



Neighborhood Association

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OPNA General Meeting, Elections, and Dessert Pot-Luck Party

Thursday, September 29th, at 7:00pm

Osuna School Cafetorium

Welcome to Autumn and Back-To-School time, neighbors! It's time once again for our official Annual Meeting of the Osuna Park Neighborhood Association, where we elect new members for our Board and kick off a new year. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find some information about who is running for election, plus we have an open spot on the Board for anyone who would like to volunteer to serve. Members in good standing (you paid your dues) will have one vote per household, as always.

For a guest speaker, we will have a representative from our local police substation join us to talk about crime trends in the area, with an emphasis on illegal narcotics trafficking. Since our last Annual Meeting, we have a new Commander at the substation as well as a new Crime Prevention specialist, and it will be interesting to see their new plans.

And to help celebrate the new season, we are planning a desert pot-luck for the meeting. Your Board will provide plates, flatware, and cold drinks. You all get to provide one of your favorite desserts to share with everyone! Bring anything desert-y: cake, pie, grandmother's chewy chocolate chip oatmeal nut cookies, ice cream, flan, brownies, fresh fruit, whatever you like. Let's see what shows up!

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MONTGOMERY

A message from OPNA President
Stephen Smoogen



Hello all, this could be your last Presidents message from yours truly.

Why you may ask?

Coming at the end of this month we will have our annual elections, and then the board will meet to pair up jobs for each position, which means that some lucky person could be your next President.

What does a President do?

Well, I am glad you asked. The President of the Osuna Neighborhood Association must go to the bank with the treasurer once a year, go over reports and be the point of contact with the City government. This usually means getting some mail from the city every week going over what the City is doing, and also getting some letters on zoning questions. After that there is a quarterly neighborhood meeting at the Osuna Elementary and a quarterly board meeting. Pretty much the hardest items I have had to deal with have been getting these letters to the Newsletter Editor on time.

On other news, the Fall cleanup will be occurring sometime in October in coordination with the City, and the

City would like to remind people that soon we will have many visitors driving around the city for the State Fair and Balloon Festival. The State Festival means I can indulge on deep fried chile twinkies and turkey legs. And the Balloon Festival means that there will be many slow drivers with people watching the skies and not the roads. Be careful and remember that not everyone gets to see the gorgeous skies of New Mexico everyday.

Finally, I really would like to thank Anne Fortin, Sandy Guidice and the many others who helped set up the July 4th party this year. They got it done, we had a lot of happy kids, and I think people had a great time.

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OPNA Board Nominee
Camron Lewis

I was born in Albuquerque in 1959 and have lived here ever since. I grew up near Wyoming and Candelaria. I attended Yucca grade school (now an annex of Sandia H.S.), Madison Junior High, and then Sandia H.S. In 1978 I began a 32 year career with General Electric Aircraft Engines on south Broadway, retiring upon the plants recent closing. In 1990 I established a neighborhood watch on the 1100 block of Glorieta N.E. which I remained Block Captain of for several years. Also in 1990 I was a founding member and served as president of the Los Altos Park North Residents Association for 2 years.

I may eventually look for a second career but for now spend much of my time volunteering as a Watchdog (volunteer father) at Osuna where my son is in second grade as well as at the pre-school my daughter attends. I am also involved in musical endeavors as I am a musician along with publishing a children's book hopefully in December. I am divorced w/ two children (a 4 year old daughter and a 7 year old son). I have lived in the Osuna neighborhood for 4 years this November and have been a member of this association I believe for the better part of that time. I think this neighborhood is great with terrific neighbors and am not only proud to be a part of my street's neighborhood watch but also proud of our current block captain (everyone should have one!). Our current association board is and has also done a very fine job. My goal as a board member will be simply to lend any experience that I may and help further the visions the members have for the future.

OPNA Board Nominee
Terry O'Brien

Born and raised in Alberta, Canada, I moved to Atlanta, GA in 1998 to marry my wife, Wendy. We relocated to Albuquerque in 2005 due to her father's health, and have lived on Dona Rowena with her father ever since. In 2006, I started my own business, A&P Services, and have been busy ever since. I work on general aircraft, home repairs, lawn maintenance, welding, security gates - pretty much whatever someone needs done. I proudly became a U.S. Citizen in 2009, with my family cheering me on! I have one adult son, recently married and about to move to IN. Wendy's daughter's family relocated here from D.C. shortly after we did, so we enjoy being very involved with our grandsons, ages 7 & 3. I enjoy flying small aircraft, which got me interested in becoming an A&P mechanic (airframe & powerplant) to work on all types of aircraft; I fly as often as I can, and the oldest grandson is a willing companion!

