

Dawson Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Dawson Neighborhood Association
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Guinea Fowl in the Neighborhood



Animal lovers in the neighborhood have been enjoying the presence of a small flock of guinea fowl in the area around the Brinwood Avenue area. We were especially charmed by the 12 or so baby chicks that appeared in the spring. Sadly, the number of chicks has decreased steadily since. Around the first of June, there were at least 5 adults and 8 chicks, though the birds do not always cooperate with efforts to track their numbers. As of the week of July 20, there seems to be only 5 guineas remaining: 3 adults and 2 of the young birds.

Some of the folks in the Brinwood area have discussed how to protect the birds since at least three of the adult birds have been found in the street, apparently struck by a car. The city has committed to help and has provided several signs warning the cars to slow down.

Guineas are interesting birds, with grey speckled feathers and white, featherless faces, a pointed "helmet" and red wattles. Native to Africa, they are noisy and relentless foragers, eating bugs and small snakes and lizards while leaving most plants alone. Farmers like to keep them around because they are more self-sufficient than chickens, keep the bugs under control (they are especially effective against ticks) without tearing up seedlings and will chase away dangerous snakes like rattlers. While they are domesticated fowl like chickens or turkeys, guineas have resisted efforts to breed a more friendly temperament or more consistent egg-laying. They are also much better flyers than chickens, though their preferred activity is searching for food on the ground.

Please get in touch with Donna Knapp (512) 444 9880 if you'd like to help with the effort to keep our feathered neighbors safe. Here's hoping our little flock can stay in the area, helping to keep Austin (and Dawson!) weird.

Infinite Monkey Winery

The new urban winery business coming to 121 Pickle Road will include a wine tasting room that needs a permit under the "Brew Pub Ordinance". The owners have asked for our support which means we will discuss issues and vote to support or not at the upcoming DNPCT members meeting.



South Austin Community Acupuncture



acupunctureworldheadquarters.com
(512)707-8330

Short Term Rentals (STRs)

The DNA would like your feedback on STRs in the neighborhood. Are they good neighbors or are you experiencing problems with an STR near you? Send us a message via our "Contact Us" option on our website or leave a voice mail at 512-693-2532.

Please Join Us!

Dawson Neighborhood Meetings

Monday, August 10, 2015
6:30 - 8:30 p.m

South Austin Multipurpose Center, 2508 Durwood.

D.N. Association:

Approval of minutes.

Old Business:

New Business: CDC nominations and election. House demolitions

Adjourn 7:30 p.m.

D.N. Planning Contact Team:

Approval of minutes:

Membership report:

Old Business:

New Business: Infinite Monkey nery vote. Other developments.

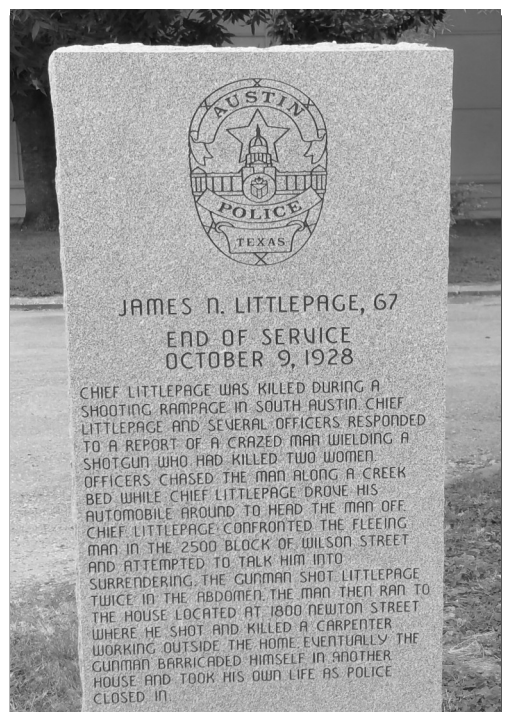
Adjourn 8:30pm

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

Be nice to the environment and use your City of Austin bins to recycle and compost.

Neighbors – Stay in Touch!

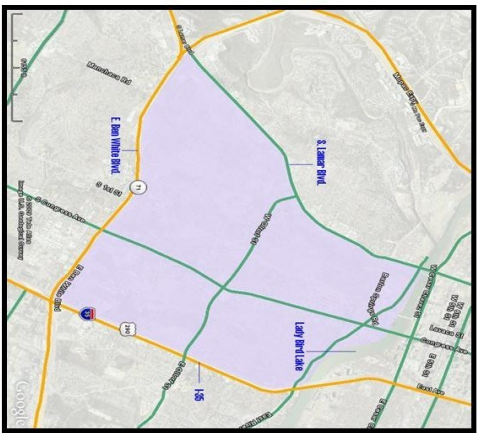
Join the DNA Yahoo site for notices about events, missing or found pets, garage sales & other news. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DawsonNeighborhood> or email DawsonNeighborhood-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.



