



FROM THE BOARD - IT'S FALL - ELECTION TIME!

As you put together your personal election plan for this fall's election, please take advantage of these non-partisan informational events provided by NWACA.

- October 19, 6:30 – 8:00 PM – Meet the Candidates for Mayor of Austin. This virtual session will be held on Zoom. NWACA is collaborating with other area neighborhoods to host the event. See the flyer inside this issue for details and use the Zoom link to register.
- Date TBD – An information session will be held regarding the AISD school bond issue that will be on the ballot. Check the NWACA web site www.nwaca.org, NWACA Notes, and the NWACA Facebook page for specifics as soon as we have the session set. Also, see the article about the bond in this issue.
- Date TBD – Check the NWACA web site www.nwaca.org, NWACA Notes, and the NWACA Facebook page to learn more about the candidates for AISD School Board, both for our local District 4 position and for the at-large District 9 position.

Keep these in mind, as you make your plan:

- Ballot by mail
-Friday, October 28 - last day to apply for

a ballot by mail (received by County Clerk, not postmarked)

-<https://countyclerk.traviscountytx.gov/departments/elections/ballot-by-mail/>

- Early voting
-Monday, October 24 – Friday, November 4
- Election Day
-Tuesday, November 8
- Polling locations, wait times, hours of operation, voter status lookup
-<https://votetravis.com>
- Voter guide (published by the start of early voting)
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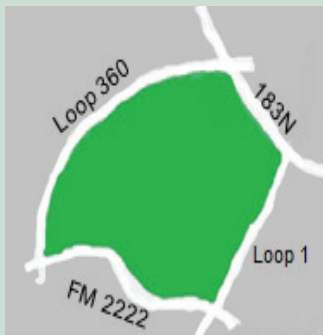
Home and vehicle break-ins continue to be a topic of concern in the neighborhood. We remind you to use 311 and 911 to report these and other public safety incidents that you encounter. A note for cell phone users: on some cell services, ATT being one of them, if wifi is enabled 911 calls will go through, but 311 will not. You may need to adjust the settings to disable wifi to call 311.

Please also consider establishing a Neighborhood Watch program for homes on your street; use of this program across the country has been shown to reduce crime as homeowner become more vigilant about protecting their homes and those of their neighbors. To get more information, go to www.nwaca.org and use the Quick Link "Learn About Neighborhood Watch" and the Be Involved link for "Neighborhood Watch."

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We know that our wildfire season in Texas is now a year-around season. To be sure your home is resilient in a time of wildfire, sign up for a free home wildfire risk evaluation. Go to www.nwaca.org and use the Be Involved link for "Get a Home Wildfire Risk Evaluation."

Stay safe, everyone!



New to the Neighborhood? Welcome to NWACA!

If this is your first copy of our newsletter, welcome to the NWACA neighborhood! The map shows our boundaries – Mopac, RM 2222, Loop 360, and US Highway 183 (Research Boulevard). There are about 13,500 households who are your neighbors and are happy you're here!

This newsletter is one way to know what's happening in NWACA, but there's much more. Check out the quick link For New Neighbors on the home page at www.nwaca.org and visit our public Facebook page. Use the Membership button on the home page, or use the form at the end of this newsletter to become a member of NWACA. Members have access to the weekly NWACA Notes and the ability to join the NWACA closed Facebook group, to keep in touch with each other and with the latest news about NWACA.



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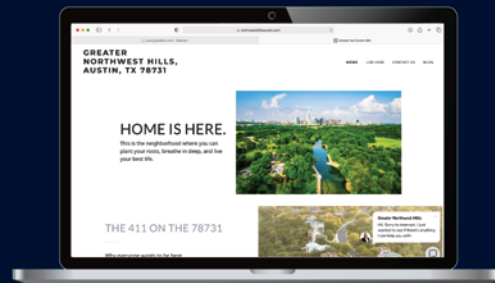
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Our goal is to help Austin area homeowners age in place gracefully and remain in a safe environment where they have raised their families and created memories of home. We partner with volunteers and contractors to provide critical repairs and accessibility modifications to the homes of low-income homeowners. On average, our clients have lived in their home for 26.2 years. The average age of our clients is 68 years old and an average income of \$28,000 a year.

