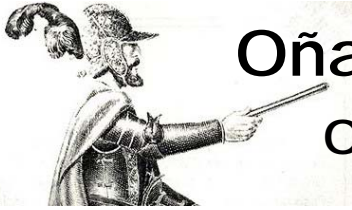


Season's Greetings



Oñate Neighborhood Association

October–December 2007 Newsletter

www.onateneighborhood.org



Annual Holiday Lighting/Decorating Contest

Starting this year, we will hold an annual contest for the best holiday displays. Yes, this decision is a little late, but all good things have to start somewhere. The displays will be judged during the week of December 16, so be sure to have your display complete by Sunday, December 15. Displays will be judged on the basis of originality, expression of holiday spirit, use of color, and plain old subjective judgment based on how amazed we are. The awards for the best displays will be gift certificates from Lowes.



Still Need Board Members

In September, the Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Renee Wolf. Now there are two open positions on the board, and we need people interested and concerned about our neighborhood to fill these positions. If you would consider serving, please contact the president, David Robbins at 237-8641 or drobbins10@comcast.net.

Neighborhood News

Police Patrols

Just so you'll know....

Your donations for police patrols are being used effectively, and we are having police patrols in the neighborhood. Most patrols are at night, but not always. Here are some of the things that the officers are asked to observe.

- Illegally parked vehicles
Note that you cannot park in a way that blocks the sidewalk. If you have so many cars that they can't all be parked legally, they must be parked on the street.
Also, you may not park cargo trailers of any kind on the street unless they are being actively loaded or unloaded.
- Unregistered vehicles
- Open garages. Please, folks, keep your garages shut! It invites crime to the neighborhood.
- Dogs running free
- School and church doors
- Suspicious people lurking around
- Oñate Park and any people there at night

- Unusual activity, especially at night
- Numerous cars at a single location only at certain times—especially late at night
- Any specific requests made by residents

NOTE: This is an opportunity to have police check those things that you've worried about! Contact Randi Grimmis at rgrimmis@sandiabaptist.org with your concerns. Starting 1/1/08, please contact Joe Capillo at joecapillo@yahoo.com.

These individuals are coordinating our police patrols and we all owe them a big "thank you" for this extra effort.

The Website

The Oñate Neighborhood Association website is now up and running—www.onateneighborhood.org. The last two newsletters are posted there. So, please check it out and make suggestions for additions and improvements if you think they are needed.

However, we need a webmaster to oversee the site and make changes/additions as needed. This position pays the princely sum of \$0. But, attention students, this could be something to add to your résumé—both as web experience and community service.

Volunteers Needed for Newsletter Delivery

We need volunteers to deliver the newsletter in a few parts of the Oñate neighborhood. Usually this means walking only 2–3 blocks and putting the newsletter behind mailbox flags. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Adrienne Morrison at 299-4757.

August Picnic in the Park

Our annual Picnic in the Park was great fun and very informative. As in the past, the rock climbing wall from the City’s Parks and Recreation Department was available - for those daring enough to try. We also had lots of lemonade and Otter Pops for refreshment. About 50 adults and children participated and enjoyed a beautiful evening in the park with their neighbors.

State Representative Jimmie Hall came to share his views on the 2007 legislative session and answer many questions. There was good discussion and topics ranged from highways and healthcare to legislative priorities the 2008 session will face.

Spending will be the primary focus of the session. The increasing cost of the Rail Runner and the lack of funding for our highways for building and maintenance will be major issues as well as the administration’s goal of reworking the state’s healthcare and health insurance.

It was a good time to meet our State Representative.

Google Telephone Alert

Google.com allows people to search on your phone number to obtain your name, address, a map showing where you live, and even a fairly detailed satellite photo of your house and surroundings. If you’ve never searched yourself in Google, you should do so to see what others can find.

Because of privacy concerns, Google has an option for you to remove your phone number from their search. Just enter your phone number, then click on your “Phonebook result.” Then you will be given an option to remove your information.

Winter Driving Tips

With winter upon us, here are some tips for safe winter driving and car care.


Check the antifreeze in your vehicle’s radiator.

Check air-pressure in tires, cold temperatures drops pressure in tires.

Don’t start your vehicle and leave it so it can “warm up”. This leads to many winter car thefts. Engines actually warm up better during driving than they do just idling.

Keep a blanket and first-aid kit in your vehicle, especially if you are going out of town.

Check weather reports and NM road condition website and hotline; www.nmshtd.state.nm.us, 1-800-432-4269.



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