



The OLD NORTH END NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 27, 2014

Fall Tree Walk

Friends of Monument Valley Park Tree Walk, Led by Carey Harrington. Meet at intersection of Monument Valley Park and Fontanero, 10:00 a.m.

September 28, 2014

The Colorado Springs Half Marathon & 5K

Presented by: Penrose-St. Francis Half Marathon, 7:30 a.m. 5K, 8 a.m.

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October 4, 2014

House Plaque Workshop

Penrose Library Adult Meeting Room and Special Collections Dept, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Limited to 10 adult participants. Contact Susan Darby at 227-0211 or sdarbycos@gmail.com to register.

October 11, 2014

1st Annual ONENFest

Kick your favorite recipe up a notch for our neighborhood block party & CHILI COOK OFF, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Signup for the ONEN emails, like our facebook page and visit oldnorthend.org to get the latest on this event and stay on top of all the neighborhood news

WHAT KEEPS YOUR ONEN BOARD TICKING?

Input from You – Applied to a Plan

Volunteer boards can be a tricky mix: Maximize the talent and passion of those who come forward to serve, while advancing the interests of the organization as a whole. With the 1990 ONEN Master Plan and 2012 neighborhood survey at ready reference, your board set out to clarify current priorities and determine how best to advance them using resources at hand.

Consistent over time, here are the board priorities for 2014:

1. Historic neighborhood integrity
2. Safety
3. Neighborhood communication
4. Participation

Within each of these broad priorities, the board identified specific goals, and outlined tactics that will help us meet each one. Here's an overview that we hope will resonate with you and your interests in the neighborhood we share – and of course we welcome your involvement to help us achieve these goals!

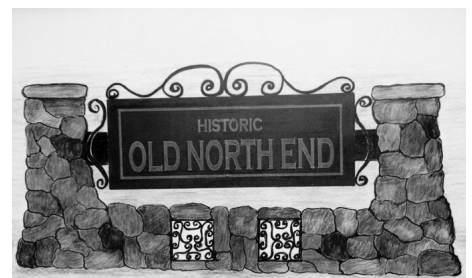
1. Historic neighborhood integrity

**Goal #1: Continue to make
streetscape improvements.**

- Continue tree program and sidewalk improvements
- Facilitate additional historic street lights
- Build the north Old North End entryway sign
- Complete installation of "Old North End" street signs at all intersections

**Goal #2: Increase interest in
historic preservation & upkeep.**

- Provide historic education on the website & in the newsletter
- Continue house plaque program
- Complete expansion of National Register Historic District to help more neighbors gain access to restoration tax credits
 - Offer home tours and tax credit workshops
 - Support code and zoning enforcement



Goal #3: Increase board advocacy to address traffic volume and noise.

- Appoint ONEN representative to track with, and lobby CDOT, CO state legislature, and neighbors to identify traffic and noise solutions
- Track City For Champions and CC transportation plans for impact on ONEN traffic

2. Safety

Goal #1: Reduce the number of reportable incidents by December 2014.

- Research the impact of home security systems and publish in the newsletter
- Use an integrated approach to safety by promoting the Neighborhood Watch program, pushing for more streetlights, & networking with surrounding neighborhoods

3. Neighborhood Communication

Goal #1: Tell the ONEN story (i.e., what we're about, what we do, and where we ask for help) more broadly, and more powerfully.

- Refresh the ONEN website, newsletter, e-blast, etc. to boost impact and consistency
- Increase frequency of fresh content to website & social media
- Encourage block parties by offering easy planning resources

4. Participation

Goal #1: Increase paid membership participation by 10 percent by Dec. 2015.

- Welcome new neighbors and recruit new members
- Improve membership measurement and reporting
- Broaden definition of 'ONEN member'
- Revise donation options
- Add more tools for neighbors on the OldNorthEnd.org site such as a "classifieds" type board, calendar of social events, and discussion boards

Goal #2: Promote the existing Old North End Neighborhood Fund (organizational endowment at the Pikes Peak Community Foundation) as a mechanism to accept planned/testamentary gifts.

- Develop a plan to communicate the ONEN Fund opportunity

Goal #3: Establish a community center working group and meet twice in 2014 to assess feasibility, projected need and usage.

