

Photos courtesy of Kenneth Webb

**Top:** Composite of the five mosaics recently installed on the south side of the bridge over Shoal Creek, on Steck just west of Daleview. **Bottom:** Photo of the south side of the bridge shortly after mosaic installation in November.

## Mosaic dedication set for Dec. 14

The dedication of the mosaics added to the Steck Avenue Bridge just west of the Steck-Daleview intersection will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, December 14, at the bridge.

The North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association Beautification Committee began working on the mosaics in 2018. Based on community input, Kevin Wier, current NSCNA president, created two designs, one for each side of the bridge. Mary Jane Wier and Amelia Cobb organized a group of neighbors to work on the mosaics and turned to Heather Kruger, owner of the Austin School of Mosaic Art at 1810 W. Anderson Lane, for guidance.

Ms. Kruger arranged for the school's artistic director, Dianne Sonnenberg, to train the volunteers in mosaic work. Under Ms. Sonnenberg's supervision, the volunteers completed the mosaics in slightly more than a year, wrapping up in November.

The committee extends thanks to the volunteers who worked on the mosaics, with special thanks to neighbors Patti and David Garing, who provided working space on their patio. The committee also owes thanks to the staff of the City of Austin's Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP) and to the city's Public Works Department, whose help made the project possible.

The mosaic project was one of several included in a City of Austin NPP project proposed by NSCNA in 2016 and approved in February 2017. The grant also allowed for construction of some 750 feet of sidewalks in the neighborhood and for construction of the North Shoal Creek Community Garden.

Please come to the dedication ceremony to congratulate the folks who contributed to the mosaics and to admire their work. Refreshments will be provided under a tent set up at the nearby Allandale Estates sign.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 14: Mosaic dedication, 10-11 a.m. Steck bridge
Dec. 18: Luminaria Walk, 6-8 p.m., Pillow Elementary School track
Dec. 19: NSCNA board meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., First Texas Honda Conference Room
Dec. 20-Jan. 8, 2020: AISD winter break
Jan. 7, 2020: NSCNA general membership meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Pillow library

## Neighborhood News December 2019

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# President's Corner

By Kevin Wier, NSCNA president, 2018-2019

I'm writing this note just after celebrating the completion of the mosaic art installation on the Steck Avenue bridge over Shoal Creek just west of Daleview. Several of us stood and admired it, envisioning it becoming a colorful gateway to a future park along Shoal Creek.

The bridge mosaic was a big dream, and it became a reality through many people working together — and having fun while doing it. Our hope is that the park will also be a terrific project with a happy ending — and that many other terrific future projects and initiatives, making our neighborhood safer and better and bringing us all together, will be success stories to celebrate. If so, they, too, will take effort from many people sharing in the joyous endeavor.

These are my thoughts as we wrap up the year with our current leadership and look to a new year with new leaders and with new and active members. Please consider joining in the fun of making good friends of your neighbors as you better our neighborhood through active membership in the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association. If everyone helps just a little bit, we can accomplish great things. We need you.

I've enjoyed being your president these past two years. Thank you for the opportunity. Let's make 2020 the best yet for NSCNA.

## Come join us!

From the North Shoal Creek Membership Committee

Your support for the neighborhood association has never been more important. Your willingness to participate in events, meetings and activities is what makes us a community. **We hope to carry this momentum into the New Year and see you all at the first general membership meeting of 2020, on January 7 at the Pillow Elementary School Library.**

The January meeting is an important one. Members will elect officers for 2020 and will discuss important issues, including the effects of the Land Development Code revision on North Shoal Creek, how the 100-year flood plain revision affects our neighborhood and other new developments.

Meetings are open to the public, and you need not be a member to take part in discussions, though you must be a dues-paying member to vote.

Dues are \$15 per household and cover the calendar year (Jan. 1–Dec. 31). Your 2020 dues not only allow you to vote at our meetings but will help the association organize events such as the Fourth of July parade and winter Luminaria. You can join by mail using the membership form on page 12, in person at the membership meeting or online at [www.nscna.org/join](http://www.nscna.org/join). If you are paying in person, we can take only cash or check; online payments include a \$1 PayPal processing fee.

