

Dawson Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Dawson Neighborhood Association
and Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
www.dawsonneighborhoodassociation.org

Jan/Feb 2022

Coming Soon: HEB Baby!

— Diana Claitor

Great moments in Dawson neighborhood may not have made the national news, but they still resonate in our collective memory. We had the night of the famous shelter-in-place order when APD sealed off all the entrances and egresses to the hood, so that those of us away on errands couldn't return home while APD searched for a man with a rifle who turned out to have left hours ago on his own errands.

Then we had the afternoon of Obama, when the prez's motorcade screeched to a halt at Torchy's so he could wolf down three tacos—an Independent, Democrat and a Republican¹—while the entire staff videotaped him on their phones and a bunch of us cheered like mad from where we'd been sequestered in the driveway of the gas station/convenience on Sacramento Street.

None of that is as exciting as the fabulous new HEB coming to anchor the corner of South Congress and Oltorf. We're talking all-gold escalators, modeled after Trump Towers in NYC, and a three-story covered parking garage featuring a water park at one end and a beach at the other. Take that, Whole Foods! So fabulous, this bop² deserves a special new name: HEB Baby!

And for those who hate driving, hop onto the Musktunnel—Elon is building us a giant underground tube accessible at each street corner. Grab a bubble and be whisked through a Musktunnel to be spewed out into the lobby of HEB Baby!

And the food shopping there will take a back seat to the fabulous entertainment. Dance to the sounds from the DJ booth—hello 1 Marshmello! Within only a few yards, you'll be able to get inked at the tattoo parlor, all on a live video feed, so shoppers can watch your tattooer pound skin on store-wide monitors as they buy artisanal tomatoes.

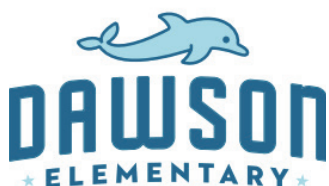
Best of all, a full-on music venue will be on top of the building, with vari-lights and top-quality loudspeakers, digital processing, reverb enhancing equipment and fancy pants microphones. They're going all out for the inaugural performance—the Stones! Yes, we'll miss Charlie Watts but still!

So much poppin' at HEB Baby! but I'm a little disappointed that they are not building us a South Austin FC stadium too.

1. The Independent and the Republican were both removed from the Torchy's menu in 2020, "because of low sales." [The Republican appears to be back on—Ed.]
2. Grab the Urban Dictionary, dude.



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Dawson Elementary serves children ages 3 to 12 years.

Please contact Dawson's office at 512-698-9151, to set up a time for a tour.



Ladybird Lake--Eliot Kimber

Next Meeting

Monday, Feb 14, 6:30
Online meeting

Agenda

Neighborhood Association

1. Approval of minutes
2. Gillis Park
3. Changing businesses in the neighborhood
4. City work in the neighborhood: streets and utilities
5. Events in and near the neighborhood

Plan Contact Team

1. New and ongoing building projects in the neighborhood
1. Shared Streets survey from the city of Austin

Austin Energy Virtual Community Meeting

Austin Energy is holding an online virtual community meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

The meeting flier says:

During the meeting, you get to weigh in on how Austin Energy can better serve

its customers to meet energy-saving and sustainability goals.

The virtual session will be interactive and will be hosted & moderated by Adisa

Communications to allow the opportunity for questions and answers.

Go to [Bit.ly/AEFebMeeting](https://bit.ly/AEFebMeeting) to register for the meeting.

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We meet on the 2nd Monday of February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Comment on Proposed Changes to Tree Rules Through February 28

From City of Austin Development Services:

The Development Services Department is seeking community feedback about proposed changes to tree-related rules in the City of Austin's Environmental Criteria Manual. You are receiving this communication because you have been specifically identified as a stakeholder in this process.

The amendments under consideration have been drafted to:

- Delete outdated and inaccurate content
- Address new technology, construction methods, and urban forestry concerns that have emerged since the last significant update
- Reorganize and rewrite existing rules to better align with code

The City Arborist will host two webinars to discuss this important issue in greater detail. We invite you to attend either session.

- Tuesday, Feb. 15, 6 – 8 p.m. (Register)
- Thursday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m. – noon (Register)

You are also welcome to read about the proposed changes and provide your feedback through February 28, 2022 on this dedicated SpeakUp Austin page.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact DSDCommunications@austintexas.gov.

St. Edwards Fireworks in February

From St. Edwards:

On Saturday, February 26, St. Edward's University will celebrate the inauguration of our 24th president, Dr. Montserrat 'Montse' Fuentes. We will end the celebration with a fireworks display at 7:30pm which will conclude within 10 minutes. Please mark your calendars and plan for the fireworks.

Dawson Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes, December 13, 2021 (Virtual meeting via Zoom)

Julie Woods, President, called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes approved.
2. DNA officers elected for 2022:
 - President: Julie Woods
 - Vice President: Andrew McCann
 - Secretary: Rebecca (Becky) Sheller
 - Newsletter Editor: Eliot Kimber

Minutes of Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team December 13, 2021

(Virtual meeting via Zoom)

1. Approval of December 2021 minutes
2. Officers elected in December
 - Jason Callahan, Don Dory, Mike Moody, Eliot Kimber, Rebecca Sheller, Julie Woods
3. Notes on happenings in the neighborhood:
 - Working surfaces of roads in Dawson to be done in 2022 just sealing cracks
 - Shared Streets from City survey Wilson, twice and Lessin, some across S 1st also. <https://www.austintexas.gov/SharedStreets>
 - HEB moving into new temp location, now done
 - Continuing Permits
 - ◇ S 1st bldg across the street from us permitting
 - ◇ Lindsey property follow up
 - ◇ Lessin property follow up: rocks for construction entrance, new posts set, debris capture and fencing set up, and ?
 - ◇ Three houses on Lessin owned by cosmic/Crux landowner are being worked on again floors and walls gone steel beams holding up roof, dirt inside one to maybe for setting up foundation?
 - ◇ 205 and 207 Dunlap now have City Building permit violations on them as of 2.04.22
 - Speed bump repainting and markers replaced
 - Power poles on West Alpine all standing, lines being run
 - City Elections coming up March 1st ,TLWV guide <https://lwvaustin.org/voter-guide>
 - Austin Marathon again February 20, 2022 <https://youraustinmarathon.com/>
4. Meeting adjourned.