Burnet 183 Anderson

WootenNews

A newsletter serving the Wooten community

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Next WNA meeting

Monday, March 12, 7:00pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church cafeteria
1500 W. Anderson (Burrell Drive entrance)

Neighborhood Watch kickoff

Monday, Feb 20, 7:00pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church cafeteria
see flyer for details

President's letter

It's been an exciting few months in Wooten.

A core team of Wooten Neighborhood Association members is hard at work reviving our neighborhood watch program, and will be sharing the details with you in upcoming meetings and newsletter editions. They've worked very hard to raise funds for new neighborhood watch signs, learn from active and successful watch programs in other neighborhoods, and put together a plan to make our community a closer-knit and safer place for all our residents.

Please consider attending the upcoming meeting on February 20 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church cafeteria to demonstrate your support and learn how simple it is to be involved.

The city has unveiled both short- and long-term plans for the Burnet Road corridor from 183 to 2222 that include bike lanes, medians, tree-lined streets, improved crosswalks, and quite a few other improvements. It's all dependent on funding, though.

Turn the page for more details, and watch our **website** or join our **Yahoo group** to find out about key city bond proposal meetings you can attend to show your support for Burnet Rd improvements.

The short-term improvements are proposed on Burnet Road from Koenig to Anderson Lane—with the Anderson intersection being a major focus. Long term, the proposal hopes to concentrate on Burnet from Anderson Land to 183. None of it will happen without our advocacy and support.

Our neighborhood association attendance is growing stronger with each meeting as new and long-time residents alike take interest in the development in our area. I hope to see you at our next meeting—it's still only $5 to join, and some great ideas (like a Wooten Park kite festival) are being discussed to showcase our great community. There is no pressure to get involved—just show up and share your ideas.

—Joshua Merritt

HAVE YOUR SAY. WNA members have plenty to talk about—join the conversation.
Bring $5 to the next meeting or mail it to: **WNA / Box 10171 / Austin TX 78766.** Annual membership period is Oct 1 - Sept 30.

Name: _____

e-mail: _____

Wooten address: _____

Neighborhood interests and concerns: _____

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Burnet Road changes and improvements

Changes are coming to our neighborhood's western border, as explained in the following letters from Steven Zettner of Sustainable Neighborhoods of North Central Austin and Steve Rogers of the Wooten Neighborhood Plan Contact Team. Contact Zettner for details of the proposed safety and access changes to Burnet Road.

Safety improvements bond package

Sustainable Neighborhoods is working with neighborhoods across North Austin on a plan to get **pedestrian safety improvements** for Burnet Rd on a proposed 2012 bond package.

If you would consider attending a meeting or signing a petition in support of Burnet safety improvements, PLEASE email back your name, phone number and an expression of interest. At this stage we don't need a firm commitment.

While we are planning for the bond package, we are also still trying to understand what changes would really happen if we got the funding. We have a follow-on meeting with City staff to clarify what might really happen, and whether it's what is really best for our neighborhoods. Either way, we want to be prepared to move quickly! If we move ahead in support of the bond package, we will have to move FAST.

Thanks, and please forward to friends or neighbors who might be interested.

Steven Zettner <**szettner@austin.rr.com**>, President
Sustainable Neighborhoods of North Central Austin
snaustin.org

See images of the proposed changes to Burnet at **http://www.snaustin.org/burnet_crosssections**

Zettner has mentioned these improvements and proposals on Burnet at the intersection with Anderson Lane and immediately north:

- On Burnet north of Anderson, the City will stripe bike lanes and narrow car lanes almost immediately, regardless of the bond package.
- A revamping of the Burnet-Anderson intersection that could include "corner clips": small acquisitions of land at each corner of the intersection to deepen the pedestrian zone and make waiting and crossing safer and more comfortable.
- Pavement in crossings and in the center of the intersection to be replaced with brick to make cars slow down and be more aware of pedestrians.

8100 Burnet Road rezoning and development

The Public Hearing at the Platting Commission about the proposed rezoning of **8100 Burnet Rd** has been postponed to a later time by request from the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood. (This means no hearing on February 7. New date to be announced later.)

