



March 2015

## Letter from the Chair

Change is in the air! Each morning as I go out the door for a run around the neighborhood or Lady Bird Lake, I note the changes that have occurred over the years that we have lived in the neighborhood. Many of our neighbors have made substantial investments in their homes to maintain and enhance the unique character and quality of our neighborhood. These changes have often provided an effective barrier to the erosion of our residential core by conversion of residential properties to commercial developments along our perimeter.

Some things don't change. It looks like you have me again for another year as Chair. I can't remember the first year that I have served as Chair, but it has been a while. It is truly a privilege to represent our neighborhood. My wife and I have loved this neighborhood from the moment we found our home on Francis Avenue over 28 years ago. Giving something back to our community is the least that we can do.

We are not alone. Many others have been willing to volunteer their time to serve on the Steering Committee and the various OWANA committees to engage in the various issues that impact our neighborhood. We should all be grateful for this service for the betterment of our community.

Please come to our March meeting, find out what is going on in the neighborhood, and consider volunteering to participate on one or more of our committees. What about the neighborhood is special to you? No volunteer effort is too small nor unappreciated. We need each other.

See you on March 3rd at Mathews!

Paul Seals, Chair

# March 2015 Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, March 3, 2015 - 6:45pm to 9:00pm**

**Mathews School Cafeteria (906 West Lynn at West 9th)**

- I. Registration and Social Gathering (6:45 – 7:00)
- II. Call to Order - Paul Seals (7:00)
- III. Approval of Minutes (7:05)
- IV. Update on MoPac South Environmental Study (7:05 – 7:25)
- V. Update on Neighborhood Plan (7:25 – 7:35)
- VI. Discussion of “It’s My Park Day” (March 7) (7:35 – 7:45)
- VII. Committee Reports
  - A. Zoning Committee Report - Rosemary Merriam & Liz Fischer  
*Note: Only zoning case changes and updates of the OWL report are discussed*
  - B. Parks and Greenspaces - Joey Kazzoun
  - C. Historic Preservation - Daniel Armendariz
  - D. Public Safety and Transportation - Mike Sullivan
  - E. Affordable Housing - Scot Marks
  - F. Membership - George Warmingham
  - G. Community Events - Paula Hearn
- VIII. Administrative and Organization Issues
  - A. Treasurer’s Report - Joey Kazzoun
  - B. Other Administrative and Organizational Business
- IX. Other Business and Announcements
- X. Adjourn

*NOTE: Votes may be taken on any scheduled agenda items.*



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## “It’s My Park Day”

Saturday, March 7, 2015 - 9 am to 12 noon

Two opportunities to volunteer to participate in the Austin Parks Foundation’s annual citywide “It’s My Park Day” event.

### West Austin Park

Volunteer for a planting and beautification project by the water fountain and to clean up purple martin birdhouses

**Volunteer online at [austinparks.org](http://www.austinparks.org) (<http://www.austinparks.org>) and select West Austin Park.**

Registered volunteers will receive a free T-shirt. All volunteers will receive snacks, goodies, and coffee. Bring your own water bottle and sunscreen.

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### Pease Park

The Pease Park Conservancy is seeking volunteers to spread mulch, weed flowerbeds, clear trash, and perform other tasks to maintain the natural environment of historic Pease Park. **Persons interested in volunteering at Pease Park should register at [austinparks.org](http://www.austinparks.org) (<http://www.austinparks.org>).**

APF's "It's My Park Day" event takes place on the first Saturday in March each year. At last year's event, over 3,000 volunteers provided more than 10,000 hours of labor to improve Austin's parks and greenbelts.

"We had a great turnout at Pease Park last year and we hope to repeat that success this year," said Andy Gill, the Conservancy's executive director. "The 'It's My Park Day' event is a great way for the people of Austin to express their appreciation for our wonderful park."

The Conservancy will provide "It's My Park Day" t-shirts to registered volunteers and refreshments to all volunteers who participate in this event at Pease Park.

## OWANA Committees

What about the neighborhood is special to you? Consider volunteering for an OWANA committee (or two) and contributing to issues important to the whole neighborhood.

## Historic Preservation

Chair: [Daniel Armendariz \(mailto:preservation@owana.org\)](mailto:preservation@owana.org)

OWANA supports the historic preservation goal of the [OWA Neighborhood Plan \(/documents/OWA\\_Neighborhood\\_Plan.pdf\)](#) [pdf]: to preserve and enhance the unique historic identity of the neighborhood.

The committee serves as a liaison with organizations on city-wide issues, completes research to protect historic assets and supports historic zoning of properties within the neighborhood.

## Community Events

Chair: [Paula Hearn \(mailto:events@owana.org\)](mailto:events@owana.org)

The Community Events Committee works with Membership and other OWANA committees to plan fundraisers and other events for OWANA members and the whole neighborhood. Over the past year the Committee has helped plan the neighborhood National Night Out, Holiday Caroling, Halloween activities, and many other events.

