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# History of the Allandale Neighborhood Association

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The Allandale Neighborhood Association is a non-profit organization (501C4) which serves the area bounded by Anderson Lane, Burnet Road, 45th Street, and MoPac. The Association works to promote and preserve the quality of life, the integrity, the safety, the residential character, and the property values of the neighborhood. The Association monitors zoning proposals, legislative issues, and City Council decisions regarding the streets, park, creek, and other concerns of the area. It sponsors candidate forums for the City Council, the school board, and other public offices when appropriate to provide information to the public. However, the Allandale Neighborhood Association never supports any particular individual for public office.

In 1960, Bullard Drive residents organized the Allandale July 4th parade which became an annual tradition and is now sponsored by the Association.

The Association was organized in October 1973 as the 28th and largest neighborhood group in Austin. It may be the neighborhood group with the widest boundaries, encompassing 3,500 homes. Area schools include Gullett Elementary, Highland Park Elementary, Lamar Junior High, and McCallum High School. Churches include St. John's United Methodist, Covenant Presbyterian, Skyview Baptist, Grace Church of The Nazarene, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Koenig Lane Christian, and Church of Glad Tidings. Austin Memorial Park Cemetery is located within the neighborhood boundaries on Hancock Drive.

The Association operates under a set of by-laws and is headed by an Executive Committee composed of eleven active members who are elected at the September General Meeting. This committee sets policy and takes necessary action subject to the approval of the total membership at the next General Meeting. There are two General Meetings per year, in January and September.

Achievements of the Association are outlined below.

- 1973.....Halted the proposed extension of Far West Blvd. through Northwest Park. This effort prevented the neighborhood from being divided by a major roadway.
  
- 1973–1975.....Worked to control the water runoff from MoPac which resulted in the Shoal Creek Sewer Line Project and persuaded the City to route the line under Shoal Creek Blvd. rather than down the creek bed.
  
- 1975.....Halted the proposed extension of Great Northern Blvd. to Anderson Lane. This effort prevented traffic from cutting through a residential area and endangering the safety of residents.
  
- 1975–1976.....Promoted safety within the neighborhood through Neighborhood Watch and Operation Identification. The Neighborhood Watch Program is set up all over the neighborhood for crime protection.
  
- 1976.....Provided input concerning the location of the Northwest Recreation Center.  
  
Halted the proposed closing of Fire Station #12 at 2109 Hancock Drive because it provides necessary fire protection for the surrounding neighborhood
  
- 1978–1980.....Negotiated a settlement to stop the removal of homes around the Allandale Baptist Church. The congregation wanted to expand its facilities and ultimately moved to a new location. The church is now called Church of Glad Tidings.
  
- 1980.....Delayed the widening of Allandale Road/2222 to major arterial status, and Shoal Creek Blvd., 45th Street, and Hancock Drive to minor arterial status.
  
- 1981.....Achieved a zoning rollback for 99% of all single-family residences within the neighborhood to permanent “SF-2, Single Family Residence.” This was the largest rollback in the city and has prevented residences from being rezoned as duplexes, apartments, and commercial establishments.  
  
Coordinated the Allandale portion of the “Hike and Bike Trail” along Shoal Creek Blvd.
  
- 1982.....Worked with the City to provide flood control on Upper Shoal Creek and the Northwest Park Detention Ponds, and replacement of four bridges over Shoal Creek at a cost of more than \$7.1 million.
  
- 1984.....Allandale neighbors revived the Candy Cane Lane tradition started in the 1960s by residents on Bullard Drive. It grew to include streets bounded by Northland Drive, Great Northern Blvd., Anderson Lane and Shoal Creek Blvd.  
  
Opposed construction of five office buildings, six-stories high, over the detention ponds along MoPac between Anderson Lane and Steck Avenue. Members of the Steering Committee spoke before the City Council and received some compromises on the height of the buildings and the need for filtering runoff. The developer canceled the building plans.
  
- January 1985 .....Beginning of the planning process for Sector 3 of the City’s

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Comprehensive Plan. Sector 3 encompasses the area bounded by MoPac, U.S. 183, 38th Street, and I-35. The neighborhoods are Allandale, Central NW, Crestview, North Shoal Creek, Rosedale, Wooten School, Highlands, Alta Vista, Tonkawa, and Ridgelea. Dr. Elmer Hixson represents Allandale.

October 1985–1986....Northwest Park detention pond is completed. New bridges built for flood control are at Greenlawn Parkway, and Shoal Creek at 45th. Also Far West detention pond, Upper Shoal Creek detention pond at MoPac and U.S. 183, Upper Shoal Creek channel improvements, Silverway pedestrian bridge, and creek improvements between White Rock and Northwest Park have been completed.

October 1985–1987....Allandale gave input into the City of Austin’s and Texas Department of Highway’s new bridge at RM 2222 over Shoal Creek. Final approval was granted by the Federal Highway Administration.

November 1, 1985.....Started publication of the “Allandale Newsletter”.

November 1985 .....A large Roadway Town Meeting Panel met on November 18th to hear views of the Austin Transportation Study Commission (ATS) presented by the consulting firm of C. R. S. Serrine. Speakers were Mayor Frank Cooksey, Monica Walden (Sierra Club), Larry Deuser (Save Austin Neighborhoods and Environment), Bill Oakey (member of City’s Electric Utility Commission), Jay Frank Powell (Austin Planning Commission), and Dave Dobbs (Texas Association for Public Transportation). This ATS plan included a 3.1 mile freeway through Allandale from Airport Blvd. to MoPac.

1985.....Garage Sale was held to raise funds for the Association. Items were contributed by many Allandale residents. Garage sales continue to be held as needed for fund raising.

Tried to move Missouri Pacific Railroad Company’s passing track between RM 2222 and Anderson Lane because of noise and air pollution. Resolution passed by City Council addressing these concerns. Track remains.

Opposed the site plan for a three-story office building at 5046 Bull Creek Road. We spoke before the Planning Commission and the City Council, and the site plan was rejected. A new architect was chosen and an attractive two-story building was planned for the site, but was never built. First test of Austin’s Compatibility Standards.

1985–1986.....Opposed the Austin Transportation Study (ATS) Plan, the regional Metropolitan planning body, which includes a freeway along Koenig Lane/Allandale Road. Plans put in effect to file a legal suit against the ATS Plan and the City, County, and State. The lawsuit requested a judicial declaration that the February 24th plan is not a “transportation plan” as that term is defined by federal law.

January/February .....Many Allandale residents attended public hearings on the ATS roadway 1986 plan. Started raising funds to oppose Koenig Lane freeway.

February 14, 1986.....ATS approved the expansion of Koenig Lane to a freeway.

March 1986 .....Town Meeting sponsored by Allandale and Koenig Lane Business Association. Featured an open panel discussion with ATS representatives,

