

# Dawson Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Dawson Neighborhood Association  
and Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team  
[www.dawsonneighborhoodassociation.org](http://www.dawsonneighborhoodassociation.org)

Nov/Dec 2025

## Dawson Elementary Food Pantry

— Ashleigh LaRocca, President of the Dawson Elementary PTA

The Dawson Elementary PTA has partnered with Communities in Schools (CIS) to create a small food pantry for Dawson Elementary families in need. Need is great right now, and I know that many folks are looking for ways to benefit their local community; the families in need at Dawson Elementary are local.

## Next Meeting

Monday, December 8, 6:30  
Habitat For Humanity Restore  
500 W. Ben White

## Agenda

### Neighborhood Association

1. Approval of minutes of October meeting
2. Old business
3. New business

### Plan Contact Team

1. Approval of minutes of October meeting
2. Potluck

## HELP US STOCK THE NEW DAWSON FOOD PANTRY



TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Our school is launching a community food pantry to help Dawson families experiencing food insecurity.

We need your help to fill the shelves!

### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

We're collecting non-perishable food items to support Dawson families.

### MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned fruit & veggies, beans & soup
- Rice, pasta & cereal
- Shelf-stable milk & baby formula
- Nut butter & canned protein
- Cooking oil & spices



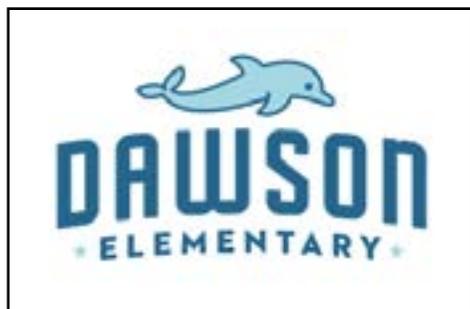
### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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### DROP OFF LOCATION: FRONT OFFICE

Dawson Elementary School  
3001 S 1<sup>st</sup> St Austin, Tx 78704  
Open 8:00am-2:30pm

## 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.

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### 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.

## **Minutes of Dawson Neighborhood Association, October 13, 2025 6:30 at Twin Oaks Library**

Rebecca Sheller called the meeting to order

1. August minutes approved.
2. After Rebecca described the proposed development at 1st and Cumberland, meeting attendees expressed support for Galindo.
3. Nomination of officers: Sheila Fox volunteered to serve as Newsletter Editor. Julie, Eliot, and Rebecca had agreed to continue serving as President, Editor, and Secretary if no others were nominated.
4. Greg described his experiences with The Reyna, an unfinished condominium complex at Reyna/Fort McGruder. The builders stopped work about a year ago due to financial difficulties and current owners are threatening to sue.
5. Cynthia presented a program supported by Habitat for Humanity. Home Base will complete unfinished projects according to plans of previous builders and sell them affordably to firefighters, teachers, etc. HomeBase Texas – 512-865-6091, homebasetexas.org, 500 W Ben White Blvd Ste 100.
6. Cynthia presented a city ordinance for neighborhoods dealing with unfinished projects that attract crime, the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. Cynthia worked with council representative Vanessa Fuentes to clean up a nuisance in southeast Austin.
7. Sheila Fox and neighbors described problems they are experiencing with criminal activities associated with the Village Motor Inn and the shopping center at Havana on South Congress – drug usage, drug dealing, gang activity, prostitution, and theft. Police are aware but not stopping the crime. Cynthia's information about the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance might help if our council representative Jose Velasquez will respond.
8. Amy reported on Gillis Park. She is reposting the park survey for neighbors to express their ideas. Results of the survey can help us get funding for park improvements. After the summer draught, Gillis has no grass and the lighting is irregular.

Meeting adjourned.

## **Minutes of Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team, October 13, 2025**

- Approved August meeting notes.
- We will again be short on officers and leaders at both of the meetings. No decisions can be voted on or recommended to move forward until next meeting. We will also need to elect officers for both groups. Please feel free to volunteer and or recommend your involved neighbors.
- Homeless encampment at West Alpine Pond
- Alpine Pond has encampment problems. A group of appx 6 people and dog camping in small pond spillway. Bed mattress blocking water flow and trash everywhere. Also West Alpine spillway under road has people there on and off and leaving trash. Drug OD also witnessed in Hustler parking lot two weeks ago, one of two taken to Hospital. Drug tools and aluminum foil balls also found later near West Alpine Pond spillway and recently on east side sidewalk behind Hustler.
- City announcement of a new location for a City run homeless navigational/processing center on IH 35 near Oltorf.
- APF is having a meeting on Homeless in the Park in early December.
- DNA south side will held a NNO block party on 11.07 with a notice to city for possible city show ups. We got a fire engine and several Constables to visit. This was done through the localized WhatsApp group for Krebs/Lessin/Post/Alpine area, with over 50 members, families and their kids.
- La Reyna residents have met with a lawyer and recently with builders/owners and loaning bank.
- We also lost a long time resident over the July holidays weekend. Several old time residents have moved away, partly due to certain activity and safety issues.
- Dawson Elementary notice
- Dawson Elementary on the AISD cut list again. Neighbors are worried about what will happen to property.
- City elections soon
- City Voting starting soon. A lot of decisions for voters. See LWVA site: <https://lwvaustin.org/upcoming-elections#gsc.tab=0>
- APD hopes to be fully staffed in 2028 according to APD recruiting timeline.
- Gillis Park IMPD Fall 2025
- IMPD Fall is Nov 1 needs volunteers for mulching and clean up in our park.
- We need to start notifying Parks Dept. that we would like a new Bathroom built at Gillis Park now to get them to put this in a budget soon.
- Gillis Park Survey still active.
- Meeting adjourned