If you've never come to any of our meetings, make it your New Year's resolution to come check us out. All meetings are held on the first Tuesday of odd-numbered months, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Pillow Library. Hope to see you there on Tuesday, January 7.

## Happy Holidays to all

From the membership of the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association

# Here's how proposed code will affect North Shoal Creek's residential zoning

By Sharon Justice, newsletter editor

You may have heard that the revised land development code currently being considered by the Austin City Council does away with single-family **zoning**. Yes, it does, but that doesn't mean it does away with single-family **residences**, which will continue to exist.

The new code proposed by city staff makes it easier to build duplexes and accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on lots currently zoned for only single-family residences. Single-family residences will remain and can be bought, sold and remodeled just as the current code allows.

## Single-family zoning

If the city council adopts the proposed code as currently written, here is what existing single-family residential zoning will look like in North Shoal Creek:

1) All lots currently zoned SF-2 (single-family only) or SF-3 (single-family or duplex) — except for 26 homes on Rockwood south of Steck, which I'll discuss later — will become R2A. This is a "residential house-scale zone" where up to two units are allowed on a single lot. If an

R2A-zoned home qualifies for a preservation bonus — if it is more than 30 years old and the property owner chooses to remodel rather than replace it with a larger home — then a third dwelling is permitted.

So here's what could be built on a typical minimum 5,000-square-foot lot: a single-family home, or a duplex, or a single-family home with an ADU. If the property owner is eligible for the preservation bonus, then the lot could contain a duplex plus an ADU or a single-family home plus a duplex. In all cases, the dwellings must meet setback requirements (25 feet from the front property line, 10 feet from the rear, 15 feet from a side street or 5 feet from a neighboring property line). Also, impervious cover may not exceed 45 percent and height cannot exceed 35 feet.

2) A new minimum 2,500-square-foot lot would be allowed, on which only a single-family attached home could be built. This may occur when the owner of a 5,000-square-foot or larger lot divides it into two separate lots. The property owner could then build a duplex that sits on the

See *Proposed code* on page 6



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# Noteworthy neighborhood dining openings

By Amy Culbertson

Former restaurant critic and food editor Amy Culbertson writes a roundup of nearby restaurant and retail openings in each issue. Send information and tips on openings and closings to her at [newsletter@nscna.org](mailto:newsletter@nscna.org), with the subject line OPENINGS.

## Restaurant openings

**Blu Ocean Poke & Ice Cream** has replaced Zero Below Ice Cream in the Crossroads center off Burnet facing Research. The new restaurant continues to serve Thai-style rolled ice cream but now offers a range of poke bowls as well as Japanese specialties such as sushi, ramen and eel rice.

Poke, the Hawaiian preparation of diced raw or seared fish, is riding a current wave of popularity in the form of fast-casual “bowl” restaurants on the mainland. At Blu Ocean, bowls can be customized with a variety of seafood, from ahi tuna to scallop to salmon, atop rice or salad with various vegetables and a wide choice of Asian-accented dressings and garnishes.

On the sweet side, Blu Ocean makes rolled ice cream, which originated from Thai street-food stalls: The liquid ice cream base, in your flavor of choice, is poured onto a hyper-chilled metal plate, where mix-ins from kiwis to Oreos are chopped in as the ice cream freezes. It’s spread thinly onto the freezing plate and then scraped up with a tool not unlike a paint scraper into frosty little scrolls. These are bunched upright into a cup, topped with more

fruity or crunchy garnishes and drizzled with syrups or condensed milk. The process is fun to watch, the results are colorful and festive, and it’s all mesmerizing for kids.

**Blu Ocean**, 9070 Research Blvd. No. 104, Crossroads Shopping Center, North Shoal Creek, 512-770-1045, <https://www.facebook.com/pg/BluOceanPokeIceCream/>; 11a-10p daily.