For full plan details, please visit this link on the Oldnorthend.org website. We can use all the help we're offered! Do you see yourself helping out with any of these tactics?

Contact Bob Sullivan, president@oldnorthend.org, to get involved, meet some neighbors. ❖

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CORRECTION

The caption on the photo of the First Fourth of July Parade should have credited Donna Guthrie for providing the photo.

HOUSE HISTORIES ENRICH THE NEIGHBORHOOD EXPERIENCE

Plaque Program Offers Key Resources

The Old North End has been home to many colorful and prominent people who played significant roles in the history of our city. Most ONEN residents are familiar with homes on beautiful Wood Avenue, also known as Millionaire's Row



Illustrious residents included the Hibbard family, founders of the iconic downtown department store; Fine Arts Center patron Alice Bemis Taylor; Philip Stewart, who hosted Teddy Roosevelt; William Hassell of iron works fame; and Jimmie Burns, co-owner of the Portland Mine, the richest in Cripple Creek.

But stories of interest reach well beyond the residents of the neighborhood's mansions and grand homes. Scores of resourceful and industrious people founded businesses and performed services for the nearby

mining industry and the rapidly growing Colorado Springs, which due to its elegance and class, was frequently referred to as "Newport in the Rockies." Bankers, retail shop owners, insurance company officers, contractors, firefighters, police officers, teachers, assessors and many others made their homes in the Old North End. With a bit of sleuthing and a little luck, the stories of these individuals and their lives emerge.

Did you know:

- The daughter & granddaughter of the President of the Confederacy lived in our neighborhood?
- Hollywood actor Rudy Vallee served as a judge in a Colorado College beauty contest in 1932, and the mother of a current ONEN resident was one of that year's beauties?
- Two doctors who lived in the Old North End, James Waring and Gerald Webb, went on to establish the well-respected Webb Waring Institute, now a part of the University of Colorado Medical School?

- A banker/mine owner associated with a Tejon Street home established a trust fund in 1929 that still exists, has a current value of \$16,000,000, and provides in excess of \$300,000 a year to the local Elks Club to help fund services for the needy?

If these tidbits tempt your curiosity and inspire you to learn about your own home, the Old North End **Historic House Plaque Workshops** are a wonderful opportunity to help you identify the best resources (libraries, museums, online sources, etc.) to learn about your home and its occupants. In addition to ferreting out your house history, you may wish to apply for a historic house plaque, by submitting your documented history to the ONEN Historic Preservation Committee.

Application approval earns you one of the beautiful bronze plaques that you see on many homes in the neighborhood.

To see an example of an approved house plaque application, go to oldnorthend.org/PlaqueAppExample
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The house plaque workshops walk you through these basic research steps, to:

1. Identify your home's owners and obtain copies of the legal documents to verify ownership (most often a warranty deed.)

The El Paso County Assessor's Office can provide you with a list of the owners of your home. The El Paso County Clerk and Recorder's Office can provide copies of the deeds. Find these offices at 1675 W. Garden of the Gods Road at the Citizen's Service Center building.

2. Learn when your house was built. Check the library for building permits, water taps, city directories, etc., for the house's first occupancy (by an owner, or frequently, by a tenant, as many houses in the Old North End were built as rental properties.)

3. Research your owners and tenants. The Penrose Library offers extensive resources,

including The Gazette, Mountain Sunshine, Facts Magazine and other local publications that might provide tidbits of information about residence addresses, dates of home construction, where individuals came from before moving to Colorado Springs, education and employment, extended family members, and community involvement. Obituaries also provide significant information about careers, family and community activities. The Pioneers Museum and Colorado College's Tutt Library may also be good resources for information on your homeowner(s) of interest. Watch for announcements about upcoming house plaque workshops in ONEN publications and the Weekly Digest. Be sure to check the **house plaque page** at oldnorthend.org for tips and how-to's, and join in the search for ONEN's histories and mysteries! ♦



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NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRYWAY SIGN COMPLETE

The July 4th weekend marked the start of construction for ONEN's north entryway sign, following the City's completion of the North Nevada Avenue bridge. Modeled after the first sign installed at North Nevada Avenue and Uintah Street, this sign at North Nevada and Lilac Street differs slightly, with wider battered columns, and incorporates the two remaining grates from the former Stearman House on the Penrose Hospital campus. Sharp eyes may note the use of native Dawson Arkose stone, also used in the foundations and porches of many Old North End homes.