APD officer memorial installed at corner of Cumberland and Wilson. (Trinity Abundant Life Church)

Many thanks to the sponsor of this newsletter!

Seeking Nominations for the South Austin Neighborhood Seat on the Community Development Commission



Date: Monday August 10th, 2015

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Please plan to arrive no later than 6:30 pm to ensure you will be present to vote when the vote is taken.

Location: South Austin Multi-Purpose Center - 2508 Durwood 912-6840 (for directions)

- This meeting will be to nominate and elect a representative to the Community Development Commission.
- To be eligible to nominate and vote, you must be 18 yrs of age or older, must reside within the identified geographic area (see map on the left) and must be present at the meeting.
- Those who are nominated must be a resident of the identified geographic area. (see map on the left)
- Must bring proof of age and that you reside within the identified geographic area (drivers license, ID, utility bill, etc.) (see map on the left)

For more information about the commission

Visit the Office of the City Clerk website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/city-clerk>

Should you have questions concerning the nomination/election process contact

Sandy McMillan, smandpd@earthlink.net

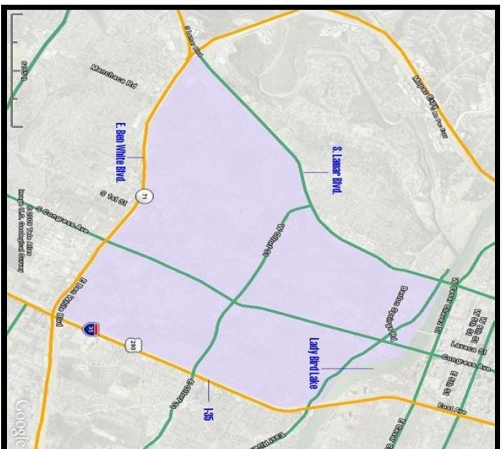
Remember: Your nomination will not be considered unless you are present at the meeting.

Servicios de traducción estará disponible en la junta.

Other Planning applications.

1. Great Outdoors on S. Congress (SP-2015-0238C) is planning to construct a landscape nursery building
2. 2901 S.1st (SP-2015-0290T) Deutchmanns application for a shared parking between the office and restaurant by restricting hours of use.

Buscando nominaciones para el asiento del sur de vecindario de Austin en la Comisión del Desarrollo de la Comunidad



Fecha: Lunes 10 de Agosto, 2015

Hora: 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Favor de llegar a las 6:30 pm, *no mas tarde* para asegurar que usted estara presente para votar

Sito: South Austin Multi-Purpose Center 2508 Durwood 912-6840 (para direcciones)

- Esta junta será para nominar y elegir a un representante a la Comisión de Desarrollo de Comunidad.
- Para nominación y voto, debes ser mayor de 18 años de edad, debes residir dentro del área geográfica identificada (véase el mapa a la izquierda) y debes estar presente en la junta.
- Las personas nominadas deben ser residentes del área geográfica identificada (véase el mapa a la izquierda)
- Debe traer comprobante de edad y prueba que reside dentro del área geográfica identificada (licencia de conducir, identificación, cuenta de utilidades publicas, etc.) (véase el mapa a la izquierda)

Para más información sobre la comisión

Visita el sitio de internet de la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/city-clerk>

Si tienes preguntas referentes al nombramiento o al proceso electoral, favor de comunicarse con

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Recuerda: Tu nombramiento no será considerado si no estas presente en la junta.

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3. 121 Pickle Road also includes an upcoming conversion of the Beverage Barn into a restaurant that will share parking with the other businesses at that address.
4. The Proposed Hotel at 2510 S. Congress requires a compatibility setback variance for a driveway. See a set of plans at our website.

DNA 6-8 15 Draft Minutes:

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. **Guest:** Officer Robert Barboza gave a presentation and answered questions. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Sandy McMillan, Secretary

DNPCT Meeting Draft Minutes, June 8, 2015

Minutes approved as written in the newsletter. Membership report, new members welcomed. Mike McHone and spoke about the hotel to be built on S. Congress in the location of the Taste of China restaurant. Concerns re. impervious cover and flooding discussed. The plan team will have to approve a variance re. fire lane but not anytime soon. Presentation from Crux Climbing Center at 2100 Pickle Road; no plan team action required. Neighbors' concerns re. parking and impervious cover seem to be taken into account; facility will open around January 1, 2016. Meredith Berman spoke about the Infinite Money Theorem winery, to be in the same building as the climbing gym. Most of the space will be manufacturing and the property is zoned for light manufacturing. The presence of the tasting room requires a conditional use permit since it's located close to SF properties (but city code doesn't require the same setbacks and zoning as a bar). The winery is hoping to be running by late July or August, with the conditional use permit to follow. Currently the entrance will be on Pickle only; using the Lessin entrance will be an option but not a desirable one. Neighbors expressed concerns re. parking, traffic and noise and were assured that these concerns will be addressed. Quick discussion of the surveys, both the city's and the DNA/Plan Team. Talk about trails and the pond but no action taken. Meeting adjourned.