The Wooten Neighborhood Plan Contact Team intends to support the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood in its response to this request.

The North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association has called a special meeting of its membership to discuss this issue. They have graciously invited interested individuals from the Wooten Neighborhood to attend their meeting.

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association Special Meeting
Thursday, Feb 16
6:30-8:00 PM
Pillow Elementary School cafeteria
3025 Crosscreek Dr.

Steve Rogers <**rogers@wootenna.com**>
Chairman, WNPCT

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North Austin Trailer Yard comes to Anderson Lane

If local entrepreneurs Rob Higgs and Chuck Watkins have it their way, Wooten will soon have a few new dining options on Anderson Lane—at least six of them. The North Austin Trailer Yard (NATY) is becoming a reality at 1012 W. Anderson Lane.

Higgs and Watkins own Snarky's Moo Bawk Oink food trailer, which is open onsite now for weekday lunch, specializing in slow-roasted beef, chicken and pork sandwiches such as Cubano, bahn mi and cheesesteak.

Future NATY trailers, such as Genuine Joe's with coffee and post-workout shakes, will be open various hours. As it develops, the NATY will have a covered dining area with shared seating, free wi-fi, and market days for local vendors to sell their goods

Watch for progress reports at **SnarkysAustin.com** and **TheNATY.com**.

Recycling Q&A

Wondering about the finer points of what to include or leave out of recycling cart? Watch for this recurring article about proper recycling.

Q: Can dry cat and dog food bags be recycled?
A: Yes, both plastic and glossy paper bags can be recycled.
Q: Can aluminum foil be recycled?
A: No. Place aluminum foil and disposable plates, pans and trays in your garbage.

Send your questions to Marilyn Rogers, **rogers@wootenna.com**.

More about trash

If you're so good at recycling that you never fill your regular garbage cart, a new smaller size is available. The 21-gallon cart measures 24" x 19.75" x 34.5" and reduces collection rates by 75 cents per month. Call 311 to change cart sizes.

Hazardous waste disposal

And for stuff you shouldn't throw into either your garbage or recycling, the City of Austin Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility, which is open to City of Austin and Travis County residents to safely dispose hazardous waste, acccepts dropoffs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Address and information at:
austintexas.gov/department/household-hazardous-waste

Connect with your neighborhood online

Join your neighbors online to stay informed and discuss topics from crime incidents to new local businesses to garage sales.

- Wooten's blog: **WootenNA.com**
  Includes this newsletter, with clickable links!
- Neighborhood newsgroup:
  groups.yahoo.com/group/wootenna/
  The fastest way to learn and share Wooten info.
- Facebook: **tinyurl.com/28uoo34**
- Wooten Meetup group:
  meetup.com/Wooten-Neighborhood-Group/
- Wooten Elementary PTA: **wootenpta.com**
- Gardening:
  groups.google.com/group/crestview-gardeners
  What's growing and how we grow it in the area.
- For Sale:
  groups.yahoo.com/group/crestview_forsale/ Items for sale, fundraisers and services offered in North Austin neighborhoods, including Wooten.
- Weather station forecast (look for "Allandale North/ Wooten"): **tinyurl.com/36js85**
- Wooten weather history: **tinyurl.com/csvwfs**

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invites you to join us in strengthening our community's security

Do you know how to improve your home's security for $1?