Volunteer construction team members Vic Appugliese, Ed Rinker, Rock Wiley and Chuck Martin erected the sign over the course of eight days, consuming

103 bags of cement /mortar and an estimated 500 gallons of water. This is the same team that worked on the first sign. "Thanks to experience gained with the first sign, we managed to streamline the process to gain substantial savings on both time and materials," said Chuck.

The construction team appreciated the generous support of area neighbors. According to Chuck, "We received lots of encouragement, and local neighbors John Gardino and Arthur Luque watched out for our equipment when we weren't at the site. Arthur helped us with water for the cement mix, and Karen Waters kept us well-fueled with delicious cookies and cold lemonade. We wouldn't have lasted without their help!" This second entryway sign completes another important element of the ONEN Master Plan, adopted by the Colorado Springs City Council in 1991. ♦

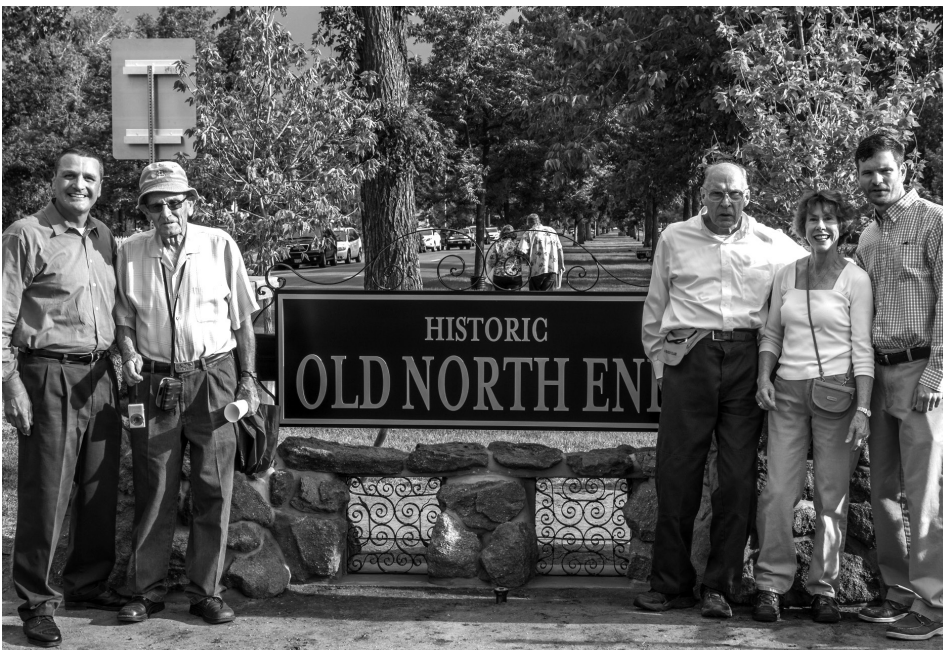
ONEN MEMBERS MAKE IT ALL POSSIBLE

For more than 120 years, the Old North End neighborhood has shaped memories and traditions for generations of Colorado Springs residents. We are the caretakers of this great legacy today and our actions will shape the experiences of future residents of this one-of-a-kind, wonderful community.

Preserving and advancing the specialness of our neighborhood depends on our care, community support, and investment. The Old North End Neighborhood (ONEN) is the tax-exempt successor to an association formed to represent the Old North End in the mid-1950s.

ONEN ensures the long-term preservation, protection, and enhancement of our beloved neighborhood. Last year we planted 35 new trees, repaired 10 sidewalks, provided security patrols, hosted two historic house plaque workshops, built two neighborhood entryway signs, and organized four

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Entryway Sign Dedication: Past ONEN Presidents (L-R: Vic Appugliese, Bruce Doyle, Bob Loevy, Cathy Mundy) pose with current ONEN President, Bob Sullivan, in front of the new sign. Photo courtesy of Skip Mundy

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community neighborhood events, just to name a few. ONEN provides essential services to help preserve and enhance our neighborhood and you can help by becoming a member of ONEN today.

