

NETWORK

ORIGINAL NORTHWOOD ASSOCIATION



President's Corner



Hello my amazing ONA neighbors! Happy New Year! 2022 marked a year of rebirth and renewal. Things opened up a little more, neighbors reconnected, and social gatherings became a little more comfortable. It began to feel dare I say, normal. Both the Oktoberfest and the holiday party were well attended, and we had a successful toy drive as well. My hope for 2023 is to have more community events including community building initiatives, discussions, and the return of

in person/hybrid community meetings.

I want to thank all who have participated in our events, those who have helped pass out newsletters, and shared their thoughts and other information that will help make our community an even better place. I also want to thank all that have paid your annual ONA and GNCA dues. I can't express how important your dues are to maintaining this community not only through our outstanding events but with providing the necessary funds to keep our community safe and to maintain its beautiful public spaces. But we can't do it with just a few. Last year we had 37% of ONA households that paid dues. We really need to increase the number of neighbors who are dues paying members to both ONA and GNCA and what better time to do that than now, the beginning of a new year. So make sure you visit the PayHOA website or contact our treasurer at treasurer@originalnorthwood.org to pay your annual dues.

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President's Corner (cont'd)

We are ONA, a collection of neighbors who care about this community and now more than ever we need to be open to forging better relationships with one another. We've had some challenges with incidents happening at the BP gas station at Northwood Commons and other incidents of crime and assaults in neighboring communities. That's why it is important that we continue to share information and resources that aid in community improvement and safety efforts. This begins with your involvement. If you see something, hear something, or even have that uneasy feeling that something just isn't right, share that with your neighbors, the board or and even the police department. We must remain vigilant but neighborly in our efforts to keep our community safe. I've been working with the presidents of the neighboring communities on ways we can collaborate and share resources as it relates to crime, safety, community cleanliness, and assistance to neighbors in need. It is important for all of us to understand that our neighbors' problems are our problems too.

The board needs to hear from you also. Although the board is made up of officers and chairs it is your voice that help drive many of the decisions that govern this community. I understand that communication is indeed a two-way undertaking therefore it is my pledge to do a better job with our outreach. We will continue to make our monthly meetings accessible for you to attend by providing links on our social media pages. In addition, when the weather breaks, we are planning a series of what I like to call "Board Walks." This will be an important part of outreach. Our goal is to get 25% of the neighbors in ONA attending every monthly meeting, which aren't very well attended. We're also planning to host several small community engagement gatherings with the intent of bringing this community closer. We want everyone to feel welcomed, respected and heard.

I wish you all the very best and hope to see you soon.

Eric Dodson

*President, Original Northwood Association
Trustee, Greater Northwood Covenant Association*

To Pay Your ONA Dues

Help support ONA activities in 2023 by paying your ONA membership dues. (\$40 per household)

- Pay on the PayHOA.com website (which also collects mandatory GNCA assessments)
- Pay on Venmo to treasurer@originalnorthwood.org
- Mail a check (payable to the Original Northwood Association) to:

The Original Northwood Association
P.O. Box 33576
Baltimore, MD 21218

Make sure to indicate your full Original Northwood address in your Venmo transfer or on your check, so that we can register your payment correctly. Thank you for supporting YOUR Neighborhood Association!



Just a few events made possible by your generous support to ONA. Pay your dues today!

Return of the Garden Walk

We are pleased to announce the return of the Original Northwood Garden Walk. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 13**. The walk will generously be hosted by Sarah DeSocio and Judith Aaron. Tentatively, the day will involve a plant giveaway or raffle, small gifts for the participants, and refreshments after the walk. More specifics will be released as the date draws closer.



Currently, we are looking for neighbors to volunteer their gardens. If you are interested in participating or have any other questions, please reach out to Sarah by email:

sarahdesocio@gmail.com

2023

Calendar of Events



Wine Tasting Party

Apr. 25, 2023 | 7 - 10 pm

Anyone interested in hosting please email Lynnette at social@originalnorthwood.org

Garden Walk

May 13, 2023 | 11 am - 4 pm
1211 Southview Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Block Party

June 17, 2023 | Noon - 6 pm
Round Hill Road

New Comer Party

Sept. 10, 2023 | 2 - 5 pm
4014 Loch Raven Blvd
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Oktoberfest

Oct. 27, 2023 | Noon - 4 pm
4022 Deepwood Road



Be on the lookout for the return of **Food Truck Wednesdays**. Back by popular demand. Schedule and list of vendors TDB. Will likely start in the Spring. See you all there!