## Public Safety and Transportation

Chair: [Mike Sullivan \(mailto:transportation@owana.org\)](mailto:transportation@owana.org)

This committee serves to address issues that arise in the areas of public safety and transportation within the neighborhood. Along with helping to ensure a reasonable level of safety in the neighborhood, we also hope to use the Neighborhood Plan to identify major transportation issues to pursue in the upcoming year.

## Membership

Chair: [George Warmingham \(mailto:oldwestaustin@gmail.com\)](mailto:oldwestaustin@gmail.com)

In addition to maintaining the OWANA membership roll and dues, this committee supports outreach and fundraising efforts that enhance the character and life in our neighborhood. Expansion of the business membership is also a focus of efforts, enhancing ties between residents and commercial endeavors in our area.

## Parks and Greenspaces

Chair: [Joey Kazzoun \(mailto:parks@owana.org\)](mailto:parks@owana.org)

Let's work together to make the most of our parks and continue to improve them as fun and welcoming spaces for all OWANA members, and our other neighbors. Whether you have gardening or design skills, like to organize events, or just like to play, we welcome your participation.

## Zoning

Co-Chairs: [Rosemary Merriam & Liz Fischer \(mailto:zoning@owana.org\)](mailto:zoning@owana.org)

OWANA supports the land use goal of the OWA Neighborhood Plan: to protect existing residential property and encourage the development of new residential property by supporting mixed-use development in certain areas of the neighborhood. Due to the pressures on our urban-core neighborhood, the Zoning Committee is never at a loss for projects. Much of the work revolves around opposition to demolition of historic properties and the upholding of compatibility standards.

## Rogue Running Open House

March 28, 1-3pm

Rogue Running would like to welcome the 6th through 9th street residents of the OWANA to an open house at 410 Pressler on Saturday, March 28th from 1-3pm!

We are a locally owned and operated, mission-first business striving to create an authentic

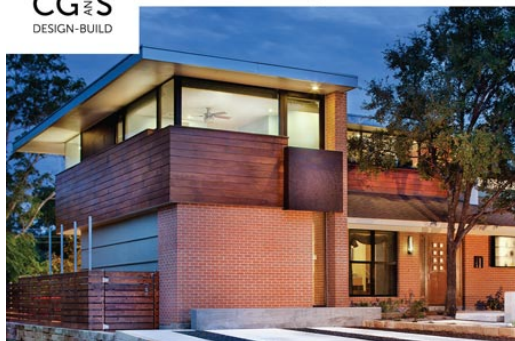
community of athletes discovering a running path to physical, mental & spiritual potential. Our mission encompasses six key areas: run training, retail, racing, run traveling, non-profit youth programs and olympic-level running. Not only do we want to extend opportunity to share more about what we do, we also want to learn more about you!

We'll have representative for each arm of our business on hand at the open house:

- Marathon High (<http://marathonhigh.org/>) - Non-profit, youth running program that brings running to under-served youths as a mean to gain life skills.
- Rogue Athletic Club (<http://rogueathleticclub.com/>) - A non-profit, Olympic-development running team committed to improve American distance running at the national and international level.
- Rogue Expeditions (<http://rogueexpeditions.com/>) - Running-based trips Kenya, Morocco, Patagonia, Lake Tahoe, CA and Bend, OR.
- Races - Rogue Distance Festival (<http://roguedistancefestival.com/>), Rogue Rescue Run (<https://www.texas humaneheroes.org/5k/>), and Rogue Trail Series (<http://roguetrailseries.com/>)
- Retails and Training (<http://roguerunning.com/>) - We strive to bring a running experience that goes beyond “losing weight” or “getting a workout in”, our training and retail approach are designed to give runners and soon-to-be-runners the best experience possible to enjoy the sport in the highest way.



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## Increase in West Austin Crime

There has been an increase in auto thefts in the area, particularly around West Campus. In a large majority of them, keys were left in the vehicle. The Austin Police Dept asks that you be vigilant in making sure that you lock your vehicle, don't leave your keys in your vehicle, and that you also remove your belongings from your vehicle. If you own a scooter or motorcycle, make sure you take extra care to secure these vehicles. These simple actions can keep you from being a victim.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact OWANA's APD district representative:

Officer Will Harvey

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## OWANA 2015 Meeting Schedule

All meetings are at 7pm. General Membership meetings are held at Mathews Elementary School Cafeteria. Steering Committee meetings are held at the Pauline Brown Community Center (1807 W. 11th Street).

