

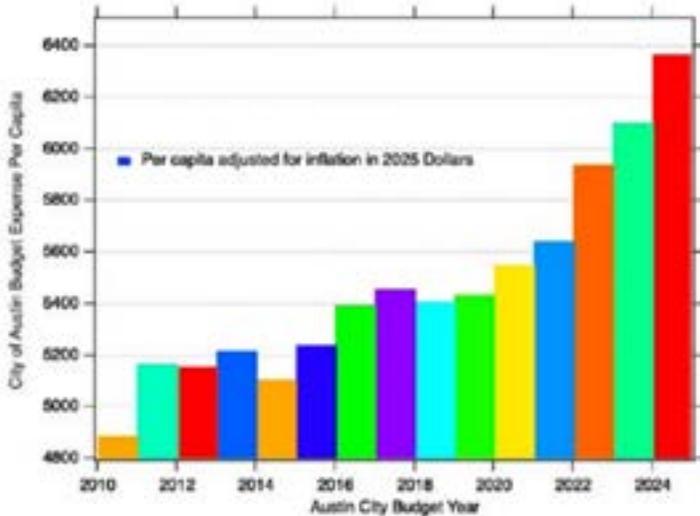
Dawson Neighborhood News

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

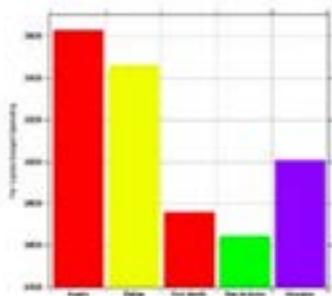
Sept/Oct 2025

Proposition Q by the numbers

— Barbara McArthur for Brentwood Neighborhood Association



Historical Austin Budgets per capita (budget/population) adjusted to 2025 dollars



Austin (with utility portion of budget removed) is the highest per capita budget spending of the major Texas Cities

Texas Cities	Budget	TEXAS CITY POPULATION	TEXAS CITY PER CAPITA
Austin	6,398,000,000	989,202	6,468,440
Austin (with Utility Removed)	3,581,000,000	989,202	3,620,914
Dallas	4,518,000,000	1,300,638	3,469,302
Fort Worth	2,890,000,000	1,211,543	2,386,884
San Antonio	3,960,000,000	1,487,302	2,664,707
Houston	7,000,000,000	2,324,882	3,013,848

Next Meeting

Monday, October 13, 6:30
Twin Oaks Library, 1800 S.
Fifth St.

Agenda

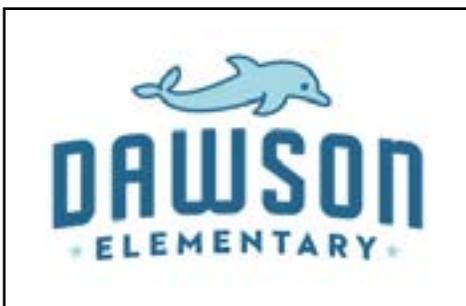
Neighborhood Association

1. Approval of minutes of August meeting
2. S. 1st and Cumberland development (N.W. corner)
3. Nomination of officers
4. Neighborhood topics and announcements

Plan Contact Team

1. Approval of minutes of August meeting
2. Alpine Pond problems.
3. Nominations of officers
4. Dawson Elementary slated for closure
5. Gillis park improvements
6. It's My Park Day

Thanks to Our Sponsor



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.

