

# Dawson Neighborhood NewsLetter Jan/Feb2015

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## LARRY MONROE FOREVER

Not only did we identify Larry Monroe's unique voice with Texas music on the radio, but we were so privileged to often see Larry taking walks in Dawson during the last years of his life.

Dear Dawson Neighbors,

In December the City of Austin and Austin Arts Commission approved a plan for "The Larry Monroe Forever Bridge," which will be a tribute mosaic for the late Austin DJ, Larry Monroe. Larry was a beloved musicologist who hosted iconic radio programs on KUT-FM for 29 years and KDRP Sun Radio for three. Three of his popular programs include *Blue Monday* and *Phil Music* as well as *Texas Radio Live*, which is ongoing at Güero's oak garden every Wednesday night from 6 -8 pm.

Larry worked tirelessly not only to entertain his listeners but also to educate them. He was knowledgeable about many genres of music, but his specialty was Austin and Texas songwriters, and he never stopped promoting them. Larry made an enormous cultural contribution to Austin and is one of the reasons Austin has become known as the Live Music Capital of the World.

The tribute mosaic will be on the small bridge on Eastside Drive, just north of Monroe Street between Big Stacy and Little Stacy Parks. This is a community project by and for the people of Austin and anyone who wishes to may help. Dawson artist Stefanie Distefano and I will head up a revolving team of volunteers who will create all the ceramic tiles for the mosaic. Among other projects in our neighborhood, Stefanie has created mosaics at Torchy's on El Paso, the creek bridge on El Paso, and a wall bordering the Phoenix House on Live Oak.

I'm fundraising for the project on Crowdrise, and each contributor will get a tile with his or her name on it included in the mosaic. To donate or learn more about the project, please go to Crowdrise.com and type "Larry Monroe" into the search bar.

If you would like to help make tiles or assist in the final production of the mosaic, you can email me at ave@avebonar.com and I'll be sure you receive the production schedule.

Many thanks!

Ave Bonar on Forest Avenue.

## Front Yard Parking Vote

At the February Meeting we will be voting once again on front yard parking. This is a city ordinance to legitimize parking areas in our front yards, but does not require construction of driveways. Each neighborhood votes to adopt or not and to date Dawson has voted it down every year, although recently some Dawson residents have been frustrated by unneighborly parking.

## Habitat for Humanity ReStore & more coming soon

Habitat for Humanity is moving to Dawson! They plan to relocate their ReStore, offices, training rooms and construction warehouse to the site formally leased by Chuck E Cheese @ W. Ben White & S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Kelly Weiss, President & CEO will be one of our guest speakers at the Feb meeting.



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WEDNESDAY-\$2.50 WELLS/\$3 A.B.W. CANS  
THURSDAY-\$3 SELECT PINTS

## Dawson Neighborhood Environmental Opportunities!

It's My Park Day is March 7 and a group of students from Dawson Elementary School will join neighborhood residents at Gillis Park for clean up. On April 11, neighborhood residents will clean Bouldin Creek from Gillis Park to Ben White Boulevard as part of **Keep Austin Beautiful's, Clean Sweep Program**. On both days, we will begin at 9 am at Gillis Park. For questions or to sign up, email Marisa: [mfushille@gmail.com](mailto:mfushille@gmail.com)

Thanks to Crow Bar for sponsoring this Newsletter

## Dawson Neighborhood Meetings

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct & Dec.

**Monday, February 9, 2015**  
**6:30 pm**

**South Austin Multipurpose Center at 2508 Durwood**

This is the first meeting of 2015

### D.N. Association Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes (3 minutes)
2. New Business
  - a) Kelly Weiss, Habitat for Humanity (15 minutes)
  - b) Daniele Fedonni, AmeriCorps VISTA (10 minutes)
  - c) Dawson Elementary – Service Club members (10 minutes)
3. Old Business (5 minutes)
4. Issues/Concerns in the Neighborhood (10 minutes)
5. Adjourn by 7:30 p.m.

### D.N. Planning Contact Team Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes (3 Minutes)
2. Membership Report (5 minutes)
3. New Business
  - a. Election of officers by the board members (5 Minutes)
  - b. Front Yard Parking Vote (10 minutes)
  - c. Priority Sidewalks update
  - d. Planning issues (10 minutes)
4. Old Business (10 Minutes)
5. Adjourn by 8:30pm

### D.N. Planning Contact Team

**Membership:** Members who do not attend one meeting within a 12 month period are moved from Active to Suspended status & those who do not attend for three years are removed from membership

### Austin Police Department District

**Representative** serves as a liaison between the community and the police department to assist in solving neighborhood problems. Our District Representative is **Officer Robert Barboza (512)-974 8246** or [Robert.Barboza@austintexas.gov](mailto:Robert.Barboza@austintexas.gov)

COA Community Registry provides information about 500+ community groups, including DNA & DNPCT, [austintexas.gov/page/community-registry-search](http://austintexas.gov/page/community-registry-search).

## Neighbors – Stay in Touch!

Join the **DNA Yahoo site** for notices about events, missing or found pets, garage sales & other news. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DawsonNeighborhood> or [email DawsonNeighborhood-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:emailDawsonNeighborhood-subscribe@yahoo.com).

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