

## A Note from Your 2010 President

Happy 2010, Dawson! I look forward to serving our neighborhood as the new DNA President, alongside many others who are active in the neighborhood. The DNA is an all-volunteer organization devoted to preserving strong community bonds and a good quality of life for all who live and work in Dawson. I encourage you to attend the meetings and get involved. Together we can accomplish many things. Last year marked the installation of traffic calming speed cushions that had been on our wish list for more than a decade and would not have been possible without the work of dedicated volunteers. I hope to see you at the meetings.

– Sandy McMillan

## Storm Drain Improvements Planned

Staff members from the Watershed Engineering Division (WED) of Watershed Protection will present their plans for the Lightsey/Wilson phase of the four-part Dawson Storm Drain Improvements project intended to address flooding reported by many Dawson residents. The flooding is caused by an outdated and inadequate storm drain system that lacks the capacity to carry water during severe storms. Briefly, WED will add new curbside drains and underground pipes along **Sacramento, Wilson, Powell, South Park, Lightsey and Havana**, all of which will drain into the creek at Wilson Street.

WED does not expect construction for the Lightsey/Wilson project to begin until late 2010 or early 2011. However, WED would like to finalize the project's design by the end of February 2010 so that they can begin the permitting process and are asking for residents' feedback regarding the design. There will be a limited time for discussion at the meeting. So we encourage you to send comments and questions prior to the meeting to Kam Magor at [kamtrees@gmail.com](mailto:kamtrees@gmail.com), or 440-1464, so she can forward them as a whole to WED.

For more information about this project, including maps illustrating WED's plans, please go to [http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/watershed/flood\\_dawson.htm](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/watershed/flood_dawson.htm). If you do not have access to a computer, please call Stephanie Lott at 974-2799 to request paper copies mailed to you. – Sandy McMillan

## Annual Creek Cleanup Scheduled

Keep Austin Beautiful's 25<sup>th</sup> Clean Sweep will occur **Saturday, April 10, 2010**.

This will be the perfect opportunity to clean up Dawson's section of East Bouldin Creek while meeting your neighbors and enjoying the outdoors. The creek is one of our neighborhood's special natural resources that needs and deserves this annual bit of TLC.

Dawson's Green Neighborhood group suggested starting with cleaning the creek at each of the bridges that cross it where trash accumulates and impedes the creek's flow, and, if time permits, then walk sections for a more thorough clean up. KAB will provide everything we need to coordinate the project, including tools, supplies, and recruiting/registering all the extra volunteers we need.

After the clean up, KAB will throw a free party for all the volunteers, with music, food, t-shirts and more. If you would like to participate, please contact Peter Davis at [design4spirit@earthlink.net](mailto:design4spirit@earthlink.net), or 693-2532. For more information about KAB and Clean Sweep, go to [www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org). – Sandy McMillan

## Next Meeting

**Monday, Feb 8, 2010  
6:30 pm**

South Austin Multipurpose Center  
2508 Durwood

### Dawson Neighborhood Association Meeting Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Old Business
4. New Business
  1. Robert Barboza, APD District Representative
  2. Mr. Ed Gomez, Travis County Health Care District
  3. Lightsey/Wilson Storm Drain Improvements
  4. Annual Creek Clean-up
5. Issues in the Neighborhood
6. Adjourn DNA meeting

### Dawson Neighborhood Plan Team Meeting Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Membership Report
4. Old Business
5. New Business
  1. Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance
  2. Front & Side Yard Parking Ordinance
  3. Proposal to Amend Bylaws
6. Adjourn Meeting

## DNPT Vote Details

### 1. Annual Vote on Two City Ordinances

a) Front and Side Yard Parking:  
For details go to [https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/front\\_yd\\_parking.htm](https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/front_yd_parking.htm) or call Joe Manor at 974-3440.

b) Mobile Food Establishments:  
For details, go to [http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/mobile\\_food.htm](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/mobile_food.htm) or call Joe Manor at 974-3440.

### 2. Proposal to Amend DNPT Bylaws

Section 5: D. Regularly scheduled meetings shall be held immediately ~~prior to~~ before or after regularly scheduled Dawson Neighborhood Association meetings. (See DNPT minutes in this edition of the newsletter for details.)

\* If you have comments or concerns about these items please contact Peter at 693 2532 or [design4spirit@earthlink.net](mailto:design4spirit@earthlink.net)

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