



Onate Neighborhood Association

July-August 2007 Newsletter

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Revised Date for Annual Picnic in the Park

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Tuesday, August 14, 2007, 6:00 PM until dark at Onate Park



We will have the rock-climbing wall again, courtesy of the Park and Recreation Department. There are minimum height and age requirements.

Refreshments including water, lemonade, and Otter Pops will be available and free for the young and young at heart. Bring your own food, the kids, the rest of the family, and plan to meet your neighbors and have a good time.



State Representative Jimmie Hall, District 28, is scheduled to be with us. Jimmie will give us a legislative update and we can share our concerns and issues with him. Please plan to take advantage of this opportunity to talk with one of your elected leaders.

Neighborhood News

New Association Board Member

On June 20, Martha Lane was elected and accepted the open position on the Onate Board of Directors, serving until the Annual meeting in 2009. Please join us in welcoming Martha as a new ONA board member.

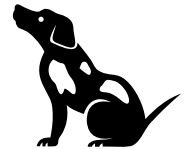
Still Need One Board Member

John Sechrist has notified his intention to resign from the Onate Neighborhood Association Board of Directors. He has agreed to serve until a replacement can be found. Thanks, John, for your service to our community and neighborhood. We are looking for someone to fill this position. The position doesn't require a lot of your time (2-3 hours each month). If you care about your neighborhood and are interested in serving please contact the ONA president, David Robbins at 237-8641 or [drobbins10@comcast.net](mailto:d Robbins10@comcast.net).

Code Issues Versus Crime

In a previous newsletter, we mentioned people could call the Assistant City Attorney, Pete Dinelli concerning nuisance problems. We've learned that Mr. Dinelli will help deal with code enforcement, such as construction problems, litter, weeds, parking, and other

code violations. BUT, please do not call Mr. Dinelli about disputes involving dogs barking, neighbor disagreements, or suspected criminal activity. These and other unlawful activities are issues for the Albuquerque Police Department to handle. You can also report dog problems by calling 768-1975 or www.cabq.gov/pets/barking.html.



Don Harris Recall in District 9

If you haven't been following this, interested people from District 9 have been circulating a petition seeking to put the recall of Don Harris on the ballot in the upcoming election. Mr. Harris has contested the validity of the petition, saying that the 900-plus signatures were not enough, based on the number of votes cast in the November general election. However, a judge has recently ruled that the number of signatures required depends only on the votes cast in the runoff election that was held after the general election. Therefore the recall question should appear on the ballot in the election this fall.

Weeds and Real Estate

You may have noticed that we had more rainstorms lately. This means even more weeds sprouting and added vigor to the old weeds already growing. If you rent, keeping the yard clear of weeds is your responsibility. Please be a good neighbor and keep these weeds cut, killed, or pulled. If you have xeriscaped yard, Roundup works wonders.



The housing market in Albuquerque has not sunk in the way it has in other parts of the country, and values have remained respectably high. However, poorly maintained home and yards and using your yard as a junkyard hurts everyone and lowers property values. Lets help ourselves and our neighbors keep it that way by making property attractive and free of weeds, litter, and junk. Consider helping out neighbors who have limited ability, for whatever reason, to keep their property neat and clean.

Houses with chronic problems can be declared a nuisance by the city and civil action can be taken. Individuals have the right to take legal action themselves against property owners with significant weed, litter, junk, or maintenance issues. If sued, the individual could be required to pay cleanup costs and all legal fees.

Report neglected properties to the Planning Department at 924-3850, or through the Internet at www.cabq.gov/planning/formsvcs/weedlitter.html.

Free Water!

You can get a \$20 credit on your water bill by taking the Water Authority's "Water Smart" irrigation class, which is open to all homeowners. The classes will be available through the end of August. For more information, call Katherine Yuhás at 768-3633 or go to

www.abcwua.org. If you're interested, call right away because August 11 and 28 are the only dates left.

Volunteers Needed for Newsletter Delivery

We need volunteers to deliver the newsletter in a few parts of the Onate neighborhood; particularly the apartments on the Southside of Menaul. This takes 30-45 minutes once every three months. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Adrienne Morrison at 299-4757.



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