

Oread Neighborhood Association's Mission Statement: The mission of the Oread Neighborhood Association is to stabilize and maintain the neighborhood as a quality, mixed-density residential neighborhood by accommodating the need for student housing, preserving existing single-family housing, and revitalizing the neighborhood's unique architectural, environmental, and historical character. This mission is accomplished by encouraging the participation of residents and property owners in the maintenance, planning and development of the neighborhood.

## **Oread Neighborhood Plan Update**

It's been 20 years since the original Oread Neighborhood Plan was adopted by the Lawrence/Douglas County Planning Commission. The following are comments made by Oread neighbors in October 1978:

We believe that the Oread Neighborhood is important to the city of Lawrence. It lies, after all, between two of the most important parts of the city; the university, and the rapidly redeveloping downtown area. If it deteriorates, the face of the city will then be disfigured. ... The danger of deterioration is a real one. The neighborhood is already very densely populated. The danger is that it will become drastically overcrowded, and that the problems that now plague us -- problems of crime, of garbage, of inadequate parking places -- will become utterly unmanageable. The specter of something resembling a slum, spread between KU and the downtown area, is one that haunts us all.'



Planning Staff has been working on a preliminary draft of the Oread Neighborhood Plan using the information gathered at the February 9th and 25th public meetings. The February 9th meeting attendees brainstormed strengths, weaknesses, issues and opportunities for the neighborhood. The February 25th meeting attendees commented on draft goals and policies created from the discussion of the previous meeting. The meeting summaries are available at: www.lawrenceks.org/pds/draft\_plans (scroll to the bottom of the page).

A public meeting for reviewing policies and action steps for the plan will be held on Monday, May 11th from 6:30-8:00 PM in the City Commission Room at City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street. At the meeting, staff will give an overview of the preliminary draft of the plan and individuals will be asked to comment on the draft policies and action steps.

Goals identified at the February public meetings included:

Items with numbers after them are the top 10 rated items and the number identifies the tally of votes given to the item.

## Land Use

Goal: Maintain a variety of housing types to provide a balance in the diversity of people living in the neighborhood while maintaining viable neighborhood scale commercial areas. Encourage owner-occupied residences. Policy issues:

- Zoning conflicts with parking standards (28)
- There's not enough Parking (10) 2.
- More families in the neighborhood (10) 3.
- 4. Current zoning is too restrictive (5)
- 5. Diversity in housing stock (5)
- 6. Reinforce diversity of uses and structures; singlefamily, mixed use, and neighborhood orientated retail uses.

## Preservation

Goal: Preserve and improve the character of the neighborhood by encouraging the preservation of existing historic structures and features and by supporting architecturally compatible infill development.

- Policy issues:
- 1. Preservation of historic resources and character of the neighborhood (16)
- Appropriate infill-architecture style, type (7)
- Historic homes lost to rental units 3

#### Infrastructure

Goal: Promote existing infrastructure improvements and maintenance on a regular basis, and upgrade infrastructure when redevelopment occurs.

Policy issues:

- Brick streets & sidewalks-not maintained well (5) 1.
- 2. Tree roots-damage to sidewalks and foundations (8)
- 3. Infrastructure maintenance
- 4. Damage from stormwater

## **Neighborhood Atmosphere**

Goal: Promote a healthy and safe living, working, studying, and celebrating environment with a sense of community.

Policy issues:

- Landlord neglect of structures (20) 1.
- Owner/city neglect 2.
- Bars-trash, behavior, travel through residential ar-3. eas to get to them, change in drinking age (13) 4. Trash
- 5. Parked cars prevent proper street cleaning
- 6. More students with less campus housing available
- 7. Commuters parking in neighborhood
- Boundary-(+/-) adjustments 8.
- Rentals drive purchase prices too high for owner-9. occupants
- 10. Restore quality of the neighborhood

If you have questions or comments regarding the plan, please contact Michelle Leininger, Area/Neighborhood Plan, by phone at 785-832-3163 or email to mleininger@ci.lawrence.ks.us.

Sign up to receive e-mail updates regarding the plan at: http://www.lawrenceks.org/subscriptions (Public Meetings—Oread Neighborhood Plan Update)

## Make Plans to Attend...

All neighborhood residents, 18-years of age or older, and property owners can attend Oread Neighborhood Association meetings... not just those that have paid neighborhood association dues.

