



## Next WNA meeting

Monday, Sept 8, 7:00pm

Redeemer Lutheran School  
1500 W. Anderson (Burrell Drive side)

## Meeting agenda

- WNA officer elections for 2014-2015
- Traffic calming on neighborhood streets
- 10-1 City Council elections in District 7

**More news inside:** National Night Out in October, support for new parents, a Noel Coward class, and more...

## President's letter: City Council elections

Neighbors,  
On November 4th, we have a first-time opportunity to vote on candidates to represent our own district. Wooten belongs to District 7, and I encourage all Wootenites to learn about our district's candidates: Jeb Boyt, Ed English, Josiah Ingalls, Jimmy Paver, Leslie Pool, Pete Salazar Jr., and Melissa Zone:

- **Read candidate profiles on page 2**, follow the news, and learn about events online at [austindistrict7.org](http://austindistrict7.org), [statesman.com/elections](http://statesman.com/elections), and [austinchronicle.com/elections](http://austinchronicle.com/elections).
- Please attend the **Lower District 7 Neighborhood Forum on Friday, Sept 26 at 6:30**. See page 3 for more information.

In this election, **every vote truly does count**, so no matter how you choose to vote, please take the time to become informed and exercise your right to do so.

—Chris Gregory, WNA president

## Wanted: newsletter editor

It's time to pass the torch to a new editor.

Someone to gather notes from our Facebook, Yahoo and Nextdoor groups, interview interesting neighbors, keep an ear out for other news, and write it up for publication every three months.

If it's you, email me: [newsletter@wootenna.com](mailto:newsletter@wootenna.com)

Thanks,  
Betsy the departing editor

## WNA officer elections, Sept 8

Wooten has more upcoming elections to consider, including the Neighborhood Association president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

WNA members of at least 30 days can vote at the Sept 8 meeting. Wooten residents can join the slate for these offices; contact [election@wootenna.com](mailto:election@wootenna.com).

- See **page 4** for another important Wooten election.

## Roosevelt's heroes

It's hard to resist a cute guy with a fine set of wheels, and Roosevelt is no exception. This lucky little Husky mix from Austin Pets Alive! got mobile and got a new family, and has Wootenites to thank for both.

Roosevelt was born without use of his hind legs so Abby Kaplan and her engineer boyfriend, Alex Ahrens, built a solution. The new wheelchair, based



on wheels donated by Christopher Specht, can be adjusted to fit as the puppy grows.

Best news of all: he has found a home with a family in South Austin.

Many thanks to Abby, Alex and Christopher for helping this pup get around town.

## **Austin Nears Its Big Bang City Council Election**

—election articles by Steven Zettner

On November 4, the City of Austin will hold its biggest City Council election in history, and probably in our lifetime. Instead of seven at-large seats, 10 seats are in play and every seat has multiple viable candidates.

But every voter will have only two races to consider: the mayor's race and the Council member for their district. Wooten is in City Council District 7. The District 7 candidates are:

**Jeb Boyt** has worked for years in state agencies as a land use attorney. He has served on City boards and commissions, most recently the 2012 Bond Advisory Task Force. He is an advocate of creek hike-and-bike trails, and land conservation efforts to protect water quality. Boyt is for the compact and connected goals of the Imagine Austin plan, in particular housing affordability, public transportation, and open space.

**Ed English** is a retired sales and marketing professional. He was deeply involved in the Austinites for Geographic Representation (AGR) effort to get the 10-1 system approved in a 2012 referendum. He describes himself as a fiscal conservative and social

liberal, prioritizing short-term affordability through modest homeowner exemptions and utility rate relief. He proposes directing most new growth away from established neighborhoods, but supports more zoning of apartments in some places.

**Zach Ingraham** is a marketing and sales professional at LegalZoom.com. His Facebook page associates him with the Libertarian Party. The Chronicle says he "has worked with APD on training and accountability in handling aggressive dogs."

**Jimmy Paver** worked for US Congressman Lloyd Doggett and as State Rep. Mark Strama's legislative director. Paver says he will focus on cutting waste, and work with state and federal contacts to bring more outside funding to transportation projects. He supports modest growth that doesn't undermine neighborhoods, and would target cost savings toward tax relief for those who need it most. He has worked for his parents' daycare chain, Stepping Stone schools, and supports small business.

**Leslie Pool** has served on numerous city boards and commissions, most recently the 2012 Bond Advisory Task Force. She's been involved in a community-led effort to improve the state's redevelopment of the Bull Creek property near 45th. She supports *(more)*



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retaining compatibility standards and respecting neighborhood plans. She sees a place for new housing if integrated respectfully. She would end corporate subsidies and reform taxes to improve affordability.

**Pete Salazar's** focus is Austin's fast-eroding working class. As an employment placement specialist, he has worked at several area non-profits (Goodwill, Caritas), specializing in the homeless and veterans. Through this work, he also has a strong appreciation for local businesses.

**Darryl Wittle** says that affordability, traffic and water are the big issues facing Austin. He believes that the current Council has done a good job, and the city will likely face those three issues "ad infinitum. I think we have to have some positive action that's going to quell some of peoples' fears. We are becoming a big city; there is no closing that barn door, there is no unringing that bell, it's done."

**Melissa Zone**, an urban planner with Travis County responsible for transportation and watershed, says she is the only candidate with real experience implementing a corridor plan. She supports protecting single-family housing and is concerned about too much large-apartment-style housing in established areas. She proposes to transfer more cost of growth to developers, with the intent of improving affordability by cutting bond costs.

