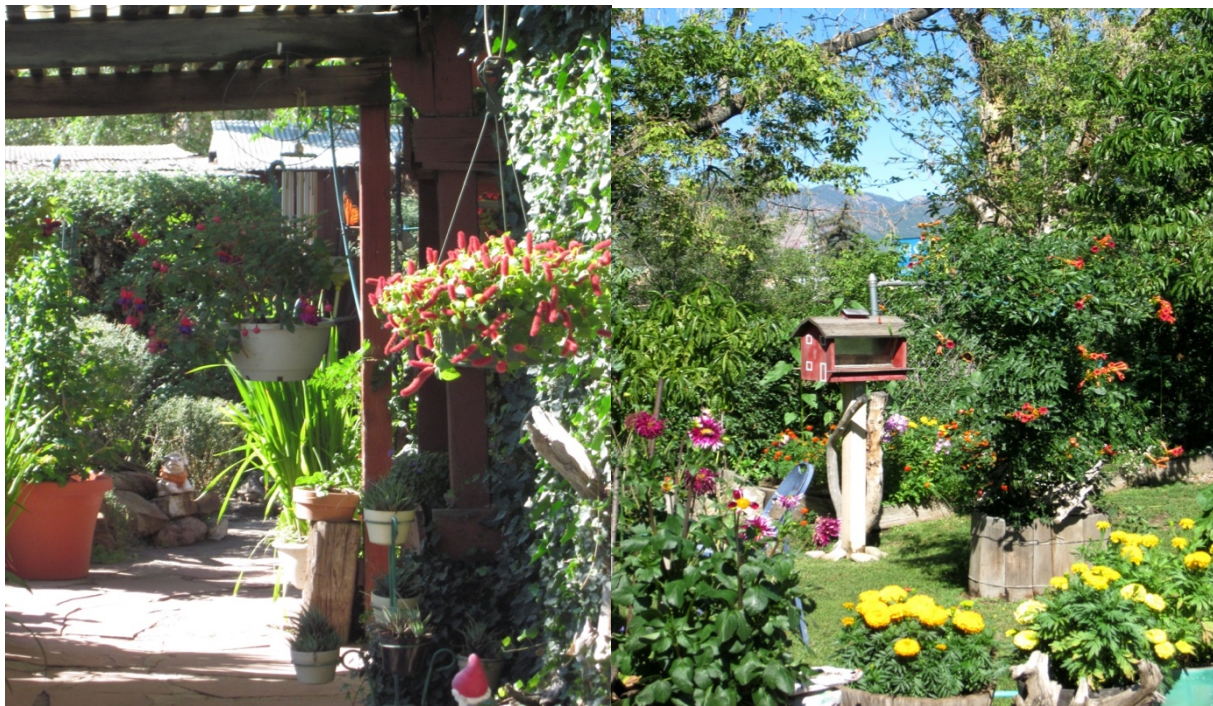




## ONEN WELCOME PACKET



# HI, NEIGHBOR!

Welcome to the Old North End Neighborhood (ONEN), one of the friendliest, most historic and walkable neighborhoods in Colorado Springs. We hope this Welcome Packet and its accompanying Website Guidance page will provide interesting and helpful information

Are you interested in ONEN's *security service*? Do you need *contact information*? Does *history* fascinate you? Is your home located in either of the two *National Register Historic Districts*? Does work on your home qualify for *state tax credits*, or is your property under the city's *overlay zone ordinance*? What neighborhood *events* might intrigue you and your family? Do you want to learn more about neighborhood *committees* and their accomplishments? Would you like to research the history of your house and apply for a *house plaque*? *Three neighborhood books*, one that includes six tours, will acquaint you with the neighborhood history and architecture. There is a lot more to learn as you explore <[oldnorthend.org](http://oldnorthend.org)>.

We hope you will support the Old North End Neighborhood, your *neighborhood association*. Details about this and how to sign up for E-Blasts and the ONEN newsletter are also included.

**AGAIN, WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WE ARE SO GLAD YOU  
HAVE CHOSEN TO LIVE HERE!**



## **Brief History The Old North End Neighborhood**

The city of Colorado Springs was founded in 1871. Ten blocks north of the downtown center of the city, land was set aside as a future site for a college or university. The Congregational Church founded Colorado College on the land in 1874.

From 1872 to the early 1890s, most of the home building on the north side of the city occurred in the area between downtown and the Colorado College campus. Most early photographs and etchings of Colorado Springs show the built-up portion of the city ending abruptly at the college campus.

By the early 1890s, however, major housing construction began to occur on the flat meadows and grazing fields just to the north of Colorado College. This process was greatly facilitated by the discovery of gold in the mountains southwest of Colorado Springs. The Cripple Creek gold strike was one of the largest and most profitable mineral strikes in the history of the state of Colorado. Because Colorado Springs was the nearest major city to Cripple Creek gold fields, Colorado Springs became the center of financial and supply activity for the Cripple Creek gold bonanza.

The result was a doubling of the population of Colorado Springs from 1890 to 1900, a population boom that occurred just at the moment that the area north of Colorado College was “ready” to be developed. Furthermore, the wealth of the gold mines had created a mining middle class in Colorado Springs, an army of gold stock brokers and mine suppliers who wanted expensive middle-class homes for themselves and their families. The result was that unusually roomy and well-decorated Victorian homes were constructed in large numbers in a very short number of years in the area north of Colorado College, which came to be known as the Old North End.