- Tuesday, March 3  
**General Membership Meeting**
- Monday, April 6  
Steering Committee Meeting
- Monday, May 4  
Steering Committee Meeting



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- Tuesday, June 2  
**General Membership Meeting**
- Monday, July 6  
Steering Committee Meeting
- Monday, August 3  
Steering Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, September 1  
**General Membership Meeting**
- Monday, October 5  
Steering Committee Meeting
- Monday, November 2  
Steering Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, December 1  
**General Membership Meeting**

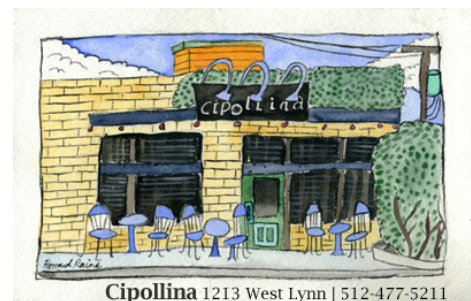
## Zoning Report

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### Updated Cases

**1102 West 9th St:** Case #2014-10465 – Owner proposes to rehabilitate the existing structure and to build an addition. The property is within the Castle Hill LHD and design guidelines have been considered. Architect met with Zoning Committee in September of 2013, is currently communicating with members, and committee supports plans. Project will be presented at the HLC meeting on February 23, 2015. *Case is ongoing*

**1305 Marshall Lane:** Case #2014-15837 – Owner is replacing a single-story detached garage and apartment with a proposed two-story structure, also for a garage and apartment space. Applications for Demo and Building permits were submitted in November 2014, the Demo permit was issued in December 2014, and the demolition work has been completed. The property is within the West Line LHD and the design guidelines have been considered. Zoning Committee met with architect on February 17, 2015,



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and does not oppose this project. Project will be presented at the HLC meeting on February 23, 2015. *Case is ongoing*

**1210 Castle Hill:** Case #2015 0067 (old case number is 2014 110052) – Owner requests a variance to the through-lot's 25-foot setback requirement from Windsor. Owner proposes to construct a guest-house at the rear of the property and seeks the variance in an effort to protect heritage oaks. Scheduled for Board of Adjustments meeting on March 9, 2015, and will present neighbor's letters of support. Following the Zoning Committee's proposal, the Steering Committee wrote a letter in support of this variance request. *Case is ongoing*

**1208 W 8th St:** Historic Case NRD-2014-0084 Review Case # 2014-081149-PR – Kris Owens is the owner. Application for Demo Permit on a property within a historic district. Postponed at OWANA's request until the HLC January 26, 2015 meeting. Demo permit was granted at the HLC January 26, 2015 meeting, for full demolition. Owner has building plans but has not yet submitted them to the city. *Case is ongoing. Zoning Committee will discuss with West 8th Street property owners the option to add their street to the Castle Hill LHD. The amendment would serve as a future protection for the remaining contributing structures.*

**806 Patterson Ave:** Historic Case NRD-2014-0068 Review Case # 2014-069552-PR – An application for Demo Permit on a c. 1917 contributing property within a historic district. Applicant: Greenbelt Homes. Postponed until the HLC January 26, 2015 meeting at applicant's request. Owners agreed to a partial demo saving the front of the bungalow and it passed on consent. *Case is ongoing*

**1631 Palma Plaza OLD West Austin:** Historic Case NRD-2014-0078 Review Case # 2014- 080027-PR – An application for Demo Permit on a property within a

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historic district. Case was scheduled to be heard by Historic Landmark Commission on August 25th but was postponed. OWANA, CCDC, and adjacent property owner have a RC that stipulates existing residential structure will remain. All parties continue to meet to review new plan. Postponed at the applicant's request until the HLC January 26, 2015 meeting and postponed again until February 23, 2015. *Case is ongoing*

#### Ongoing Cases

**614 (700) Blanco St:** The Stonewall Case SP-2014-0116C – A Site Development Permit application has been submitted for a 12 unit condominium project. No variances or modifications are anticipated. Project is currently going through site development review. Per AMANDA, all permits have expired. *Case is ongoing*

**1401 W 6th St. Nightcap Dessert Restaurant:** Case C14-2013-0138 – concerning offsite/shared parking. OWANA entered into a Restrictive Covenant with the applicant to assure that parking issues would not have a negative impact on nearby neighbors. Case is ongoing

**912 Blanco St:** Historic Case NRD-2014-0019 Review Case # 2014-080302-PR – An application for Certificate of Appropriateness (HLC subcommittee) for a building permit on a property within the Castle Hill District. *Case is ongoing*

**1115 W 11th St Castle Hill:** Case #LHD-2014-0020 – Sept HLC agenda Proposal: Construct a new house on a vacant lot. Applicant: Dick Clark Architecture, Approve as proposed. *Case is ongoing*

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## March Membership Report

OWANA has 297 residential and business members. Keep reminding your neighbors and the local businesses you frequent to join OWANA. Send them to [www.owana.org/#join](http://www.owana.org/#join) (<http://www.owana.org/#join>) where residents can join online and business can download an application form.

Thanks for being an ambassador for OWANA.

George Warmingham  
Membership Chair

## Join OWANA Yahoo Discussion Group

Keep in touch with your neighbors by joining the Yahoo discussion group moderated by OWANA.

If you would like to join please go to [groups.yahoo.com/group/owana/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/owana/) (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/owana/>), click "Join This Group!" and follow the instructions.

If you have any difficulties, please contact George Warmingham at [oldwestaustin@gmail.com](mailto:oldwestaustin@gmail.com) (<mailto:oldwestaustin@gmail.com>).



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