



September 2015

## Letter from the Chair

*Paul Seals, Chair*

Why are we in this neighborhood? What is the attraction? What is the glue that keeps us here? We may all have a different story; but, I will assert that many of our stories have common elements.

We moved into our home here in Old West Austin over 28 years ago, after 5 years in Dallas. I had grown up and gone to school in Austin. My office was downtown and I wanted something with a short commute. As a runner, I appreciated the proximity to The Trail, a few minutes out my back door. With two pre-school daughters, Mathews was a short walk away. Ellen commented shortly after moving into our house on Francis, "This is perfect. I'm never moving again." That was before we grew to know our neighbors and our neighborhood. Our initial feelings have grown fonder and deeper as the years have gone by.

What is your story?

We will have an interesting general meeting. It looks like a full and varied agenda. We will start off with another visit with Officer Will Harvey, with APD, who will give us some insights from his perspective. Then we will have short presentation on the upcoming bond election regarding the new downtown courts building.

We will have updates on various projects in the neighborhood, including plans for the former Covert Collision Center on 5th, The Stonewall Project on Blanco, and the Pressler Extension Project as well as a master planning process for the Lamar Beach parkland.

It is also that time of the year – the ACL Festival in October. We will have a drawing for a pair of weekend passes.

Please join us at the September 1st meeting. It will be a great opportunity to not only find out what's going on but to meet your neighbors, who are the best part of the meeting. Come be part of the process.

See you at Mathews!

Paul

# September 2015 Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 1 - 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. Discussion with Officer Will Harvey, Central West District Representative, Austin Police Department (7:05 – 7:20)
- V. Presentation of new Civil and Family Courts Complex Bond Proposal – Tyler Buckingham, Asst. Campaign Manager (7:20 – 7:35)
- VI. Discussion of 1407 W. 5th Street (7:35 – 7:50)
- VII. Discussion of Castle Hill Local Historic District and The Stonewall, 614 and 618 Blanco Street (7:50 – 8:05)
- VIII. Update of Pressler Extension Project and Lamar Beach Parkland Master Plan (8:05 – 8:10)
- IX. Discussion of the 2015 ACL Festival and drawing for ACL weekend passes (8:10 – 8:15)
- X. 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
  - H. Nominations - Mike Sullivan
- XI. Administrative and Organization Issues
  - A. Treasurer's Report - Joey Kazzoun
  - B. Other Administrative and Organizational Business
- XII. Other Business and Announcements
- XIII. Adjourn

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

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ACL will feature many great bands including Foo Fighters, Drake, Florence + The Machine, Alabama Shakes, Sturgill Simpson, The Decemberists, Gary Clark Jr., TV on the Radio, Dwight Yoakam and more.

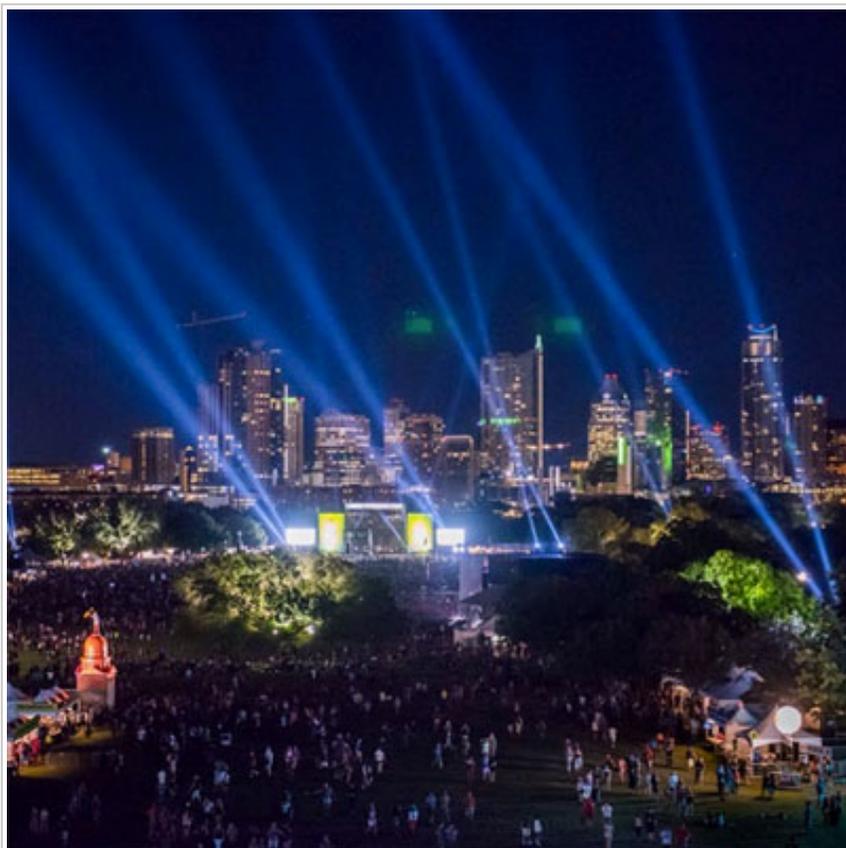
*Three day passes are sold out.*

OWANA will hold a drawing for two pairs of 3-day passes (one for each weekend) at our General Membership meeting on Tue, Sept 1. To win you must be a current member and be present at the meeting when we draw for the tickets.