Find out at the

Neighborhood Watch Kickoff

Monday, February 20th

7 – 9 pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church cafeteria

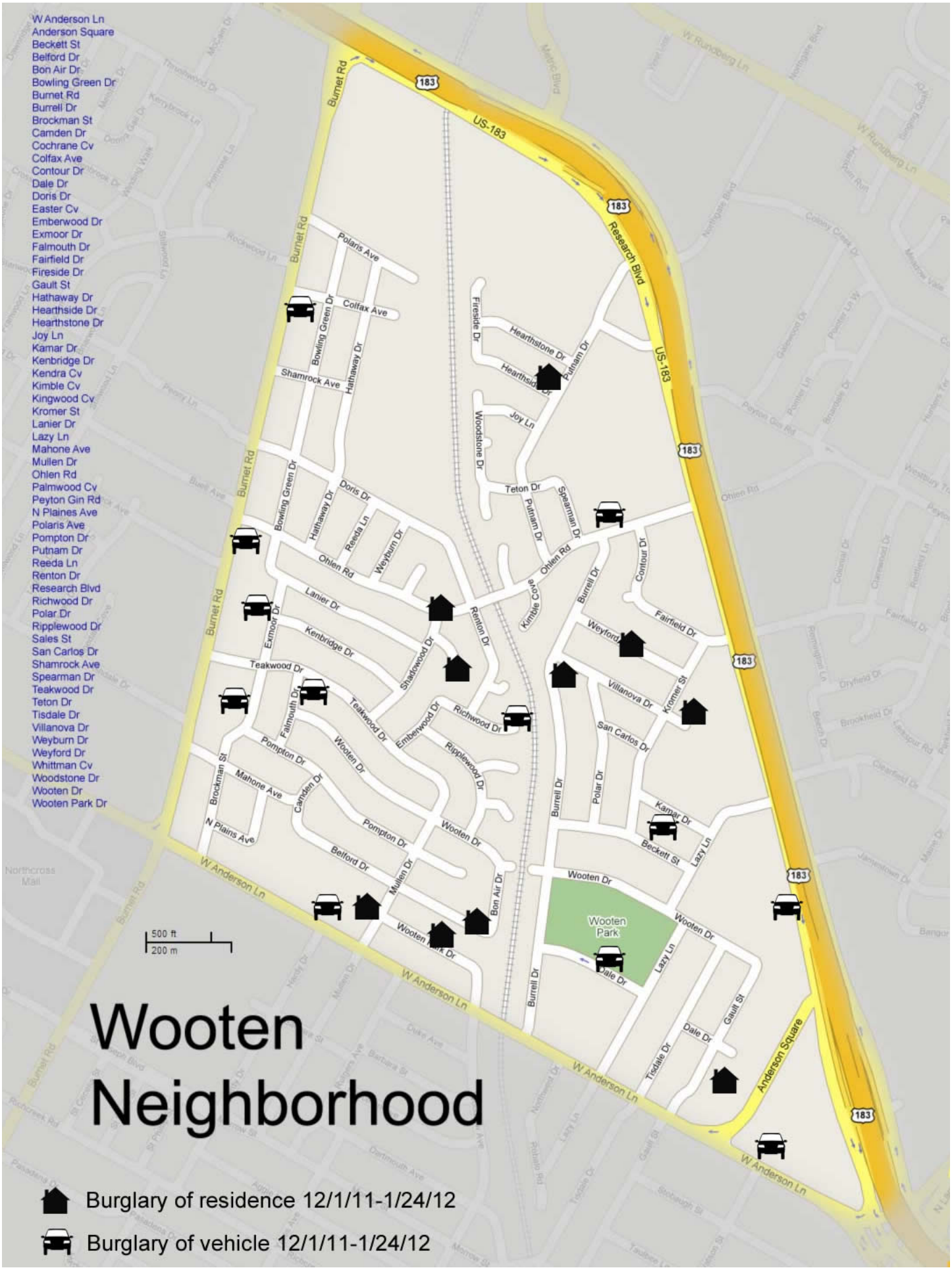
Burrell @ Anderson Lane

- Hear about Neighborhood Watch for your block
- Learn safety best practices (part 1 of a series)
- Volunteer for neighborhood patrols

Start now to create a safer Wooten

- Prevent car break-ins by removing valuables (even spare change), rolling up windows, locking car doors, and setting the car's alarm *every night*. Park off the street when you can.
- Always lock up bikes outside or bring them inside the house.
- Report ***all*** crimes to the Austin Police Department. Call 911 for any suspicious activity in progress; otherwise call 311.

Learn more safety tips at the Neighborhood Watch Kickoff!



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Burglary of residence 12/1/11-1/24/12

Burglary of vehicle 12/1/11-1/24/12