



NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY – JANU 25, 6:30...

Please attend and bring a friend so we can GROW ONA and our influence on neighborhood. Pay measily dues (\$5 a calendar year, \$35 for businesses) and you get to vote! Education Building of John Collins Church – 2320 S. Bannock – follow signs!

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For your convenience – ONA By-Laws and contact numbers appear below

NEW OFFICERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Our new President is Catherine Sandy (once and future – she was President in the 1990's). Vice-President is Jennifer Pollack, who organized the Southeast Quadrant Neighborhood. W Charley Samson and Lois Strohmeier are back as Secretary and Treasurer.

€ A message from President Sandy... may we have the tiara, please!

Greeting's and Happy New Year to you all. As we start a new year, our opportunity to cor our neighborhood together begins. So much was accomplished last year with the creator. Now the east half of ONA need's to be organized. We have new member's helping to get online as well as in print, our out-going President, Jack, will be keeping an eye on the dev happening around us and to us. Our first meeting will be an information review - an easy but after that, "hang on to your short's." There's always much to be done in the Overland Neighborhood. See you all soon,
Catherine Sandy, President

€ District 7 City Council election, May 8 – ONA's most important link to City gove

Kathleen MacKenzie is term-limited and so far four candidates have announced: District 7 Julie Conner; Chris Nevitt, formerly with Front Range Economic Strategy Center; Musicia community activist Jake Schroeder; and Shelly Watters, until recently At-large Councilwo Boigon's aide. More entries are possible before the March 7 deadline.

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responses from the candidates to his questionnaire about zoning and development. Look Neighborhood Links website soon (address above). But to get candidate responses to the issues we'll consider a co-op Candidate Forum with other south Denver neighborhood org vote on the idea at the meeting Thursday.

€ ONA in 2007: it takes a village to organize a village!

As our membership and involvement grows a new way of doing business is in order for Ov Neighborhood Association, and in the best of all possible worlds *it involves you!* With 61 some regular meetings but only a handful of officers and dues-paying members, it's time and organized: our effectiveness and clout with the City agencies we depend on *depends active.*

Obviously, more members doing more things (which is so great!) requires more communi ways of handling the regular business. We'll be talking in coming meetings about how to well-oiled machine we deserve to be, but here are some observations that are true right r

Please pay dues – without money we have fewer options to organize (see ONA NEWS stor

Please come to meetings, get to know one another and form networks of mutual interest: neighborhood activism solely from the goodness of their hearts... isn't there something yc *change in Overland Park?*

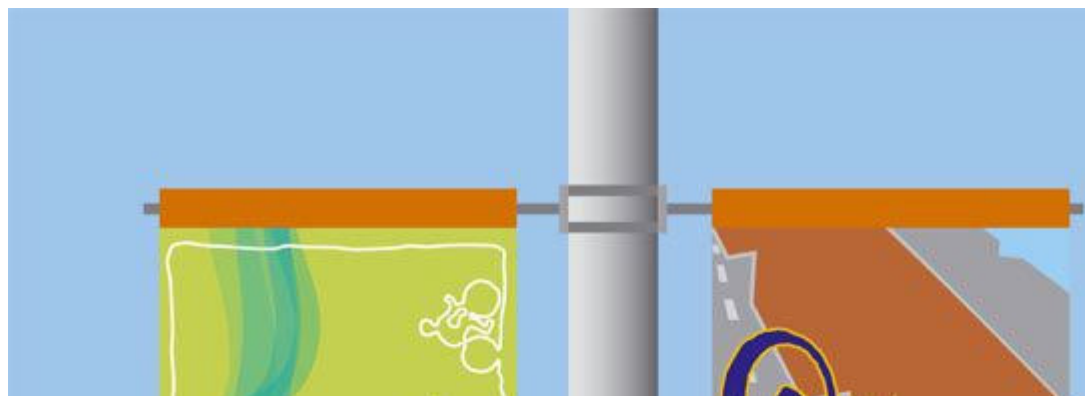
ONWATCH (our Neighborhood Watch program) has contacted more neighbors than ever b Presumably there is a Block Captain for every residential block in the 'hood. We have "Q Representatives" for each section of the neighborhood. This means there is a network rea critical mass, if only we can talk to one another and stitch it together.

This email goes to only the addresses we know about: do you have a neighbor with Web a to know what's going on? Get their email address (with their permission) to Kevin Dickso kevdictson@gmail.com so they can be part of the merriment.

