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Letter From the Chair

My term as the 2013 Chair comes to an end with neighbors. You will be surprised how successful the election of new Steering Committee members your journey will become if you take that first at the upcoming December general membership meeting. We continue to face important issues that have the potential to impact our community. Each of us has a role to play in preserving, maintaining, and enhancing the unique character, quality, and diversity of our community.

We all need to be part of the process. As individuals (and volunteers with other important personal commitments), we may not be able to be involved in all the issues but there are plenty to go around. You might find an issue that has the potential to strike pretty close to home, both literally and figuratively. You need to be aware of these issues so that you can get involved.

No special skills or knowledge is required. All it takes is the desire to not only protect quality of life for yourself and your family but also for your step.

Please consider attending the December meeting. Not only is it an opportunity to find out what's going on in the neighborhood but it is opportunity to connect with your neighbors.

We don't necessarily have issues of "lions, tigers, and bears" in the neighborhood but we do have "upzoning, compatible development, traffic, parking, MoPac managed lanes, historic preservation, affordable housing, parks, and community events". What is your issue? Help us, help you, help us! Please remember that "someone else is no one."

See you at Mathews on the 3rd!

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— Paul Seals, Chair

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Second Annual Clarksville Caroling Event

We are happy to announce that OWANA and the CCDC will again co-sponsor a caroling event for the neighborhood on December 15, 2013, a Sunday evening. The event will take place from 6pm to 8pm at the historic Haskell House, 1703 Waterston Ave. By the date of the caroling event, there will be a new State of Texas Historical marker in front of the Haskell House, recognizing the home's significance to the history of Clarksville, Austin, and Texas.

For those of you who want to be part of the caroling, please gather at the Haskell House by 6 to warm up your voice and have some refreshments. Then, all of the carolers will walk to a few stops in the neighborhood to sing songs. Frances Barton will lead the way and provide songbooks. We recommend that you

bring a flashlight.

If you don't want to sing carols, you are welcome to hang out at the Haskell House, talk with your neighbors, and enjoy the refreshments, which will be provided by Zocalo

and by Christin and Josh Rowan. Wine and hot chocolate will also be available. And, Santa will be on hand at the beginning of the event to visit with the kids.

This was a really special event last year, so we hope to see you at the Haskell House this year!

Two Old West Austin Homes on 2013 AIA Tour

Each year the Austin chapter of The American Institute of Architects hosts a public tour of homes in the Austin area. The 2013 homes bring "elegant design solutions in an increasingly complex city". This year only eleven homes were chosen. And two of those homes were in our neighborhood! Both homes are remodels, preserving important historic elements of the original houses while adding modern updates. We asked both owners to tell us a little about their projects.

Kathleen and Nick Deaver's Modern Revival on Highland Avenue

This 1919 craftsman bungalow is located in a Historic District, a short walk from Austin's resurgent downtown. It was given new life as we created a more compact lifestyle in line with Austin's goals for Smart Growth. Completed in 2013, the 1,100sf structure was expanded to 3,100sf to create a home, work studio and rental apartment. Preserving the original structure and maintaining the fabric of the neighborhood was paramount to the design. The new modern concrete and glass studio and apartment are discreetly placed beneath the antique house. A tough, horizontal and minimal architecture of cantilevered steel arbors, board formed concrete walls and expansive panes of glass contrast with the more refined vertical proportions and details of the traditional wooden home. Other modern interventions include an indoor bathing-porch, a bright white attic guestroom and an elevated covered porch shaded by aluminum "walls" modulated by the wind. Architect: Nick Deaver Architect



Kathleen and Nick Deaver's Highland Home

Kim and Ryan Battle's Historic Palma Plaza Home

It sat on the corner of Palma Plaza and Woodlawn: a stately looking little white 1900 sf house in terrible need of a thoughtful eye and hand to re-imagine. I was ready for a project, perhaps not as intensive as it turned out to be but there was something about the house that made us believe something great could come from breathing new life back into it. There were basic things we knew we wanted, or better said, needed to do as we worked with our architect, Hugh Jefferson Randolph and builder, Risinger Homes to remake the 3000sf home. We knew that many of the materials used to construct the original house in 1935 were unattainable in 2012, such as 15-20 foot runs of white oak flooring, preserved and abundant shiplap interior wood, incredible long leaf pine exterior siding and a hidden yet impeccably laid chimney. There was something special about the craftsmanship



of the home that made me look deeper into its origin. Here I found the story of Hilda Urbantke, the daughter of Gustavo Urbantke whose family immigrated to central Texas from Bremen, Germany in the mid-1800s. Hilda was a UT Architecture graduate and part of the team that designed the iconic Stephen F. Austin Hotel. Hilda later designed 1700 Palma Plaza, the only known residential home that she solely designed. She later worked as a chief draftsman for the prestigious Worth Cottingham consultancy who designed many state and University of Texas structures. We thought we were restoring a house to make it our home but never imagined we'd meet a woman who was a leader for other women then and now. Architect: Hugh Jefferson Randolph