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- City department head of transportation, and sponsor members, concerning ATS proposed plan for Koenig Lane freeway and outer loop (a proposed 82-mile loop around Austin).
- April 5, 1986.....Mayor Frank Cooksey dedicated the rebuilt Northwest Pony Colt Field. Original little league baseball field was built in 1955 on the same site.
- April 23, 1986.....Allandale votes to become a plaintiff in the ATS federal litigation.
- May 17, 1986.....Travis County Democratic Convention voted to oppose the Austin Transportation Study Plan to expand Koenig Lane into a freeway.
- May 21, 1986.....Lawsuit filed before U.S. District Court for Western District of Texas, requesting a judicial declaration that the ATS February 24, 1986 plan is not a transportation plan as defined by federal law. It requests an injunction against federal funding of transportation projects that are not consistent with the ATS transportation plan that was in effect prior to February 24. Lost this suit on April 23. Appealed in 5th Circuit Court in New Orleans.
- September 23, 1986 ....State District Court lawsuit filed due to lack of notification to make the planning process public. This suit alleges that ATS has been in violation of the Open Meetings Act during the entire public hearing process. Preliminary hearings were held in Judge Harley Clark’s court on October 10, 13, 17, and 31.
- 1986.....Discussions of proposed Koenig Lane freeway were held by Allandale with members of the ATS Policy Advisory Committee. Meetings were held with many neighborhoods. Interviews were scheduled with television and radio stations. Sector planners voted against a freeway status for Koenig Lane.
- Shoal Creek flood control project: replaced sewer line on Shoal Creek; detention pondings at MoPac & 183, Far West Blvd., Northwest Park, Mopac & Steck; bridge replacements at 45th Street, RM 2222/Northland, Greenlawn, at the Pony Colt field on Shoal Creek; upper Shoal Creek channelization improvements, and various other Shoal Creek channelization improvements.
- Allandale adopted Lamar Junior High School in the City’s Adopt-A-School program. This continues each year if endorsed by the Steering Committee.
- Erosion control downstream of “Blue Hole” on Shoal Creek.
- Participated in City-sponsored Project Greenscape.
- Started recycling in Allandale (early in the City process).
- Met with U.S. Corps of Engineers concerning channelization project for Shoal Creek from U.S. Highway 183 to Town Lake and tunneling to Lake Austin.
- Lee McGuire, residing at 5900 Shoal Creek Blvd. (453-4185), started a scrapbook of all the Austin American-Statesman articles about Allandale and continues to add to it as of 1994.
- April 28 & June 7, .....Planning meetings were held with Parks & Recreation Department

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- 1987 regarding the children's playscape, landscaping, circulation walkways, and footbridge in Northwest Park which was destroyed in the 1981 flood.
- June 1, 1987.....Barton-Aschman Study on RM 2222 (widen lanes to 5 lanes, straighten bend in Allandale Road, automated traffic signals, continuous left-hand turn lanes) presented to Urban Transportation. Action taken on June 20, which would cost \$7.5 million in TSM improvements. This plan has never been initiated except for automated traffic signals.
- July 1987.....City Council public hearing to prevent Koenig Lane from becoming a freeway. Approved by the Council.
- August 3, 1987.....Federal Court appeal: ANA, et al., filed an appeal against the City, County, and State regarding ATS violation of Open Meetings Act.
- December 1987.....Began participation in Christmas tree recycling and continue this practice each year.
- 1987.....Allandale's RM 2222 Corridor Study was made to supply additional data regarding areas not covered in the Barton-Aschman report. No need for continuous left-hand turn lanes. Need for left-hand turn lanes at intersections, widening of intersections at RM 2222 and Shoal Creek Blvd., Arroyo Seco, Woodrow, Grover, Guadalupe, and Avenue F. Reduce driveway cuts along Koenig between Burnet and Lamar (create shared driveways). Sidewalks proposed on south end of Koenig Lane between Burnet and Lamar. Review of fiscal cost related to level of service needs to be correlated. School zones will be 15–20 m.p.h.; 35 m.p.h. elsewhere.
- Gave input into Mueller Airport public hearings, the storm drainage concrete channel project near Pegram Drive, a drainage project at Skylark Drive and Great Northern Blvd.
- Worked with subcommittee of State Lands Commission to maintain compatible development on state land at 45th Street and Bull Creek Road.
- Investigated and prevented the proposed closing of the North Loop Branch Library at 2210 Hancock Drive. Temporary branch opened November 23rd at 2222 North Loop Drive. Permanent branch library leased building had been constructed in 1977 and vacated May 15, 1987. Earlier libraries were located on the east side of Burnet Road from 1956–1964, in the Allandale Shopping Center from 1967–1977, and at 5230 Burnet Road from 1977–September 19, 1987.
- January 5, 1988.....Northwest Park Master Plan completed. Parks & Recreation decided to help with ordering playground equipment, walkways, drinking fountains, landscaping, and drainage work. Available City funds amount to \$51,000. The new footbridge across the creek cost \$33,000. Only \$18,000 now available. Allandale has to raise \$35,000 to complete the playscape area.
- 1987–1988.....Northwest District Park: neighborhood raised \$20,000 for sidewalks, playscapes, and the City came up with a \$10,000 letter of credit, and provided the rest (\$50,000), for a total of \$80,000. NWDP is the third most used park in Austin (behind Zilker and Emma Long).
- February 3, 1988.....Lawsuit (roadway litigation) appeal won in the state appellate court in

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Austin, declaring the ATS is a “governmental body” and therefore is bound by the Open Meetings Act. This decision reverses the trial court decision that the ATS did not fit into any of the categories the legislature had defined to be “governmental bodies.”

- March 23, 1988.....The court denied the ATS appeal and dismissed Capital Metro’s request on the ATS litigation. On April 5, ATS decided to ask the Texas Supreme Court to review the decision of the Court of Appeals. In March, Judge Nowlin dismissed our federal lawsuit.
- October 26, 1988 .....In the Texas Supreme Court, our litigation against ATS was upheld when the court agreed with an appeals court that the transportation committee was subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act. The ATS, in drafting the plan in 1984, 1985, and 1986, failed to post notices of meetings at Secretary of State and Texas Register.
- 1988.....Donated funds for Mayfield Park restoration.
- January 17, 1989.....ATS pulled Koenig Lane from its transportation plan at the first of the year, and put it back in again.
- 1989.....ANA’s proposal for Koenig Lane is to widen it to four 11-foot lanes, with a tree planted median, and left-hand turn lanes. Lights would be synchronized and curb cuts reduced by shared parking.
- Donated \$500 to Austin Crossroads for roadway lawsuit.
- June 21, 1990.....Allandale had three booths at the Northwest Recreation Center Carnival to raise funds for neighborhood beautification projects. The Northwest Recreation Center is used for meetings, for elections, and various exhibits, summer camps, and carnivals.
- July 4, 1990 .....30th Anniversary of Allandale’s July 4th parade.
- August 30, 1990.....North Loop Branch Library expanded and renovated at 2210 Hancock Drive; doubled in size to over 6,000 sq. ft.; the largest leased branch in the city (7 year lease). The North Loop Library is #1 in cost effectiveness of branches with number of staff, square footage, and book collection.
- November 27– .....Jury awarded \$146,300 to the attorneys, David Frederick, Phil Durst, Dave  
December 6, 1990 Richards, and Richard Gray, in the lawsuit against ATS (state, county, and local) for violating the Texas Open Meetings Act. Austin Crossroads received \$7,630. The ATS (state) has not yet paid their third. That is still in court.
- 1990.....Parks & Recreation replaced trees that were killed by the freeze. They completed the sidewalk from the last parking lot past the playscape all the way to the restrooms. The Northwest District Park Fund purchased trees and plants worth \$1,000 for the flower beds next to the playscape. Trees were planted by Friends of Northwest Park and others on June 2 and July 28. Four crape myrtles were planted by PARD.
- ANA was honored by Lamar Junior High for their services in the Adopt-A-School program.

Participated in City of Austin zoning and permit development process which streamlined the procedure and weakened the neighborhood response position to proposed projects.

ANA was involved in the City’s streamlining process where changes include: (1) neighborhood groups excluded from notice of and the opportunity to appeal staff decisions on site plans which do not require a variance. Only adjacent property owners will be notified and permitted to appeal and appeals are no longer heard by the planning commission; (2) roughly doubles the size of small projects which can be approved without public notice or approval; (3) greatly reduces the number of traffic impact analyses done by staff; (4) permits “fast track” construction to begin before City review of a project is finished.

Parks & Recreation is working on plans to upgrade landscaping at the Shoal Creek and the Northland Drive bridge. ANA will donate honeysuckle and landscaping materials to be planted between Austin Memorial Park Cemetery and Hancock Drive to provide a fenceline buffer between the cemetery and the street.

Met and planned the neighborhood Koenig Lane proposal with numerous other neighborhood associations, Austin Crossroads, and City Council members.