In 2021 we served 75 homeowners. We couldn't accomplish these goals

without our donors, funders and volunteers!

Rebuilding Together Austin is proud to be a partner in the solution to providing safe homes and communities. Thank you to all of our [Re]Builders for your generous support and we look forward to a healthy, impactful year ahead! Contact me if you'd like to become a [Re]Builder too.

-Albert Allen - Board President
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Each of the Board Members can be reached at
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The NWACA Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month except July and December. Please visit our calendar at www.nwaca.org to see the specific time and location. If you wish to speak at a Board meeting, please send email a week before the meeting, so that we can put you on the agenda.

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Mark Your Calendars

These events are as planned as of September 15. As you consider participating in one of the events listed, please check first with the organizer.

Oct 1, 8 AM to noon

Annual NWACA Garage Sales throughout the neighborhood
Throughout NWACA neighborhood

Oct 4, 7-9 PM

(State of Texas) National Night Out • Neighborhood areas

Oct 15, 9AM – Noon

Monthly cleanup at Bull Creek District Park – Sign up at
<https://givepul.se/lqpd6p> • Bull Creek District Park

Oct 18, 7PM

Parks Committee • virtual

Oct 19, 6:30 PM

Election Forum for Fall elections; see Zoom registration link
and opportunity to submit questions at www.nwaca.org
virtual

Oct 25, 5 PM

NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committees Joint
Meeting
virtual

Oct 26, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

NWACA Board Meeting
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and virtual

Nov 15, 8AM – 11 AM

Parks Committee • virtual

Nov 19, 9-11 AM

Batteries, Electronics, Dental, Styrofoam Waste Collection
event for members

Nov 20, 2 PM

Tree, Environment, and Wildlife Committee
virtual

Nov 22, 5 PM

NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committees Joint Meeting
virtual

Nov 30, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

NWACA Board Meeting
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and virtual

The Dam that Mabry Built – Richard Denney



You've seen it and you may have used it as a photo-op for a selfie: the dam in Bull Creek District Park, about 500 feet downstream from the parking lot off Lakewood Drive near the intersection of Loop 360. It was built by Gen. Woodford Haywood Mabry (as in Camp

Mabry) on land he owned along Bull Creek. Yes, Mabry was a landowner in the 'hood. When Travis County road surveys were done in 1898-1902, his holdings on Bull Creek were mapped. His name pops up in the news related to road construction on Bull Creek Road: "The petition of J. W. Beard et.al. and protest of Gen. W. H. Mabry, on Bull Creek Road, was up for consideration, and after having heard some evidence thereon, the court decided to go in a body and view said proposed road and adjourned until today at 10 a.m." This was no doubt related to the necessary roadwork on the old Bull Creek Road (route of today's 2222) when parts were flooded by the creation of Lake McDonald.

Camp Mabry was established in the early 1890s as a summer encampment of the Texas Volunteer Guard, a forerunner of the Texas National Guard. Mabry became Adjutant General of Texas under Governor Hogg in 1891; Camp Mabry was named in his honor in 1892. With the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in 1898, Mabry resigned his office to become a colonel in the First Texas Infantry.

Mabry built the dam ca. 1892, the year he signed a lease agreement with John Walden's widow, Rachel, to lease her land to impound water from his dam. It was traffic to and from the old Walden family mill upstream that created the wagon ruts you see in Bull Creek in the park.