New Steering Committee Members Selected for Vote

The OWANA Nominating Committee recommends the following members for 2014
Steering Committee

Returning after serving 2012 and 2013 Returning after serving 2013 New Nominees

— Larry Halford— Judy Alexander

— Paula Hern — Daniel Armendariz — Janice Burckhardt

— Mitch Lee — Christine Buendel — Kevin O'Hanlon

— Joe Loiacono — Thom Person — Chris Rankin

— Taylor Perkins — Paul Seals

2013 Steering Committee Members

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Final Map of 10-1 Districts Approved

The final 10-1 redistricting map produced by Austin's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission was approved on Monday November 18. The map can be accessed at

www.austinredistricting.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Austin Final-Plan.pdf . An MS Excel file containing precinct level data on de-



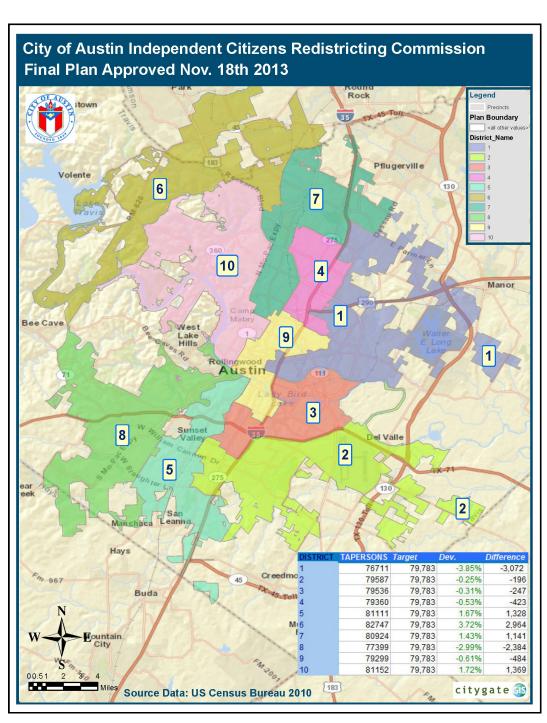
mographics can be found at www.austinredistricting.org/2013/10/24/austin-redistricting-precinct-data/. The exact requirements per the voter-approved City Charter can be found at tinyurl.com/mh3ye92.

Our district is #9, and it includes parts of West, North, South, and East Austin. Neighborhoods included are Old West Austin, Pemberton, Travis Heights, Bouldin, Hyde Park, Mueller, Cherrywood, most of The University of Texas and surrounding area, and most of Downtown. District 9 will likely henceforth be referred to the as the Central Austin district.

The statutory deadline (per our City Charter) is December 1 for the final map. The ICRC is still scheduled to meet on Monday November 25, 2013 6:30 pm to certify the Final Map and discuss a final report.

— Dave Sullivan





DECEMBER 2013 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, December 3, 2013 - 6:45 PM to 9:00 PM 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. Cap Metro Presentation Willie Cecil (7:05 7:25)
- V. Discussion of Pressler Street Extension Project Mike Sullivan (7:25 7:35)
- VI. Discussion of Nightcap Dessert Lounge, 1401 W. 6th St. Larry Halford (7:35 7:45)
- VII. Discussion of MoPac Managed Lane Project Mike Sullivan (7:45 7:50)
- VII. Election of 2014 Steering Committee members Mike Sullivan (7:50 8:00)
- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. Zoning Committee Report Larry Halford

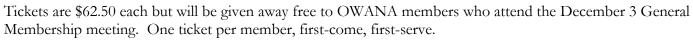
 Note: Only zoning case changes and updates of the OWL report are discussed
 - B. Parks and Greenspaces Marion Cimbala
 - C. Historic Preservation Daniel Armendariz
 - D. Public Safety and Transportation Mike Sullivan
 - E. Affordable Housing Christine Buendel
 - F. Membership George Warmingham
 - G. Community Events Paula Hern
- X. Administrative and Organization Issues
 - A. Treasurer's Report Paula Hern
 - B. OWANA Website Update Taylor Perkins
 - C. Other Administrative and Organizational Business
- XI. Other Business and Announcements
- XII. Adjourn
- XIII. NOTE: Votes may be taken on any scheduled agenda items.