- Read more: [austindistrict7.org/candidates](http://austindistrict7.org/candidates) and [austindistrict7.org/candidate-positions-and-the-burnet-corridor-plan/](http://austindistrict7.org/candidate-positions-and-the-burnet-corridor-plan/)

## District 7 City Council Candidate Forum

If ever one should care about an election, it is this November's first 10-1 City Council election. And if ever there was a candidate forum to attend, it is the Lower District 7 Neighborhoods Forum on **September 26 at St Louis church**. Meet the candidates from 6:30 to 7:00pm. The forum starts at 7pm sharp and goes until 8:30pm.

All seven candidates will speak to issues affecting the neighborhoods along Burnet Rd between Mopac and N Lamar, 183 and 45th.

Should we embrace or resist new housing? What should our transportation strategy be? How important are open space, bike lanes and sidewalks to offset congestion, and should the City spend money on those things when people are struggling to afford our rapidly growing city? Is it possible to continue being a community that balances the needs of families, seniors, and singles?

Different candidates have different answers to these questions. With a 10-1 Council, we only get one representative. We'd best make the most of it!

Email [editor@austindistrict7.org](mailto:editor@austindistrict7.org) to:

- Get election stories in your inbox (put 'Subscribe' in the subject line)
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## WNPCT elections on Sept 15

As Wooten sees new and updating establishments along its perimeter and growth in its interior, builders and businesses sometimes request changes in land use. The Wooten Neighborhood Planning Contact Team represents the neighborhood in these requests.

It's time to elect a chairperson and secretary to a two-year term. Traditionally, these are very easy roles: six Monday nights a year with maybe 10 minutes of business a night, and afterward we stay to eat and socialize. Over the past 24 months, we had one item to address.

Even if you don't plan to run for an office, please come out and participate in our community process.

- Monday, Sept 15 at 7pm
- Shu Shu's (Burnet @ Ohlen)

—Adam Turner, WNPCT Chair

## National Night Out 2014 is Tuesday, Oct 7

Last year, Austin was #3 on the national list of cities holding NNO parties. Let's help make Austin #1 this year with a Wooten full of block parties. Learn more at [nnoaustin.org](http://nnoaustin.org).

- To request a visit from police, fire, EMS or code compliance, register your block **before Sept 13**.
- To have an application mailed to you, call 512-974-4900.

## Around the neighborhood

- **Lifetime Learning Institute** will hold some of its classes at Faith Lutheran Church, 6600 Woodrow in Crestview, beginning Sept 15. Titles include Calligraphy, Line Dancing, and Noel Coward. See which classes on the church calendar at [is.gd/lii\\_flc](http://is.gd/lii_flc). For more LLI info, visit [lliaustin.org](http://lliaustin.org).
- Sell and buy very locally at the **Reduce & Reuse in Wooten & Allendale** group on Facebook, started by Amanda Grubb. Join the private group at [tinyurl.com/ndbaost](http://tinyurl.com/ndbaost).

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## Partners in Parenting comes to Wooten

Calling all soon-to-be and new parents in the Wooten area! Partners in Parenting (PIP) is a non-profit serving new parents in Austin. PIP provides community-based programs that enable parents of infants to meet the challenges of parenting through mutual support and shared information.

Our vision is of communities where no new parent feels isolated, ill-equipped or unsupported; all parents develop the confidence to build strong, healthy families; and all children grow up in a social environment that allows them to thrive.

Programs are open to all families, and the focus is on strengthening families, increasing family wellness, and preparing parents to cope with life stresses before problems arise. Parenting is challenging work, and we believe the well-being of a community is enhanced when all parents have access to support.

We will have a newborn group beginning in the Wooten area this fall that will bring together families with babies four months or younger. These groups meet in the homes of the facilitator and group members. Daytime and evening options are available. Groups meet for 12 weeks with a trained facilitator, then are encouraged to continue meeting for as long as they choose.

For more information about joining a PIP group in your area or volunteering as a facilitator, visit our website at [pipaustin.org](http://pipaustin.org) or email Allendale resident Carolyn Opps at [carolyn@pipaustin.org](mailto:carolyn@pipaustin.org).

—Carolyn Opps

## WHAT'S GOING ON

For fresher neighborhood news,  
join your neighbors online.

- **Yahoo!Groups:** [wootenna](http://wootenna)
- **Facebook:** [Wooten Neighborhood](http://Wooten Neighborhood)
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-Create art

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### New 3-1-1 smartphone app

File requests on the spot for pothole and sidewalk repair, graffiti removal and waste water problems. Just take a picture, add a location and submit from your Android or iPhone. Download from an app store (search "City of Austin") or from [austin311.org](http://austin311.org).



**A very Wooten 4th:** Lots of families turned out for the first Wooten Park July 4 parade, picnic and games. Thank Kelly Merritt, Bryce Kyburz, Kate Harrington and Cristy Holmes, and ask them for another great July 4 park day in 2015!

### 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](http://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/](http://austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do/)
- Tips for saving water and reducing bills as the drought wears on: [waterwiseaustin.com](http://waterwiseaustin.com)
- Weather station forecast (look for "Allandale North/Wooten"): [tinyurl.com/36js85](http://tinyurl.com/36js85)
- Wooten weather history: [tinyurl.com/csvwfs](http://tinyurl.com/csvwfs)
- Wooten Elementary PTA: [wootenpta.com](http://wootenpta.com)
- For Sale:  
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Items for sale, fundraisers and services offered in North Austin neighborhoods, including Wooten.
- Austin District 7: [austindistrict7.org](http://austindistrict7.org)  
News and opinion about our City Council District
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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