Why did Mabry want a dam? We can only speculate it was recreational. His fishing trips with Gov. Hogg and friends were the stuff of the news. In 1894 the paper reported: "A Fishing Party. Yesterday afternoon Governor Hogg and a party of friends went up to Bull Creek on a fishing frolic which will possibly continue throughout the present week if the fish bite well and the bait holds out ... the party have provisions along to last an ordinary crowd a month." On the trip was Gen. W.H. Mabry. Other news cynically speculated fishing was not the only goal. From an 1896 article: "That Little Fishing Party. No one understood why ... Col. Hogg [Hogg's term as governor ended in 1895] ... and Gen. Mabry should rendezvous on Bull Creek Thursday... No one believes that Col. Hogg would fight mosquitoes two or three days for the fun of sitting on the banks of Bull Creek fishing for perch." Maybe some creek side politics? The lease to impound water was for 10 years but Gen. Mabry died in 1899 in Cuba in the Spanish-American War. The 1898 county

road maps show a number of "Mabry" along Bull Creek; it's hard to believe they weren't somehow related. But what we do know is the dam that Gen. W.H. Mabry built for his fishing buddies is still there today.

Richard Denney is Vice-Chair of the Travis County Historical Commission. For more on this topic and other local history, visit <https://traviscountyhistorical.blogspot.com/>

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Spotlight: She Thrives: The Art of Aging – Janice Green

“There are only four kinds of people in the world: those who have been caregivers, those who are currently caregivers, those who will be caregivers, and those who will need caregivers” – Rosalyn Carter.

To support and inspire women in our community, AGE of Central Texas will host its two-prong annual event “She Thrives: The Art of Aging” in Northwest Austin on October 26th (summit) and 28th (fund-raising dinner). By way of background, AGE, a nonprofit founded in 1986 by Bert Kruger Smith and Willie Kocurek, provides services for older adults (e.g., adult day health care, tech education, free health equipment, memory care programs) and caregiver resources/support.

The She Thrives Summit is an opportunity to learn about issues facing women as they age and caregive, connect with others, learn about community resources, and to engage with local businesses and organizations at a vendor fair. While the issues are framed for women of all ages (over 60% of caregivers are women), men are encouraged to attend.

The summit, held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., will offer three sessions featuring expertise from experts and first-hand stories with time for questions and answers. It is free, with brunch included, and is offered in person and virtually:

- Session 1: Realistic Resilience: Know When to Go and When to Say No – Focuses on the mental health aspects woven through the aging and caregiving processes; including combatting burnout and unrealistic

expectations, asking for and accepting help.

- Session 2: What's Happening to My Body? The Changes We Never Talk About -- Expert panelists will dismantle taboos and myths to talk about age-evolving bodily functions and how to prioritize and balance personal health care.

- Session 3: How to Keep Your Identity through Life's Challenge -- As wives, mothers and caregivers, women often lose their identity trying to live up to society's expectations. You'll gather tools for defying age-based stereotypes and learn to find joy in your journey.

The October 28th She Thrives Fundraiser Dinner at 6:00 p.m. offers another opportunity to interact, to network with others focused on these issues, and to insure the continuation of AGE services and programs supporting family caregivers. The keynote will be delivered by Andra Liemandt, founder of The Kindness Campaign. Live entertainment, a plated dinner, a caregiver style show, and impactful conversations are also on the evening's agenda.

When asked how the concept behind She Thrives originated, Jayden Beatty, AGE Chief Development Officer, responded: “The greatest gift is to be better prepared for our own aging journey, to prepare our families for care, and to protect the vision of our older selves. She Thrives hopes to empower all women with the tools and support they need to thrive while aging and caregiving.”

Both enlightening events will occur at the Junior League Community

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Impact Center on Bluffstone, which offers an ambiance of serenity nestled in the trees and hills of our NW Austin. More details about She Thrives summit/dinner events, sponsorships and registration: www.AGESheThrives.com, More info about AGE of Central Texas: www.AGEofcentraltx.org

Guidance Regarding Power Lines

— Joyce Statz

A few weeks ago a neighbor sent the following information: Austin Energy is still investigating the official cause of the August 14 fires on Shepherd Mountain, but for now, we know the first one originated after something, possibly a varmint, caused one of the utility poles behind a West Courtyard home to spark and ignite the grass beneath the pole. The fire quickly traveled from the grass to some nearby dead brush piles and with the drought conditions at that time, things could have been far worse were it not for the quick actions of the affected neighbor, his family, and of course, the Austin Fire Department (which included stations 47, 33 and 31).

