

Dawson Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Dawson Neighborhood Association
and Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
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Jan/Feb 2026

It's My Park Day Spring 2026 at Gillis Park, March 7th

— Martin Harris, Dawson Plan Contact Team Chair

The Spring IMPD is Saturday, March 7th starting at 9am at our Gillis neighborhood park, 2410 Durwood Ave, at the corner of West Oltorf and South 1st, behind the Texaco and Habanero. We will mulch the northern side of the park with 12-14 cubic yards of compost mulch provided by the city. We will also do a cleanup sweep of trash in Gillis Park and along the creek nearby.

Dawson Neighborhood Association adopted this park and has been involved in its upkeep and improvements. DNA and nearby neighbors produced a survey seeking safety and improvement ideas last year.

Open Volunteer Registration will begin February 2nd, and end on the morning of the event, March 7th. Please sign up at the site: <https://www.givepulse.com/event/818830-Gillis-Park-Mulch-and-Cleanup>

You will also need to fill out a liability waiver on the site to volunteer. We are looking for 20-30 people for this task of mulching and cleanup.

Gloves, shovels, transport compost tubs and trash pick up tools will be provided, but feel free to bring your own, if you can. Also dress appropriately as it gets hotter towards noon and bring a water bottle also. Some bottled water will be provided, as well as snack bars.

T-shirts will also be provided for volunteers as well as a list of participating businesses that will provide some sort of thank you, if you visit them on that day and wear your shirt.

Any input from the community to help improve the park will be appreciated.

Please join us for this event!

Next Meeting

Monday, February 9, 6:30
South Austin Rec Center, 1100
Cumberland

Agenda

Neighborhood Association

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

Plan Contact Team

1. Approve 2025 December meeting notes
2. Still need to recommend/elect DNPCT officers to later vote on to fill DNPCT positions.
3. City reached out again to me for contact information
4. Past cold weather..
5. Follow up on transient usage of 3212? South Congress property
6. New transient property usage on Cherry Hill and Krebs.
7. Any change on La Reyna property with builder?
8. Half Price is really moving to Dawson at old Lindsays site
9. Primary Election on March 3rd early voting starts February 17th

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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.

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



Winter comes to Dawson

"Snow" and ice on Wilson St at Cumberland.



Minutes of Dawson Neighborhood Association, December 8, 2025 6:30 at Habitat for Humanity Restore

Julie Woods called the meeting to order

1. 2026 DNA Officers elected: Julie Woods, President; Eliot Kimber, Vice President; Sheila Fox, Newsletter Editor; Rebecca Sheller, Secretary.
2. October minutes approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes of Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team, December 8, 2025

- Meeting was mostly a Pot Luck held at Habitat for Humanity.
- We approved October meeting notes. Recommend/elect DNPCT officers to vote on to fill DNPCT positions. Need to do next meeting. Imagine Austin is still alive and city is starting to reach out again.
- Stormwater has been to West Alpine Pond encampments several times since last meeting. A roll around dumpster was almost filled from the two encampments around the pond from first notice. Another group moved in within a week. So still problems with West Alpine Pond due to people occupying the spillways and blocking the east sidewalk at times. Trash and drug use is visible. A blow up mattress placed in small pond culvert again. City has cleaned up both areas yet again after call made.
- Marty went to a City/Austin Parks Foundation meeting on the encampments and other problems in the parks last weekend.
- Break-ins and porch pirates increase in area.
- Resident came to talk about a commercial property on South Congress that has been unoccupied for years and now has seen transients coming in and out. We mentioned calling 311/911 when people noticed inside building and possible nuisance claims be started. Need follow up at next meeting.
- Meeting adjourned for pot luck