We will also have a silent auction for additional 3-day passes.

I hope to see you at the September meeting.

George Warmingham  
Membership Chair



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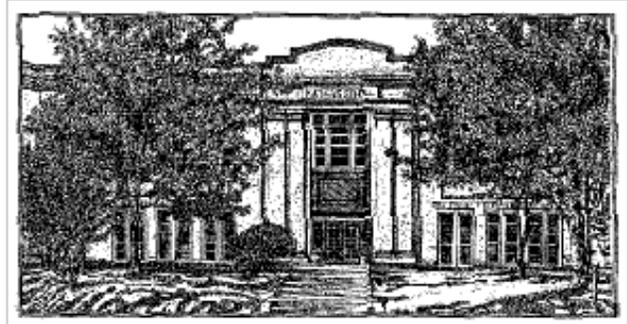
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# Mathews Elementary 100th Anniversary

Mathews Elementary School will turn **100** on September 16, 2016 and we want you to join the celebration!

If you attended Mathews or know of folks who did, please help us add to the invitation list, provide an opportunity for all to relive old but fond memories, and keep everyone up to date on plans for this special event. Please email Mary Baughman at [mcboffman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcboffman@sbcglobal.net) (<mailto:mcboffman@sbcglobal.net>) or call 512-507-7262 with **any info** you can furnish.



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## **Mathews Friends for Excellence**

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## Mathews Gathering

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Saturday, October 17, 2015

3 - 6 P.M.

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and a new educational initiative at Mathews



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## Zoning Report

August 2015

Updated Cases

**1407 West 5th St:** Case #CI4-2015-0078 - Request for rezoning of property from LI-CO-NP to LI-PDA. Proposal to build a storage facility was presented for neighborhood feedback at the OWANA General Membership meeting on June 2, 2015 and building materials will be presented on September 1. Case will be heard at the Planning Commission meeting on September 8. *Case is ongoing*

**612-614 (700) Blanco St:** The Stonewall Case SP-2014-0116C – A Site Development Permit application has been submitted for a 12 unit condominium project. The proposal does meet the Castle Hill Historic Design standards which has put it in conflict with



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City zoning. Due to this conflict, setbacks and height variances are now required for this project to continue. The variance request was heard at the Board of Adjustments meeting on June 8 and was postponed until September 14. *Case is ongoing*

**Related case #C14H-2010-0006:** Case is a proposal submitted by City Staff to “modify the District Preservation Plan with regard to the applicability of Article 10 Compatibility Standards to certain properties.” This case was approved at the July 27 HLC meeting, will be reheard at the August 24 meeting due to city error, then will be heard at the August 25 Planning Commission meeting.

**1631 Palma Plaza:** Historic Case NRD-2014-0078, Case #C15-2015-0110 – An application for Demo Permit on a property within a historic district. 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. Owner proposes to construct a new house and will retain the original structure. After postponements, the HLC approved the case upon consent at their March 9, 2015 meeting. On August 10, a variance for a basement exemption was approved by the Board of Adjustments. The variance and plan are currently supported by the adjacent property owner. *Case is ongoing*

**608 August Ave:** Case #C15-2015-0092 - Owner requests a decrease in the side-yard setback from 5 feet to 0 feet, in order to maintain an elevated deck and stairs that was constructed at least 10 years ago. Case was approved at the Board of Adjustments meeting on August 11. *Case is closed*

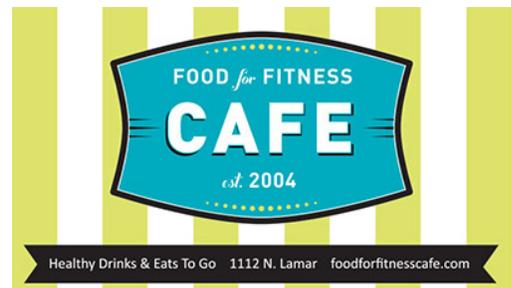
Ongoing Cases



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1401 W 6th St. Nightcap Dessert Restaurant: Case  
CI4-2013-0138 – 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*

## August Membership Report

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Residential memberships	261	268	248	252	257	260	262	256
Business memberships	29	29	29	30	29	28	28	24
<b>Total memberships</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>280</b>

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 your continued support and participation.

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)  
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