

WootenNews

A newsletter serving the Wooten community

July 2012

Wooten Neighborhood Association • Box 10171 • Austin, Texas 78766 • blog: wootenna.com

Next WNA meeting *Monday, July 9, 7:00pm*

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

Neighborhood Watch training *Monday 7/16 and Saturday 7/28*

Details and times below

Give back to Wooten—join the WNA board

It's the time of year when neighbors step up and volunteer to serve the neighborhood as officers on the WNA board. Paid WNA members will vote at our September 10 meeting.

The WNA nominating committee members contact paid WNA members for nominations, but anyone may suggest neighbors who live within our Burnet-Anderson-Research boundaries.

If you are interested in running for office, contact nominations@wootenna.com.

- The president runs WNA meetings and arranges for guest speakers, attending meetings in the larger community when issues of concern (such as nearby development) come up. Also receives mail from the city concerning nearby developments.
- The vice president fills in for the president when needed to run meetings, and might attend other meetings to gather information.
- The treasurer collects dues, records attendance, invoices newsletter advertisers, and keeps our legal status with the state up-to-date.
- The secretary takes the minutes of the meetings and posts them to WootenNA.com.

Neighborhood watch training

Over the past 90 days there have been 7 burglaries of residences, 3 thefts (no break in), 4 burglary of vehicles, and 2 auto thefts within the boundaries of our neighborhood.

Be a part of the solution. Join the neighborhood watch program as a block captain or patrol member.

Announcing two training opportunities to get involved in July!

Training for Block Captains and Patrols

- Monday, July 16th, 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church cafeteria
1500 W. Anderson Lane
- Saturday, July 28, 10:30am - 12 noon
North Village Branch Library meeting room
2505 Steck Avenue

Topics will include:

- Reviewing neighborhood crime statistics
- Conducting effective patrols
- Learning how to use neighborhood watch tools
- Discussing appropriate conduct
- Signing up for patrols

For more information, contact:

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Burnet Middle School in bloom

The Peace Garden came as a response to a new initiative we have on our campus called “No Place for Hate.” This is an anti-bullying program that we’re developing here at Burnet. We’re excited about the students taking charge of making changes and standing up against hate and bullying.

The idea for the Peace Garden began at one of our student council meetings. On planting day, the CATCH program provided healthy snacks/meals for the parents, students and teachers. Sponsors of the event were The Garden Club, the Burnet Student Council, Boys & Girls Club, CATCH and a special thanks for the help of our PTA president Mrs. Besa.

We had an incredible turn out! Everyone worked so hard, not only on building our Peace Garden, but also on planting some blooming bushes along the cafeteria windows, pulling out weeds, raking leaves, replanting some of our existing plants to a sunnier place, etc.

Everyone noticed the difference come Monday morning. The kids wanted to plant and beautify more before the year was out.

—*Marisela Marin, sponsor of the Burnet Middle School Student Council and the Garden Club, and Beautification cadre member*

Vampires in your house

TVs, computers, cell phone chargers and other electronics that have standby settings continue to use electricity even when they’re turned off—and these energy suckers can account for up to 10% of your home energy use.

Read more at <http://is.gd/LgItLa>

Are you watering your lawn twice a week?

Watering restrictions are still in effect and we’re allowed to water lawns only once a week: Saturday for odd addresses, Sunday for even. Midnight-10 a.m. and 7 p.m.- midnight. Only allowed to wash cars during those times, too. Whenever I walk in the morning, I see a lot of people watering—perhaps they don’t know; would hate for them to have to pay fines in addition to the ginormous water bills!

—*Linda Ritzen*

- Read more about stage 2 restrictions at austintexas.gov/departments/stage-2-watering-restrictions
- Other water conservation tips: austintexas.gov/departments/water-conservation
- And remember that trees get thirsty too...and need a different kind of watering from lawns. Tips for tree care during drought (PDF): <http://is.gd/golR3M>

Recycled paint? Hey, it's free.

Austin Resource Recovery’s (aka Solid Waste Service) ReBlend paint is a 100% post-consumer, re-blended flat paint (with low VOCs) made from paint collected at the City of Austin’s Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility. Austin ReBlend is available in 5-gallon containers and in two colors, Texas Limestone (off-white) and Balcones Canyonland (dark beige). The paint is available at no charge to nonprofit civic projects and the public for individual projects.

The HHW is located at 2514 Business Center Dr. in Southeast Austin and is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am - 6pm (closed July 4) and Saturdays 7am - noon.

—*Marilyn Rogers*



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And now a word for the dogs

Have you ever heard a dog crying endlessly to be let in and wonder why? Dogs are pack animals and they want to be with their humans more than alone in the yard.

When left in the yard they often don't get the exercise or stimulation we expect because all they really want is to play and hang out with you!

Pet Expert Mikkel Becker on VetStreet.com responded to the question "Is it ok to leave my dog alone in the yard" with the following answer:

I'm afraid the answer is no, as this can cause all kinds of behavior issues. Dogs may display escape behavior, fence fighting, digging and inappropriate chewing.

The article has great advice on this subject as well as tips for keeping your dog entertained if you do leave them out for longer periods:

<http://is.gd/M6HSEZ>

Austin Animal Center has some great tips about heat stress and your pets: <http://is.gd/1DcsIA>
—Melissa Plunkett

Have your own pet tips to share? Send them to newsletter@wootenna.com

What Do I Do With...

What Do I Do With... is an A-to-Z guide to recycling, reusing, composting and more.

austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do/

You better shop around

Some unique businesses have opened around the perimeter of our neighborhood lately. Drop in and say hello if you get the chance:

- **Cool Stuff Furniture**, 8231 Burnet, 323-0711. Multiple Betty Boop statues watch over the collection of unique antiques, consignments and other things you'd like to take home and live with.
- **Austin Guitar House**, 2206 W. Anderson Lane, 243-6036 and austinguitarhouse.com. You've never seen guitars like Oz stocks on the walls of his comfortable "living room" space.
- **Venus Envy**, 1810 W. Anderson, 836-8768. and venusenvyconsignments.com carries formals, plus sizes and costumes with a enviable flair.
- **The North Austin Trailer Yard**, 1012 W. Anderson, 750-5361 and thenaty.com has added trailers. Line up early for ramen, gyros, Genuine Joe to go, and more.



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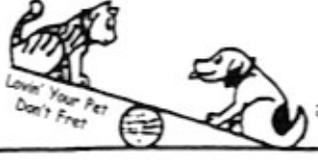
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Includes this newsletter, with clickable links!
- Neighborhood newsgroup:
groups.yahoo.com/group/wootenna/
The fastest way to learn and share Wooten info.
- Wooten on Facebook: tinyurl.com/28uoo34
- Wooten Meetup group:
meetup.com/Wooten-Neighborhood-Group/
- 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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Name: _____ Neighborhood interests and concerns: _____

e-mail: _____

Wooten address: _____