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## **Next WNA meeting**

*Monday, September 9, 7:00pm*

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

## **Agenda will include:**

- Q&A with our APD district rep
- Election of 2013-14 officers

### **Get involved: a note from Sarah**

If you are interested in getting to know people in the neighborhood, I encourage you to get involved in the Wooten Neighborhood Association. As the WNA secretary, I volunteered to take notes at one meeting every other month and then type the minutes and post them on [wootenna.com](http://wootenna.com). My job didn't require much time, and it allowed me to meet great people who are dedicated to making our neighborhood a friendlier, safer and more beautiful place.

For example, Laura and JoAnne write grants and organize tree plantings to beautify Wooten Park, Betsy and Patty build community identity by writing and assembling the Wooten News, and Steve and Marilyn have long provided community leadership, having lived in Wooten for decades. These are just a handful of the generous people who freely give of their time to make our community better for everyone.

As the secretary, I had to listen carefully in order to take accurate minutes at meetings. I quickly learned the names of all the regularly attending members of people in the group. I also learned about the history of our neighborhood and how folks have resolved issues with the city. Also, I got to meet the law enforcement who patrol our neighborhood, and

because of their suggestions, my husband and I have made improvements to our home security.

I encourage you to experience the WNA and even take on a leadership role. Our elections will be at the September 9 meeting, and you must be a dues-paying member (only costs \$5 per year!) to vote or run for office. All you need is the desire, and the WNA leadership team will help you every step of the way. It won't require much time, and you will meet neighbors who will enrich your life. Contact [nominations@wootenna.com](mailto:nominations@wootenna.com). —Sarah Gregory

### **Next meeting: answers to your Wooten questions**

Officer Joe Hebbe of the Austin Police Department will answer your questions about codes, safety and more at the next WNA meeting on Sept 9.

Officer Hebbe is the APD district representative for Region 2, Adam A-1 sector, which includes Wooten and neighborhoods to the north and west ([map](#)).

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about Wooten.



## **SPEAK UP FOR THE FUTURE.**

WNA members help decide what's next for Wooten. Join now. Bring \$5 to the meeting or mail it to: **WNA / Box 10171 / Austin TX 78766**. Annual membership period is Oct 1 - Sept 30.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood interests and concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Wooten welcomes the La Reunion Co-op

Earlier this year, Wooten got some unique new neighbors when the Community Housing Expansion of Austin (CHEA) opened its La Reunion Cooperative at 7910 Gault St. — a democratic apartment-style community operating on cooperative principles.

Tenant-managed co-ops can be attractive to those in search of affordable housing. Currently, full units rent for \$800/month, and a single bedroom is \$400/month. Participation in the \$50/month food program is mandatory and provides each member with three meals per week.

Members participate in the food program and in other ways that enrich the cooperative (or co-op), like performing maintenance tasks. According to their website, this is how they achieve their mission to “create a cooperative housing community that values and strives to support affordability, equality, empowerment, education and the promotion of the fundamental principles of cooperation.”

The co-op’s 40-plus members are expected to perform at least two hours of weekly labor. Labor is the backbone of a cooperative and includes tasks like picking up trash, cooking dinner and gardening. Extra labor can be traded for lowered dues.

This is CHEA’s second co-op. The first was opened in 2002 in the Zilker Park neighborhood by alumni from the College Houses and Inter-Cooperative Council student cooperatives in Austin.

Members of the La Reunion Co-op want to get involved in their community, so they open up their weekly potluck dinners. Those interested in joining, as well as members of the larger community, are invited to bring a dish to share any Sunday at 6pm

La Reunion will have openings this fall and winter. For more about living in this Wooten co-op, email staff at [info@lareunioncoop.org](mailto:info@lareunioncoop.org). —Patty Colligan

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## Sherwin Williams helps with It’s My Park Day

When the store manager of Sherwin Williams, Hector Cruz, was approached about donating paint to repaint the picnic benches and the signs in Wooten Park as part of It’s My Park Day, he did not hesitate for a moment. He was glad to assist. Sherwin Williams Paint Store, located at 7925 Burnet Road, is part of a national and international chain of stores that value neighborhood organizations and being involved in the community in which they serve.