We may not be able to change the traffic or streetscaping or crime or run-down properties there is *no limit* to how many of us can get to know one another, or how fast it can happe band together on these issues. *ONA is you, and without you is powerless!*

€ OK, so "you've got mail..." - what about the folks that don't? ONA NEWS goes ONA represents (and counts as members) every home owner, renter, business owner, pro worker in our boundaries. Some of us aren't Internet-wise but deserve to be part of the c about what we want Overland Park to be. Jennifer Willoughby, a graphic designer and me working with a taskforce of members to generate a good system of communication, includ edition of the ONA NEWS. So, among other things, that's what the dues are for. Minuten (Broadway and Evans) is exploring printing costs at a reduced rate. Once upon a time, w newsletter, but those costs seem unreasonable. However, our Quad Reps could distribute papers to Block Captains who could walk them to the 20 – 25 houses on their block. It w neighborhood groups. That's village organization. Can we do it?

We'll also need a way to get input coordinated – an editing function, maybe a board of a f English majors who can actually diagram this sentence, plus officers who can vouch for OI Jenny will have a sample printed newsletter for us to look at. It's pretty snappy looking a expect some of the neighborhood "branding" we've talked about to resurface in the conve reminder, here is an image from May's ONA NEWS. While it may not be practical to festo with banners the concept goes to show that it's important how we represent ourselves.





€ Development Chair and a planned development meeting... at last?

Kevin Dickson and Jack Unruh are two of ONA's more knowledgeable members regarding zoning and developments around Overland and they've hatched the idea of co-chairing an Development Chair. We'll vote on approving the idea at the January meeting.

And thanks to the prodding of Maria Martin, who noticed that she'd signed up twice for a meeting about development and planning issues in the 'hood, we will compare calendars & There'll be a short report on the top urban planning and development issues at the meeti of outstanding stories in the "breaking news" category...

€ Cherokee building to start in Overland Park; South Broadway Plan finally mate

Two parcels of the former Gates property west of Broadway have been sold and developr The first piece out of the ground will be on the southwest corner of Broadway and Mississ residential complex by the same people who did the Englewood City Center project. It wil building of condos and townhomes, structured parking, an amenities facility for residents, housing building and ground floor shop space for a couple of businesses. Demolition will l summer.

Years ago, during the last century (1998-'99), a South Broadway Transportation and Rede came into being. The idea was to improve pedestrian access and calm traffic so that the s livable from I-25 down to the Englewood border. Over the next couple of years, in conjur doubt highly inconvenient restructuring of the Broadway streetbed and drainage, a four bl Arizona to Iowa will be reconfigured according to the plan.

Owners and leaseholders along that stretch are forming a Business Improvement District, themselves to buy new lighting, benches, trash receptacles and so on. It looks currently i electrical utilities will be buried. Median strips and turn lanes, bumpouts that contain park Santa Fe between 7th and 8th), some sidewalk narrowing and new flood-proof drainage w better place to be. Congratulations to the Broadway Area Revitalization District (BARD, w instrumental in forming) on their patience and initiative. Another section of the street bor Englewood will also be done. Wonder why Broadway drains stormwater so poorly? The o down the center of the street make it unusually high shedding water to the edges. With

down the center of the street make it unusually high, shedding water to the edges. With street more level, Blinky's won't flood three times a year!

Hope to see you all and any number others on January 25th: bring a neighbor to share ONA with!

OVERLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

THE OVERLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (ONA) Amended By-laws as adopted July 28, 2005 monthly ONA meeting

BOUNDARIES The Overland neighborhood extends from Mississippi Ave. on the north to Yale Ave. on the south; from Broadway Street on the East to the Platte River on the west; Overland Neighborhood Association, a non-profit service organization, was founded in 1979. It now exists to promote responsible development and improved quality of life for residents and businesses within the above bounds; also included as members are residents and owners of homes and businesses along the opposite sides of the bounding streets and river.

