

## Neighbors Report Issues at South Austin Beverage Barn

Just when you thought things could not get worse at the South Austin Beverage Barn 3612 S. Congress, they did. In August groups of hookers and pimps started hanging out 24/7, transients smoking and selling crack, and homeless using the back of Beverage Barn as their campground. So again we contact the Beverage Barn both in person and on the phone. The manager did not return calls and we were told he was not there when we stopped in to talk to him, so much for trying to work with this business. We have tried for over a decade to coexist with the Beverage Barn only to see things go from bad to worse. How dare these people treat our neighborhood like this, making our children walk through this mess to get to school, and making the area behind their store so dangerous that only the unlawful element uses it at night.

So we call in the police and the TABC. When these agencies realize the extent of the problem they got busy. Because of pressure applied by these two groups, a clean up is now in progress. The lot is being cleared so police can see what's going on. Lights that have not worked for over a year are being repaired and more are being installed. Holes in the fence are being fixed and new no trespassing signs are going up. A promise of a video security system and a pledge to become a good neighbor has been made by the Barn.

The owner called me the day after he met with TABC Sep 17th. In our conversation, the owner said that he did not know about the situation and put the blame on his manager. Mohammad Nasir, the owner of South Austin Beverage Barn, told me that he wants to join the DNA and will be at the October 11th meeting. I assured him we were happy that he wants to join us to help improve our neighborhood and I am looking forward to meeting him.

THE POLICE WANT YOU TO CALL 911 WHEN PROSTITUTES ARE WORKING IN THIS AREA!

Here is a link to a video shot behind the South Austin Beverage Barn on Sunday the 14th check it out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d95UHyaXbTM>

Jerry and Maggie Hartung

## Early Voting Begins in Neighborhood

The Early Voting Period for the November 2 General Election runs from Monday, October 18th - Friday, October 29th.

Registered voters can vote at any early voting location. All locations can be found at [www.TravisCountyElections.org](http://www.TravisCountyElections.org) or by calling 238-VOTE (8683) or 512-854-4996.

The early voting locations for South Austin include the HEB in our neighborhood.

### SOUTH / SUR

#### HEB South Congress

2400 South Congress (temp building in parking lot)  
(*edificio provisional en el estacionamiento*)

Mon-Sat 7 am-7 pm, Sun Noon-6 pm

Lunes-Sab 7 am-7 pm, Dom Mediodía -6 pm

#### Randalls Ben White and Manchaca

2025 West Ben White Boulevard @ Manchaca Road

Mon-Sat 7 am-7 pm, Sun Noon-6 pm

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## Next Meeting

**Monday, October 11, 2010**

**6:30 pm**

South Austin Multipurpose Center  
2508 Durwood

### Meeting Agendas

#### Dawson Neighborhood Association

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Old Business
4. New Business
  - a) Issues with Beverage Barn on S. Congress
  - b) Nomination of Officers
5. Issues in the Neighborhood
6. Adjourn

#### Dawson Neighborhood Plan Team

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Membership Report
4. Old Business
5. New Business
  - a) Nomination of Officers
6. Adjourn

## Neighborhood Habitat Challenge 2010

We are registered for the NEIGHBORHOOD HABITAT CHALLENGE and have until November 15 to get the most certified wildlife habitat gardens. It is not difficult to do and you may already have the items needed in your yard like native plants, a reliable and accessible water source for wildlife, and places for safe cover.

Creating habitat for wildlife is as simple as...

- Planting native plants that provide nectar, pollen, seeds, and berries year round.

- Including a reliable and accessible water source to attract a variety of birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

Residents can certify their properties by visiting the National Wildlife Federation's website at:

[www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife](http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife), or may request a Pre-Paid Habitat Certification Application (limited quantity) from the Wildlife Austin program: 512-327-8181 x29 or [wildlife@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:wildlife@ci.austin.tx.us).

Visit [www.keeptaustinwild.com](http://www.keeptaustinwild.com) for more information. Schools and places of business and worship are also included in the Habitat Challenge.