



Next WNA meeting *Monday, May 13, 7:00pm*

Redeemer Lutheran Church library
1500 W. Anderson (Burrell Drive side)

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It's My Park Day

On a beautiful Saturday in March, a hearty group of your neighbors picked up shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows and set out to make Wooten Park a nicer place to visit. Which we hope you'll do, soon and often, to admire the revived walking path, mulched trees and freshly painted tables and signs.



Many thanks to Evan Riffie of **Clean Cut, Mi Tiendita** and **Sherwin-Williams** on Burnet for materials, and **Wheatville Co-op** for snacks. Volunteers included Laura and David Tomlinson; Joanne Clem; Jeff Miller; Jonathan Armstrong; Burton Anderson; Belinda Boone; Jay Garrett; Elizabeth Jakesch; Bryce, Caleb and Nolan Kyburz; Jack and Katy Morrissey; Melissa Plunkett; Steve Rogers; Elliot Rohan; Jessica Stephens; Betsy Thaggard; Richard Whittaker; and Dane who joined us after seeing us on his dog walk. More pictures at WootenNA.com.

Neighborhood Watch

Attend the upcoming **open meeting** to discuss future of our Neighborhood Watch program.

We'll review historical neighborhood crime trends, recruit volunteers, and create plans for future activities.

- Monday, **April 29**, 7pm until no later than 9pm
- **Redeemer Lutheran Church** library, 1500 W Anderson Ln, Austin, TX 78757
From the parking lot on Burrell, walk through the gate at the south end of the building. The library is the first door on the left.

Help Water Wooten's New Bus Stop Trees

The drought continues and temperatures are ... well, you know what's in store. The 23 new trees planted recently to shade bus stops and sidewalks on Burnet and Anderson need your help with watering. All it requires is filling the provided water jugs at home and taking them to your trees once a week when needed.

When these trees are established, they will provide shade and beauty for decades and, we hope, encourage people to use transit, reducing area traffic congestion.

To volunteer, contact Steven Zettner at zettner@snaustin.org.

DON'T LET YOUR NEIGHBORS HAVE ALL THE FUN.

Join WNA. Bring \$5 to the meeting or mail to: **WNA / Box 10171 / Austin TX 78766**. Annual membership runs Oct 1 - Sept 30.

Name: _____

Neighborhood interests and concerns: _____

e-mail: _____

Wooten address: _____

Region 2 news

Wooten is in Region 2, Adam A-1 sector. Our district representative: Officer **Cynthia Roberson**, 974-4117.

DRs are liaisons between the community and the police department. Contact your DR if you suspect code violations, see abandoned vehicles, graffiti, or want to ask her to attend a meeting or activity.

Region 2 Commanders' Forum

Discuss our area's issues and concerns with APD.

- Tuesday, **May 7**, 2013 - 7-8:30 p.m.
- **Parmer Woods**, 12429 Scofield Farms Dr at Parmer Lane, east of Metric

Put this newsletter out of business

The quickest way to learn what's going on in the neighborhood is to participate in our **online groups**. Neighbors discuss new businesses, recommendations, suspicious activities, and more.

Join the conversation at the two most active groups:

- *Wooten Yahoo Group*:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wootenna/>
- *Wooten on Facebook*:
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/wootenneighborhood/>

Both groups require approval to join, which helps limit membership to neighbors and local businesses, and helps excludes spammers.

Participation in these groups can help our neighborhood become more cohesive and better informed, and decrease its dependence on this printed newsletter for sharing important news.

Electronics recycling

In honor of Earth Day, Austin ISD is teaming up with ARC and Electronic Recycling and Trading (ERT) to collect, dispose of and recycle unwanted computers, laptops, monitors, cell phones and fax machines. All materials will be recycled and not end up in a landfill, and participating schools can earn a profit from recycling.

- April 20, 9am to 1pm
- Closest to Wooten:
Gullett Elementary School, 6310 Treadwell Blvd.
Reilly Elementary School, 405 Denson Drive
- Info and more locations: <http://www.austinisd.org/announcements/aisd-launches-community-electronic-waste-recycling-program>

Recycling Q&A

Q: What kind of aluminum can we recycle in addition to cans?

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Yoga in the park

Every Sunday at 4pm, when the weather is nice, Jessica Stephens brings a spirit of *namaste* to Wooten Park's playground. The weekly hour of yoga is for all ages and all levels.

Kids at the playground often sit close and watch, so she brings extra mats and encourages them to join.



Two of her repeat students are a brother and sister whose family left Burundi in exile a few months ago.

"They speak French and a tribal language, and even though they've just learned English, they seem to have a pretty good grasp and were great at following instructions and staying focused on the yoga class—I don't normally expect that from kids," she says.

"Yoga is a great tool to help people feel safe, so I hope it can help these two find peace in their new world.

"Kids as young as 4 have joined us. It's really special to see how intrigued they are by yoga, and it's a great practice for them both mentally and physically."

The first Sunday of the month is free. "I do this to bring the community together and to make yoga accessible for everyone. I also work with blind students.

The other Sundays of the month, I accept donations. This can be cash, check, bartering, or donations of loving kindness."

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Consider Wooten Elementary

As parents of young children, one of the top priorities when we moved into the neighborhood was finding out about Wooten Elementary School.

In our search, we discovered that Wooten was one of the schools in AISD that was starting a two-way dual language program. This means our children would be in a class where kids that have English as their first language would learn Spanish and kids that have Spanish as their first language would learn English. Since neither my husband nor I speak Spanish, we thought this was a great way to have our kids learn a second language at an early age.

After several years in the program (our oldest daughter is now in second grade and started there in kindergarten), our daughter is learning Spanish, doing well with her reading, writing and math in English, and is a happy little girl at school. She loves Wooten is seems proud to go to a school that is teaching her in a different language than her own.

Wooten has been a recognized school since the 2008-2009 school year and they are striving to increase their status even more. The teachers seem to genuinely care about the students—not only academically but also about the total well-being of the student. If you aren't sure that the dual language program is a good fit for your family, they have regular classrooms as well.

Every school has challenges to overcome, but I feel like it's a great place for my little ones to spend their elementary years growing and learning.

-- Kelly Merritt



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Burnet Middle School campus beautification

More nature! Students and faculty, along with community and neighborhood volunteers, spent a recent Saturday morning adding gardens, planters and even a compost bin to the grounds of **Burnet Middle School**.

The school and its Family Resource Center invite you to check out their hard work. To support or join their efforts to improve the campus, contact Norma Maldonado, norma.maldonado@austinisd.org or 841-8288.

Connect with your neighborhood online

- 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.
- Wooten on **Facebook**: <http://on.fb.me/12FjZ71>
- NextDoor: <https://wooten.nextdoor.com/>
- What's growing and how we **grow** it in the area:
groups.google.com/group/crestview-gardeners
- Wooten Elementary **PTA**: wootenpta.com
- Items **for sale**, fundraisers and services offered in North Austin neighborhoods, including Wooten:
groups.yahoo.com/group/crestview_forsale/
- NOAA pinpoint forecast graphs for Wooten:
<http://tinyurl.com/wootennoaa>
- Weather station **forecast**: tinyurl.com/36js85
- Wooten **weather** history: tinyurl.com/csvwfs
- What Do I Do With... is an A-to-Z guide to **recycling**, reusing, composting and more.
austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do/

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