PURPOSE AND VISION: ONA exists – to encourage communication participation among members so that problems can be understood and solved and opportunities recognized and realized – to allow members to distinguish their own self-interests as a community and recognize how these fit or conflict with those embraced by other communities and governmental jurisdictions – to make members better aware of the rights and tools to accomplish these ends available to them within Denver City, Colorado State and Federal government – to leave the subsequent generation with better neighborhood conditions and possibilities than today's (it is recommended that resetting of Purpose and Vision take place annually)

STRUCTURE ONA membership consists of all residents, property owners, business owners and employees working within its boundaries. Its voting membership consists of its elected officers and paid-up members. These By-laws as adopted and ongoingly amended define ONA's organization. The four customary minimal officeholders as defined below are mandatory. The intent of the By-laws also suggests developing additional structure in the form of active committees and recommends constant refinement by amendment to meet new challenges and opportunities.

MEETINGS, ELECTIONS, MEMBERSHIP and VOTING

ONA Executive Board members meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October (November and December excepted due to holidays), in the Education Building of the John Collins Church, 2320 S. Bannock Street. All meetings are open to members and the public, and attendance is passionately encouraged. The March and October meetings are general membership meetings dedicated to reviewing long range issues and electing officers: annual elections are held in October. Candidates for office must declare and attend at least one meeting prior to elections to explain positions and qualifications. Executive Board vacancies may be filled for the term balance at any meeting by vote of the remaining Board and attending members. Ideal terms of office are three years and Executive Board members are encouraged to step aside if qualified successors are present: there are no term limits except by election challenge. Simple majority rules in all ONA votes. Voting may occur on any issue at any

meeting: only paid members may vote. Dues are \$5 annually for residents or property owners, \$35 annually for businesses (promotion of the business through is ONA included), payable in January or upon joining (there is no pro-rating of dues).

OFFICERS and OTHER BOARD MEMBERS Officers must be members and Overland residents or Overland business owners actively working in the area. The ONA Executive Board consists of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Board is distinguished from other Board members (see Permanent Chairs below) only by the need to define a minimum operating structure for the organization: all member votes are equal. A person serving in a non-Executive role such as those suggested below can request that the role become a board position by membership vote at the March or October meeting. These other Board positions (Chairs) offer opportunities to serve as representatives of focus areas within Overland and in response to ongoing issues. Chairs must remain active to retain their position and it is suggested that non-Executive Board Chairs be kept to no more than nine. Executive Board members may hold additional chairs of committees when they are vacant, but recruitment of dedicated Chairpersons is encouraged to better serve the neighborhood.

TREASURER – is responsible for monitoring the ONA treasury and issuing reports as needed; is responsible for maintaining the membership list; is responsible for tax reporting and incorporation under applicable jurisdictions (as if, for example, the membership voted to seek 501C3 status). **SECRETARY** – is responsible for recording meeting minutes and maintaining all records, including amendments to these By-laws, and for registration with the City and County of Denver and Colorado Secretary of State (ONA is a Colorado non-profit organization). **VICE PRESIDENT** – shares all responsibilities of President and serves in President's absence, with special emphasis on ONA's members and internal communications about meetings and issues. **PRESIDENT** – has primary responsibility for chairing meetings, representing ONA at relevant meetings of neighborhood leaders, remaining current with and communicating an overview of all ONA issues concerning Overland Neighborhood; special emphasis is on external communication with City agencies and other citizen organizations, etc. **PERMANENT CHAIRS** – it is recommended that ONA volunteers chair committees addressing ongoing issues; primary examples of such issues are (1) membership, participation and activism, (2) development, zoning and land use, (3) safety, health, and environment (addressing contamination, noise, traffic, public health, etc.), (4) communication (through mailings, newsletters, phone list/trees, web sites and e-mail, faxes, media events, signs, etc.), (5) services, assistance and education for Overland residents, and (6) four area representatives (the neighborhood is quartered by Evans Ave. and Santa Fe Dr.)

Proactive initiative is what makes ONA work. Informal ad hoc teams for specific projects (which may be supported by appropriate permanent committees) are always encouraged and deserve agenda time and vocal acknowledgement, as do efforts by individuals, organizations, and elected officials who further Overland as a community.

BOARD & CHAIRS

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GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS

Dial 3-1-1 to file a case with any City agency

You can file an anonymous online complaint about a zoning violation at
http://www.denvergov.org/Inspection_Services/

POLICE

Police Dispatch - 720-913-2000 (non-emergency)

Police District 4 - 720-913-0200

Neighborhood Resource Officer
Marc Roggeman - 720-913-0277

Neighborhood Resource Officer
Brian Tompkins - 720-0200 for Voice Mail

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