

## Recap on the 2nd Dawson National Night Out August 6, 2024, 5-5:45 pm

**Committee:** Liz Kirby, Bonnie Gray, Peggy Rath

**Sponsors and Contributors:**

Wilson Design Studio – fused glass artwork

Roxanne Bradshaw and Dave Reinke– Ito's Restaurant – gift certificate and Pizza Madness Restaurant

MoMo Restaurant - Gift certificate

Castle Craft – a flagpole

Bean Pedaler – complimentary beverage coupons

Dawson Ranch HOA Board

And of course our sponsors:

(for the face painter): Garman Energy Consultants

National sponsor Starbucks Coffee

The activities committee started planning on March 1 and met monthly through June for this August event on March 1. During July we communicated and stayed active though there was no meeting. We got nother permit from the City for using the same lot we used last year on Wild Rose near Mariposa. The City even mowed the site again, as last year.

To advertise, we posted on the HOA website and in Nextdoor posts. We also placed 8 signs at intersections throughout the neighborhood; Eve Nagode created the signage which was mounted on H-brackets. If this event happens again, 10 signs would have covered the need better. Zip-tying the signs to stop signs at intersections was the best method for placing them securely against winds.

Set-up was simple. Sarah Dolph loaned a table and large canopy. There was a cooler for water bottles. We set up the prizes and ticket station for the free drawing. We were set to draw for 8 prizes, but we only had 3 drawings due to the rain. People had fun with it all, and the atmosphere stayed mellow

The firefighters and truck from Station 2 did come out. The children and some of the adults enjoyed their tour of the fire truck! And the fire fighters appreciated the gift bags donated by our local Starbucks. Thanks to Garman Solar for sponsoring local face painter Desiree Irwin who got in a few customers before the rain came. Desiree brought her own set-up (canopy and table).

Rain did bring things to an abrupt end at 5:45. Because of weather, Police Chief Schick had already canceled the police event in town as well as their appearance at the Dawson Ranch event.

About 35 people attended this year, in spite of the glowering sky! This included about 5 children in the mix of familiar friends from the neighborhood, some who had attended last

year's event, and also a good turnout of new people including some new to Dawson. Everyone very much enjoyed spending time getting to know one another. At the end, quite a few people, including the fire department crew, helped pack up, even in a driving rain.