TIPS TO PREVENT YOUR PIPES FROM FREEZING

1 When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe – even at a trickle – helps prevent pipes from freezing.

Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.

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3 Remove, drain, and store hoses used outdoors. Close inside valves supplying outdoor hose bibs. Open the outside hose bibs to allow water to drain.

Add insulation to attics, basements and crawl spaces.

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5 Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night.

Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.

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7 Consider installing specific products made to insulate water pipes like a "pipe sleeve" or installing UL-listed "heat tape," "heat cable," or similar materials on exposed water pipes. Even newspaper can provide some degree of insulation.

If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

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Board of Governors

2022-23

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Maintenance Update

A periodic reminder that dumping is a crime. Call **311** to report illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles and other criminal activities.

A Few Tips for Being a Responsible Homeowner

- Keep your property clear of trash which includes picking up trash on your property, your front sidewalk, along your curbs and alley
- Trim the trees and shrubs on your property and cut your grass

- Weed and care for trees in the sidewalk

DPW is Responsible For

- Collecting residential trash and recycling
- Collecting bulk trash (schedule an appointment through 311)
- Collecting bagged leaves
- Removing debris from public right of way



Do not hesitate to call **311** if you need assistance or have a question.



Dumpster Days

The 2023 Dumpster Days are scheduled for the following dates:

February 25

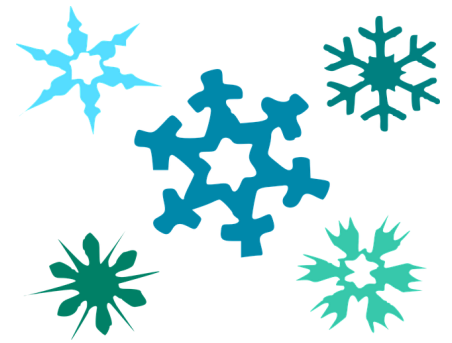
May 20

August 12

November 4

The dumpsters will be delivered on the mornings of the specified dates at the corner of Southview and Havenwood. Reminder that no hazardous chemicals (non latex based paints, petroleum products, solvents, paint thinners, etc) are allowed.

Social Update



Wintertime in the City

Truth be known, this is my favorite time of year. I love cozying up in my favorite sweaters, I love sitting in front of a cozy fireplace, sipping my favorite winter cocktail and I would be remised if I didn't mention that also one of my favorite winter things to do is to sip on my favorite Cuples Tea House turmeric tea latte (shameless plug). I hope that in these next few weeks of winter that you too find some peaceful moments this winter.

But let's recap some of our favorite events this fall. Oktoberfest at Josh and Lauren's was pretty amazing. I mean, I can't say enough about their yard - simply breathtaking...the leaves falling from the Crepe Myrtle, the subtle cool fall breeze blowing, the hot apple cider and the pretzels and brats. It just all came together to create a beautiful scene. It is my hope that next year we can add a little something to this event for the kiddos. I am proposing an event called the 'Fall Crawl.' I am fleshing out the details of this event that will take place October 2023. This event would take the place of Oktoberfest and is proposed to be a great day of fun starting with a costume parade, Trunk or Treat for kids, food trucks, music, community merchants and tons of activities for the kids including pumpkin carving and bobbing for apples. Fall Crawl will take place on the last Saturday of October. Stay tuned for additional details.

So right after Oktoberfest we had the holiday party which was held at Chris and Stephanie's house on Westview. If you don't know, this house is affectionately known as the telescope house. And of course, the host took us on a wonderful tour of their rooftop observatory. There was an amazing winter sangria prepared by yours truly, there was food everyone, including hummus, salmon salad, wings, desserts, so much food. In leu of a dish donation, everyone was asked to bring an unwrapped toy. We worked with the Baltimore City Police Department to pick up the toys to distribute at their Breakfast with Santa event. We were able to donate about 20 unwrapped toys to BCPD. Thank you to everyone that came out for the holiday celebration, we had a wonderful time.

Another event that I was fleshing out was a Mardi Gras Parade sponsored by Fulton Bank (Northwood Commons.) I wasn't able to secure the funding for this year, but we may be eligible to receive the funds for this event next year. The idea is to have a band (our very own, Funk Master General) to play while we dance through the streets of Original Northwood. We would have a tent full of supplies to make/design your own Mardi Gras umbrella, there will be beads and all that kind of stuff. So, look forward to that for next February 2024.

