

Bouldin Bulletin

Parks Update and History

— M. Coldwell

Parks Committee Chair, Ingrid Weigand, reports that our annual Spring neighborhood-wide parks clean-up day is postponed to June 2021. This delay follows the advice from the Austin Parks Foundation who also postponed "It's My Park Day" to June. For now, we encourage families to help out a little and pick up trash while they use the greenbelt or any of the parks.



Looking back in time, we know that fossils exposed in the limestone of East Bouldin creek, near Nicholas Dawson park, originated from the late Cretaceous period, about 85 million years ago. Forty four years ago in 1977, UT geologist Dr. Kip Young, wrote in the Guidebook to the Geology of Travis County, "We cannot emphasize enough that many unique geological phenomena are on private property." That was the case for the area we now enjoy as Nicholas Dawson Park.

Before 1982 this area was privately owned by the Dawson family. Recent articles and letters donated to the BCNA from ex-president Gail Armstrong reveal that the City of Austin purchased a narrow strip of land in 1982 along East Bouldin creek from resident, Joe J. Dawson. This first of two purchases, was a strip of land along the south side of the creek approximately between South Third & South First

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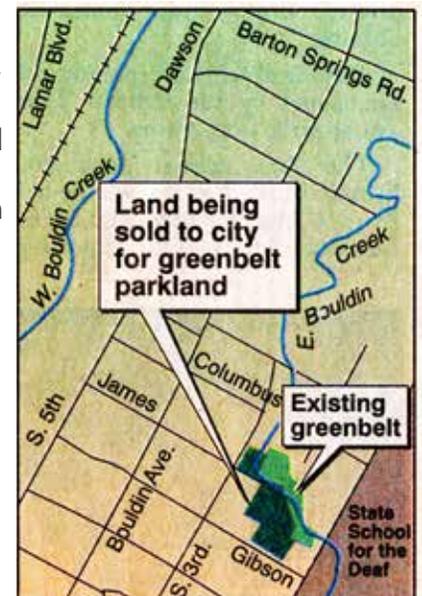
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streets. While this purchase fulfilled a long term vision to create a greenbelt along the creek, it did not include neighborhood access to the creek.

A second purchase from the Dawson family occurred in 1993 when the City Council ratified purchase of 2.1 acres of property for the sum of \$156,000. It included the area bordering James & West Gibson streets. Those are the properties that contributed many big oak trees and street access to the creek. In a Statesman article, it was made clear that a successful conversion of the land into a viable park and greenbelt relied upon Neighborhood Association involvement.

Since it has become a neighborhood pocket park, the BCNA has partnered and supported the City with organized volunteer clean-ups, trail and garden bed maintenance, and successfully managed grants from the Austin Parks Foundation.

By acquiring these properties the City helped to protect and make accessible our natural treasures, or as Dr. Young stated, "unique geological phenomena."



This last year, due to the Coronavirus, has affected all of us in ways too numerous to count. The vaccines now becoming available hold great promise for a return to a semblance of normalcy, but that process will not be fully implemented until later this year. Regardless, we all adapt and persevere as best we can.

The Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association had to do that as well. In March, our Steering Committee and General Association meetings went virtual on Zoom. We stuck to our original calendar of bi-monthly meetings and had Officer and Sector Representative elections in December. We have several new officers and sector reps and I call your attention to their names and contact information on the last page of this Bouldin Bulletin.

As it pertains to 2021, there will be some BCNA changes. Many of you have noticed that the forum is now hosted by groups.io rather than yahoo as in the past. We will be looking at updating other communication channels as well as the year goes on. We will continue virtual meetings for the foreseeable future, but the General Association Meetings will be quarterly instead of bi-monthly. Four Bouldin Bulletins will be published to correspond to those meetings and the agenda and log in information will be on the BCNA Forum prior to the meetings.

As stated in our Bylaws, the objective of your neighborhood association is to preserve and improve the quality of life in the neighborhood and provide support in matters of neighborhood concern.

We will continue to do that in 2021. Adapt and persevere.

Stay informed on neighborhood meetings, events, street closures, and more at [Bouldincreek.org](https://bouldincreek.org)

Changes in the neighborhood

I never knew what car I might spot walking past Dave's Perfection Automotive. Sometimes it was a rusted "before" shell of a car and other times it was a shiny, fully restored classic loading onto Steve's retro trailer. Recently, I noticed the yard was cleared of cars only to discover that the shop has permanently closed its garage door.

Just next door, Mumtaz Market, sister restaurant to G'Raj Mahal, opened during a very challenging year. It is filling the neighborhood with South Asian aromas, and the hand painted mural on the north exterior wall fits right in on the block.

Farther north on South 1st Street, Word of Mouth opened a second location in the building that formerly housed Seventh Flag Coffee. And a bit up the road from there, Sway has closed their original location at Elizabeth and South 1st St. According to Eater Austin, a second location of Hopfields is slated to fill the space. As the saying goes, when one door closes, another opens.

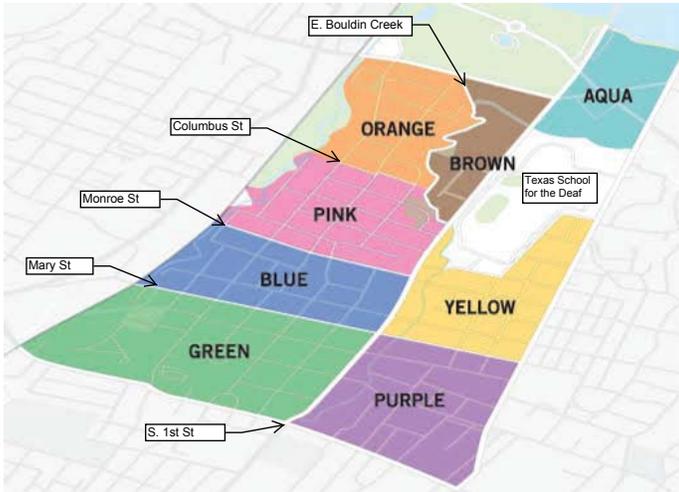
BCNAForum

BCNAForum@groups.io Serves the 'Hood

— M. Coldwell

During the recent freeze in February the neighborhood list serve has proven to be a benefit in many ways. While communication from the City was at times vague, the BCNAForum served as a way for neighbors to know what was really going on within our neighborhood boundaries. Messages of help, advice and reassurance kept many neighbors informed during the black out and water outage. Even more significant was they way the BCNAForum helped connect neighbors with one another – for water cutoff tools, or other helpful resources. One of the things that the BCNA does is pay for this forum. It is a unique service to our hood that we support without advertisement or fees. As a resident in the hood you can sign up to the forum by going to: <https://groups.io/g/BCNAForum/join>

Sector Information



Discover which BCNA Sector you reside in at:
<http://www.bouldincreek.org/sector-map/>

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Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association Meeting Schedules

General Association:

2nd Tuesday every 3rd month, 6:45 pm on Zoom

2021 Dates: March 9, June 8, September 14, December 14. (Watch the BCNA Forum@groups.io, and Bouldincreek.org

Steering Committee:

1st Monday of each month, subject to change for Holidays, etc. (same time/place as General Association meetings)

Zoning Committee:

2nd Monday of each month, subject to change for Holidays, etc. (same time/place as General Association meetings).



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MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to join the Neighborhood Association to be able to vote or pledge a candidacy, please send your name, address, phone, and email to:

Ronnie Dittmar treasurer@bouldincreek.org

or

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PO Box 3683
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