In early October, several neighborhood group leaders will meet with City of Austin and Travis County departments whose work relates to fire safety around power lines and utility poles. In the meantime, given the current wildfire vulnerability, homeowners can help mitigate risk with some simple actions.

The actions we can take as homeowners are at least these:

- If you have power lines going through your property, be vigilant about the trees growing near them. If tree limbs are near to or are touching the power lines, they might cause fire incidents during a storm. To request tree trimming, go to this web page: <https://austinenergy.com/ae/residential/residential-services/tree-trimming/tree-trimming>
- If you ever see utility equipment or utility poles spark or flame, immediately call 911 and call Austin Energy at 512-322-9100.
- If you have utility poles on your property, keep vegetation low and remove any dead brush around or near the poles. Austin Energy points out that maintenance of the vegetation and brush under the utility lines and around the poles is the responsibility of the property owner.

If we gather any further guidance in the upcoming meeting, I'll provide an update.



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2022 AISD Bond Package – Sandy Dochen

Voters in the Austin Independent School District (AISD) vote on major modernization of schools, athletic facilities, and technology through a \$2.4B bond package on the November 8th ballot.

The three bond propositions add up to major innovations and, in some cases, replacements of schools. The board of trustees, including our District 4 member, Kristin Ashy, approved the bond package unanimously after months of volunteer citizen engagement in collaboration with AISD staffers.

If the bonds are approved, every AISD school will become more secure, every bus will have air conditioning, every teacher and student will enjoy upgrades of technology and joint facilities that serve multiple schools, e.g., Toney Burger Complex, Nelson Field, and Delco Activity Center.

Just about every campus would be updated. 25 aging facilities would have full or phased renovations, including eight high schools, five middle schools and 12 elementary schools.

As a result of the 2017 bond package, Doss Elementary School was recreated, Hill Elementary received a Phase One modernization, and Murchison Middle School received multiple improvements. Most of the projects in the 2017 bond package have been completed on budget and on schedule.

Here is what the new bond package would offer nearby schools:

- Hill Elementary: Phase 2 modernization: \$30M
- Highland Park Elementary: safety, security, HVAC updates, secure entry vestibule: \$13.2M
- Lamar Middle School: secure entry vestibule, HVAC updates: \$1M
- McCallum High School: Phase 1 modernization: security, HVAC, athletic field updates, secure entry vestibule: \$65M

- Anderson High School: Phase 1 modernization: secure entry vestibule, gym and locker improvements, athletic field updates, safety and HVAC improvements: \$45.5M

Multiple campuses would gain improvements in special education/inclusion and mental health spaces.

Every school district budget has two major elements.

- The maintenance and operation budget (M&O), approved each year by the school board and generated by property taxes and state funding, covers day to day expenses including personnel, maintenance, and utilities. Half of AISD's budget, about \$850M this school year, will be "recaptured" or shared with the State of Texas, often limiting AISD's ability to keep up with salaries and maintenance needs. Millions of dollars are spent each year to shore up antiquated HVAC and plumbing systems, diverting dollars from actual classroom learning and support.

- The "interest and sinking" budget (I&S) is generated by selling voter-approved bonds. These funds aren't shared with the state. If the three bond propositions are approved, every dollar generated will stay local within AISD.

What's the cost of these bonds? Probably less than expected. AISD's overall tax rate is the lowest in Central Texas. Due to increased property valuations, the tax rate is projected to decrease by about 6.5 cents this year. If the bond package is approved, one cent of that reduction would be tacked back on, resulting in a projected \$100 difference in property taxes on a house valued at \$1M. An additional 3-cent tax rate reduction is anticipated for next year.

Modern, updated schools maintain neighborhood integrity and vitality and are integral to our future workforce. For more information on the bonds, see www.AISDFuture.com



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Teens and young adults ages 13-21 outside of New York State can apply for a special card at <https://www.bklynlibrary.org/books-unbanned>. This card provides access to BPL's entire digital collection and helps connect young people facing censorship and book bans in their communities with materials that explore a wider range of topics.

