

Dawson Neighborhood News

The Newsletter of the Dawson Neighborhood Association

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2014

2014 NEIGHBORHOOD HABITAT CHALLENGE

The City of Austin and the National Wildlife Federation challenge Austin neighborhoods to create homes for wildlife by taking the **HABITAT CHALLENGE for POLLINATOR GARDENS!**

This year make Dawson a **Winner for Wildlife... Again!**
Taking the Challenge is easy.

1. Provide these habitat basics: a) Provide Water Sources - A key element for a variety of pollinators; b) Safeguard Pollinator Habitat - Remove or prevent invasive plants and avoid pesticides; c) Provide Food - Pollinators need a diversity of nectar/pollen sources; d) Provide Shelter - Pollinators need places to nest and to overwinter
2. Neighborhood participates in a community habitat project such as removing invasive plants, planting trees, restoring a creek area, or planting a neighborhood butterfly garden.
3. An article about the habitat challenge is published in neighborhood newsletter and/or website.
4. Neighbors certify their properties with the National Wildlife Federation at www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife or with a COA pre-paid application by November 15, 2014, and submit the Pollinator Garden Requirements form to wildlife@austintexas.gov.
5. Celebrate! The top three neighborhoods that complete all the requirements and certify the most new habitats between April 15th and November 15th, 2014 will be recognized by City of Austin and eligible for prizes.

To request a pre-paid habitat certification application or for contest details contact the Wildlife Austin program: 512-978-2606 or <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/wildlife-austin>.

You are invited to the next
**Dawson Neighborhood
Association and Planning
Contact Team Meetings:**

**Monday, June 9, 2014
6:30 pm
South Austin Multipurpose
Center at 2508 Durwood**

DNA Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of minutes
2. New business: Lauren Rowe, Habitat Challenge
3. Old business: Neighborhood Partnering Program
4. Issues in the neighborhood

DN Planning Contact Team

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Membership Report
3. Old Business
 - a. 103 La Vista
 - b. Ruta Maya
4. New Business
 - a. CodeNEXT Update (George Zapalac)
 - b. La Vista
 - c. 121 Pickle Road, Ruta Maya
 - d. 3114 South Congress

Planning Team (DNPCT)

Membership Report: The following members will be moved from Active or Pending to Suspended if they do not attend the June 2014 meeting: Steven Dalton and Melisa Leal. There are no members to report as Removed if they do not attend the June 2014 meeting.

**DNA meets on the 2nd
Monday of Feb, Apr, June,
Aug, Oct, & Dec**

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