Lynnette Dodson

Social Chair, Original Northwood Association

Volunteers Needed

- Host the wine tasting party
- Assist with the Block Party on June 17th
- Help develop a neighborhood 5K
- Host the 2023 Holiday Party

Contact Lynnette at
social@originalnorthwood.org
if you are interested in
volunteering

Safety Update

As the weather gets colder, it is important to stay vigilant. Things to remember:

- If you do warm up your car in the morning, stay in your vehicle
- A running empty car is a key target to be stolen

The city offers a rebate on security cameras if they are registered with the city. You can also choose to share your footage with the Baltimore Police. Visit citiwatch.baltimorecity.gov for more information about the rebate program.



BALTIMORE POLICE

CARJACKING

What You Should Know

BE VIGILANT:	CAUTION:	SAFETY TIPS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of your surroundings • Be vigilant when entering and exiting your vehicle • Remove headphones • Park in well-lit places • Keep your windows rolled up and doors locked • Don't leave your car running unattended • Keep your cell phone in your pocket so you can quickly dial 911 • Do not stop for motorists stranded along the road. Note their position and dial 911 immediately. 	<p>Food & Package Deliveries A person is called to deliver food or package to a location. When the item is delivered, the suspect steals the vehicle from the delivery person Tip: Do not pull up directly in front of the delivery location; instead, phone the customer prior to exiting the vehicle</p> <p>BUMP & RUN A driver with at least one passenger collides with your vehicle. As soon as you exit the vehicle to examine the damage, it is taken Tip: Remain inside with the windows and door closed and locked. Put on your flashers, signal the driver to follow you, and drive to the nearest police station if you feel threatened</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise heightened awareness in carjacking hotspots: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential driveways • Parking lots and garages • Gas stations • ATMs • Streets with low lighting • Trust your instincts If you sense that something is awry, leave the area.

IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF A CARJACKING

Avoid physical and verbal confrontations. Make a mental note of the suspects and their vehicles. If a carjacker accosts you, give up your car and leave the scene.

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Original Northwood Association Treasurer's Report, December 2022

A. SUMMARY OF DUES PAYMENTS

Street	# of Houses	2022 DUES PAID (thru Sep 2022)		2023 DUES PAID thru 31 December, 2022		
		Cumulative	%	Cumulative	%	Current
Argonne	50	20	40%	12	24%	0
Deepwood	37	15	41%	8	22%	0
Eastview	10	2	20%	1	10%	1
Havenwood	19	8	42%	7	37%	2
Kelway	16	4	25%	2	13%	0
Loch Raven	15	6	40%	5	33%	0
Northview	70	29	41%	10	14%	0
Roundhill	33	19	58%	4	12%	1
Roundtop	8	3	38%	4	50%	1
Southview	39	17	44%	8	21%	0
The Alameda	57	9	16%	5	9%	1
Westview	41	15	37%	6	15%	2
Totals	395	147	37%	72	18%	8

B. CURRENT MONTH BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank beginning balance (Checking & Savings combined)

\$27,953.71

Revenues

2023 Dues \$320.00
Administrative \$0.13

Dues received
Interest

Total Revenues

\$320.13

Expenses

Administration \$63.60
Communications
Covenant
Maintenance \$1,880.00
Safety
Social
Contingency

Google suite subscription
Tree work & ONA garden/sign maintenance

Total Expenses

\$1,943.60

Ending balance :

\$26,330.24

Bank ending balance :

Checking: \$ 10,948.86

Total: \$ 26,330.24 (Confirmed)

Savings: \$ 15,381.38

C. YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET ANALYSIS (FY 2023 running OCTOBER - SEPTEMBER)

Category	BUDGET / ANTICIPATED		ACTUALS		NET (Budget minus Actual)
	Expenses	Revenues, Reimb.	Expenses	Revenues, Reimb.	
Dues		\$7,200 revenue	\$0.00	\$675.00	(\$6,525.00)
Administrative	(\$100)	\$0	(\$523.96)	\$10,725.86	\$10,301.90
Communications	(\$500)	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Covenant	(\$2,000)	\$2,000 reimb.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Maintenance	(\$5,000)	\$5,000 reimb.	(\$2,015.00)	\$0.00	(\$2,015.00)
Safety	(\$200)	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Social	(\$3,000)	\$2,000 revenue	(\$197.55)	\$378.00	\$1,180.45
Contingency	(\$100)	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Totals	(\$10,900)	\$16,200	(\$2,736.51)	\$11,778.86	\$3,742.35