## Time: 7:00 PM Location:

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**Plymouth Congregational Church** Heritage Room **Northeast Entrance** 

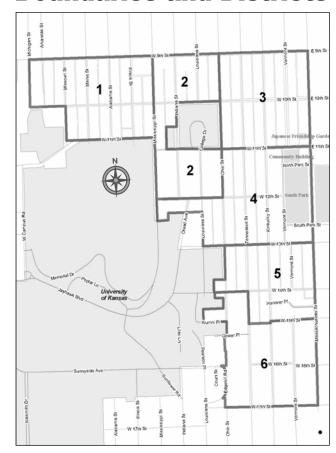
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2009 Meeting Dates:

- May 28th June 25th July 23rd August 27th September 24th October 22nd
- November 19th **December (TBA)**
- The Oread Neighborhood Association website is located at: oreadneighborhood.org

Your participation and interest in the neighborhood association is appreciated.

# Oread Neighborhood Boundaries and Districts



## Historic Survey Oread's District 1

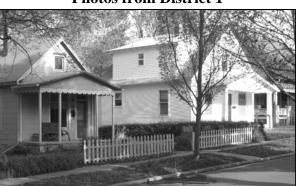
The Oread neighborhood extends a very sincere *THANK YOU* to the City of Lawrence. During challenging budgetary times, "In-Kind/Cash Match" funding has been identified for this important neighborhood project. ONA contributed \$300 towards this initiative to help alleviate some of the financial burden.

## **Project Description**

The Historic Preservation Fund grant will be used to hire a consultant to conduct a survey and building inventory of the area north of the University of Kansas Stadium from Indiana to Michigan Street and from 9th Street to 11th Street. The survey area includes approximately twelve city blocks and contains approximately 200 structures. Many of these structures are fifty years or older or have not been significantly altered.

The Historic Preservation Plan identifies this area as a priority due to heavy traffic and continued redevelopment pressure. The survey could help to identify potential Local, State, and National Register properties allowing the City staff to work with property owners to provide protection and conservation of their resources prior to impending development. This particular area of the City is facing the "teardown" trend as historic resources are being replaced with large scale duplexes. In addition, the survey area is under constant redevelopment pressures due to its proximity to the University of Kansas and Downtown.

The historic survey will consist of building information and information on construction dates, owners, builders, architects and brief physical descriptions. Survey results will allow the Lawrence Historic Resources Commission to continue its long term goal of creating a comprehensive inventory of historic resources in our community. **Photos from District 1** 









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- Local food is safer
- Local food supports small producers
- Local food builds community
- Local food expands our local economy
- Local food is better for the environment



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#### **Demolition of 1232 Louisiana Pending**

The property owner's attorney will be sending a letter to the City asking that the City Commissioners remove the following condition (below). It is believed that the City does not have the legal authority to request it.

Complete documentation of the structure to be demolshed shall be conducted by a professional that meets the National Park Service Professional Qualification Standards as prescribed in 36 C.F.R. 61 and shall include scaled drawings and photographs. No demolition permit shall be issued for the Project until the documentation is reviewed and approved by the Historic Resources Administrator. If the documentation is not submitted to the Historic Resources Administrator within 30 days from the adoption of this resolution, the City may produce the documentation with any cost associated with the documentation assessed to the property.

#### Cheers and Chides from the Oread Neighborhood by Marci Francisco

Cheers to Nathan Williams, an Oread resident and Cordley student, for winning the statewide essay contest on healthy eating. He wrote about tofu, which is low in fat and high in protein. We're hoping he learns that Central Soyfoods, a Lawrence business, got their start in our Oread neighborhood.

Cheers to the Students for Bar Recycling for reminding us that we can enjoy ourselves and respect our environment. Chides to those who trash the neighborhood with bottles and aluminum cans.

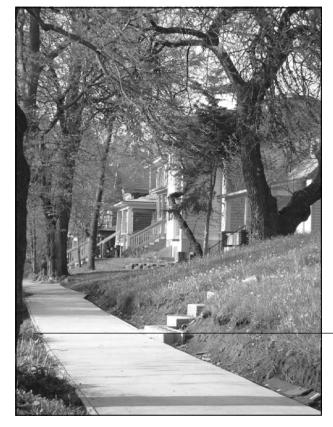
Cheers to our continuing and newly elected city commission and school board members. Chides to those who didn't take the time to get involved and vote in the city and school board elections.

Cheers to the drainage crews who did some great work cleaning out culverts in the neighborhood. We're really glad that the work got done before the recent rains.