This is what gives the Old North End Neighborhood a distinctive character. A large number of homes, most of them two or three-story structures, were built in a brief period of time, all reflecting a common Victorian architectural style. Furthermore, Cripple Creek gold provided the money to make most of these homes more ornate and decorative than otherwise might have occurred. Thus, the Old North End is filled with elaborate wooden verandas, bay windows, complex wooden decorative work around doors and windows, an occasional circular wooden cupola, and ornate cut-glass and beveled glass windows.

Another historical movement had a major impact on the Old North End. Because of the high altitude and dry healthful climate, Colorado Springs became a center for recovering victims of tuberculosis. Glockner Hospital, a major treatment facility for those with lung ailments, was located ten blocks north of Colorado College. Glockner eventually evolved into Penrose Hospital, which provided a wide range of general hospital services. The Old North End soon

## **Brief History The Old North End Neighborhood** (continued)

became a desirable residential neighborhood for doctors and other administrative personnel working at the hospital.

The gold boom at Cripple Creek, and in Colorado Springs, was over by the 1920s. Construction of wooden Victorian housing in the Old North End ended at that time. In the ensuing years, there was housing construction representing a variety of architectural styles. Spanish and Mediterranean-style homes, western bungalows, and ranch houses have added to the attractive residential character of the Old North End.

The Old North End benefited from its proximity to the upper reaches of Monument Valley Park. The entire west side of the Old North End is bordered by this natural city park, where biking and hiking trails and ball fields and children's playgrounds are attractively placed along the banks of Monument Creek.

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**A delightful book entitled *Exploring the Old North End Neighborhood of Colorado Springs: A Guide to Its History & Architecture*, includes a more detailed history of the neighborhood and provides six tours to acquaint people with its architecture. In addition, a more comprehensive history of the Old North End Neighborhood may be found elsewhere on this website.**

## ONEN COMMITTEES PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

We welcome everyone's input and encourage those who are or might be interested to join one of the ONEN committees listed below. No matter how much time you can provide, we hope you will volunteer. More complete information about each committee and their achievements is found on the ONEN Board and Committee Achievements page on the ONEN website. Contact information is provided on the website as well.

1. **Events** is an active, innovative committee that organizes several neighborhood get togethers throughout the year. A variety of help is needed.
2. The **Historic Preservation Committee** works on a number of projects and promotes historic preservation in many different ways: The House Plaque and Oral History programs, the Green Team, workshops, tours and newsletter articles. The ONEN Master Plan continues to be this committee's road map as it tackles new initiatives. Volunteers and new ideas are important.
3. **North End Woodlands**, the most recent neighborhood group, is actively dedicated to replacing trees in the Old North End's historic medians. Although they have planted 180 trees so far, their long-range plan calls for a continuation of this noble effort. Ask about volunteers.
4. The **Parkway Tree Program**: Volunteers are needed in a continual effort to plant trees in ONEN's parkways each spring.
5. The **Sidewalk Improvement Program**, begun in 2010, has three areas of focus: safety, infrastructure improvement, and improved walkability of the neighborhood. Residents participating in the program agree to pay 50% of the cost. ONEN funds the balance. Each year volunteers are needed.
6. **Transportation/Street Safety Committee** is dedicated to working with the City's Traffic & Transportation Engineering Department and Mountain Metro regarding issues of street safety, traffic calming, and transit issues in the Old North End. While years of continual efforts have been successful, this work is on-going and welcomes input and support.



# Donate to ONEN



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I/We would like to support ONEN by making a gift of:

<b>Pay By Check</b> Mail this form with your check to: Old North End Neighborhood P.O Box 8185 Colorado Springs, CO 80933-8185	<b>Pay Online</b> Go to <a href="http://oldnorthend.org">oldnorthend.org</a> DONATE TO ONEN  You can even set up automatic payments!	<b>Total Donation</b> \$_____	<b>I would like to Volunteer</b>
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All contributions are voluntary and are tax-deductible.

Your payment covers one year of important neighborhood services.

## ONEN SPONSORED EVENTS

**Planned by the Old North End Events Committee, this is an opportunity to join neighbors. Check this website for updates.**

- Easter Egg Hunt in April
- ONEN Yard Sale in June
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Bike Decorating and July 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- Musical Mondays in Monument Valley Park-last three Mondays in July
- Annual Garden Party in late August or early September
- Annual ONENFest Neighborhood Block Party in early October
- Annual Santa's Visit to Steele Gazebo on in early December
- Annual Cookies and Cocktails in early December TBA

## OLD NORTH END NEIGHBORHOOD BOOKS

**Three books acquaint people with the history, architecture, and achievements of the Old North End. *The Old North End Interpretive Guide* is a photographic guide to best practices in the renovation of historic homes.**

- *EXPLORING THE OLD NORTH END NEIGHBORHOOD OF COLORADO SPRINGS: A GUIDE TO ITS HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE* by Jennifer Wendler Lovell and Robert D. Loevy
- *NORTH NEVADA AVENUE IN THE OLD NORTH END: BLOCKS 1200-2100, THE VICTORIAN HEART OF COLORADO SPRINGS* by Robert D. Loevy
- *PRESERVING A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD: THE STORY OF THE OLD NORTH END IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO* by Robert D. Loevy
- *OLD NORTH END NEIGHBORHOOD INTERPRETIVE GUIDE*

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*Cover: Photos of historic ONEN Garden*

*Historic Preservation Alliance Award-Winner-2011*