



## Next WNA meeting

Monday, Jan 11, 7:00pm

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

## Meeting agenda

- Meet your neighbors
- Safety and crime
- Wooten Park updates
- Other scintillating topics

## From the Editor

Happy New Year! If you have already given up on dieting and exercising as New Year's resolutions, I'd like to offer some **alternatives**: meet a new person on your block; run an errand for an elderly neighbor; recycle as much as you can; pick up on piece of trash on your walk; support your Neighborhood Association with a \$5 dues; and smile at someone.

– Marilyn Rogers

## Join your neighbors in Wooten Park

The park keeps looking better and better, thanks to our dedicated volunteers. You can share the fun by planting, manicuring, or cheering on your neighbors.

- **It's My Park Day**, March 8. Details and adorable picture at: [austinparks.org/volunteer/impd/](http://austinparks.org/volunteer/impd/)
- Ongoing **workdays**. Watch our social media groups for announcements and signup.
- Braintrust for **long-range projects** like a covered pavilion. Contact Joanne Garrett <[park2@wootenna.com](mailto:park2@wootenna.com)> to be involved with planning, fundraising, etc.

## Spotlight on a WNA volunteer

A former WNA President, Dale Ritzen has been the "sign guy" for quite a few years. He is responsible for notifying all people who have agreed to post WNA meeting signs every 2 months, keeping an inventory, and dealing with sign upkeep.

Dale and his wife, Linda, have lived at the same corner on Putnam Drive for 40+ years. Their son passed through the hallowed halls of both Wooten Elementary and Burnet Middle School. They still enjoy being surrounded by folks that they've known for years, as well as meeting newcomers. You'll often see them out walking — walking and hiking are high on the list of things they love to do.

## Recommendations to City Council

On Dec 14, the neighborhood association met in a special session with the Wooten Neighborhood Plan Contact Team. Joshua Merritt oversaw the meeting, assisted by WNA President Joel Simmons.

The open forum's topic was various traffic calming proposals that the city has cleared for approval, to gather neighbor's opinions such that we can communicate our thoughts to City Council. A poll was taken of members present.

- Option 1: Black pancake-style **speed bumps** for both Fairfield and Kromer at critical junctures. Tentatively priced at \$10,000 for each street. Vote: 18 For – 0 Against.
- Option 2: Pedestrian **beacons** for Burnet Road at Penny/Doris Lane, which has no traffic signal. Tentative price: \$75,000. Vote: 11 For – 5 Against.
- Option 3: Pedestrian **beacons** for Anderson and Hardy (approximately where Genuine Joe's Coffee Shop sits). There is presently a crosswalk, which was repainted recently. Prior to repainting it was consistently ignored. Tentative price: \$75,000. Vote: 3 For – 7 Against.
- Option 4: A **sidewalk** to be installed on Reeda lane from 8300-8325. The purpose being that Reeda is a vein that serves into the school. Both adjacent streets have sidewalks. Priced at \$63,000. Vote: 2 For – 9 Against.

If you have concerns about these or other issues, please let your voice be heard by contacting any WNA officer (find addresses on [wootenna.com](http://wootenna.com)), attending WNA's bimonthly meetings, or via our social media groups.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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**Wooten.Nextdoor.com**

**Yahoo!Groups: wootenna**

### **Austin City Council Districts Vy for Recycling Reward**

*(Excerpts from Community Impact newspaper)*

The Austin Recycles Games is a friendly competition among City Council districts to **increase recycling**. A study last spring found that 44% of landfill items could have been recycled, with paper as the most common.

Winning districts will earn a beautification project for a local library or public park. Districts can win one of two categories: most overall recycling and most improved. The city will provide monthly updates on how households in each district are recycling between December and March. Winners will be announced at an Earth Day event on April 23.

So what do you say to making District 7 a winner? We have a park to maintain.... Learn more and keep up with our progress at [austintexas.gov/games](http://austintexas.gov/games).

### **Connect with your neighborhood online**

- Wooten's **blog**: [WootenNA.com](http://WootenNA.com)  
Includes this newsletter, with clickable links!
- 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:  
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- Wooten **weather** history: [tinyurl.com/csvwfs](http://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/](http://austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do/)

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