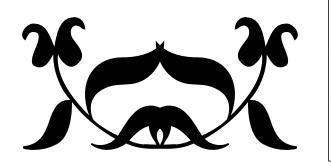
Cheers to the sanitation crews who continue to do a great job picking up the trash in our neighborhood. Chides to those who think someone else is responsible for providing trash receptacles for their use.

Cheers to the members of Plymouth Church for their annual plant sale. We are looking forward to the color in Oread gardens.

## Spring 2009



Sidewalk Replacement in the 1000 block of Mississippi (pictured above)



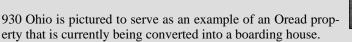
## **The Boarding House Trend Continues**



For several years, the Oread neighborhood has been dealing with challenges presented by boarding houses; often referred to as congregate living. Homes that were previously used for single-family housing are being converted into boarding houses that allow for a larger numbers of occupants. A boarding house can house up to 24 people if landlords provide adequate parking. Boarding house designation also allows for less stringent parking requirements. It is believed that financial incentives have contributed to this trend in mixed-use neighborhoods. Boarding houses now typically have eight tenants. This has resulted in "party houses" that have created more disruption and illegal activities than usual in college neighborhoods. It is also creating more stress on off-street parking as visitors with cars search for parking in the neighborhood. It is feared that large boarding houses will drive the few remaining homeowners out of mixed-use neighborhoods. The presence of owner occupants in these neighborhoods is essential to avoiding blight and insuring stability.



City-wide neighborhood associations are presently working with the City to address problems with the boarding house code. David Corliss, City Manager, suggested that each neighborhood association and LAN (Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods) ask the City Commission, Planning Commission and Planning Department to consider a moratorium on boarding house conversions and additions while the code changes are under consideration.





### **Community Alcohol Coalition**

Oread Neighborhood Association (ONA) participation and assistance has been requested to develop and implement strategies designed to reduce toxic drinking in our community. While the immediate concern is the reduction of alcohol abuse among University of Kansas students, the issues are very broad and will require input and support from across the Greater Lawrence Community. Moreover, the work will be of value and benefit to the entire community.

This matter was discussed at a recent ONA meeting that was held on April 23, 2009. At the time, no one was able available to commit time to this effort. The neighborhood association knows full well that alcohol abuse occurs all too often in university environments, including the Oread neighborhood. Neighbors have been dealing with behavior problems for many years that are largely due to excessive consumption of alcohol. Some permanent residents may have moved out of the neighborhood due to the undesirable behavior of intoxicated residents. The neighborhood has also been witness to tragic drunk-driving deaths that were a result of alcohol abuse. Excessive use of alcohol is dangerous.

The following are some of the initiatives that ONA has taken to help the situation:

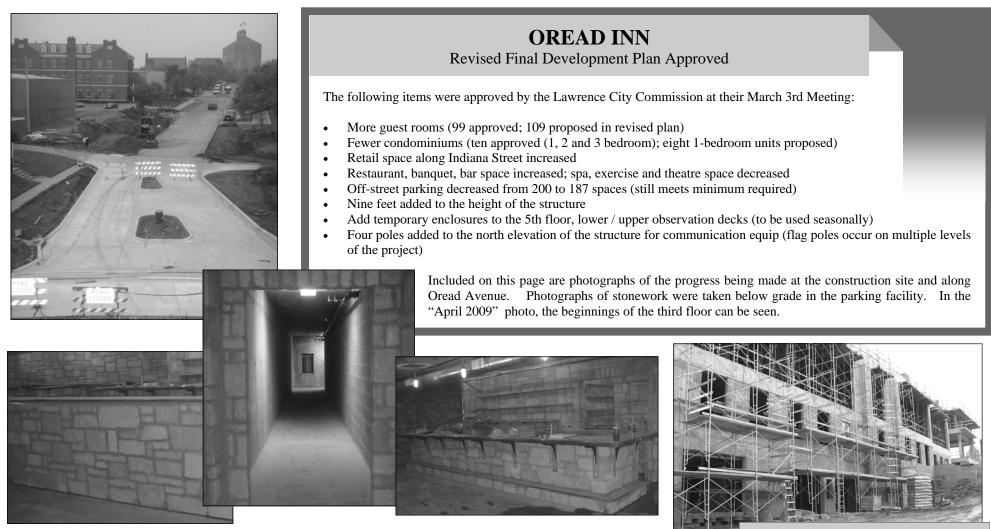
- The neighborhood helped to create a more effective noise ordinance-DISORDERLY HOUSE NUISANCE ORDINANCE. Loud parties now get ticketed by the Lawrence Police Department. Three violations cause the need for mediation with city officials. If problems still persist, the house/apt can be declared a "nuisance house" that requires eviction.
- A house/apt selling liquor to minors can be charged with a "hosting violation".
- The neighborhood has worked with the local neighborhood police officers to ask for extra assistance to patrol the area in the Fall on game days. The City also had a grant last year that made it possible for them to add additional officers in the Fall for such patrols. Many more tickets were written, most were alcohol related.
- ONA talked with KU officials to consider how their own campus police could be more helpful during high party season and perhaps work with the Lawrence police.
  ONA is presently working with the City to curb turning homes into large boarding houses. These living situations make an ideal opportunity for off campus drinking locations.