Free Trail of Lights Party Tickets Offered to OWANA Members

The Austin Trail of Lights is giving OWANA 125 free tickets to its 2013 Preview Party. The party will be held in Zilker Park on Friday, December 6 from 7-10 pm. It features a chance to see the Trail of Lights displays prior to opening night. It also features:

- Live music from Ray Benson, Marcia Ball, Whiskey Sisters, The Soul Supporters and more
- Food and beverages available for purchase

Close-in parking available for \$15 or free shuttles from Republic Square Park





In addition to these free tickets, the Trail of Lights is giving OWANA residents a 50% off discount to the Trail of Lights Preview Party. Learn more and purchase tickets at <u>austintrailoflights.org/tickets/trail-of-lights-preview-party-</u>. Enter the code: Owana50 at checkout to receive 50% off your ticket. Only 125 of these discounted tickets will be available to OWANA residents. Limit 10 tickets per transaction. Children 10 and under do not need tickets.

Can't make it the Preview Party? Here are other ways to enjoy the 2013 Trail of Lights:

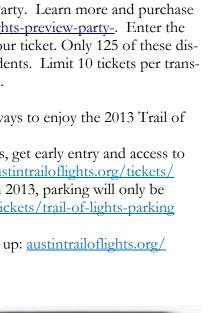
- The ZiP Fast Pass This new convenience program will let you skip the lines, get early entry and access to the Trail, and gets you a spot in the ZiP Lounge. Click here for more info: austintrailoflights.org/tickets/
- The ZiP Parking Pass In order to reduce traffic coming into Zilker Park, in 2013, parking will only be available online in advance. Click here for more info: austintrailoflights.org/tickets/trail-of-lights-parking
- The Trail of Lights 5K Run Saturday, December 7, 2013. Click here to sign up: austintrailoflights.org/tickets/trail-of-lights-5k-run-

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• Volunteer - It's the perfect way to see and support the event. See the event from an insider's point of view, get special perks, and get plenty of time to enjoy the event. It's also a great team building activity! Click here for more: austintrailoflights.org/support-us/volunteer

For more information, visit: <u>AustinTrailOfLights.org</u>





OWANA Parks Report

West Austin Park Conceptual Master Plan

The Conceptual Master Plan for West Austin Park has been accepted by Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) staff and the plan will be presented to the Parks Board Land, Facilities and Programs Committee on December 2. Pending approval at the Committee level, the Plan will be presented to the

Storm Damage to West Austin Park Historic Walls

A large section of the walls in the east side of the Park fell during the rain on October 12/13. Parks Committee members have met on site multiple times with PARD staff, Public Works Staff, a private stone masonry company and an engineering firm.

PARD is working to coordinate funding for the repair of the walls and to incorporate the West Austin Park Master Plan which add additional features to the northeast section of the park. Proposed work might include: 1) repair of damage wall 2) additional terracing next to the swing set (area of proposed basketball court) 3) construction of

amphitheater walls facing the ball fields 4) moving the basketball court to make way for the new central shade/seating area and 5) removal of wall section and regrading of the hillside



which will become the nature play area.

We anticipate having updates this month and might be able to present plans to the General Membership meeting in December.

--- Marion Cimbala, Parks Chair

Reclaimed Water Irrigation Project — West Austin Park

Our neighbor Andrew McCalla, of Meridian Solar, generously donated and installed a solar pump and panel to the Reclaimed Water Irrigation Project. Thank you Andrew and Meridian Solar!

Now that the panel and pump are operative and our irrigation contractor has completed the irrigation system, we are delivering water to the existing trees on an optimal schedule to produce healthy trees that will thrive in the park for years to come.



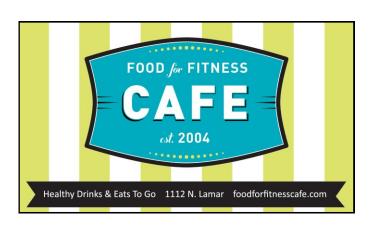
To complete the Reclaimed Water Irrigation Project we will install a second irrigation zone and plant approximately 5-7 large native trees in the northeast

Mary Baylor/Clarksville Park

New picnic tables were delivered to the park in October. The burned out bulb in the overhead light was replaced and the light will be adjusted slightly to the north to provide better lighting on the soccer field for evening activities.

— Marion Cimbala, Parks Chair







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OWANA Zoning Report

614 Blanco Street

Case C14H-1992-0002

Property has been sold and it is anticipated new owners will restart the review process based on a new design. Architect has contacted OWANA and meetings are anticipated soon.

505 and 507 Oakland Ave

Case NRD-2013-0047 and 0048

Applicant is requesting a demolition permit for the two existing historic contributing structures. Because HLC has only advisory power staff requested permit be delayed to allow further discussions of alternative to complete demolition of existing structures, and alternatives that would allow renovation and additions. Use would remain office. Case went before HLC in July and has been postponed at subsequent HLC meetings. Case is ongoing.