The Urban Transportation Commission adopted a resolution supporting Transportation Systems Management (TSM) recommendations for neighborhood to increase east–west traffic capacity.

Donated \$500 to North Loop Branch Library for tables and chairs.

Members attending the General Meeting adopted the neighborhood Koenig Lane proposal (4 lanes with tree planted median).

1991.....Paleontologist excavated plesiosaur (a marine reptile from the Mesozoic period; lived in water, had long neck and small head, all four limbs were paddles 18’ in length) in Shoal Creek near Greenlawn Parkway and Shoal Creek Blvd.

February 4, 1991.....North Loop Library expanded and renovated building at 2210 Hancock Drive dedicated.

April 29, 1991 .....Council election public forum was held at Lamar Junior High on Wynona Street.

June 1991 .....Northwest District Park: the City has completed sidewalk from the last parking lot, past the playscape, to the restrooms. The NWDP Fund bought over \$1,000 worth of trees and plants for the flowerbeds next to the playscape.

Plans for beautification projects include landscaping along bridges, and native plant survey of medians. ANA contributed to the purchase of coral honeysuckle to cover the chain link fence around the cemetery and the City replaced trees in NWDP.

June 13, 1991.....City Council passed a resolution supporting Koenig Lane Mobility Plan (4-

lane divided, tree planted median). It was a policy statement. On June 11, the Planning Commission approved the plan.

June 21, 1991.....ANA had three booths at Northwest Recreation Center to raise funds for ANA beautification projects.

August 15, 1991.....The Covenant Presbyterian Church proposed parking lot in Memorial Park Cemetery was canceled.

1991.....The Moore-Hancock Farmstead (1849) log cabin continues to be restored by Mike and Karen Collins at 4811 Sinclair Ave. Restoration began in January 1989.

ANA was honored at a breakfast by Lamar Junior High for services in the Adopt-A-School program.

Topless bar at Toulouse II on Anderson Lane was defeated by the Planning Commission 9-0 and vetoed by the City Council.

ATS staff proposed 6-lane divided roadway for Koenig Lane.

January 1992 .....Meeting with Department of Public Works and Transportation regarding concerns and anger about the December 20, 1991 flooding of Shoal Creek.

May 9, 1992.....Shoal Creek Clean Up.

May 12, 1992.....ATS adopted the Koenig Lane Mobility Plan and approved the use of \$350,000 in federal funds for preliminary engineering and design work.

May 16, 1992.....Open house at restored Moore-Hancock Farmstead (1849) log cabin at 4811 Sinclair Ave. The site received the 1992 Heritage Society restoration award.

October 24, 1992 .....Worked with Keep Austin Beautiful to clean up Northwest Park and Shoal Creek.

November 22, 1992.....Zilla Run by Mangia Pizza was held in Allandale and the owners donated funds toward Shoal Creek beautification.

1992.....St. John’s United Methodist Church and Lamar Junior High built a parking lot on the Lamar grounds.

Council approved putting before the voters the purchase and stabilization of the Americana Theater as a permanent site for the North Loop Branch Library. It was passed by the voters. Purchase and renovation was estimated at \$2.6 million. This also included purchase of books and equipment.

City of Austin included in the bond package a proposition for Shoal Creek improvements and bank stabilization between Northwest Park and White Rock Drive. The proposition passed. Bidding will take place in the spring of 1993 with construction beginning in the fall.

Continued planning for beautification projects, such as traffic islands, planting along the fence at Lamar, noise reduction from MoPac along Great Northern Blvd., and encouraging businesses to landscape. Removed trash

from traffic island near Lamar Junior High.

ANA contributed \$250 to Lamar Junior High School library.

Put out an important bond election flyer to ANA residents.

February 20, 1993..... Beautification Committee presented Thundercloud Subs at 5401 Burnet Road with “Business Beautifying Burnet Award.” Worked on traffic island at Hancock and Shoal Creek. Also working with Lamar Junior High’s Adopt-A-School program for landscaping at the school.

March 4, 1993..... The Austin City Council approved the purchase agreement contract for the Americana Theater as a permanent site for the North Loop Branch Library. Purchase price was \$285,000 (the property was previously appraised at \$549,000). The north wall and roof will be stabilized and building renovation will occur later.

March 11, 1993..... ANA March meeting was held at a new neighborhood nursery, Park Place Gardens, at 2710 Hancock Drive. Subject discussed was “Landscaping with Native Plants.”

April 8, 1993..... Council Candidate Forum moderated by Daryl Slusher, the Chronicle’s political editor.

April 17, 1993..... First ANA Neighborhood Picnic in many years was held at Northwest Park.

May 1993 ..... ANA donated \$250 to Lamar Junior High School library for the purchase of books.

May 8, 1993..... Shoal Creek Clean Up to remove trash and debris from the creek.

May 17, 1993..... The Americana Theater building was purchased for \$285,000 as a permanent site of the North Loop Branch Library.

May 18, 1993..... Spoke at Planning Commission to request City of Austin to build one library a year starting in 1994. They approved.

June 1993 ..... ANA started mailing newsletters to all of Allandale’s 3,500 homes. Newsletters had been delivered by volunteers for several years.

June 8, 1993..... The neighborhood Koenig Lane Plan was included in the Austin Transportation Study, in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Planning Transportation Program (PTP) for fiscal year 1994–1996. This project is planned for construction in 1995. Construction funds amount to \$6.13 million. The City of Austin is expected to fund right-of-way and utilities.

Austin City Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to identify potential funding sources to purchase the necessary right-of-way and relocate utilities along Koenig Lane between Airport Blvd. and Loop 1 (MoPac) so that construction of a four-lane divided arterial with median can begin in FY 1994–95. Further directs the City Manager to advise the Austin Transportation Study Policy Advisory Committee of the City Council’s desire to construct the project. (Councilmember Jackie Goodman.) Approved on consent 7–0 vote.

A letter was written to the City Manager to amplify the City Council's Resolution [agenda item 43] stating that it was the Council's intention that the City Planning and Development department, Transportation and Public Works, the Electric Department and Water/Wastewater department look for alternative mechanisms for acquiring the necessary right-of-way and relocation of utilities and to identify potential sources of funds for both. This effort is to include frequent and open consultation with neighborhood representatives. Also that the City's Planning and Development department report its results to City Council by December 1993 and the Electric and Water/Wastewater departments by October 1993.

- June 23, 1993.....ANA membership drive phone bank.
- July 1, 1993 .....Attended and spoke at the City Council CIP Public Hearing to request City to renovate the Americana Theater for the permanent site for the North Loop Library as soon as possible.
- July 3, 1993 .....34th Annual July 4th Parade was held on Saturday since July 4th falls on a Sunday.
- August 3, 1993.....Allandale participated in National Night Out block events for crime prevention and promoting neighborhood unity, giving individuals an opportunity to meet their neighbors.
- August 5 & 26, 1993 ..Attended and spoke at the Austin City Council CIP Public Hearing to ask the City of Austin to renovate the Americana Theater for the permanent site of the North Loop Branch Library as soon as possible.
- September 22, 1993 ....General meeting to discuss Allandale's future. Panel included architect Ben Heimsath, Capitol Metro's Jim Robertson, Realtor Malcolm Milburn, and two representatives of H.E.B. Phyllis Brinkley was honored as a Neighborhood Legend, the first award of its kind.
- September 1993.....The City Council adopted a FY 1994 City of Austin budget and funds for the design work of the Milwood and Oak Hill library branches are to be included. Hopefully this means that the North Loop Branch Library design work, currently scheduled for 1998, will be moved up. Over 1,000 signatures were collected and hundreds of letters and phone calls were made in support of the Americana Theater renovation. The building was purchased for \$285,000 on May 17, 1993. Building stabilization, roof repair, asbestos abatement, and repair of a structural crack in the north wall will be done during 1993-94 at a cost of \$374,216. The City is still paying \$204,472 for rent on the current library through 1997.
- 1993.....ANA Beautification Committee meets the third Saturday of each month to do landscaping and clean up projects. Worked on traffic island near St. John's United Methodist Church.