Hector Cruz has been with Sherwin Williams for eight years, and has been the store manager on Burnet Road for two years. Since his store lies within the boundaries of Wooten he felt that this was his way to show a small token of appreciation to the neighborhood for their patronage.

Mr. Cruz donated two gallons of primer and two gallons of paint valued at \$180.00 for the park improvement. We thank Mr. Cruz and Sherwin Williams for the generous donation.

—Laura Lomas Tomlinson

## Wooten artist Darryl Freeman in exhibition

Neighbor Darryl Freeman’s work *3 Houses on Wooten Drive* is on display at the Pondered States exhibition. It runs through Sept. 22 at **Gallery Black Lagoon**, 4301 Guadalupe, viewing by appointment.

See more of his work, inspired by Wooten and beyond, at [darrylsart.com](http://darrylsart.com).

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## 10-ONE redistricting progressing slowly

The 2012 November election brought with it myriad choices for future of the City of Austin. Probably the most press has been given to Proposition 3, a city charter amendment dubbed 10-ONE.

First vote with this change will be in the November 2014 election, when city council members will be elected from the 10 new geographic districts, with one member elected per district.

In essence, this amendment to the City Charter requires a change in the City Council formation and structure of six at-large members. Formation will now be 10 council members, and structure of the 10 single-member districts will be guided by as-yet-undetermined new geographic boundaries.

The 14-member Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC) began holding mapping meetings on July 14 in various communities around Austin.

In total, 14 meetings regarding mapping specifics are required. Citizens will have multiple opportunities to ask questions and to give feedback about the newly proposed single-member district boundaries.

Final versions of the maps should be completed by November 30. As a result of a recent decision by the United States Supreme Court, neither the ICRC nor the State of Texas require pre-approval by the United States Department of Justice in accordance with the Voting Right Act.

All meetings are open to the public, and are held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at City Council chambers or a nearby meeting room at City Hall.

For more information, visit:

- [austintexas.gov/content/independent-citizens-redistricting-commission](http://austintexas.gov/content/independent-citizens-redistricting-commission)
- The 10-ONE website at [austintexas.gov/department/10-one](http://austintexas.gov/department/10-one)

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## Our new series: Victor's flora and fauna

The other day a mantidfly flew across my yard. Mantidflies are so called because they look similar to mantids, commonly called praying mantises because their front legs fold and are held together as if they were praying.

Mantidflies are more closely related to lacewings and antlions than to praying mantises but all are predatory insects. Lacewing larvae look somewhat like tiny alligators, similar in appearance to ladybug larvae. Antlions dig pits in dry sand, forming a sort of cone that their prey fall into. When an antlion detects a prey, it sprays sand up at it, causing it to fall down to the bottom of the pit.

Mantidfly larvae are generally parasitoid on spiders, beetles, wasps, and other arthropods. Members of the Mantispinae subfamily burrow into spider egg sacks and suck the eggs dry. Or they may hitch a ride on a female spider and may even move from one spider to another during a spider encounter.

—Victor Engel

## Think globally, shop (very) locally

Fresh locally grown veggies! Music! Lunch! Neat stuff! Every Saturday, 9am-1pm at the big parking lot on Anderson near Lamar.

The Funkytonk Farmers' Market offers food, plants, antiques, vintage clothing, repurposed furniture, jewelry, and arts & crafts by artisanal designers.

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## Connect with your neighborhood online

- What's growing and how we **grow** it in the area: [groups.google.com/group/crestview-gardeners](http://groups.google.com/group/crestview-gardeners)
- Wooten Elementary **PTA**: [wootenpta.com](http://wootenpta.com)
- Items **for sale**, fundraisers and services offered in North Austin neighborhoods, including Wooten: [groups.yahoo.com/group/crestview\\_forsale/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/crestview_forsale/)
- NOAA pinpoint forecast graphs for Wooten: <http://tinyurl.com/wootennoaa>



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