I'm interested in working with the Board because I believe citizens should be involved with their communities, at the neighborhood level and broader levels as well. I hate it when a person says "they" should do something -- we are all "they." We cannot rely on "someone" to take care of ensuring 4th of July festivities are carried out or neighborhood safety issues get shared - we need to help ensure these things are done by becoming a "someone."

OPNA Board Nominee

Penny Hoe

I have served on the OPNA Board of Directors before, including the offices of President, Vice President, and Membership Chairman. Currently I ghost-write the Ask Opie column for Opie, and monitor the OPNA email. In April I took on the new position of CrimeWatch Coordinator (for 3 years) and am always looking to recruit new Block Captains and Co-Captains. Because I believe the CrimeWatch Coordinator should be a Board member I am a nominee for a Board position again.

Gary and I moved to Albuquerque in 1982 and have lived on Dona Rowena all these years. It was not until Osuna Park Neighborhood Association got organized in 2004 and I realized I wanted to live here for many more years, that I began actively trying to get to know my neighbors and feeling that this Neighborhood could become a real community for us residents, and that we could work together on issues of mutual concern, to try to keep this Neighborhood a good place to live. It is an ongoing calling to all who live here! I hope more of you will step up in future to shoulder some of the Neighborhood responsibilities.

Gary and I have two adult daughters, two cats, a rescue-dawg, and a grand-horse, (sort of) grand-snake, three grand-cats, and a grand-fish. We garden (particularly cacti) -- it is much more relaxing than substitute teaching, which I used to do! Before Albuquerque called, the US Air Force moved us Kentuckians around to various places. Gary just recently retired from Sandia National labs, his 2nd career. I have worked variously as a photographer, a teacher, an APS substitute, a volunteer, and mostly as a wife and mother.

OPNA Board Nominee

Barbara White

One year ago I went to the annual OPNA meeting in September because I wanted to hear the guest speaker. After the speaker spoke, election time rolled around. I had no intention of running for the OPNA board but there was no one else that volunteered. I realized I finally had a little extra time on my hands as our children had recently flown the coop. Through the guidance of the current members, I have served this past year and gotten to know so many more of my neighbors and realize more than ever that our small communities, those of family, work and neighborhood, are where we can offer the most. Election time is rolling around again, and again OPNA needs people to volunteer for board positions, so I find myself again with a little extra time for a very worthwhile cause.

We moved to Albuquerque in 1992 and have always lived in the Osuna Park area, here in our same house! Our three children all attended Osuna, Madison and Sandia and now are making their way out in the world. I have been employed as a physical therapist for all of my professional career. It's a profession that served me well as we travelled around at the request of USAF for 20 years. My husband is employed at Sandia National Labs and we currently call our two dogs and one cat our children at home. I love to vegetable and flower garden, do yoga and am active in a bookgroup.

I look forward to the contributions I can make on the OPNA board in helping to make my neighborhood community a safer and nicer place to live.

Ask Opie

Dear Opie,

I have an old computer I don't want anymore. Do you know anyone who wants it? And what can I do with my defunct TV?

Dear Neighbor:

Here is the scoop on Electronics (E-Waste) recycling. And you should recycle E-waste because no one wants the toxic materials they contain, such as lead, cadmium, and mercury, to enter our groundwater environment. The average computer contains 6 lbs of lead! Accumulation of these substances via landfill can harm the humans, animals, plants, and microorganisms that live in the area.

For 362 days of the year you can recycle E-waste at the Eagle Rock Convenience Center (6301 Eagle Rock NE, 8 AM till 5 PM). It costs a mere \$5.25 per load. For the month of September 2011, the City of Albuquerque has partnered with Intel, KOAT-TV, and Natural Evolutions, Inc. to give **FREE Recycling of E-Waste at Eagle Rock**.

Acceptable material includes computers & peripherals, iPods, printers, fax machines, thumb drives, laptops, CPUs, hard drives, servers, CRT monitors, LCD monitors, plotters, printed circuit boards, scanners, modems, mice, cables & cords, keyboards, typewriters, memory devices, copiers, DVD & VHS players, telephones & cell phones, cameras, stereo equipment, drills & small tools.

They **do not** take TVs or small appliances, rechargeable batteries, toasters, blenders, sewing machines, small household appliances, medical equipment, items with Freon, a liquid source



or anything with Bio-Hazard or hazardous waste, light bulbs or alkaline batteries.