Speaking of ice cream, Crestview’s **DipDipDip** Tatsu-Ya, the hip and hopping shabu-shabu spot on Burnet, has added a self-serve ice cream kiosk featuring edgy frozen creations with Japanese-tilted flavors, in cones made from the sweet rice flour used in mochi. Example: The Sum Yum Yuzu, with black-pepper yuzu mascarpone ice cream, strawberry black-pepper meringue kisses, strawberry preserves and shiso leaf, in a pink-lemon-dipped cone. It’s walk-up only, touch-screen ordering, with patio seating available next door after the Tacodeli closes at 3 p.m.

**DipDipDip Ice Cream**, 7301 Burnet Road in the Centennial Shopping Center, Crestview, <https://www.dipdipdip-icecream.com>; 1-10p Sun-Thu, to 11p Fri-Sat.

The sausages are smoking at the new **Southside Market & Barbeque**, which opened its Arbor Walk barbecue and meat-market operations Nov. 24. Menu options include the sausage made famous at Southside’s venerable home in Elgin, along with barbecue staples — brisket, turkey, chicken, pork ribs, pork steak — and sides. There’s black-berry and peach cobbler, banana pudding and ice cream to

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**Jan Chi Korean Cuisine & BBQ** has opened on Spice-wood Springs Road in the space that formerly housed Hai Ky. In a bright strip spot with windows overlooking an out-door dining patio, it's not a cook-at-your-table Korean barbecue spot but rather one where the kitchen produces all the dishes.

Expect menu tweaks as Jan Chi works to find its footing, but for now the basic menu lists Korean standbys such as bulgogi (grilled marinated beef) and teriyaki chicken, the rice-vegetable-and-egg dish bibimbap and the stone-pot dolsoot bibimbap with bulgogi, a half-dozen soups and stews, Korean fried chicken wings and lunchtime bento boxes. A few dishes are vegetarian.

**Jan Chi Korean Cuisine & BBQ**, 3808 Spicewood Springs Road, Suite 104, 512-852-9990. 11a-9p Mon-Sat; closed Sun.

**Cloud kitchen:** A shared commercial kitchen project that will be the third location for California-based **Kitchen United** is in the works at 8023 Burnet Road in Wooten, next door to Bill Miller. Kitchen United is a leader in the new field of "cloud kitchens," also known as "dark kitchens" or "ghost kitchens," analogous to co-working office spaces. They offer off-premise kitchen space and services for preparing food for catering or delivery, serving as a kind of commissary for national/regional chains and local restaurants and as a start-up incubator for new restaurants. The restaurants pay a monthly fee and have only to supply the cooking staff, ingredients and delivery.

**Chain openings:** Northcross Mall has a couple of new chain spots: **Feng Cha**, a boba/milk tea and dessert chain out of China, replaces the similar little Tea Haus next door to PhoNatic, and **Louisiana Crab Shack**, a local chain, offers fried and charbroiled seafood, crawfish in season, po-boys and wraps in a corner spot between Which Wich and T-Mobile. In Brentwood, the Austin-based **Happy Chicks** chain specializing in fried chicken tenders and sides is working on its third location in Brentwood, in the former El Chilito at 6425 Burnet Road, aiming to be open by the end of the year.

## Restaurant closings

**East Side Pies**, 1809 Anderson Lane; **Cielo Bistro Mexico**, 7032 Wood Hollow Drive; **Noble Sandwich Co.**, 4805 Burnet Road.

## Retail openings

**Capital CBD American Shaman**, a purveyor of organic CBD oil products based in Kansas City, 8315 Burnet Road, Suite C; 512-796-8190; [www.cbdamericanshaman.com](http://www.cbdamericanshaman.com).