The City negotiated the purchase of a residence at 6408 Shoal Creek Blvd. for demolition and drainage improvements to the street. Project to be completed along with creek improvements. A \$7 million federal flood control project that has been approved for the Hancock Branch of Shoal Creek with design beginning in June 1993 and construction in 1995.

Shoal Creek improvements between Northwest Park and White Rock Drive are in final design process. The City & Espey Huston are working together; construction began in early fall. The City has been given the residence at 6410 Shoal Creek by Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA) for demolition and drainage improvements to the street in the vicinity. Demolition began in the spring.

According to Austin Multiple Listing Service, in 1991 sixty-six homes sold in the Allandale area with average sale price \$91,081. In 1992, sixty-five homes sold with average sale price \$99,857; increase of 9% in the average sales price. Demand for homes in Allandale is high.

Austin Crossroads received \$4,772.03 from the state for their portion of attorney’s fees and other fees for the Texas Open Meetings Act lawsuit which was won November 27–December 6, 1990. On October 26, 1988, the Texas Supreme Court upheld our litigation against ATS (state). The Supreme Court agreed with the appeals court that the ATS was subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act. The ATS failed to post notices of meetings at the Secretary of State and the Texas Register. The attorneys were awarded \$146,300 on December 6, 1990. The state filed an appeal and have just now paid their portion of \$80,000 with added court costs.

Gullett Elementary School was recognized by the Texas Successful School Awards Program for meeting national goals. This was the highest award given to any school in Austin.

January 1994 ..... Long-range Allandale neighborhood planning includes the following three goals, with committees set up for each: (1) Transportation needs; (2) Economic development—upgrading commercial development around Burnet Road and other centers; (3) Demographic study describing our neighborhood and its future needs.

The police department has implemented a “new sector” program. The City is divided into six sectors, with one police lieutenant in charge of each sector 24 hours a day. Allandale encompasses two sectors—the Adam sector (all northwest Austin to the northern and western city limits, everything in Allandale north of Koenig Lane), and the Baker sector (everything south of Koenig to Town Lake). Lt. Alan Riske (837-8224) presides over the Adam sector and Lt. Greg Lasley (837-7913) presides over the Baker sector. This new program is designed for the police department to be closer to the neighborhoods.

Neighborhood is trying to secure street curbing where there is none in Allandale.

Planning for an oriental garden began in September 1993 in Northwest District Park.

A Wetlands Project is slated for the greenbelt between Stoneway Drive and Pinecrest. Its purpose is to remove pollutants from run-off water via a plant-filled detention pond before the water reaches Shoal Creek. Construction is scheduled to begin in late spring of 1994.

March 14, 1994.....At the ATS meeting, ATS staff presented an update on the progress of

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- Koenig Lane and the ATS cost estimates. More information was requested.
- March 1994 .....The City began drainage improvements between White Rock Drive and Northwest District Park. Completion is scheduled around the end of August. The City has demolished the residence at 6408 Shoal Creek Blvd. which was destroyed by flooding.
- April 1994.....ANA established a graffiti removal program. Coordinated with neighborhood volunteers and the Travis County Community Justice Council, it provides supervised clean-up crews consisting of juvenile and adult probationers who are court ordered to perform community service.
- Playground Committee at Gullett Elementary School is in the process of raising funds to purchase a new handicapped-accessible playscape. ANA donated \$250 to the playscape.
- The Economic Revitalization Committee, a sub-committee of the Long Range Planning Committee of ANA, is revitalizing the neighborhood's commercial areas. Two primary areas of concern are the "triangle" bounded by Burnet Road and North Loop, and Burnet Road from North Loop to Anderson Lane. Landscaping, simple remodeling, compliance with the sign ordinance, underground placement of utilities, and commercial and transportation modes are being addressed.
- Beautification Committee offers assistance to elderly residents who can no longer maintain their yards.
- April 9, 1994.....ANA picnic from 1:00–3:00 at Northwest District Park in conjunction with a bike race in the morning down Shoal Creek Blvd., Greenlawn, Great Northern Blvd., and Foster.
- April 11, 1994.....In Agenda Item 4, ATS staff Mike Aulick, presented the neighborhood's plan for Koenig Lane with 80-foot right-of-ways and the Texas Department of Transportation plans with 94-foot right-of-way, showing proposed typical section for both plans. This compared the Texas Department of Transportation and the neighborhood plans. This information was not discussed; it was included in the ATS agenda packets because the information was requested at the March 14, 1994 ATS meeting.
- April 25, 1994.....City Council Forum at the McCallum High School Theater Center sponsored by the following eight neighborhood associations: Allandale, Brentwood, Brykerwoods, Highland Park, Hyde Park, North University, Ridgetop, and Rosedale.
- May 9, 1994.....At the Austin Transportation Study (ATS) meeting, our regional Metropolitan Planning Organization, our neighborhood Koenig Lane Plan construction schedule was moved from 1995 to 1996. This was changed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for federal STP 4C funds.
- May 1994 .....Shoal Creek Clean Up Beautification Committee worked on traffic island at Shoal Creek Blvd. and Hancock Drive.
- Summer 1994 .....AISD will use Lucy Read campus, located at 26087 Richcreek Drive, for a Learning Resource Center and the Professional Development Academy. Lucy Read had been a Health Services Department.

Northwest Recreation Center at 2913 Northland Drive offered programs in chess, Jazzercise, karate, gymnastics, toddler programs, teen camp, tennis, ice skating, bowling, and a weight room.

City of Austin is putting in new street overlays on Cary and Nasco. New sewer lines are going in on Shoalwood and Wynona. Residents will have to be reconnected in pursuance of a new city ordinance. The City will bear the cost of reconnections due to the diligence of neighbors and ANA.

June 13, 1994.....Neighborhood Koenig Lane plan was extended from 1996 to 1997 for construction in the TIP at the ATS meeting.

June 23, 1994.....Northwest Recreation Center hosted its 7th Annual Carnival.

July 1994.....An Allandale Neighborhood Transit Survey was begun.

July 4, 1994 .....There were approximately 2,000 attendees at the 35th Annual July 4th Parade.

August 1, 1994.....Asbestos abatement began at the Americana Theater on Hancock Drive, the future permanent site for the North Loop Branch Library. The abatement was approved and contract awarded by the City Council on July 14, 1994.

August 2, 1994.....National Night Out. Police departments nation-wide encourage neighbors to turn on their porch lights, go outside and visit with their neighbors.

November 20, 1994.....The Zilla 10K Run, sponsored by Mangia's Pizza, was held. One dollar per runner was donated to ANA, totaling \$700.00 this year.

November 29, 1994.....A meeting was held in the cafeteria of Lucy Reed school (2608 Richcreek Road) to explain the programs, tour the building, and discuss the parking problem surrounding the facility. Construction of a 50-car parking lot is planned, along with other solutions to alleviate the neighbors concerns about parking in the area. [The parking lot was completed in April 1995.]

November 1994 .....Allandale neighbors and the Allandale Neighborhood Association contributed nearly \$3,000.00 to Gullett Elementary School's playscape fund. More than 20 people volunteered to install the new equipment starting in early 1995.

The asbestos abatement project has been completed at the Americana Theater, future site of the permanent home for the North Loop Branch Library. The crack in the north wall was also repaired and roof repairs are planned.

Cub Scout Pack 55 assembled Candy Canes to further the Candy Cane Lane tradition in Allandale.

Scouts delivered the Allandale Neighbor newsletter in 1994.

1994.....Lucy Reed School has added a library of resources for AISD teachers and a reading recovery program to provide resources, demonstrations, and training to support teachers and students who are performing under their grade level. This is in addition to the Professional Development Academy, which holds

workshops for AISD teachers.

