



WootenNews

A newsletter serving the Wooten community

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Letter from the president

Think like a criminal. Wootenites have had presentations and newsgroup discussions about crime prevention, but the information bears repeating. It struck me as I was walking my dog through the neighborhood passing cars: What would a criminal do to this car?

I saw change in the cupholder of one car and a blender new in its box in another. And this was on the street—not in driveways. It made me think of what I leave visible in my own car.

The 9/15 Commander's Forum focused on auto theft, expanding on the basic rule: *Lock your car, and hide valuables or take them with you.* With burglary as the #1 crime in our area, and 600 cases reported the previous month, it's up to us to keep our cars as unattractive to thieves as possible (and avoid incurring a \$200 fine for leaving your keys in your car, as reported at the forum).

Leaving valuables in plain sight is the first thing the police tell us *not* to do. So this holiday season, make your car and possessions less desirable. Think what might catch a criminal's eye ... then be sure nothing's there for criminals to see.

Sincerely,
Adam Turner, WNA President
president@wootenna.com

Tip: Keep a record of all your possessions, including serial numbers and photos, in a secure place (safe, safe-deposit box, online).

Next WNA meeting

Monday, Nov 9 7:00pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church
1500 W. Anderson @ Burrell

About our district

Of the seven Austin districts, Wooten is at the northern boundary of Baker 3 (I-35 on the east, Loop 1 and Lake Austin on the west, Lady Bird Lake on the south). Our district representative for Baker 3, Officer Rolando Gutierrez, looks for trends in Wooten, responds to our concerns, and (our favorite) can conduct a security survey of your home that might reduce your insurance premium.

- Sr. Police Officer Rolando Gutierrez
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Central West Commander's Forum

At the next Commander's Forum, learn about the Austin Police Department's Web-based notification tool, CitizenObserver <www.citizenobserver.com>.

Please come! Having Wooten well represented among people from the large area they cover shows that we're aware, interested in and committed to a safe neighborhood.

Next Commander's Forum:

- Dec 8, 6:30pm
McCallum High School
5600 Sunshine Dr

Best deal in the neighborhood.

Join the Wooten Neighborhood Association. Bring \$5 to the next meeting or mail it to:

WNA
P.O.Box 10171
Austin TX 78766

Name/e-mail: _____

Wooten address: _____

Neighborhood concerns: _____

Annual membership period is Oct 1 - Sept 30.

Crestview-Wooten Plan

Concerned about neighborhood improvements and future development? Join Wooten's contact team, which reviews proposed amendments to land use outlined in the Crestview-Wooten Combined Neighborhood Plan.

Next meeting:

- Nov 18, 6:30pm
- Meeting info and text of the plan: www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/wooten.htm

Burnet Middle School report

The new principal, Mr. Cesar Martinez, asks the community to volunteer as mentors and tutors to help build trust and mutual respect between the students and the community:

- Principal's office: 414-3225

Holiday caroling

Start brushing up your tra-las for our annual evening of neighborhood caroling:

- Dec 14, 7pm
Janie Riley's, 1804 Teton

Congratulations to our new officers

Vice President Joy Roberts and Treasurer Opie Gonzales join returning President Adam Turner and Secretary Carolyn Spock on the WNA board.

Many thanks to outgoing officers Marilyn Rogers and Janie Riley for their dedication over the past year.

Connect!

- Wooten newsgroup: groups.yahoo.com/group/wootenna/ Discuss topics from crime to new businesses to lost pets to garage sales.
- Central West police district groups.yahoo.com/group/centralwestdr/ APD district and crime information.
- Crestview For Sale: groups.yahoo.com/group/crestview_forsale/ Items for sale, fundraisers and services offered in our North Austin neighborhoods.



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