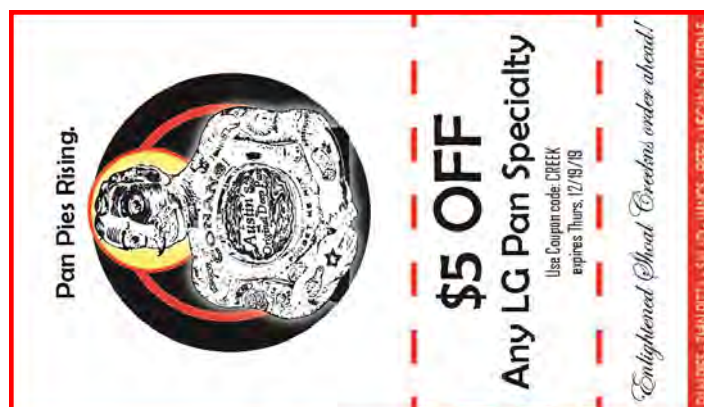
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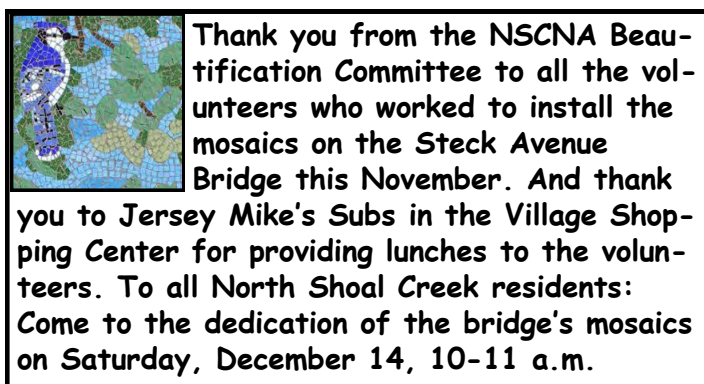
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Thank you from the NSCNA Beautification Committee to all the volunteers who worked to install the mosaics on the Steck Avenue Bridge this November. And thank you to Jersey Mike's Subs in the Village Shopping Center for providing lunches to the volunteers. To all North Shoal Creek residents: Come to the dedication of the bridge's mosaics on Saturday, December 14, 10-11 a.m.

property line and sell each side of the duplex to different owners. Each side would have to meet setback requirements along with impervious cover and height limits.

### Rockwood rezoning

The exception I mentioned earlier — 26 homes on Rockwood — has been zoned R4, the least intense transition zone. What can be built on a lot zoned R4?

- 1) On a 10,000-square-foot lot with a minimum 90-foot width: a six-unit cottage court.
- 2) On a 5,000-square-foot lot: a duplex or a multi-family unit with a maximum of four units, with four more units allowed under the Affordable Housing Bonus Program.
- 3) On a 1,800-square-foot lot with a minimum 18-foot width: a townhouse.

What **can't** be built on a R4 lot? **New** single-family or single-family attached homes. Existing single-family homes will be grandfathered in and can be maintained, expanded and rebuilt. But, if a single-family is expanded to include multiple units, then the right to resume single-family use of the property is lost.

On October 24, representatives of North Shoal Creek's Development Committee met with city planning staff to

protest this R4 zoning because it violates our neighborhood plan and FLUM (Future Land Use Map), both of which were unanimously approved by the Austin City Council in August 2018. The committee is also working with Council Member Leslie Pool's staff to have these homes zoned R2A to conform with all the other existing single-family homes in North Shoal Creek.

The first council vote on the new code may occur on December 9; the second vote is likely to be held in February. Development Committee members are hopeful that, between the first and second vote, council members can be persuaded to apply the zoning that the neighborhood and city staff agreed to in our plan and FLUM, which council voted unanimously to support.

### Buell change

City staff also changed the zoning of most of our plan's Buell Live/Work District to high-density mixed use. The Development Committee is also working to get this rezoning changed back to match our plan and FLUM. The Buell Live/Work district is intended to focus on missing middle housing and local small businesses, and to serve as a live/work zone. At the time our plan was approved, it was assigned Light Industrial zoning. The corresponding zoning in the proposed new code would be Flex Industrial. The Development Committee is working to have the Buell lots zoned high-density mixed use changed to Flex Industrial to match our FLUM.