For a basic annual membership of only \$35 a year, you can help preserve and improve our neighborhood. A basic membership supports key areas of focus that define our neighborhood – among them:

- Historic neighborhood integrity
- Safety
- Regular communication
- Community events

Imagine the possibilities if you and others support ONEN by becoming a member. Together, we can make a significant difference for our neighborhood and ensure it continues to be the best neighborhood in Colorado Springs for generations to come.

Become a member today by visiting www.oldnorthend.org and clicking on **ONEN Membership** in the upper right corner. ❖

ARE YOU A WRITER, EDITOR OR EXPERT WORD WRANGLER?

ONEN Needs You!

This ONEN newsletter is searching for an editor. This volunteer role involves assembling, writing and editing content for the newsletter, currently published three

times per year. If your talents in this arena are begging for expression, and you are ready to get more involved with the neighborhood, please contact Bob Sullivan at president@oldnorthend.org ❖

SAVE THE DATE: 2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME TOUR SET FOR DECEMBER 13, 2014

Planning for this year's holiday home tour is underway, with four neighborhood homes lined up to shine their brightest on Saturday, December 13th. Tour proceeds benefit TwoCor Projects, a local non-profit 501c3 that provides paid work ethic training programs for at-risk young men and women.

CSHolidayHomeTour.com will post photos and details as they become available, and will offer online ticket sales. For information about tour sponsorship packages, or to volunteer, please contact Cyd Cohn, committee chair, at cydcohn@netscape.net

Follow the Holiday Home Tour on Facebook at facebook.com/csholidayhometour2014

Beware – Local Wildlife Can Endanger Both Pets and Humans

It's both a privilege and a joy to living in an older neighborhood with beautiful mature landscaping and proximity to an extensive park with creek access. Unfortunately, these natural features, in addition to vacant

homes, unused garages, dog houses, sheds, etc. often provide shelter to wild animals that may threaten humans and pets.

Raccoons, skunks, and squirrels present the most obvious dangers. Raccoons carry a particularly virulent parasite, Baylisascariasis, prevalent in anywhere from 70 to 100% of the animals. This parasite threatens both pets and people. Leptospira bacteria appear in the urine of rats, raccoons, and some other animals. People and animals may pick up this infection if they make direct contact with water contaminated with urine of infected animals – either by skin exposure swallowing. Dogs are especially at risk and may die from the disease. Leptospirosis may cause influenza-like symptoms, severe head and muscle aches, high fever, and in some cases serious liver and kidney problems.

Both raccoons and skunks build dens under buildings, especially unused structures like abandoned dog houses, sheds and garages. Both skunks and raccoons are nocturnal so you may not see them unless you (or your dog) go out into your yard at night. Rabies-infested skunks and raccoons will show an unusual day-time presence in yards and gardens. If they show up, call Animal Control at 385-5934. And please, please, please do not engage these critters!

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All animals carry fleas. The fleas, in turn, may carry diseases such as the plague.

ONEN encourages all residents to take these precautions to keep pets and people safe:

1. Check carefully, and regularly, for wild animals nesting under buildings.
2. Secure trash bins and lids.
3. Do not feed wild animals.

The County Health Department recommends that people remove brush, rock piles, trash and excess firewood to clear their property of potential rodent nesting places.

One sign of wildlife nearby is the midnight garden raid. If you notice produce disappearing from your garden at an unusual rate, you might check for nearby dens of skunks or raccoons. Our beautiful large trees harbor many squirrels, but fortunately the squirrels do not seem to be as disease-prone as the larger wildlife.

For more information, check with your local vet, Colorado Parks & Wildlife (227-5200) or the CSU Extension Help Desk (520-7684) if you experience a persistent wild animal problem, you may also want to consider a commercial animal control provider. ❖

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TREE WALKABOUT: SEE NEIGHBORHOOD'S NOTABLE & HISTORIC TREES

Whether you are a serious student of trees, or simply an admirer of General Palmer's tremendous tree legacy, you'll find rewards with a stroll through the City's historic tree walk. Compiled by the City Forestry Department, the tree walk includes a map and notes about special trees in our area. This 4- to 5-mile walk leads you through Monument Valley Park and the Old North End, where many of Colorado Springs' specimen and unique trees continue to thrive thanks to protected sites and good soils. Make this walk each season to appreciate the variety of colors and shapes that trees provide to enrich City landscapes.