Lamar Middle School and McCallum High School are developing an expanded program, Achievement through Creative Excellence (ACE), that will focus on the creative and performing arts and technology. Several elementary schools are also exploring a similar focus. Donations were solicited for the purchase of instruments.

- December 1994–.....ANA sponsored Christmas tree recycling on December 31 and January 1, 7, and 8 at Northwest Park.
- January 31, 1995.....The Texas Department of Transportation held a public meeting at the McCallum High School cafeteria to discuss improvements to Koenig Lane and present both the TX DoT and the neighborhood's plans. The plans differ in right-of-way costs. The goal of the neighborhood's plan is to preserve the structures along the corridor, with a 4-lane divided, tree planted median. [TX DoT recommended a center turn lane between Lamar and Burnet to ATS on March 13, 1995.] 400 area residents attended the meeting.
- March 13, 1995.....ATS Action regarding Koenig Lane. See attached sheets reaffirming neighborhood plan for Koenig Lane, asking the City of Austin to develop cost estimates for the neighborhood plan and advise the ATS of the City's intent regarding right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation, etc.
- May 16, June 5 .....Spoke at Planning Commission meetings and Public Hearing to request that design funds be included in the 1995–96 CIP budget for the Americana Theatre renovation as the permanent site of the North Loop Branch Library. This branch library has been leased since 1956. Between 1956 and 1964, the library was located on the east side of Burnet Road. In 1967, it was located in the Allandale Shopping Center on Hancock Road until it closed in 1977. Space on the east side of Burnet Road was then leased at 5230 Burnet Road until 1987, when once again, the City of Austin lost the lease. The next temporary branch was opened in 1987 at 2222 North Loop Drive (the current site); in 1988, this became the permanent leased branch, which was expanded in 1990.
- May–October 1995.....Far West Detention Pond, located between Great Northern and Shoal Creek Boulevards, is a water quality retrofit project. The existing pond was deepened to provide extended protection for the 24 homes in that area. In addition, wetland landscaping will enable runoff to be released slowly through the vegetation and will enhance water quality in Shoal Creek and Town Lake. The retrofit project is funded by drainage fees paid by homeowners and businesses, as assessed by the City of Austin utility department.
- June 3, 1995.....The Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the design funds for the permanent North Loop Library be included in the 1995–96 CIP budget.
- June 1995 .....The following improvements, funded by 1992 voter-approved bonds, were made to Northwest Park and pool: accessible sidewalks to the picnic area from the rear parking lot; three new accessible picnic tables with grills and concrete pads; accessible features to the pool restrooms and changing rooms; a self-operated pool lift for disabled persons; accessible parking spaces were relocated, striped, marked, and appropriate curb cuts were made.

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- July 4, 1995 .....The 36th ANA July 4th Parade. Annual ANA Homeowner’s Awards are presented at the July 4th Parade. Judging takes place each year in early June. Guaranty Federal Bank at 5600 Burnet Road presents each of the three winners selected by ANA a \$50.00 savings bond.
- July 17, 1995 .....The Allandale neighborhood is scheduled for a second bulk pick-up. The first was scheduled in May 1994.
- July 27, 1995 .....City Council approved acceptance of \$166,375 in federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) category 4C grant funds and appropriating \$166,375 to the Department of Public Works & Transportation Special Revenue Fund to complete research for proposed improvements to Koenig Lane.
- September 11, 1995 ....City Council unanimously voted for the design funds for the permanent North Loop Branch Library to be included in the 1995–95 CIP budget.
- November 1995 .....Capital Metro added a new fixed route of Special Transit Service on Shoal Creek Blvd. from 38th Street and North Lamar to Northcross Mall.
- November 6, 1995.....The ANA Executive Committee heard representatives from Covenant Presbyterian Church and Louise Lane residents concerning church parking problems on neighborhood streets and the church’s zoning change request from Single Family-2 to General Office in order to acquire more impervious cover to construct a 2-story office building. ANA suggested that the church investigate options, such as Northwest Recreation Center, for shared joint-use parking. February 6, 1996 was scheduled as the date to return to the Planning Commission. On November 7, the Planning Commission unanimously passed our resolution.
- 1995.....As of this year, \$18 million has been spent on Shoal Creek flood mitigation control measures.
- January 1996 .....Camp, Dresser & McKee, Inc., engineering firm, is working on a Master Plan for the Shoal Creek Watershed for over a 20-year period costing \$22–25 million for pollution reduction.
- Residents from approximately ten neighborhoods, including Allandale, submitted a list of suggestions to the General Land Office to be sent to prospective developers for the triangle property bounded by Guadalupe, Lamar, and 45th Street.
- February 1996 .....City of Austin hired an appraiser to develop an estimate to acquire right-of-way for the Neighborhood Koenig Lane Plan.
- City of Austin Board of Adjustment granted a variance to a new home at 5600 block of Shoal Creek Blvd. (house violated 25-foot set back front and perimeter fence ordinances). The board denied a motion for a re-hearing of the case in March.
- February 5, 1996.....Executive Committee voted to back the proposed AISD bond election.
- February 11, 1996.....Texas Department of Transportation, Espey Huston, and Austin Transportation Study Quadrant Consultants held a public meeting at Camp

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- Mabry Texas National Guard Academy to discuss noise abatement studies prepared for IH-35 from Yager Lane to Slaughter to Loop I from U.S. 183 to Loop 360.
- March 1996 .....Zoning case on Shoal Creek before Board of Adjustment. Builder violated 25-foot set back in the deed restrictions and land development code. The Board ruled in favor of the builder.
- Mangia Pizza's Zilla 10K Run presented ANA with a \$1,000 check (they donate \$1.00 per runner). Carapetyan Construction donated \$1,182, which represents 1% of their home construction work done in Allandale.
- March 7, 1996.....Zoning case from SF2 to G0-C0 for the Covenant Presbyterian Church to obtain more impervious cover to build a 2-story office building in order to move administrative offices back on campus. Also, joint use parking agreement was finalized between the church and the Northwest Recreation Center providing 100–130 parking spaces on the recreation center's property so that churchgoers do not have to park on neighborhood streets and cross Koenig Lane to get to the church. ANA came to an agreement with Covenant Presbyterian Church which clears the way for their 2-story office, classroom and education. Uses will be limited to those permitted under SF-2 zoning with addition of private Primary Educational Facilities and Daycare (general and commercial). Building height limited to 46-feet; FAR limited to 0.25 : 1 with a 25-foot set back from front property line. 100–130 parking spaces will be added to the Northwest Recreation Center for shared use.
- March 28, 1996.....City Council selected Rogers & Perry as the architects to design the Americana Theater's renovation work as the permanent site of the North Loop Branch Library.
- March–April, 1996.....Met with neighborhood sub-committee of the City of Austin Citizen's Planning Committee to develop guidelines for neighborhoods.
- April 1996.....Planning Commission granted a zoning change from SF-2 to General Retail at 2300 block of Hancock Drive. City Council affirmed zoning.
- April 8, 1996.....Austin Transportation Study meeting attended by neighbors to back keeping our federal funds for the Neighborhood Koenig Lane Plan.
- April 9, 1996.....Attended the Northwest Austin Neighborhood Alliance, Adam Sector meeting that the Austin Police Department helped to set up.
- April 11, 1996.....City Council appointed Rogers & Perry Architects to complete the remodeling design of the Americana Theatre as the permanent site for the North Loop Branch Library. The plans are to open the library in March 1998.
- April 22, 1996.....Allandale's "City Council and ACC Candidate Forum" at McCallum High School.
- May 3, 1996.....ATS moved the funding for the Neighborhood Plan for Koenig Lane out to 1998–1999. Except for \$100,000, \$6.13 million was allocated mostly to Manchaca Road, Desseau Road, sidewalks, pedestrian and bicycle related improvements, vans for Mary Lee Foundation and Buckner Villas, and



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except for that part from Airport Blvd. to Lamar. In the spring, a motion was made to move the project's funding out to fiscal year 1998 and 1999.