501 Oakland Ave

Case C14-2013-0101

Applicant is requesting a zoning change from LO-V-NP to GR-V-CO-NP to allow a change of use from office to retail to allow boutique clothing store use. OWA-NA entered into a restrictive covenant regarding limitations to uses that would be allowed within the GR zoning classification, limits on building area and new con-

struction of sidewalks on 5th and Oakland streets. Case was approved by Planning Commission on consent and will go to Council probably in Jan 2014. Case is ongoing

1607 W 10th St

Case NRD-2013-0066

Applicant is requesting a demolition permit for an existing historic contributing structures and is requesting a building permit. Staff recommends release of the permit with the recommendation that the applicant consider a design that allows for the adaptive reuse of the existing house, and require a City of Austin documentation package be submitted prior to release of the demolition permit. Case is ongoing.

1608 W 8th St

Case NRD-2013-0055

Applicant is requesting a demolition and building permit for a garage apartment. Applicant received support from OWA-NA and immediate neighbors when project was presented before Board of Adjustment. Case is ongoing

1401 W. 6th St

Case C14-2013-0138

Applicant is requesting a change in zoning from LO-NP to GR-V-CO-NP to allow use of a restaurant. OWANA and appli-

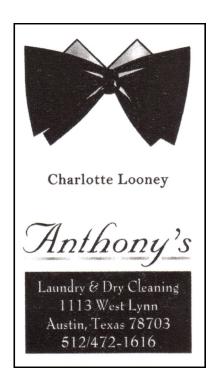
cant are in discussions regarding a possible restrictive covenant and discussions with area residential neighbors regarding potential parking issues/solutions. Case is ongoing

1510 W. 9th St

Historic Case # NRD-2013-0086, Review Case # PR-13-190303

Applicant is requesting a building permit to make modifications to a historically contributing structure in a National Register Historic District. Case was to be heard before HLC Nov. 18th and was recommended by staff for approval. Case is ongoing.

— Larry Halford OWANA Zoning Chair







OWANA Treasurer's Report

November 4, 2013

Reconciled to October 5, 2013, statement

Checking Account Balance \$7,602.65

Deposits \$320.00; Debits \$5.58

Money Market Account \$61,664.06

\$13.09 interest added

PayPal Account \$6,043.09

\$5,500 not in chkg acct as of Statement date

Total Funds \$75,309.80

Funds available for specific uses:

General Funds **\$29,076.46**

Branding Fund \$5,059.19

Parks Fund \$1,829.49

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Zoning \$39,344.66

Total Sub Accounts \$75,309.80

— Paula Hern, OWANA Treasurer

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Membership Report

OWANA has 310 residential and business memberships, the most in several years and an 11% increase for the year. But this represents just a fraction of the homes and businesses in Old West Austin.

Could you help us pass the word that OWA-NA represents everyone in our neighborhood? It will take only a few minutes for you to email this link www.owana.org/join to a couple of your neighbors and businesses.

Our memberships are very reasonable, starting at only \$20/yr for residents and \$50/yr for businesses. Residential members within the OWANA boundaries are entitled to vote at our General Membership Meeting and business members get to advertise in the quarterly newsletter, *The OWANA Owl*.

So let your neighbors and businesses know why they should become a part of this great neighborhood association.

Thank you so much for helping OWANA!

-- George Warmingham Membership Chair





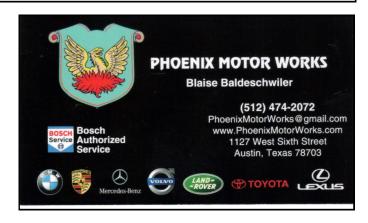


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CCDC Selling Holiday Cards

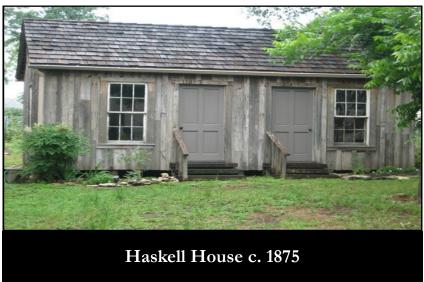
The CCDC is selling Clarksville-related holiday cards again this year. The charming image on the front of the card is of an old black woman standing in the snow and wearing a hat and an apron over her coat. Her name was Aunt Lou; we do not know her last name or anything about her. We believe the image dates back to the 1920s.

The cards come in sets of 10 and cost \$20.00. Sale proceeds will be used to help pay for repairs and maintenance of the historic Haskell House located at 1703 Waterston Avenue.

CCDC is also selling sets of notecards with a variety of images from old Clarksville. The cards come in sets of ten and sell for \$20.00.

Please contact Mary Reed at mrpraustin@gmail.com if you are interested in purchasing a set.

-- Mary Reed, CCDC







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