Here in Austin, no books are forbidden. In fact, we encourage reading the ones that are pulled from shelves elsewhere. All September long, #AustinPublicLibrary highlighted banned books in their programming. With titles including Goodnight Moon and The Diary of a Young Girl (by Anne Frank), prizes were awarded for participation in the Reading Challenge, our library providing a checklist of recommended #BannedBooks by age range.

And Austin's exciting literary news is the 27th Texas Book Festival November 5-6. Held downtown at the State Capitol and surrounding streets, this year's event features nearly 300 national and Texas authors, including debut and bestselling writers, celebrated chefs, beloved children's illustrators and authors, and more.

You'll get to greet our neighborhood bestselling authors, Juli Berwald, Kate Winkler Dawson, and Sarah Bird, along with Angie Cruz, Omar Epps, Janet Evanovich, Anand Giridharadas, Gabino Iglesias, Margo Price, Rebecca Roanhorse, Kali Fajardo-Anstine, Zain E. Asher, Naomi Shihab Nye, Daniel Olivas, and more.

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History Interview: Walter Dick

– Carol Jones



Walter Dick began creating his colored pencil drawings 4 years ago, when he was 84. Since then, he has made 494 of them, mostly of animals. "It's all done freehand, no rulers or tools," he told me. He always begins his drawings the same way, looking at a photograph, and drawing the eyes first. He is self-taught, with no formal training other than one art class in junior high school.

Walter and his wife Mary have been happily married for 62 years. They met in a Chemistry lab class at University of Texas (UT). Walter walked into the

huge class of 500 students, saw Mary, and asked her if she knew anything about the intriguing equipment on the tables. Mary's father was a physician, so her answer was yes. Walter knew he needed to stick with her, and they've been together ever since.

In 1972, they were living in the Pemberton area, expecting their second child, when they realized they needed a bigger home. They looked around in Northwest Hills, which was considered to be out in the country at the time, and bought a house on Tallowood Drive. There were only 5 or 6 other houses in the area at the time. They have lived there ever since, as the neighborhood developed around them.

Walter is from Galveston, BOI (born on the island, as they say). In junior high school he worked as a carhop, jumping up on the running boards of cars to claim them for their tips. He later worked for a refrigeration company, and understood why they hired him so young. Galveston had lots of 2-story and 3-story houses and the ice boxes had to be hauled upstairs on a dolly. He also repaired ice boxes in the bars, which kept him busy since Galveston had more bars than churches.

He entered the Army and was stationed in Japan for 4 years during the Korean War. One of his superiors told him that he needed to go to college and get an education because he had "too much between his ears." Tuition at UT Austin in 1957 was \$25 a semester. The GI Bill paid him \$83 a month for tuition, books, meals, and lodging. He worked part time at the genealogy library at the Capitol and got a degree in Business Administration. He went into hospital administration and started his own consulting company in 1983, working at that for 27 years until he retired.

Mary was born in Austin and grew up in the Tarrytown area. She has fond memories of taking riding lessons with the legendary horsewoman Ginger Pool at her Hobby Horse Stable off Hancock

Drive. They would often go on trail rides up into the woods surrounding the limestone quarry, where Murchison Middle School is today. Mary still stays in touch at monthly lunches with a group of 12 life-long friends, some who have been friends since grade school days at Pease Elementary.

Mary's parents were good friends with the Fowler family, who hand-built the grand Commodore paddle boat in the 1940s that still operates on Lake Austin. Mary and Walter have great memories of fun parties on the boat, gliding from Green Shores to Tom Miller Dam and back again. They also fondly remember the Plantation House, Holiday House, Dirty's, The Pig Stand, and Youngbloods on south Lamar where the UT students would go to fill up on hot rolls.

I asked Walter about other art he has made. In the 1960s and 70s, he did a lot of landscape oil painting. He said he would start with the background and slowly move to the foreground, wanting the viewer to be intrigued by what might be around the corner of that river or behind those trees. Some of his oil paintings are in the collections of President Lyndon Johnson, John Connally, and Jake Pickle; and he has letters from them thanking him for his lovely art.

