



WootenNews

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Next WNA meeting *Monday, March 10, 7:00pm*

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

More inside:

- Neighborhood garage sale, May 3
- Safety and crime watch
- Discounts and freebies

President's letter

Dear Neighbors,
I hope that 2014 has gotten off to a great start for you. Since the last newsletter, the city's single-member district lines were finalized, Al Pacino shot a movie here, P.Terry's has broken ground on Burnet, and over 60 trees were planted in Wooten Park by generous volunteer groups and Wooten residents.



The Manglehorn movie shoot (by Rick Krivoniak)

I invite everyone to enjoy the results of the latest "It's My Park Day" workday on Saturday March 1. Improvements include landscaping around the new park sign, flower bed updates, and maintenance on the walking path and picnic tables. Many thanks to our Park Committee and volunteers.

Help in keeping our park looking great is appreciated. If you can support toward these efforts, please donate to Wooten Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 1071, Austin, TX 78766 or online at wootenna.com.

My goal has been to focus on making our park even better, and to continue to improve our effectiveness as neighbors in keeping our neighborhood safe. We can continue to work together on the safety & crime piece by getting to know our neighbors, keeping an eye out for each other and each other's property, calling in suspicious activity, and volunteering for Neighborhood Watch patrol.

If you are interested in helping with these efforts, please join us at our March meeting, or e-mail me at

president@wootenna.com. The little things we do every day can add up to keeping Wooten a safe place to live.

Thanks for all you do to make Wooten great. If I may ever support you in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.
—Chris Gregory

Please join Wooten online

This newsletter comes out quarterly ... but it's important to stay in touch with the neighborhood during the months in between.

You're encouraged to join one or more of Wooten's online groups where neighbors share information and keep an eye out around their homes. Keeping communications open this way helps strengthen our neighborhood ties and keep the news fresh.

- **Nextdoor Wooten** (more about Nextdoor on p.2)
- **Facebook: Wooten Neighborhood**
- **Yahoo!Groups: wootenna**



The Great Wooten Park Tree Planting

Neighborhood garage sale – May 3

Building on the momentum from the It's My Park Day events, WNA Park Committee chairs Laura Tomlinson and Joanne Clem Garrett are organizing a neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, May 3, from 8am-noon. We encourage you to participate.

The event will raise funds for ongoing Wooten Park improvements: landscaping, purchasing and installing a "people and pets" water fountain, and adding more trash cans to keep the area clean.

Please host or join a sale on Saturday, May 3!

Here's how to participate:

- Start gathering those old treasures you don't use any more.
- Notify Laura and Joanne at park@wootenna.com if you can host a garage sale on May 3 (include your address).
- Invite your neighbors to join you!
- Watch wootenna.com and our online groups for updates and a map of garage sale locations.
- Donate any amount (up to 100%!) of the proceeds of your sale to the Wooten It's My Park fund.
- Pat yourself on the back for a job well done!

WANTED: Neighborhood Watch leader

The Neighborhood Watch committee is looking for someone (or a couple of someones) to lead this important effort. This job can be as simple or as involved as you see fit. For more information or to get involved, contact nwatch@wootenna.com



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Virtual neighborhood watch comes to Wooten

Meanwhile, in an effort to take neighborhood security online, the City of Austin, the Austin Police Department and the Travis County Sheriff's Office began partnering with the social media tool Nextdoor in December to provide real-time safety information to members.

Like Facebook with a neighborhood-only network and secure user verification, Nextdoor was originally designed to start community conversations about plumber recommendations and garage sale announcements.

But neighborhoods have increasingly used it to create virtual neighborhood watches, and APD Region 2 district representatives now say they'll use it to share safety information like notices of suspicious behavior and property crimes in Wooten. In emergencies, an urgent post can be sent out via SMS (text message) and email.

Membership in the Wooten Neighborhood Nextdoor group is limited to Wooten residents and requires address verification. Learn more at nextdoor.com.

—Patty Colligan

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Who doesn't want to save a buck?

The 'Rebate Austin' presentation at the library's North Village Branch hosted representatives from several companies, who offered various rebates that are available for Austin residents:

Austin Fire Department:

- Free smoke alarms for those who own and reside in their home and have need for assistance. austintexas.gov/page/smoke-alarms
- Free 10 minute Compression-only CPR class. Austinfireoutreach.org

Austin Energy rebates

- Offers \$50 to \$300 for the purchase of a qualifying electric bike, scooter, moped, motorcycle, or Segway to eligible customers. pluginpartners.com
- Appliance rebates: A/C, Wi-Fi thermostats, heat pump water heater, in-room AC unit, refrigerator recycling, solar, and more. is.gd/AErebates

Austin Water programs and rebates

- WaterWise landscaping, free showerheads and aerators, irrigation system evaluations and rebates, Washwise, rainwater harvesting, drought survival tools and more. austintexas.gov/department/water-conservation-rebates

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—Autumn Righino

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More from the Great Wooten Park Tree Planting

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!
- What Do I Do With... is a guide to recycling, reuse, composting and more.
austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do/
- Weather station forecast (look for "Allandale North/Wooten"): tinyurl.com/36js85
- Wooten weather history: tinyurl.com/csvwfs
- 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.
- Austin District 7: austindistrict7.org
News and opinion about our City Council District

SPEAK UP FOR THE FUTURE

W NA 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.

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Neighborhood interests and concerns:



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