Natural Evolutions, Inc. will be recycling all material during the month of September. All hard drives are evaluated for reallocation purposes, IDE hard drives 20GB and less are by default sent for dismantling. All other drives determined to have reallocation potential are sanitized and tested. Software applications & hardware methods that conform to US Department of Defense cleaning & sanitizing standard DOD-5220-22M are used. Any information stored on drives is destroyed and not disseminated in any shape or form.

They do not accept televisions for recycling, however, TVs may be disposed of at the Eagle Rock Convenience Center for the regular disposal fee.

For a complete list of companies that do accept televisions visit The New Mexico Recycling Coalition's Recycling Directory

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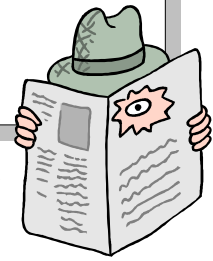
For more info on the City recycling program, visit

www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/recycling/

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CrimeWatch Report

by Penny Hoe, OPNA CrimeWatch Coordinator



By the time this newsletter is delivered, Osuna Park's CrimeWatch program will have been in existence just about five months. The CrimeWatch email alerts at this time are going out to the same 150 or so members of OPNA who are on our email announcement list plus an additional 60 to 70 residents contacted by the four Block Captains (and three Co-Captains) who are online with their immediate neighbors in their CrimeWatch blocks. Two Block captain training sessions have been held. An additional five persons have received Block Captain training but have not finished bringing their immediate neighbors online. We have a ways to go to enroll all 876 households in the Neighborhood. I need many more persons willing to be Block Captains to do this. Could this be YOU???

In the August 2011 Northeast Area Command newsletter, Commander Bonnie Montoya of John Carrillo Memorial Substation said that her command staff, field officers, and crime prevention personnel attended 40 National Night Out events held by Neighborhood Associations and Neighborhood Watch groups, the most held in any of the six area commands of APD. Three of those events were held in our OPNA Neighborhood.

National Night Out is an annual event nationwide that promotes neighbors getting to know their neighbors and getting together on their blocks to show by their presence that criminal activity is not welcome in their neighborhood. This year three block parties were held by

OPNA CrimeWatch block captains, one on General Hodges, one on Dona Rowena (9000 blk), and one on Northridge (east of the school). Two of these invited APD, City Councilman Winter, and local legislators. A pair of APD officers and Brad Winter attended and partook of conversation, neighborhood concerns, and desserts! Topics discussed included how to keep drug dealing out of the Neighborhood, traffic issues, loud parties, and dealing with phantom doorbell ringers, solicitors and other suspicious persons at your door.

Mark Fidel is the CrimeWatch committee member who compiles long-term criminal report statistics. If you have any questions for him or for me about OPNA CrimeWatch, if you have any concerns about suspicious activities near your residence, if you wish to become a CrimeWatch block captain or co-captain or a member of the CrimeWatch committee, or if you want any Crime Prevention information, including NO SOLICITATION signs, please contact us at opna@cnspr.com or phone me at 296-3654.

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CALL 9-1-1 for LIFE-THREATENING and/or PROPERTY-THREATENING situations or CRIME-in-PROGRESS.

CALL 242-COPS (242-2677) for all non-emergency incidents when security is not available. You may also call this number to verify the validity of any Law Enforcement Officer you are encountering

CALL 768-2030 (Telephone Reporting Unit = TRU) for situations involving auto thefts, thefts when offender is not known, vandalism, missing persons, threats & harassment, runaways and simple assaults. This unit will take the report so you will not have to wait for an APD officer to arrive at the scene. TRU is only available Mon – Fri, from 7 AM – 5 PM. To use this service you CANNOT have a suspect.

CALL 3-1-1 for reporting abandoned vehicles, weeds, graffiti, nuisance pets, & any other instances that are not criminal offenses. 311 Operators can direct you to all City Services & Departments and can answer questions you might have in reference to City government

TYPE www.cabq.gov/police to fill out your own POLICE REPORT for certain crimes that are not an emergency, that are within the City limits, and where there is no suspect. You can then print out the report you just filed.

GO TO THESE WEB SITES: www.crimemapping.com or <http://crimeview.cabq.gov/> to view recent crime incidents in our Neighborhood.

CALL 296-4811 for the Osuna School office.

CALL 833-7390 for non-emergency Fire Department

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My TOP THREE CONCERNS about the Osuna Park Neighborhood are:

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