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## ONA Elections September 11, 2019



Stand for something! Become a board member and help keep ONA the wonderful, awesome place we all love!

Contact our President at [Onapresident@gmail.com](mailto:Onapresident@gmail.com) if you're interested in becoming a board

member.

Meeting starts at 7pm at the Waverly YMCA on 33rd. Please come to elect new board members and hear about all the exciting things going on in our neighborhood.

Be green: car pool with a neighbor or consider biking 8 minutes!

## **Recap: Wine and Cheese Party**

*Lynnette Dodson, Acting Social Chair*



The annual wine and cheese party usually arrives with the start of spring. If you have not had a chance to make it out to one of these events, well you just don't know what you have been missing!

This event, usually held the last week of April, is an adult only event giving neighbors an opportunity to mix and mingle with one another in an ALL-YOU-CARE-TO-TASTE affair. This year's wine and cheese party was represented by over 15 different regions and of course a lot of Maryland's own local wines.

Dues paying members of the association were given a souvenir glass to take home. There were also so many great food/snack tastes, including gourmet popcorn, chocolates, figs and olives and a wonderful assortment of spreads/dips. There was a Boordy Winery Rosé Tasting and a Champagne tasting station as well.

Stay tuned for info on upcoming neighborhood association events on 'NextDoor' or check our website for the schedule of events.

For more pictures from this event and others around the neighborhood, [click here!](#)

## How to Help Our Local Schools



Even though school is out for summer, our neighborhood zoned schools are preparing for the 2019-20 school year starting on September 3rd. This month we are featuring Northwood Elementary. Here are some ways you can help:

- During the school year
  - Organizing and leading clubs (craft, sewing, cooking, photography, environmental, running, book, etc.)
  - Volunteers to stand at exit doors in the morning during the school year; volunteers to write late passes
- Donate Items
  - Two big barrel planters for the front entrance
  - School supplies
    - Paper towels, 8.5" x 11" white copy paper, tissues, crayons, black and white composition notebooks, No. 2 pencils, and index cards

- Uniforms
  - Polo Shirts: white or hunter green
  - Pants, skirts, or jumpers: khaki

If you are interested in helping Northwood Elementary, please contact Principal Erita Adams ([EAdams@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:EAdams@bcps.k12.md.us)) and Assistant Principal Michael Forney ([MForney@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:MForney@bcps.k12.md.us)). Reach them via phone call 410-396-6377 or drop by at 5201 Raven Blvd.

Next newsletter we will provide ways to assist Montebello Elementary Middle.

If you have general questions about our neighborhood schools, e-mail Anikwenze Ogbue ([a.ogbue@gmail.com](mailto:a.ogbue@gmail.com)).

**Stop by Morning Delights**



Morning delights is a small business that started on one sunny Saturday when 4 middle scholars had a plan. We had a goal of gaining an experience as entrepreneurs and to be helpful to our Neighbors.

We sell home made baked goods and seasonal drinks: brownies, muffins, cookies, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and more! We are dog friendly, family friendly (And customer friendly!).

We are open most Saturday mornings from 8 -11 except when its raining, holiday weekends we are on vacation. We are located on 1205 Northview Road. Hope to see you soon at Morning Delights!

"Its just delightful."

## **New Website, Same URL**

Our new website is FINALLY live!

Check it out: <https://www.originalnorthwood.org/>

## **Halloween is Fast Approaching--ohh the horror!**



Email our President (ONAPresident@gmail.com) if you're handing out candy this year! We want to create a trick-or-treat map so kids know which homes they should hit up for some Halloween loot!

## **Neighborhood Block Party**

Lynnette Dodson, Acting Social Chair



On Saturday, June 29, 2019 the Original Northwood Association kicked off our summer block party and y'all came out in full force to have some fun! We love the support that we got from neighbors on Roundhill Road who were out at 8am ready to set up the grills, tables and help wherever they could. We are so grateful and couldn't have asked for a better 'dream team' of helpers. We had an afternoon of games, food, and music by our very own DJ Chris Brooks (Twitter @chrisbrooksCB). The president of the neighborhood association, Scott Purnell, was our grand master for the day and also our honorary drone master snapping some great bird's eye shots.

The Baltimore City Sheriff's Department attended the block party and engaged with the ONA community in a very authentic way; and the sheriff's deputies brought the party too! The Baltimore Fire Department also attended and brought the hook and ladder truck that the kids got to climb on and have a little fun.

It was HOTTT! But the ONA neighbors brought their lawn chairs and enjoyed the festivities while drinking sangria or a cold brew and listening to music in the adult zone. We had an “air jump” in the bouncy house which was hilarious too! The kids had a kids zone that included of course the bouncy house, snow balls kept them cool, there was popcorn giant Jenga, a face painter and so many other things! Some of our local youth entrepreneurs set up a table to make a little summer money too.

We kept our eyes on the skies as we watched a storm approach but it passed through very quickly. The rain couldn't stop us though! The good vibes continued even after we cleaned

I'm seriously excited to be a part of this vibrant community. The neighborhood's social calendar of events brings such an amazing community together, and continues year-round to keep the energy high at these amazing events. Looking forward to planning the next few social events for the community. Stay tuned for details on the Fall Newcomer Party and the Oktober Fest!!

For more pictures from this event and others around the neighborhood, [click here!](#)

## **THE 2019 ONE CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL PARADE**

*Lynnette Dodson, Acting Social Chair*





Hundreds from around the area came out to Loch Raven and The Alameda on July 13, 2019 for the **Baltimore/Washington One Carnival**, an annual celebration of Caribbean music, dance, food and culture for the Baltimore and D.C. region.

The festival begins with a 1.4-mile parade starting at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Street YMCA and ending at Clifton Park. The parade features dancers, flags flying, masqueraders, drummers, stilt walkers, floats, steel bands and 'stacks of speakers' on flat beds representing the various islands in the Caribbean.

While many Caribbean islands celebrate Carnival in the days leading up to Ash Wednesday, including Trinidad & Tobago, whose Carnival is world-famous — other places hold Carnival celebrations at various times throughout the year

Carnival brings the sights, sounds and food, of a Trinidad style street Carnival. The costumes are spectacular and music brings a taste of what a true 'Carnival' looks and sounds like.

## Seriously Guys, Please Pay Your Dues

Dues payments are down despite there are more options than ever before. There's no excuse not to pay. We're on Venmo. We're on cashapp. We take cash or check.

Check out all the ways you can pay:

**CashApp:** \$originalnorthwood

**Venmo:** @originalnorthwoodassociation

**Paypal:** @originalnorthwoodassociation

**Snail Mail:** PO box 33576 Baltimore 21218

**Please include your home address when sending payment so it can be properly recorded.**

Love the events we have in the neighborhood? That's all due to our dues! Dues are \$40. Please pay them before the end of the year.

## HOLIDAY PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT!



It seems far too early to be thinking about logistics for our holiday party, but it's never too early.

to plan a good time.

We're looking to do a progressive holiday party. If someone wanted to start the day off with brunch, we think there would be very few complaints.

We'll spend an hour or so at each home, depending on how many homes are on our list. We think the ideal number is 4-5 leading up to the main event that night.

Each home should consider doing a signature drink. Teaming up with neighbors to host a portion of the event is encouraged!

Please email [ONASocialChair@gmail.com](mailto:ONASocialChair@gmail.com) by November 1, or earlier, to host a portion of our holiday festivities. If you're interested in hosting a portion of our neighborhood cheer crawl, already know which dates won't work for you please include that in the email as well.

The date is obviously TBA.



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