

# WootenNews

Serving the Wooten community

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## Next WNA meeting

Monday, Sept 12, 7:00pm

Redeemer Lutheran cafeteria on Burrell

## Agenda

- **Officer elections**
- *Safety and crime*
- *Wooten Park updates*
- *Meet your neighbors*

## Future WNA meeting dates

Second Monday, odd months

- Nov 14
- Jan 9
- Mar 13

## New ways to get neighborhood news — please opt in

Our newsletter is going electronic for most future editions. To keep receiving important and useful neighborhood news, please choose one of these three delivery methods:

**A** Download the PDF when it's announced on our [Facebook](#), [Nextdoor](#) and [Yahoo](#) groups.

Or if you don't do social media:

**B** Receive a link to the PDF via email -OR- **C** Receive a paper copy at your Wooten address.

To sign up for **B** or **C**, call or text **512-956-9668** (512-956-WOOT).

- To join the **B** email notification list, leave your name and email address.
- For a **C** paper copy, leave your name and street address here in Wooten.

(Of course, any contact info you share stays private.)

— Keep reading. Thanks!

## A few words from the president

Howdy Wooten Neighbors! As we progress into the welcome relief of fall, the opportunities for involvement in the neighborhood are progressing even faster. Volunteer at the park to help maintain our beautiful flower beds, join one of our subcommittees like the Neighborhood Plan Contact Team, come to our meetings, or help out one of the many local nonprofits that serve our neighborhood. This is a great time to get involved.

With my term winding down, I'm excited to see what the next group can do in the next year, and bet we can keep making really great things happen in our neighborhood for years to come!

— Joel Simmons, WNA president

## Take on a title: Wooten NA officer elections

No doubt about it, Wooten is hot property and we need strong officers to help guide the WNA through changing times. At the September meeting, members in good standing will **vote in new officers** for the next year. Read about what the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer do on [page 3](#).


## Make the Wooten Park Pavilion a reality

The WNA Park Improvement Committee is working with Austin Parks and Rec to plan a shade structure at the playground.

The pavilion's shade will provide relief from the brutal Texas sun and will include picnic tables handy for family get-togethers and as an outdoor classroom for elementary school students.

The estimated cost of the project is \$80k. **Our goal is to raise \$10k** to show we have some "skin in the game" and make us an attractive recipient when applying for grant money to help pay for the project.



You can support the fund drive with a \$50 (or more!) donation. In return, this sign  will be yours to display proudly in your front yard.

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### **Wooten Park Pavilion (cont.)**

To learn more about yard signs or to make a donation of any amount, use one of these options:

- Visit [wootenna.com](http://wootenna.com) and use the Paypal links.
- Email [park2@wootenna.com](mailto:park2@wootenna.com).
- Leave a message at: 512-956-WOOT (512-956-9668) for a return call.

### **Fill-A-Backpack Project**

Thanks to everyone who donated supplies and money to the school supply drive benefiting Wooten Elementary – and a big hand to Joanne Garrett, who collected and organized the donations.



*Just a sample of the supplies neighbors donated*

Generous Wooten neighbors donated \$665 worth of supplies as well as cash for an Office Depot gift card.

The school has an ongoing need for solid-color spiral notebooks and two-pocket folders with fasteners, and all items from the original list are greatly appreciated to help get kids off to a good start this school year. For more information, contact Joanne at [treasurer@wootenna.com](mailto:treasurer@wootenna.com)

### **...because dogs will wander**

Next time your dog takes an unauthorized hike, you'll be glad you added its name, details and picture to the **Wooten dog registry** so your neighbors can keep an eye out.

Find the list at [bit.ly/wootendogs](http://bit.ly/wootendogs)



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### **311 vs. 911**

When to call which? According to our APD District Representative, Officer Judson Chapman:

- Call **911** for issues that can be addressed and handled right away, such as crime in progress or suspicious activity.
- Call **311** for crime after the fact, non-urgent issues, and general information.

If in doubt about an event in progress, call 911 and let the operator decide whether to downgrade to 311.

### **It's everybody's business**

With Wooten's borders solid with businesses, new ways to spend your time and money are popping up all the time. (Want to join me for a class at the new Austin School of Mosaic Art?)