1996–1997.....Meetings continue with the Triangle Development, a project between 45th Street, Lamar, and Guadalupe, of restaurants, retail stores, a bookstore, a theater, and Randall's grocery.

January 1997 .....A new letterhead was designed for ANA stationery.

Amended ANA bylaws.

January 6, 1997.....Art in Public Places board selected the artist to work with the architect to design the interior of the new Ralph W. Yarborough Library on Hancock Drive. They are Marla Camp and Dayna Beard-Isensee of Austin.

January 17, 1997.....ANA executive committee asked the Northwest Little League to not build additional ballfields on Gullett School grounds after meeting with Gullett school's principal, Northwest Little League and Parks & Recreation representatives.

January 28, 1997.....Participated with other neighborhood associations and Robert Nagel Plastics for the Austin Planning Commission to deny a variance request to the Yellow Rose, a topless bar, to locate on Research Boulevard. The main reason is that our Adam Police Sector is so large that it was felt the location would be harmful to the safety from crime and personal health of people in our neighborhood. Police response time could be cut down from having to answer calls from a topless bar. The ANA request was granted.

February 1997 .....Met with representatives of the U.S. Postal Service and neighbors adjacent to Northcross Drive, where the new Northwest Post Office will be located after we appeared at the Planning Commission to ask that the restrictive covenants remain on the property. The Planning Commission granted our request.

Crow-Barshop Properties, the leasing company for North Loop Plaza, demolished the old Action Lock building. Eckerd Drugs plans a free-standing building and a drive-up pharmacy at the vacated site.

February 12, 1997.....ANA opposes allowing medical office use as a permitted or conditional use in LR (neighborhood commercial) zoning district.

March 1997 .....Organizing an ANA 5K Fun Run.

April 12, 1997 .....Shoal Creek Clean Up.

April 22, 1997 .....Meeting with City representatives on neighborhood plans. Our only neighborhood plan is our 1981 SF rollback.

May 5, 1997.....Cencor's Tom Terkel to explain Triangle Project at ANA executive committee meeting.

May 6, 1997.....Montview Zoning Case (to change 5412 Montview from SF2 to SF3) sent to City Council without recommendation.

May 13, 1997.....MoPac noise wall meeting at Camp Mabry.

The Planning Commission's recommendation on the Home Occupation Ordinance is to have it remain as is.

- May 15, 1997.....Meeting at River Place with newly elected Mayor, Kirk Watson.
- June 2, 1997.....ANA discussed Triangle development.
- June 25, 1997.....Attended City Council Public Hearing on budget to secure maintenance and operation budget for Yarborough Library.
- July 16, 1997 .....Capital Metro meeting at library to look at possible sites for its transfer station.
- August 21, 1997.....City Council denies storage sheds on MoPac.
- September 4, 1997 .....Montview Zoning Case; City Council 7-0 voted to deny a change in zoning from SF2 to SF3.
- September 13, 1997 ....ANA Food Pantry Drive for Aids Services of Austin.
- September 25, 1997 ....Representatives of ANA worked on the Home Occupation Ordinance. City Council amended it to allow one additional person who is not a family member to participate in the home occupation. Off-street parking must be provided for that person.
- September 27, 1997 ....Shoal Creek Clean Up.
- September 1997.....Discussed St. John's United Methodist Church's new master plan.
- October 6, 1997 .....Meeting concerning St. John's United Methodist Church's master plan. Did not vote to pass on it.
- October 14, 1997 .....Northwest Austin Alliance meeting (police formed Adam Sector neighborhood meeting).
- October 22, 1997 .....Met new police chief, Stan Knee, at Neighborhood Forum to discuss Adam Sector concerns.
- October 1997.....ANA and neighbors living on Shoal Creek Boulevard met with city representatives about traffic concerns.
- Oct.-Nov. 1997 .....City replaced 25 transmission conductors and poles along Koenig Lane from Lamar to MoPac. They used steel poles in Allandale from Burnet to MoPac, as requested by ANA.
- November 1997 .....ANA gave \$300 worth of media materials (1,000 pencils, 384 yellow highlighters, and 25,000 sheets of paper) suggested by teachers for students at Lamar Middle School, our adopt-a-school.
- November 8, 1997.....ANA's first Over Hill & Allandale 5K Fun Run started and ended at Northwest District Park.
- December 1, 1997 .....On May 8, 1997, the City of Austin received five construction bids to remodel the former Americana Theater building (2200 Hancock Drive) to be

the new Yarborough Branch Library. The bid documents were revised and advertised for re-bid on September 8, 1997, because of noncompliance with the City of Austin's minority and women owned enterprise participation ordinance and others were too expensive for the project budget. Bids and compliance plans were due to the city on October 2, 1997. Design plans for the new Yarborough Branch were presented to the ANA executive committee on November 3, 1997. On November 6, 1997, the City Council awarded the construction contract to Jordan-Whitfield, Inc. for \$1,334,700. The construction started on December 1, 1997 and the completion and move-in date is November 1998. The re-bid process caused a delay in the opening of this new facility from July 1998 to November 1998. As a consequence, the Library Department's Financial Year 1997-1998 operating budget was decreased by \$100,000 in start-up costs for the Yarborough Branch to prevent the proposed closing of the Riverside Drive Branch. If it is possible to open by November 1998, the Library Department may need to seek a budget amendment to restore some or all of these start-up costs. The design and construction management team for the Yarborough Project will toil long and hard to adhere to schedule and produce the sound and attractive branch library the neighborhood deserves.

December 16, 1997.....Texas Department of Public Transportation held a public meeting at McCallum High School for comments on the proposed improvements to Koenig Lane from Airport Blvd. to Sunshine, which provides for four 11-foot lanes, a 14-foot median and 6-foot sidewalks on both sides.

1997.....Meetings continue with U.S. Postal Service. Congressman Lloyd Doggett facilitated two of the meetings with postal officials. Sound walls, tree barriers, non-reflecting lighting will be installed, and graffiti will be taken care of.

ANA residents make donations to increase budget for artists commissioned for the new Ralph W. Yarborough Library.

Noise walls on MoPac stalled because most of the property along MoPac exceeds the federal guidelines of 67dB. The guideline is used in new construction to qualify residences for noise abatement.

January 12, 1998.....ANA worked on improved access for the #151 Allandale bus route. Operating now Tuesday through Friday, the route is realigned to operate on Burnet Road instead of on Shoal Creek, and will provide access to the Yarborough Library on Hancock and the Senior Center at 29th and Shoal Crest. This service helps disabled and senior citizens retain more independence.

January 14, 1998.....The Leander Rehabilitation Center site (the Hog Farm), located at U.S. 183 & R.M. 620, which is land owned by the Texas Department of Transportation, had their zoning approved by a special review board, thus overturning the unanimous vote of the Austin City Council in November 1997. ANA and other neighborhood associations backed the City's opposition. This is a 446.4 acre tract that will have 11,000,000 square feet of massive development (commercial, light industrial warehousing, apartments, and offices). It will greatly affect traffic on 2222, 183, and 620. "It took from the city its ability to do good planning," said Mayor Kirk Watson, who was the only dissenting vote. The land will be sold for \$183 million.

