# NETWORK

Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanzaa, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, MLK Day, Valentine's Day



Just imagine, if you will, it's about 6:00 and you're heading down the hill towards Westview Road. You wave at other friends on the other side of the road and wish them a Happy Holiday. You turn the corner and, low and behold, there is a myriad of twinkling lights all over the home at 4130. As you get closer, you realize that your neighbors are heading to the same house. You notice that there is a magnificent fir, about three stories tall, decorated with white lights and huge tree ornaments all over it. The arches of the house are also in white lights and outside the door, there is a box to collect food stuff for the food bank.

Well, you have just arrived at this years Holiday Party for ONA members. There were 50 people plus members that showed that night. Donald Young, the social chair solicited newcomers, Eric Heard and Lester Cavagnaro, to host the affair.

The guests were asked to bring different delicacies by where they live in Original Northwood. For example, if you lived on Southview, you would bring appetizers and so forth. There was everything you could ask for in culinary fair. Appetizers were abound with clam mousse, vegan surprises, salad and much more. Entrees and vegetables were prepared for the crowds delight. Cookies, cheesecake, sugar cookies, cake and more were decorated and looked beautiful on the table. We also had wine, cheese and ale to celebrate the occasion.

We had a couple of drawings for door prizes. All in all, the event was extremely successful.

We certainly hope that you were able to attend but even with 50 plus, we know that some of you couldn't make the party. Please mark your calendars for next years Holiday Party, it is a must. EH

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2012 - 2013

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### FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, Neighbors. Let me apologize for the hiatus of the Network. It all started with the Annual Meeting in September, which less than 10 members attended. Not sure what occurred but it took us a little more time to get the ballots for the election of the Board of Governors. Three board members have moved, one member resigned and two newcomers were added to the board. In relationship to the annual meeting, I think we are going to try some new things like maybe teaming up the Annual Meeting with a social event. This years meeting will be tentatively September 22.

If you do the math, the additions and subtractions leave the governing body of ONA with four open positions, Vice- President, Treasurer, Covenant and Social Chairs. New comers Eric Heard and Lester Cavagnaro will be serving as Communication and Safety Chairs.

If you have any interest in serving on our community board, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:grex1204@yahoo.com">grex1204@yahoo.com</a> or give me a call at 410-467-4488.

We need your help to continue to make this community one of the best in Baltimore.

Board meetings are being held the second Thursday of each month in one of the board members homes. If you have any concern or issue you would like to address, please forward that information to me at my email address. You are invited to attend any of the board meetings as they are open to members of ONA. Please contact me in advance so you will have the proper location. I will also discuss the board meetings in a section of the Network going forward.

Lastly, I would like to thank Sean Conway Conway, who served several years on the board as Security Chair and Treasurer. A big thanks to Simon Trace, who served as the Communications Chair for two years. Our Vice-President, Meg Kendzierski, has also left our neighborhood after serving for two years. Donald Young, our Social Chair has resigned after two years. Thank you Meg and Donnie very much.

The board would also like to welcome Eric Heard, who will serve as the new Communications Chair and Lester Cavagnaro, who will serve as the new Safety Chair.

More to come.

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Greg Rex, President

### 2012 Calendar

ONA Events	
Wine and Cheese*	(TBD)
TBD	
Garden Walk	5/06
2:00 to 5:00	
Block Party*	7/21
2:00 to 8:00	
New Comers Party*	9/22
5:00 to 9:00	
Oktoberfest*	10/13
5:00 to 9:00	
Holíday Party *	12/09
5:00 to 9:00	

\* denotes tentative scheduling

### City Offices & Sanitation Closed

Passover/Good Friday	4/06
Memorial Day	5/28
Independence Day	7/04
Labor Day	8/03
Columbus Day	10/08
Election Day	11/06
<b>Veterans Day Observed</b>	11/12
Thanksgiving	11/22
Christmas Day	12/25

Make up day for Recycling and Trash Collection is always the Saturday following the Closed date.