The Old North End is home to many old and large silver maples, green ash, Siberian and American elms, blue spruce, white fir and other evergreens. ONEN has assembled this information in a downloadable format so you can take it along as you explore. Visit oldnorthend.org, click on the *Trees, Streets & Parks* menu and select *North End Tree Walk*. ❖



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STREETCAR FOUNDATION OPEN HOUSE



The Streetcar Foundation has been seeking to acquire the Santa Fe rail yard downtown as a starting point for putting track in the streets, with the proposed line running north through the North End on its way to UCCS. This all-volunteer organization has a museum and restoration facility at 2333 Steel Drive, south of C&C Sand.

The Foundation will host an open house for Old North Enders on Saturday, September 20th from 10 AM to 3 PM. Anyone who might have an interest in volunteering (administration, restoration, membership development, fund raising, docent, car operator, etc.), becoming a member (dues start at \$35/yr.), or just seeing what we are up to, is welcome to visit us. Take Polk St. west to Steel Drive, then south to the gate. There is ample parking just outside that gate or for handicapped persons, you can pass through the gate and park near the roundhouse (the old Rock Island roundhouse built in 1888).

Hope to see you there!

David Lippincott
President, Pikes Peak Historical Street
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MEET SYLVAN HOOVER

ONEN Weekly Digest Editor &
New Board Member



"I see the opportunity to serve on the ONEN board as an exciting way to help others enjoy this neighborhood that I'm happy to call home." - Sylvan Hoover

Sylvan grew up in Northern California, then attended Georgetown University to study physics. After brief stints working in both private and public sector employment domestically and abroad, he landed in Colorado Springs in 2013.

Even before arriving in the Springs, Sylvan had the Old North End in his sights. "I saw the Old North End as a neighborhood so well-preserved, in a city exploding with conventional, impersonal housing developments," he comments. He actually purchased his home on Nevada without a live visit, stepping through the door for the first time on the day the sale closed. "I did a lot of research, and had trusted friends here in town to assist the process. It's been a project ever since."

Sylvan is an amateur bicycle mechanic by hobby, fascinated by the wide variety of styles and uses for such a brilliant, yet simple machine. He looks forward to further bicycle infrastructure development in the future, both here in the Old North End and in the greater Colorado Springs area. ❖

DIRECT NEIGHBOR- TO-NEIGHBOR CONNECTIONS VIA NEXTDOOR.COM

With 888 "likes", the ONEN Facebook page (facebook.com/ONENcos) serves our neighborhood well as a platform to share neighborhood news, lost pet information, security alerts, pictures and event information. Facebook falls short, however, as a forum to allow neighbors to talk to other neighbors. For direct community connections, Nextdoor.com offers new functionality that you may want to explore.

Around 50 ONEN neighbors, including seven board members, are using a private online network called Nextdoor Old North End. This site requests a physical mailing address from prospective users to verify their "neighbor" status, and then creates private access for verified neighbors to share community events, recommendations, items for sale, crime reports, neighborhood improvement ideas and more. Nextdoor also allows neighbors to post urgent alerts to communicate security and emergency information via email or text message. Additionally, this network offers interaction with adjacent neighborhoods such as Patty Jewett and Middle Shooks Run.

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ONEN ADOPTS NEVADA AVE MEDIAN PLANTING BED

As part of the reconstruction of the North Nevada Ave. bridges over the Van Buren Drainageway, the City of Colorado Springs added additional landscaping just south of the bridges. This landscaping includes many trees, bushes

and perennial plants that, along with the new entryway sign, significantly enhance the north entrance to our neighborhood. During the design of this landscaping, ONEN offered to adopt the planting beds and handle routine maintenance of the beds. This planting bed has now officially been adopted by ONEN. Right now, our primary responsibility is weeding and

collecting trash. In the future we also hope to add more plants and replenish the mulch. This is a great opportunity for school age kids looking to complete service hours. If you are interested in volunteering to help ONEN keep this area looking great, please contact Chuck Martin, (713) 320-9118 or cmartin842@gmail.com to register as a volunteer.

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