



## Next WNA meeting

Monday, Sept 14, 7:00pm

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

### On the agenda:

- Members elect new officers
- Wooten Park updates
- Safety and crime watch
- News and chat

### Letter from the president

Being WNA president has been a most gratifying experience for a number of reasons, big and small. Prior to taking the role, I had very little idea about the purpose of NAs, or how they operated both internally and in conjunction with larger municipal/political entities. The past two years have not only been an education in this regard, but I learned that by simply attending meetings and taking an active role, we Wooten residents really are able to make an impact on important decisions, from issues ranging from the Burnet Road corridor to the first single-member district council election in Austin.

Additionally, being involved in such matters has provided the opportunity to get to know a number of earnest and hard-working people, such as Steven Zettner (Sustainable Neighborhoods) and Kevin Wier (NSCNA), who are committed to improving the quality of life for all North Austin residents, and for Austinites in general.

On a more personal note, I have deeply appreciated the chance to get to know the many members of our own NA. It is inspiring, as well as affirming, to meet members of our NA who have served in a number of capacities, both officially and unofficially for decades, and who continue to do so as our neighborhood grows and evolves. I have learned that WNA is not a faceless organization, but rather a group of good (and interesting, funny, and caring) people who happily welcome all neighbors into their group and make them feel that they are a part. It's been a genuine pleasure and learning experience to serve as president, and I thank you all for it. I look forward to continuing to serve in different ways.

If you have thought about serving WNA as an officer, or becoming a member, please consider joining us at our September meeting when we elect officers.

—Chris Gregory, outgoing WNA president

### Please join Wooten online

Stay in touch with the neighborhood during the months between newsletters. Join one or more of Wooten's online groups where neighbors share information. Keeping communications open this way helps strengthen our neighborhood ties and keep the news fresh. Join us!

- **Nextdoor Wooten** ([wooten.nextdoor.org](http://wooten.nextdoor.org))
- **Facebook: Wooten Neighborhood**
- **Yahoo!Groups: wootenna** ([tinyurl.com/wna-yg](http://tinyurl.com/wna-yg))

### Recycle batteries at the library by Sept. 18

Help the North Village Library by dropping off old batteries (A, A, AAA, D, single use or rechargeable; no car batteries). The library that collects the most will receive a \$1000 donation from Call2Recycle for a sustainable project, such as bike rack or outdoor bench. Contest ends Sept 18.

### Good reading, courtesy of your neighbors

- **Foster care and adoption**  
Megan Zellner answers common questions about adding to your family through the foster care and adoption program: [wootenna.com/?p=1505](http://wootenna.com/?p=1505)
- **Help solve Wooten's lost-dog problem**  
Abby Kaplan offers lots of tips and useful information in her article on the Wooten blog: [wootenna.com/?p=1484](http://wootenna.com/?p=1484)
- **A second life for discarded bushes**  
Unless you're keeping unwanted shrubbery for the Knights Who Say Ni, consider the Austin Bonsai Society to rehome your plants—they'll even dig up eligible candidates. Read Victor Engel's article: [wootenna.com/?p=1514](http://wootenna.com/?p=1514)
- **Volunteer for the Drive a Senior program**  
You could be a key part of someone's day: [wootenna.com/?p=1516](http://wootenna.com/?p=1516)

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

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

Wooten address: \_\_\_\_\_

phone: \_\_\_\_\_


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

## Teakwood musings

Summer lives on, my fellow Wootenites! It's time to mourn your lawn as it turns brown, and enjoy every moment at the lake/river/water park you can. It was nice this past spring to be able to open up the house once in a while to let the cool breeze in. It won't be long until we can do the same again this fall.

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Just be aware when you do open up your house. To ward off break-ins you might want some sort of guard animal in your house. I personally keep a 6-foot-long giant green iguana, but others have hamsters with sharp teeth or cats that don't just purr at people. Or, perhaps even the standard guard dog. Another good idea is an alarm system. Even just a sign has been shown to be a deterrent.

Some people still go out on their front lawns and talk to one another about the happenings on their street and in the neighborhood. This might feel a bit old fashioned to some but getting to know someone in real life, any way you can connect with your neighbors, is good. Building our community can make us more adept at finding those who lurk and intend to do bad deeds.

See you out in the Wooten. I'll say hi as I run or bike by!  
—Joel White

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