### Original Northwood Association Budget Proposal 2012

- In 2007, 223 households paid their dues
- In 2008, 227 households paid their dues
- In 2009, 172 households paid their dues
- In 2010, 184 households paid their dues
- In 2011, 144 households paid their dues

**Target of 175** dues-paying households for 2012.

Project 40% Google Checkout usage.

- -Same contingency spending from the financial surplus as 2011 has been assumed.
- -Any potential monies from secession from GNCA have been ignored for this exercise
- -Social budgets has been set assuming same number of social events, but including revenue from social events.
- -Safety budget maintained as a placeholder
- -Administrative budget maintained as same as 2011
- -Communications budget same as 2011
- -Maintenance budget has been reduced to balance the budget (minus the contingency)

### 2012 Budget Proposal:

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Category	Budget	Expenses	Revenues
Dues	\$6,019.40	(\$105.60)	\$6,125.00
Administrative	(\$500.00)	(\$500.00)	\$-
Covenant	\$-	\$-	\$-
Communications	(\$750.00)	(\$750.00)	\$-
Maintenance	(\$2,000.00)	(\$2,000.00)	\$-
Safety	\$-	\$-	\$-
Social	(\$1,500.00)	(\$2,000.00)	\$500.00
Contingency	(\$1,300.00)	(\$1,300.00)	\$-
totals	(\$30.60)	(\$6,655.60)	\$6,625.00

2011 YE bank balance: \$17,882.06

Projected 2012 YE bank balance (excluding interest earned): \$15,709.82

### Original Northwood Association Treasurer's Report January 2012

0 households have paid their 2012 dues

 $\boldsymbol{0}$  of those  $\boldsymbol{0}$  have used the Google Checkout option

0 of those 0 households did not pay dues in 2011

Street	Total Houses	# Paid 2011	%	# Paid 2012	%
The Alameda	33	7	21.2%	0	0.0%
Deepwood	37	15	40.5%	0	0.0%
Roundhill	33	18	54.5%	0	0.0%
Roundtop	8	2	25.0%	0	0.0%
Loch Raven	14	1	7.1%	0	0.0%
Argonne	49	17	34.7%	0	0.0%
Westview	41	18	43.9%	0	0.0%
Northview	70	18	25.7%	0	0.0%
Eastview	10	3	30.0%	0	0.0%
Southview	39	16	41.0%	0	0.0%
Havenwood	19	10	52.6%	0	0.0%
Kelway	16	4	25.0%	0	0.0%
Totals	369	129	35.0%	0	0.0%
dues cost		\$35		\$35	
total revenue		\$4,515		\$0	

December 2011 bank ending balance : \$17,882.06

Revenues:

Dues: \$0.00

Expenses: Total Revenues

Holiday Party \$217.67

Total Expenses \$217.67

\$0.00

January 2012 bank ending balance : \$17,664.39

### 2012 YTD Budget Analysis:

	Γ		Actual		
Category	Budget	Expenses	revenues	Difference	remainder
Dues	\$6,019.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$6,019.40)
Administrative	(\$500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Covenant	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$0.00
Communications	(\$750.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Maintenance	(\$2,000.00)	\$0.00	\$-	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Safety	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$0.00
Social	(\$1,500.00)	(\$217.67)	\$0.00	(\$217.67)	\$1,282.33
Contingency	(\$1,300.00)	\$0.00	\$-	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
Totals	(\$30.60)	(\$217.67)	\$0.00	(\$217.67)	(\$187.07)

#### ONA SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2012

Wine and Cheese	(TBD)
TBD	
Garden Walk	5/6
2:00 to 5:00	
Block Party	7/21
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5:00 to 9:00

If you don't remember to mark your calendar, don't be concerned. A flyer will be delivered to your door approximately one week before the event. Hope you don't miss it.



### **DON'T FORGET YOUR GNCA BILL**



For clarification, the GNCA bill is the yearly bill you are required, by law, to pay on your property, assessed based on the square foot-age and ranging in our neighborhood from \$7.00 to just over \$50.00. These bills will be

coming soon, likely in the next month or so.

