet at intersection of Monument Valley Park and Fontanero

ONEN Garden Party September 2013 Watch the ONEN weekly digest for details.





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