Editor:

Eliot Kimber,
drmacro@gmail.com

Dawson Neighborhood List Serve: Groups.io

<https://groups.io/g/dawsonneighborhoodassociation>

Find Us On Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/DawsonNeighborhoodAssociation>

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

Tax Bill for Typical Homeowner*

Jurisdiction	FY24	FY25	Change	% Change
AISD	\$1,404	\$1,949	\$545	38.8%
City of Austin	\$1,782	\$1,910	\$128	7.2%
Travis County	\$1,237	\$1,430	\$193	15.6%
Austin Community College	\$488	\$517	\$29	5.9%
Central Health	\$402	\$445	\$43	10.7%
Total Tax Bill	\$7,321	\$8,301	\$980	13.4%

**Total FY 24 to FY25
tax increase for
typical homeowner:
\$980**

TRE SCENARIOS

MARC DUCHEN

Tax Rate Election increases are discussed in "pennies", but increases the budget by millions. The 5-cent tax rate, for a \$500k home will raise just the City portion of taxes by around \$320

TRE	PROPERTY TAX INCREASE	City of Austin Budget Increase FY 25-26
1 penny	7%	\$ 21.9 Million
2 penny	9%	\$ 43.8 Million
3 penny	11%	\$ 65.7 Million
4 penny	13%	\$ 87.6 Million
5 penny	16.1%	\$ 109.5 Million
6 penny	17%	\$ 131.4 Million

2025 TAX & FEE INCREASES

MARC DUCHEN

Austin Energy	-4.01%
Austin Water	0.55%
Austin Resource Recovery	0.58%
Clean Community Fee	0.99%
Transportation User Fee	0.93%
Drainage Utility Fee	6.01%
City of Austin Property Tax	6.32%
CoA Tax with 5-cent TRE	16.1%
Travis County Property Tax	11.68%
AISD Property Tax	3.50%
Central Health Property Tax	6.50%

**Total FY 25 to FY26
for typical homeowner:**

Tax & fee increase

\$961

Total annual cost:

\$13,949

Dawson Elementary Slated for Closure by AISD

The Austin school district has a projected budget shortfall of \$20 million for the next fiscal year and school closures are among the budget-cutting measures under discussion.

Dawson Elementary is on the list of schools to be closed, with students being sent to Galindo Elementary.

The AISD Board of Trustees won't be making a final decision until their November meeting and have not said what they plan to do with the closed facilities.

If you're interested in what the future looks like for the students and the neighborhood, you can attend a community meeting at the school at 8 am on October 27.

Minutes of Dawson Neighborhood Association, Aug 11, 2025 6:30 at Twin Oaks Library

Rebecca Sheller called the meeting to order

1. June minutes approved.
2. A draft resolution to oppose the Mopac expansion was circulated as part of the newsletter. No action was taken. Members expressed concern for our neighbors in Buda/Kyle who need to commute everyday but do not have adequate roads.
3. Various neighborhood topics were discussed including – bike lanes on Lightsey not allowing residential parking, City of Austin budget & tax hike, density without infrastructure, I35 construction over the next decade, Imagine Austin plan, etc.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes of Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team, August 11, 2025

- Only one officer from DNA and DNCPT so the meetings were joined and no motions were moved forward or voted on. Notice to approve minutes as seen on DNA Newsletter.
- Discussions were made around these subjects.
- There is a notice of Lightsey parking problem violations in bike lane. Several cars ticketed. There is no signage to state parking legalities for violations or limited parking at the time.
- AISD opens next week for classes. Be aware of laws about driving in school zones.
- Gillis Pool will close on August 10th.
- City Drainage survey on West Alpine started. Maybe Called Dawson Galindo Drainage Project. Surveyors have been on West Alpine the last several days. This is the early part of project, per surveyors. The person I talked to said they were also in the northern part of the neighborhood doing the same. I called Stormwater, and left message. No return call yet.
- This maybe similar to recently finished pipeline update by Dawson Elementary that just was finished. Or issues with leakage of water lines as there have been several city repairs of West Alpine and Alpine Circle. Need to make contact to confirm.
- Alpine Pond area has a problem with Johnson grass weeds and trash problems. Only plant control attention seems to be cutting along north and south sides and sometimes on east side sidewalk. There has been a lot of trash and dumping of tires and collection bags.
- We need to start noticing Parks Dept. that we would like a new Bathroom built at Gillis Park now to get them to put this in a budget soon.
- IMPDNov 2025 is on 11.01.25. Marty will set up project with APF.