## ONA SUGGESTIONS:

- Discourage boarding houses that are merely extensions of fraternities and sororities that host off campus drinking parties.
- Ask KU police to work cooperatively with the Lawrence Police on game days.
- Notify parents when serious alcohol/addiction issues are brought to the attention of administration officials or health-care officials. Social workers and teachers are mandated by law to notify helping professionals when someone is danger of harming themselves or others.
- Last year the **Student Legislative Awareness Board** (<u>www.kuslab.com</u>) hung information door hangers on KU neighborhood doors. This covered topics of various City violations- kegs, illegal possession, fake ID's, open containers, public urination, trash, and listed important City numbers. ONA thinks this was a great idea and very much appreciated the effort!

If there are any Oread rental property owners who would be interested in serving on this committee, please contact ONA at 842-5440 to obtain contact information.

## On the Hill...



Looking South Along Indiana Street



On behalf of the faculty and staff of the University of Kansas, I want to congratulate the students of the Oread Neighborhood who will soon be making the walk down the Hill they've called home these past several years.

The commencement walk is symbolic of the transition from student to graduate and is a cherished tradition at KU. It is part of the festivities that are held to honor your many academic accomplishments and achievements. Enjoy these festivities responsibly - and best of luck as you move out into the world.

I also want to thank the residents of the Oread Neighborhood for welcoming KU students into their neighborhood each year. Living next to a university presents its own special benefits and challenges, and I truly appreciate the hospitality you and your fellow Lawrencians show to our students.

Good luck to our graduates and best wishes to KU's neighbors!

Sincerely,

Bob Hemenway Chancellor



## And Around Town...

Westar-Lawrence Service Center - 746 E. 27th Street **Ribbon Cutting Event** Thursday, May 14th, from 4:30pm to 6:00pm

An open house / ribbon cutting event for the new facility that will house the Westar Lawrence Service Center. The new building includes "green" components that may be of interest to neighbors. Westar staff will be offering tours of the building and serving refreshment. You'll be able to see different components of the building that were designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards, making the building more energy efficient than buildings similar in style and size. For example, the facility is heated and cooled with a geothermal heat pump system. There are state-of-the-art lighting controls and sensors, combined with window placement and treatment that uses sunlight as much as possible. The roof is painted with a special paint that is designed to reflect the sun's rays rather than absorb them. In addition, many of the materials used in the renovation of the building were purchased locally or within Kansas in an effort to minimize the transportation costs and environmental impact associated with ordering supplies from out-of-state or out-of-country.



## **Lawrence Police Department** Information Bulletin

April 28, 2009

The Neighborhood Resource Officers would like to remind you of some of the city ordinances affecting neighborhoods. A full description of these ordnances can be found on the City web page, <u>www.lawrenceks.org</u>. To report emergencies or crimes in progress call 911. For non-emergency assistance call police dispatch at 832-7509.

## Disturbing the Peace

Persons are prohibited from making or causing any excessive, unreasonable or unusually loud noise that disturbs others. This includes noise from electronic devices and large Some of the exceptions to this ordinance are lawn care and construction gatherings. equipment, church bells and emergency vehicles. (City Code 14-414)

<u>Minors in Possession</u> It is unlawful for any person under the age of 21 to possess, consume, obtain, purchase or attempt to purchase alcohol or cereal malt beverages. (City ordinance 4-103)

Public Consumption It is unlawful for any person to drink or consume alcohol or cereal malt beverages or possess an open container on the public streets, alleys, sidewalks, roads, highways, or parking lots. (City ordinance 4-105, 4-203)

#### Collection and Disposal of Refuse

It is unlawful to remove any portion of a refuse container that is not your own (dumpster diving) or to deposit you refuse in a container belonging to another. (City Code 9-409)

#### **Parking Large Vehicles**

It is prohibited to park a large vehicle (over 8 feet wide or 20 feet in length or 8 feet in height) on a residential city street for more than 2 hours unless actively loading or unloading or in performance of a service adjacent to the property where parked. (City Code 17-416)

#### **Abandoned Vehicles**

It is illegal to park or store a vehicle on the city street in excess of 48 hours. (City Code 17-411) For vehicles abandoned on private property, the property owner should call police to have the vehicle towed.