*Happy Holidays*

to all the residents of North Shoal Creek!  
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Be a part of our neighborhood holiday tradition: About a dozen hardy volunteers are needed to assemble and place the luminarias from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 18 and to light them between 5:30 and 6. More are needed for clean-up afterward, from 8 to 8:45. To volunteer, please email [social@nscna.org](mailto:social@nscna.org), tell us when you'll be arriving and how long you can help out. This is a family-friendly event, so volunteers of all ages are welcome. Youthful energy is welcomed to place the bags around the track!

Of course, we invite every North Shoal Creek resident to visit the display from 6 to 8 p.m. to enjoy a beautiful luminaria walk followed by hot cocoa and cookies with neighbors. See you there!

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# First Fall Festival a fun-filled success

North Shoal Creek's first Fall Festival — held the morning of October 5 at our community garden — was an entertaining event featuring face-painting, jack-o-lanterns, breakfast tacos and neighborhood fellowship. We hope you'll enjoy these photos of your neighbors at the festival.

We offer a very big thank-you to our sponsors — Cover 3 on Anderson Lane, K Tonic Kombucha and Lowe's Home Improvement on Shoal Creek — for donating food and supplies for the event. An equally big thank-you goes to our volunteers: Sarah Brandon, Iain Cox, Randy Hidalgo, Anna Hobbs, Jon Menegay and Jeri Wines. This event would have been impossible without their hard work and help.

NSCNA's Social Committee hopes this Fall Festival will become the first of many.



## Don't blow leaves into the street

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### What can you do?

Blow clippings from walkways back into your yard. Keep grass clippings on the lawn. Use leaves as mulch in gardens. Add leaves or clippings to your backyard compost pile, or place them in your compost cart or paper lawn bags for the city to pick up.

For more information, visit [www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do](http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do) or call 311.

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# Couple honored as Pillow Volunteers of Year

By Donna Eagar, newsletter contributor

Jim and Jan Cornett, residents of the North Shoal Creek neighborhood since 1968, have been recognized by Austin Partners in Education (APIE) as Volunteers of the Year at Pillow Elementary School for 2018-2019. APIE, affiliated with the Austin Independent School District to help coordinate volunteers and their activities, honored the Cornetts at a spring appreciation luncheon.

The Cornetts' nomination was submitted by Carol Brookhart, Pillow volunteer coordinator and counselor, who retired last spring after nine years at the school. The couple was already involved in volunteer activities when she arrived.

Among the Cornetts' contributions: Twice every year they assembled spiral-bound books for every fourth-grader. That's about 150 books every year. They have given many hours of help with events on the Pillow campus, particularly grandparents' day.

The Cornetts have a long history with Pillow: Jan worked in the office as the principal's secretary and bookkeeper for 34 years. After Jim retired from a 25-year career at IBM, he worked at Pillow for seven years as a substitute teacher.

Somehow, the Cornetts also found time to serve as foster parents for 11 years, taking care of 30 children and teens over that period. Then they adopted two children to complete their family.

Over the years, their children and their grandchildren attended Pillow, and now it is the great-grandchildren's turn. The couple is helping to raise the great-grandchildren, including a 1-year-old. When she's old enough for day care, they look forward to more actively volunteering again.

Both Jan and Jim have also volunteered as neighborhood newsletter deliverers for many years. If you live on Daleview or Candlelight Court, they bring your newsletter every three months.

If you're inspired by the Cornetts' volunteer work, Pillow Elementary would welcome your help: Please contact Pillow counselor Leigh Weyand (pronounced *WIGH-and*) by leaving a message at 512-414-4322 or by email at [leigh.weyand@austinisd.org](mailto:leigh.weyand@austinisd.org). Or you may contact APIE via its website, [www.austinpartners.org](http://www.austinpartners.org). Click "GET INVOLVED" and then click through to the registration page and specify Pillow from the drop-down menu. You can choose to volunteer as a mentor, an ongoing role working directly with a student, or to be involved in one-time specific activities.

Pillow welcomes all the neighborhood volunteer support it receives, and the entire neighborhood thanks Jan and Jim Cornett for all they do for others.

# Despite cold spell, garden's still growing

By Darlene Watson, NSC Community Garden Committee member

Fall/winter gardening is in full swing at the North Shoal Creek Community Garden at Pillow Elementary School.

