



NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JULY 27, 6:30...

NEW TIME! *Change voted at May meeting!*

Please attend and bring a friend: GROW ONA and *influence your future.*

Pay measly dues (\$5 / calendar year; \$35 for businesses) *and you get to vote!*

Education Building of John Collins Church, 2320 S. Bannock – *just follow signs!*

JULY MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Elect Board Officers... (or not)

The current slate of officers (Lois Strohmeier, Treasurer; Charley Samson, Secretary; Catherine Sandy, Vice-president; Jack Unruh, President) will be offered for election to serve an abbreviated term (due to procedural constraints to be explained at the meeting). Next regularly scheduled elections are Oct. 26 – please consider serving as an officer, chairperson or “Quad Rep” next year! You’ll appreciate your home or business more if you’re involved... and *it will appreciate more if we’re effective!*

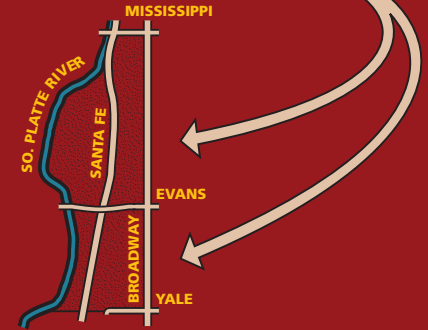
Police Report

Officer Roggeman, our Neighborhood Resource Officer, will report on Overland Park crime stats, Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch at the July 27 meeting. While crime has declined locally there are indications that the long national trend toward lower crime rates may be ending. If this bad news spreads to Denver we should make every effort to position Overland Park as an exception to the rule.

ONWATCH Wraps Up Canvassing

Overland’s Neighborhood Watch program (ONWATCH) has completed signing up at least 60% of homes on all residential blocks west of Santa Fe. Neighborhood Watch signs will go up soon, and as the program settles in sign-ups will progress toward 100%. We’ve encountered almost no residents unwilling to be part of a crime-reducing program like ONWATCH. Plans are proceeding for a celebration in September in Grant-Frontier Park – all voting ONA members will be invited. So far ONWATCH has already brought neighbors closer and added communication and responsiveness to our relationship with District 4 Police. Interest in doing ONWATCH east of Santa Fe is growing.

If you live here,
you live in historic
Overland Park!



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Shattuck Cleanup To Be Celebrated August 30

Our congressional delegation and other elected officials will gather at a radiation-normal Shattuck site at 10 a.m., Wednesday, August 30: we are all invited. ONA has played an outstanding part in the 14 year struggle for a clean, usable tract after a freak 1992 decision allowed a six acre radioactive dump to be sited at 1850 S. Bannock. Sanity has prevailed and we should be proud that so many community and governmental interests worked together to correct what would have been a dangerous and wasteful use of land in Overland Park.

Overland Neighborhood Environmental Watch (ONEW), which has probed technical issues on behalf of the community since the late '90's has received another partial grant from EPA. While the site is as radiation-free as surrounding properties, ground water flowing away from Shattuck and across the golf course to the river is somewhat contaminated. This will be a focus for ONEW incoming months as testing resumes. Meanwhile the cleaned up land, now listed with Fuller, will be sold and developed. A Shattuck District Plan calls for mixed use. ONA will exert every effort to see a "highest and best use" for the hard won property.

South Broadway Traffic and Its NEPA Process

For over a year RNO (Registered Neighborhood Association) representatives have met with agencies involved in planning how Broadway and I-25 can handle new traffic from the Gates redevelopment and expected growth over the next couple of decades. 65,000 new trips daily from Cherokee and Lionstone are only 30% of the added traffic in 2030: what to do? This National Environmental Policy Act process is required for federal funding of the solution. The three leading alternatives will be available for study and comment at the meeting.

Evans Station Exhibits and TOD

Work is proceeding to restore the "People Hereabouts" exhibits at the Light Rail station. While the exhibits are owned by RTD they were developed by ONA to summarize local history from pre-pioneer days to the present. Unfortunately they began deteriorating from the day they were unveiled and now, rather than summarizing history, they pretty much *are* history. By Fall they should be back up and readable for riders and neighbors alike.

Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning for the station awaits scheduled City attention in 2007, but interested members should get involved in ONA's community brainstorming initiative.

New Meeting Signs

Thanks to front yard volunteers and Kevin Dickson and Paul Weber, 25 meeting announcement signs are now deployed to remind neighbors of ONA's fourth Thursday meetings. If you have a prominent location for a sign, let Kevin know: we may produce a few more. And don't forget to "evangelize" neighbors at every opportunity: strength in numbers!

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Precinct Voting Ends... But Vote We Oughta!

Sadly, the very room ONA meets in is no longer the precinct polling place for Overland Park. Such homey places to cast your ballot have been replaced citywide by 47 voting centers, in a move to simplify and economize the election process. The two centers most convenient to the neighborhood are **Harvard Gulch Rec. Center, 550 E. Iliff Ave. and Harvey Park Rec. Center, 2120 S. Tennyson St. and both are open for early primary voting beginning Saturday, July 29, from 10am to 6pm.** With a difficult three way Democratic primary race for Colorado Senate District 32 and and up or down vote of the new Excel franchise the trip to the poll is worth it and the extended voting "season" (will the bars be closed for nine days?) makes it pretty easy. Don't forget your Colorado driver's license or a photo ID and proof of address (utility bill).

3-1-1... Your One Call to City Hall?

ONA has customarily listed City service numbers in the newsletter, a convenience that may be replaced by the new 311 non-emergency switchboard. We tried it out. Within a minute a live operator was on the line and for simple matters like a loose dog or pothole this person would have taken basic information and given the matter a case number for follow up. A request to speak to the Mayor's office would have resulted in a call transfer. Also, a basic 311 service request can be done online at denvergov.org and a case number would be assigned automatically. Based on the test only the following numbers seem necessary... *ah, progress!*

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