Coming soon, to the interest of many:

- Baby Greens, inspired by the former drive-through salad restaurant. The spot on Anderson at Burrell will include seating, and drivethru and walkup.
- The Night Owl Bar (Burnet north of Ohlen), a neighborhood spot for beverages from the folks who brought us Old School Bar & Grill on 6th.

Both are under construction, so please stay clear of the properties until they open. See you there!

### **Map creative community assets**

The Cultural Asset Mapping Project (CAMP) needs your help to map creative and cultural assets to address the growing crisis of affordable space for Austin's creative community. CAMP will have collaborative mapping exercises (info for our district, below), an online survey and focused community conversations as a vital part of immediate and future planning efforts. Info for the District 7 meeting:

- Saturday, September 10, 2016
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Northwest Rec Center, 2913 Northland Drive, Austin 78757
- [austintexas.gov/culturemapping](http://austintexas.gov/culturemapping)

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## WNA officer descriptions

As past WNA President Chris Gregory stated eloquently at the end of his term: "WNA is 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. 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."

Here's what each office is about:

- **President** runs WNA meetings and arranges for speakers, attending other meetings occasionally when issues of concern (such as nearby development) come up in the larger community. Also fields mail from the city concerning nearby developments.



**LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO BELONG?**



**FOUR WORSHIP SERVICES WEEKLY:**  
Thursday: 6:30pm  
Sunday: 8am; 9:30am; 10:45am  
Sunday School: 9:30am

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- **Vice president** fills in for the president when needed to run meetings and possibly attends other meetings to gather information.
- **Treasurer** collects dues, records attendance, invoices newsletter advertisers, and keeps our legal status with the state up-to-date.
- **Secretary** takes the minutes of the meetings and posts them to WootenNA.com, and maintains the member roster.

If you are interested in running for office, contact [nominations@wootenna.com](mailto:nominations@wootenna.com)

## Drive-A-Senior

Drive-A-Senior is a non-profit, volunteer-based transportation service that provides free rides to people over 60 years of age. When driving is no longer an option, running simple errands to the store, doctor, or beauty shop is a challenge.

If you: 1) want to volunteer, 2) are a senior, or 3) know a senior who no longer drives and could benefit, contact [nc@driveasenior.org](mailto:nc@driveasenior.org) or call 512-453-2273.

## Redeemer Lutheran School

Redeemer is proud to be part of the Wooten neighborhood and to provide a meeting space for the Wooten Neighborhood Association. Redeemer Lutheran School has provided a private Christian education for more than 60 years. The preschool is for children 15 months to 4 years. Elementary and Middle School are offered and a shuttle bus picks up and drops off to our affiliate, Concordia High School in Pflugerville.

Between Recess, Physical Education, Music, Art, Spanish, Science Enrichment and Chapel, elementary children receive up to 23 weekly enrichments. Our curriculum is naturally accelerated and we offer an optional hot meal program for lunch as well as before- and after-school care for enrolled students.

To learn more, call me at 512-451-6478 or e-mail [lwhited@redeemer.net](mailto:lwhited@redeemer.net). Visit [RedeemerSchool.net](http://RedeemerSchool.net).

—Laura Whited, Admissions Director

**JOIN IN. SPEAK UP. WNA.** Join Wooten Neighborhood Association. Bring \$5 to the meeting, use the PayPal link on [wootenna.com](http://wootenna.com) or mail to: **WNA / Box 10171 / Austin TX 78766.**

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

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

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

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

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

## 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!
- For Sale:  
[groups.yahoo.com/group/crestview\\_forsale/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/crestview_forsale/) Items for sale, fundraisers and services offered in North Austin neighborhoods, including Wooten.
- Weather station forecast (look for "Allandale North/Wooten"): <http://is.gd/wootenwx>
- 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/)

For fresher neighborhood news,  
join your neighbors online.

Facebook: [Wooten Neighborhood](https://www.facebook.com/Wooten.Neighborhood)  
[Wooten.Nextdoor.com](http://Wooten.Nextdoor.com)  
Yahoo!Groups: [wootenna](http://wootenna)

Read what your neighbors are talking about,  
selling, and doing around the neighborhood.

And of course, get first notice when a new  
newsletter is posted. Don't miss out!

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