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- January 29, 1998.....ANA General Meeting at St. John’s United Methodist Church. Speakers were Elliott Naishtat, State representative, Mindy Croom, 6th grade counselor at Lamar, Jerilyn Rainosek from NW Recreation Center, and Marla Camp & Dayna Isensea, artist for the new Yarborough branch library.
- January 1998 .....ANA negotiated with State General Land Office regarding the “Hog Farm” property to be developed at 183 & 620.
- North Loop Plaza Shopping Center, located at the southwest corner of Burnet Road and North Loop, began renovations, to include a free-standing Eckerd Drug Store.
- Texas Department of Transportation is planning a “master plan” for the Bull Creek Road campus located at Bull Creek and 45th Street. August 1999 is the proposed date for construction. There will be a new Research & Technology Center located at the northern portion of campus.
- June 1998 .....ANA worked with Union Pacific, with the help of U.S. Senator Lloyd Doggett’s office, to prohibit prolonged idling of unmanned or staffed engines, to cut down on air and noise pollution.
- July 4, 1998 .....ANA’s 39th Annual Independence Day Parade.
- Summer 1998 .....ANA worked with the developers of the North Loop Plaza Shopping Center on plans for improvements to the intersection of Burnet Road and North Loop. Left-hand turn lanes will be added in both directions, and a 5-foot wide median with shade trees. As of January 1999, the improvements have not yet been constructed.
- ANA Executive Committee, along with PARD and the Gullett school principal, opposed a request submitted by the Northwest Little League to fence an additional field on land adjacent to Gullett Elementary because they already exceed 50% of the total area of land administered by PARD (excluding the school building on the property).
- October 17, 1998 .....The second “Over Hill & Allandale” 5K run, starting and ending in Northwest District Park.
- November 5, 1998.....ANA was honored at a recognition ceremony by the City Council and PARD’s “Art in Public Places” for ANA’s efforts in establishing and helping to fund the new Ralph Yarborough Branch Public Library on Hancock.
- November 24, 1998.....New post office opened on Northcross Drive.
- Fall 1998.....ANA worked with the Collector Street Plan being developed by the City. ANA requested Greenlawn, White Rock, and Bull Creek (from 45th to Hancock) be removed from the collector street plan.
- Shoal Creek Clean Up.
- The Texas State Cemetery Committee plans a cemetery on a portion of the 44 acres at 45th and Bull Creek; it will be several years before the first burials.

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- 1999.....Officer Chris Lamb is the Northwest Sector Command District Representative for the Baker 10 Sector, which includes Allandale.
  
  - January 16, 1999.....Grand Opening at 6:30 of the Ralph W. Yarborough Library, located at 2200 Hancock. The library has more than double the space of the previous North Loop Branch. Volumes will eventually increase from 40,000 to 70,000. The library was named after the late U.S. Senator from Texas, and is housed in the original Americana Theater building built in the early 1960s.
  
  - February 5, 1999.....ANA General Meeting. Speakers are: Stan Knee, Austin Police Chief; Sgt. Jim Riley; Elliott Naishtat, District 49 State Representative; Kelly Bender, Texas Parks & Wildlife.
  
  - April 1999.....Aids Services of Austin’s successful food drive collected 2,710 pounds.
  
  - Summer 1999 .....ANA worked to get the Parks & Recreation Department to clear Northwest District Park’s pond of duckweed.
  
  - August 3, 1999.....The 16th Annual National Night Out.
  
  - September 1999.....ANA’s General Meeting with Karen Rae of Capital Metro.
  
  - October 23, 1999 .....ANA’s third and last Over Hill and Allandale 5K Fun Run started and ended at Northwest Districted Park.
  
  - November 13, 1999.....Shoal Creek Clean Up.
  
  - 1999–2000.....Ad hoc committee, made up of 21 members from neighborhoods all over Austin, met with city staff for 3 months concerning their plans for Neighborhood Planning, Corridor Planning, Smart Growth, Master Planning Guidelines, transportation issues, and the city’s incentives matrix for developers to develop in the Smart Growth Desired Development Zone. This includes Allandale and the central city from Palmer Lane to Slaughter Lane. This densification is to increase the city’s tax base.
  
  - January 27, 2000.....ANA’s General Meeting with John Gillam, Facilities Manager for Austin Public Libraries and Carolyn Reynolds, a chemical and environmental engineer.
  
  - February 2000 .....Worked to change Shoal Creek Blvd. from an arterial to a collector street from 45th Street to Foster Lane.
  
  - March 9, 2000.....City Council granted less density for the champion tracts located at 2222 & 360 than they wanted. The traffic from the project would impact Allandale at 2222 and Koenig Lane.
  
  - April 2000.....ANA worked on amendments to the Land Development Code that regulates the City of Austin’s development policies.
  
  - April 9, 2000 .....Fourth Aids Services of Austin collected over 2,100 pounds of food and personal hygiene items.
  
  - May 2000 .....ANA started working with MoNAC (MoPac Neighborhood Association Coalition) on the Loop 1 and 183 improvement study. This is the Texas Department of Transportation’s project. Campo (Capital Area Metropolitan

Planning Organization) which used to be called ATS (Austin Transportation Study) is our federal designated regional transportation planning organization established in 1973. Campo includes Hays, Williamson, and Travis counties and 19 cities. Campo makes the transportation decisions for our region. Campo is made up of 20 elected officials (the senators, representatives, county commissioners, mayors, and four Austin City Council members) and the director of the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), making 21 members in all.

Started working on restriping of Shoal Creek Blvd. to provide travel lanes, parking, and bicycle lanes. Met with city staff and residents of Allandale over a period of months. Met with council members.

July 4, 2000 .....40th Annual July 4th Parade.

August 1, 2000.....National Night Out; 52 night out parties were held in our district, 36 more than all other districts combined.

September 2000.....Still working with MoNAC on the Loop 1 and 183 Improvement Study. This study is to elevate, depress, or add HOV lanes, or no build.

October 2000.....Shoal Creek Clean Up.

October 12, 2000 .....ANA’s meeting to discuss rail at Northwest Recreation Center with Steve Bayer and Dave Dobbs speaking on pros and cons.

2000.....Allandale made Partners in Education donations to Gullett Elementary and Lamar Middle School. At Gullett, the funds were for an outdoor classroom with gardens and habitat in the courtyard. At Lamar, the funds went to putting new equipment in the teacher’s workroom.

Texas Department of Transportation planning to do improvements to Koenig Lane from Airport to Lamar.

January 15, 2001.....ANA’s General Meeting with a speaker from Transportation & Public Works, Frances Allen and Sid Covington, speaking on Loop 1 and 183 Improvement Study, Joe Chacon, Austin Police Department Neighborhood Liaison, and speakers from Austin Energy discussing tree trimming.

January 18, 2001.....City Council made the motion to direct the city manager to write a letter to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDoT) asking that the segment of Koenig Lane between Lamar and the railroad tracks to the east (east of Avenue F) be removed from the state highway system and add it to the Austin Metropolitan Area Roadway Plan.

At a meeting with the city’s Transportation and Public Works Department, staff presented a plan for Shoal Creek Boulevard to stripe two 11-foot travel lanes, a 7-foot no-parking bike lane on the west side of the street, and an 11-foot parking lane on the east side of the street, which could also be used by bicyclists and pedestrians.

February 2001 .....Planning Commissioners and City Council granted CS-MU (General Commercial Services-Mixed Use) zoning for a 4-story condo/retail project at 5350 Burnet Road.