Each house should receive a bill with their name and the proper amount due based on years in the home and payments made to date. In the event that there is an error on the bill or you did not receive one, please contact our president by phone (410)467-4488 or email (grex1204@yahoo.com). GNCA bill and ONA dues should not be confused. The GNCA bill is required by law but the ONA dues are voluntary. We encourage your participation in the ONA dues because this money goes to support the newsletter, social events,

maintenance activity etc. While GNCA monies can be used to make improvements in our neighborhood (major or minor), items on the "Neighborhood Wish List", legal fees related to Covenant issues, ONA dues bring us together as a community with communication, social events and yes, even snow removal where necessary.

Sort of consider the ONA \$35.00 yearly as our neighborhood checking account and GNCA is like our savings account.

So, don't forget to pay to pay your GNCA bill. GR

Be sure to follow the Network on Facebook and our website



### www.originalnorthwood.com

\*website is being built daily



### **MILESTONES**

**Dr. John Butler MacGibbon**, an internal medicine specialist who treated port of Baltimore mariners, died Dec. 24 at Gilchrist Hospice Care in Towson of complications of a stroke and a fall. He was 90 and lived in Original Northwood.

Born in Christchurch, New Zealand, he was the oldest of four siblings. His late brother, Tony, was a well-known New Zealand cricketer, and his late sister, Jean, was a New Zealand tennis champion.

John was a familiar figure in Original Northwood. His friendliness, stories, good humor and infectious smile will be remembered. Rest in Peace, John.



**Annette C. Goodell**, a certified tax consultant who was vice president of Broad Spectrum Optics LLC, died Feb. 2 of colon cancer at Gilchrist Hospice Care in Towson.

The daughter of educators, the former Annette Carla Giovanna Schirokauer was born near Florence, Italy, in 1938.

The longtime Original Northwood resident was 73. She and husband John have probably been seen picking up trash as they would take their walks in the neighborhood. We will miss you, Annette.



#### ONA NEEDS YOU.....

It really does take a village to make the Original Northwood Association successful. It needs your help. As mentioned, there are 4 seats available on the Board of Governors. We would like to ask you to please join us in making the ONA as successful as possible. We need board members, houses to host events, gardens for the Garden Walk, and new members. Please think about joining ONA and donating some time. It will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Greg Rex at (410) 467.4488 or email grex1204@yahoo.com.



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Rotted Wood
Replacement
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Windows & Doors

Minor Exterior painting

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# The Original Northwood Association A Historic Community

Spring is finally here, and the blooming flowers, green grass and chirping birds make this truly one of the best times of the year to be living in Original Northwood. Please consider making your annual contribution to the Original Northwood Association. These dues are completely voluntary, but without your support we would be unable to offer any of the neighborhood services or social events that have been offered in the past. The Board does its best to offer something for everyone, and we feel that these services and activities are just a few of the many reasons that make a collection of houses a neighborhood.

The annual dues per household are just \$35. Dues can be mailed to The Treasurer,1211 Southview Road, Baltimore MD, 21218 (please include your name, address and email address or you may pay with your credit card at www.originlnorthwood.com. Credit card payment is quick and easy, and is our preferred method of collecting dues. Plus, you save a stamp! Just look for the Google Checkout button (shown below) on the right of the home page. Or on the left of the message board.



Please remember that these dues are vital for the continuing support that the ONA provides to the neighborhood. This support takes many different forms, including: several social events throughout the year, maintenance of common neighborhood areas (e.g. sign garden), financing the publication of the newsletters and other informative flyers, paying for the maintenance and registration of the Original Northwood website. Future initiatives are being discussed to help improve the maintenance as well as beautify the neighborhood. NONE of these are possible without your support.

Please return this form with your payment of \$35 made payable to the Original Northwood Association and make any changes to your name or preferred mailing address below:

First/Last Name:	
House Number and Street:	
City, State and Zip	
Email Address:	

Mail to: Treasurer, Original Northwood Association

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