Despite freezing temperatures for a few nights in November, the veggies have survived, with Pillow second- and third-graders planting and tending their plots thanks to the Pillow School Gardening Educational Program. In October, the garden served as the site for North Shoal Creek's first Fall Festival.

The garden gate is always open, and you are welcome to come see what's growing, with two caveats: No harvesting, please, and dogs must be kept on leash and away from the plants.

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department has supplied the garden with \$1200 in materials: compost, mulch, a greenhouse and children's gardening supplies. The garden committee is most grateful for the department's support of community and school gardens.

## Pillow planning butterfly garden

Pillow Elementary School is planning to construct a butterfly garden adjacent to the North Shoal Creek Community Garden, on the east side of the community garden fence.

Look for details on this project in the spring issue of the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood News, coming in March.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with the school gardening program. Please contact the Garden Committee chair via email at [garden@nscna.org](mailto:garden@nscna.org). More information on the community garden and the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association can be found at the NSCNA website, <http://www.nscna.org>.

# Neighborhood briefs: updates on properties

## 8703 N. MoPac

In our September newsletter, we reported that the owner of this site, the Ergon Asphalt plant, wants to have its zoning changed from Light Industrial to Commercial or Office. This would allow the property to be sold and remediated to accommodate an office building. The site owner, the City of Austin and the North Shoal Creek Contact Team have been working together on the zoning question. It now appears that, at some future time, we can expect 8703 N. MoPac to become the site of an office building similar those to its south that populate that stretch of MoPac.

## 8526 (now 8528) Burnet Road

Also in our September newsletter, we reported that the site plan application for the property at 8526 Burnet Road had been withdrawn by the property owner, Sackman Enterprises. The application is for the construction of a 300-unit apartment complex with pool and underground parking. A new site plan was filed on July 23, 2019, with an address change to 8528 Burnet Road. The property owner now will have a year from the July 23 filing date to obtain city approval for the new plan.



## North Shoal Creek real estate

Single-family homes for sale:

8106 Vinewood	3-2	1,200 sq ft	\$379,000
8204 Valleydale Cv.	4-3	1,754 sq ft	\$539,000
8710 Millway	3-2	1,801 sq ft	\$519,900
8102 Briarwood	3-2	1,545 sq ft	\$499,000

Condos for sale:

7920 Rockwood	2-1	891 sq ft	\$210,000
7920 Rockwood	1-1	680 sq ft	\$187,000

Homes for rent:

8305 Stillwood	3-2	669 sq ft	\$1,100/mo.
3105 Stanwood	3-2	2,175, sq ft	\$2,175/mo.
8011 Logwood	3-2	1,150 sq ft	\$2,100/mo.
8609 Winding Walk	4-2	1,885 sq ft	\$3,300/mo.
2904 Thrushwood	3-2	1,200 sq ft	\$1,900/mo.
3205 Mossrock	2-1	995 sq ft	\$1,650/mo.
8007 Pinedale Cove	2-1	808 sq ft	\$1,400/mo.

*Compiled from listings on Zillow.com and Realtor.com*

## ABOUT NSCNA

The North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association (NSCNA) serves the residents living in the area bounded by MoPac Expressway on the west, Research Blvd on the north, Burnet Road on the east and Anderson Lane on the south. It is a Texas non-profit corporation and its purpose is to promote and protect the quality of life, safety, residential characteristics and property values of this neighborhood specifically, and all neighborhoods generally.

Dues are \$15 per calendar year. Renters and property owners residing in North Shoal Creek are eligible to join. Just fill out the membership form on page 12, then mail it and your \$15 check to NSCNA / P.O. Box 66443 / Austin, TX 78766-0443. Or, join online via PayPal at [www.nscna.org/join](http://www.nscna.org/join). Or come to our next membership meeting and join then via cash or check.

The North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association holds five membership meetings a year, on the first Tuesday of these months: January, March, May, September and November. Meetings are held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Pillow Elementary School library, 3025 Crosscreek. All meetings are open to the public.

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