For crime prevention information please call the Community Services Division, Neighborhood Resources Officers at 830-7410. The Neighborhood Resource Officers can also be reached by email at nro@lkpd.org.



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Check website for more details: www.LawrenceReStore.org



## Van Go Mobile Arts

On Friday, May 1st, Van Go Mobile Arts held their Building Dedication and new Mural Unveiling. The kids pictured in the photo above are the Spring '09 JAMS apprentice artists. They worked all session on a portrait project which is part of the new mural.

Van Go's 6th Annual What Floats Your Boat is scheduled for Saturday, June 20th, 2009 at Clinton Lake Marina. The \$50 tickets are available for purchase at Van Go, 715 New Jersey. Tables of eight are also available for \$400. This fundraiser benefits the JAMS (Jobs in the Arts Make Sense) program which is artsbased job training for 14-21 year old at-risk youth. An auction of hand-painted and mosaic outdoor pieces will take place at the event. Come and enjoy BBQ from McGonigle's, beer from 23rd St Brewery, and dance music with the band \$ellout!

## Westar Energy Presentation

At the February 2009 ONA meeting, Laura Lutz, Westar Energy Efficiency Account Manager, spoke with neighbors about steps that they can take to make their homes more energy efficient.

No cost and low cost energy saving tips...



- Install a programmable thermostat. If properly adjusted, this will pay for itself.
- Reduce daytime thermostat in the winter, maintaining 68° to 70° temperature.
- Reduce nighttime winter thermostat setting 5° to 8° or more.
- Increase daytime thermostat in the summer, maintaining a 78°-80° temperature.
- Inspect, clean or change furnace filters once a month. . Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFL). CFLs
  - use two-thirds less energy and last up to ten times longer. Install switch plate and outlet gaskets to reduce air infiltration.
- Add insulation to your attic if it has less than 6 inches of cellulose or 7 inches of fiberglass insulation. Add storm windows or doors to your home if not already equipped.

Things you should know...

## Phantom or Stand By Power

Many appliances use power 24 hours a day; VCRs, televisions, air conditioners, etc. This power use is referred to as phantom power or stand by power. Stand by power consumes 5 percent of all residential energy use in the United States. Using a Smart Strip can eliminate the use of stand by power by monitoring computers and other devices and turning them off when they're not in use. Smart strips sell for about \$35 and can pay for themselves in as little as six weeks.

## Compact Fluorescent Lamp Disposal

Compact fluorescent light lamps contain a small amount of mercury within the glass tubes. Mercury is what allows the bulb to be efficient. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that consumers use local recycling options for disposal of CFLs.

CFLs can be recycled at the following Lawrence locations:

- City of Lawrence Douglas County Hazardous and Household Waste Collection Site (for residents of Douglas County only): Located at 711 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Drop offs are by appointment only. Please call 832-3030 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment.
- Home Depot: 749-2074; 1910 West 31st Street. The Home Depot has launched a national in-store compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb recycling program. The Home Depot is the first U.S. company to provide this free, convenient nationwide service. Customers can now bring their expired CFL bulbs to any U.S. Home Depot store for safe and easy recycling. Pictured on the right is the CFL bulb recycling receptacle located at the front of the Lawrence store. These receptacles are serviced by hazardous waste hauler, PSC, during the store's regular waste pickup. What does PSC stand for? People, Service and Commitment. They don't just promise these qualities, they live by them. Customers can place their bulbs in a provided plastic bag and deposit it into the container. PSC will collect the bulbs when the receptacles are full. Please note that this program was developed to recycle CFL bulbs and not fluorescent tubes.

CANS Cans for the Community recycles aluminum

Checkers Foods Store - 23rd & Louisiana St

manuel Lutheran Church - 15th & Iowa St.