Today he is busy making beautiful colored pencil drawings. All his 494 creations are for sale, and he also does commissions. Walter will be presenting his art at the Hill Country Arts & Crafts Fair in Sun City on November 5th-6th, and the Holiday Market Art Show at Hillcrest Church on November 11th and 12th.



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Gourmand's Corner: Updates on Recent Changes

Provision moves to Triangle and Delucca moves in

Provision Dining House (at the corner of Stonelake and Braker) closed during the pandemic but has since reopened in the Triangle, going into the vacated Maudies spot at 4600 West Guadalupe Street, Suite B5.) Provision will continue to offer its favorites from before - items such as Short Rib Ragout, True Mac and Cheese, and Garden Tagliatelle.

Moving into the space vacated by Provision is a Delucca Guacho Pizza and Wine. The restaurant, the creation of some former Texas de Brazil employees, is based on the idea of a Rodizio de Pizza, basically a merging of a gaucho style churrascaria (with the endless variety of cooked meats) and a relaxed made-from-scratch pizzeria.

What connection there is between Brazil and Pizza? Brazil is home to the largest group of native Italians living outside Italy. The Italian roots are strong at Delucca, with almost everything made in house. They make their own fior de latte cheese every day by hand; and the pizza dough consists of Italian 00 flour, water, sea salt, and yeast. This results in a very simple base for their amazing pizza varieties.

Much like a Brazilian churrascaria, the meal comes at a set price which includes multiple courses. For \$24.50 (price at the time of this article) you get unlimited lobster bisque soup, arugula salad with a lemon honey vinaigrette, house-made Kobe meatballs in San Marzano sauce, and a multitude of pizzas, including dessert pizzas. You also get a little circular card that has a red and green side, just like at the Brazilian steakhouses. Green means "bring me more pizza" and red means "I'm taking a break."

During our first visit, we tried only 12 of the 18 varieties they offered. They have some traditional pizzas, like Margherita, Four Cheese, and Pepperoni, but that's where similarity stops.... Other pizzas included Mexican Elote, Chicken Tikka Masala, Garlic Pichana, and Turkish Lamb. One of the varieties that impressed our group the most was the Portuguese, which consists of Italian prosciutto cotto, onions, olives, hardboiled eggs, olive oil, and oregano. To be honest, we weren't expecting to like that one, but it turned out to be a table favorite. We were so full at the end of the meal that we didn't try the dessert pizzas, but we heard good things about them from other tables around us, especially the Romeo and Juliet - made with sweet mascarpone and Brazilian guava marmalade.

Here you can explore many flavors, since they subdivide each pizza into 10-12 small slices. The waiters walk through the room with various pizzas, and you can accept or decline anything, and even request specific flavors. It's a great option for a group with varying tastes.

They have an extensive drink menu; however, drinks are not included in the set price. We had caipirinhas, a traditional Brazilian cocktail

made with Brazilian Cachaça, Lime Juice, and Sugar Cane Syrup. They were very tasty and complemented the food quite well. They also have several beers, wines, and other cocktails on the menu.

Delucca Gaucho Pizza and Wine, 4200B W Braker Ln (<https://www.delucca.com/>)

Provision Dining House, 4600 W. Guadalupe St., Suite B5 (<https://provisiondininghouse.com/>)

Street returns to replace Far East Sports Bar

I wrote about Far East Sports Bar in January 2020 just before the pandemic. The conversion of Street (located under Chinatown on the Mopac Access Road) into a sports bar came at a bad time just two months before the pandemic started.

This experiment with Far East Sports Bar is over, and the restaurant has reverted to its former incarnation as Street. The décor is exactly the same as it was with Far East Sports Bar (i.e., the TVs are still there along with the tap wall) but the original Street menu has returned with its eclectic mix of Appetizers, Soups, Dim Sum, Sushi, Noodle dishes, and Entrees. They also have a full bar, tap wall, wine, and sake.

Street Restaurant, 3407 Greystone Drive (<http://streetatx.squarespace.com/>)



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