Mass Beverage - next to Super Target Miller Mart - Wakarusa Dr. & Clinton Pkwy

Trinity Lutheran Church - 1245 New Ha





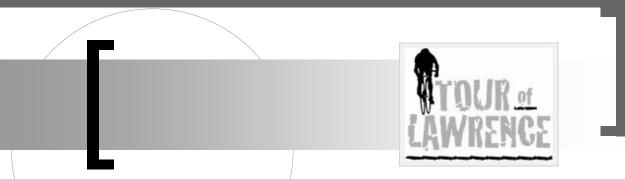
## **Aluminum Can Recycling**

Aluminum can recycling saves valuable resources, energy, time and money AND it gener-Hillcrest Shopping Center - 9th & Centennial Hy-Vee Food Stores - 6th & Monterey Way and 3504 Clinton Pkwy ated funds for our community. Cans for the Community donates \$500 to non-profit organizations. Some of the 2008 receipts included: Warm Hearts, The Ballard Center, CASA, Headquarters Counseling Center, Heartland Medical Clinic, Meals on Wheels, and Douglas County Special Olympics.

Spring 2009



Recycle This Newsletter!



The Lawrence Convention & Visitors Bureau and Free State Racing appreciate the support given by the Oread Neighborhood Association in allowing us to move forward with the Tour of Lawrence. The Tour of Lawrence is a weekend of individual Pro-AM USA Cycling races, children's races/events and live music organized in partnership with Free State Racing and the Lawrence Convention & Visitors Bureau. This event will take place over the Fourth of July weekend, and we will feature the best race venues that Lawrence has to offer. Friday and Saturday's races will be in downtown Lawrence, and Sunday's race will occur on KU's campus. Sunday's (July 5) race route will include portions of the Oread Neighborhood and will affect vehicle traffic for most of the day. These streets are Mississippi from Memorial Drive to 11th Street, 11th Street between Mississippi, Missouri Streets and Missouri Street between 11th and 9th streets and 9th Street between Missouri and Emery Road. The portions of Mississippi and 11th Street will be closed, while the race route portion of Missouri Street will have course marshals controlling traffic to ensure a safe race environment for the cyclists. Race information with more detailed information will be mailed to residents in the race area. Additional race information can be found at www.touroflawrence.com <a href="http://www.touroflawrence.com/">http://www.touroflawrence.com/</a>

Race participants always appreciate fan support, and I encourage the Oread Neighborhood Association to organize a fan zone along the race route in your neighborhood to watch the races. We are also looking for course marshals to help during the race and can always use help setting up and tearing down for each race day. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 856-5302 or sports@visitlawrence.com.

Thank you.

Bob Sanner Director, Sports Markets Lawrence Convention & Visitors Bureau

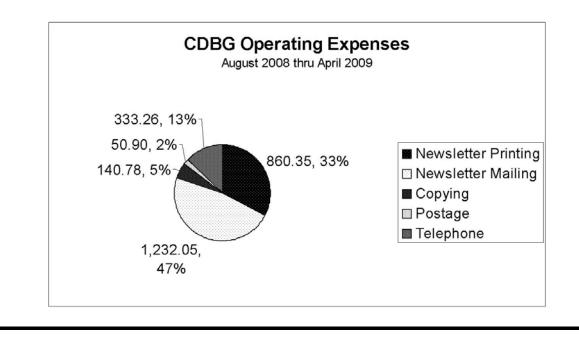
# **CDBG** Expenditures

## Budget Year 2008

August 01, 2008 through July 31, 2009

The Oread Neighborhood Association receives federal funding from a Community Development Block Grant to finance the operations of the organization. The allocation for Program Year 2008 totaled \$9,901. This is \$2,330 less than what was received for Program Year 2007. The neighborhood association identified the following measures to reduce spending during the 2008 budget year:

- Publish three newsletters per year instead of four; August, January and May.
- Reduce Coordinator's hours from 15 to 12 per week @ \$11.00/hour.





## **ONA Board of Directors**

The Oread Neighborhood Association Newsletter is published three times each year through funding provided by a Community Development Block Grant, membership dues, and advertising revenues. The views expressed in the newsletter do not necessarily reflect the opinions of all the residents and landlords in the Oread neighborhood, the administrators of CDBG funds, or the business owners that advertise in the newsletter. Letters to the editor may be sent to the Oread office and may be published in part or in their entirety.

Below is the roster of the ONA Board of Directors. Elections for the 2008 program year will be held at the February 26, 2009, neighborhood meeting.

President: Kyle Thompso Vice- President: Candy Davis Secretary: Beth Reiber Treasurer: James Dunn

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Jerry Stubbs

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