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- February 27, 2001.....Met at the Yarborough Branch Library with a focus group to discuss improvements to the Yarborough Branch Library and suggestions for future Austin Public Libraries.
- February 28, 2001.....A representative from ANA meets with the Austin Neighborhood Council and has been meeting with this group since the early 1970s.
- March 12, 2001.....MoPac Neighborhood Association Coalition (MoNAC) attended the presentations of the Loop 1 and 183 Improvement Study before the Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) at the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center.
- March 29, 2001.....Mayor Pro Tem, Jackie Goodman, made a resolution “directing the City Manager to conduct a transportation analysis for Shoal Creek Boulevard between Foster Lane and 38th Street, including input from a charette with area residents and bicyclists, and review by the Urban Transportation Commission, and directing the City Manager to fund a pilot traffic calming program based on the results of the transportation analysis, using funds from the Neighborhood Match Traffic Calming Program”. The item passed on consent.
- April 9, 2001 .....Members of MoNAC attended and spoke at the Public Hearing for the Loop 1 and 183 Improvement Study before CAMPO at the Lyndon B. Johnson Auditorium, saying that no additional land should be given nor homes displaced to expand MoPac, and that elevated lanes or ramps are unacceptable. Nine hundred neighborhood residents attended the hearing in support of MoNAC’s position.
- A motion was made at CAMPO for not passing the funding of the overrun monies for improving Koenig Lane, while keeping it to four lanes. It passed by a vote of 8 to 6. The funding of \$3.6 million previously in TxDOT’s budget for Koenig Lane went to Cedar Park, Leander, and Travis County.
- April 19, 2001 .....Met with city staff concerning safety issues, the need to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, traffic calming, landscaping, drainage, and the restriping of Shoal Creek.
- April 22, 2001 .....The 5th Annual Allandale Neighborhood Food Drive, benefiting the Helping Hands Food Pantry at AIDS Services of Austin, brought in 5,000 pounds of canned food, dry goods, and personal hygiene items, which makes it the most successful drive ever, in any neighborhood.
- May 7, 2001.....MoNAC met at Westminster Manor on Jackson Street, to discuss what to do about the MoPac Improvement Study before the June 11 CAMPO meeting, during which CAMPO will vote on the MoPac Improvement Study.
- May 2001 .....The Allandale listserv group was created. To join, just send a blank email to allandale-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Also, in February 2001, ANA set up a website at [www.main.org/allandale](http://www.main.org/allandale).
- June 1, 2001.....MoNAC representatives met with Mayor Watson to discuss the MoPac Improvement Study.
- June 6, 2001.....ANA met with AISD superintendent Pat Forgione to discuss using the old

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Lucy Reed School building for AISD.

June 11, 2001.....CAMPO decided that the plans for MoPac will not proceed to “Phase 2” of the study of the extension plan. CAMPO formed a special committee to reconsider the expansion options presented by TxDOT, in addition to considering using commuter rail to reduce MoPac congestion. Allan McMurtry, of ANA, is on this committee.

CAMPO also voted to restore the funding for the Koenig Lane project.

June 18, 2001.....The City Council, General Land Office, and the Department of Mental Health & Retardation approved the plans for the Triangle project, located between Lamar, 45th, and Guadalupe. This project will have 150,000 square feet of commercial space, and 800,000 square feet of lofts and apartments. There will be six acres of open space, a hike-and-bike trail, a fountain, and a pond, to be completed by 2008.

June 2001 .....The locations of area pondings that help prevent Shoal Creek from floodwater runoff flooding and maintain good water quality in the neighborhood are: 3200 Benbrook Drive in North Shoal Creeks Estates, Section 1; 6900 Great Northern Blvd.; 7901, 7905, 8001, 8003, 8005, and 9500, N. MoPac; 9320 Neils Thompson Dr; 183 ponds; 3900 Spicewood Springs Rd; Jerry Hart pond in the median; and 7500 Wood Hollow Dr.

July 2, 2001 .....Allandale had a private screening of the film “Los Trabajadores” (The Workers). It is described as an examination of America’s dependence on, and abuse of, immigrant labor, told through the stories of immigrant day laborers in Austin, Texas. It is a documentary film by Heather Courtney of Austin and was screened at the SXSW film festival in March.

July 4, 2001 .....41st annual ANA July 4th parade.

July 10 & Aug. 20, 2001.....Representatives from ANA and Rosedale met with Mayor Pro Tem Jackie Goodman and city staff to develop a new plan for Shoal Creek Blvd. It was anticipated to take eight months to complete.

July 2001 .....Gloria Mata Pennington was part of a delegation to visit Saltillo, our sister city in Mexico.

Summer/Fall, 2001.....Midland Red Oak Realty purchased Northcross Mall and plans to renovate the 380,000 square foot center with offices, a conference center, stores, and restaurants.

2001.....All of the past ANA newsletters can be found at the Austin History Center at 810 Guadalupe Street.

Sidewalks for 45th St., from Burnet Rd. to MoPac, have been delayed for a year because the city ran into problems with the relocation of water meters and avoidance of trees. The city will resurface W. 45th St. at the same time.

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# Notable Neighbors

**Kermit Voegel** (A&M graduate) was precinct chair for 22 years.

**C. Coatsworth Pinkney** (Austin's first and longest-serving landscape architect) planned and designed much of the neighborhood between 45th and Northland Drive, and the bike trails along Shoal Creek.

**Sherry and Marc Miller** (5909 Marilyn) received City and neighborhood awards for xeriscaping.

**Nathan Bayless** (5803 Fairlane) named employee of the month at Austin State Hospital. He is the rehabilitation supervisor in the Children & Adolescent Psychiatric Services Department.

**Mrs. Beatriz de la Garza**, Ellise Street, (deceased) was a surrogate grandmother to many children and adults on Ellise and Albata streets. She was a direct descendent of one of the first recipients of a land grant in south Texas that had been issued by Spain.

**Trudy Evans** waters plants in Northwest Park in the summer.

**Jane Jamison** headed the Northwest Park Project and worked hard for the McCallum High School band.

**Judith Farrell** was recognized state-wide; received 1989 Texas Outstanding Public Service Award. She participated in sunset review of the Public Utility Commission in 1982, worked as a legislative aide to Senator Hugh Parmer. She effected consumer issues on utility, housing, insurance, and pesticide use, and staffed the Joint Interim Task Force on affordable housing. For two years, she coordinated the ANA newsletter distribution to 3,500 homes. She received ANA volunteer awards in 1986, 1987, and 1989.

**Neil Worley** received a service award for donating the printing of the Allandale newsletter.

**James Foster Smith**, postman, delivered to 350 addresses on 10 streets. He made friends with people and pets on his route. A book was made with greetings from 143 addresses on this route after a horse kicked him in the knee and he had to transfer to a riding route.

**Lillie Hejl** (2314 Shoalmont Drive), 51-year resident of Allandale, died in 1988 at the age of 85. She lived in a 2-story wood frame house built in 1936 on 1 1/2 acres. Helping others was her life-long occupation—soldiers during the war, friends needing shelter. When her house was built, no others were in the area; it was a cow pasture. She raised her own food (good black soil, old cotton farm) and worked on her own roof. She kept pigs, cows, and 250 hens. Back then, Shoal Creek was crystal clear.

In 1988, **George Bray** was appointed to Governor Bill Clements' Texas State-wide Health Coordination Council, and advisory panel to the Texas Department of Health. He was also named Senior Citizen of the Year by the Austin Adult Services Council. He received a Rotary award for community service, United Way Capital Area Volunteer of the Year award, and the Governor's Award as an Exceptional Distinguished Volunteer. He was President of Retired People of Capital Area Planning Council and of Adult Services Council. He was a special delegate to the White House Conference on Aging and state coordinator of the Citizen Representation Program of AARP.

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**DeEtta and Russell Sayers;** long-time efforts for AARP, Retired Teacher Assoc., contributors to Austin Poetry Society.

**Allan McMurtry,** past president ANA, active on zoning issues, worked to prevent church from closing Nasco Street and tearing down homes on Nasco and Bull Creek Road, and worked on the Koenig Lane, N.W. Detention pond for flood control. He was President of Austin Crossroads and Austin Transportation Task Force. Now on Texas Highway Department Environmental Advisory Committee (appointed by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock).

On September 22, 1993, **Phyllis Brinkley** was the first person to be honored as a *Neighborhood Legend* by the Allandale Neighborhood Association, the House of Representatives, City Councilmember Jackie Goodman and Mayor Bruce Todd. Phyllis served as president of ANA for two years. Her numerous accomplishments include involvement in the Shoal Creek Task Force, securing the Northwest Park playscape, restrooms, water fountains, circulation walkways and footbridge that were destroyed in the 1981 flood. She has also worked on expanding the North Loop Library site at 2210 Hancock, purchasing the Americana Theater for a permanent North Loop Library site, filing a lawsuit to fight the Koenig freeway, starting a neighborhood plan for Koenig Lane, and securing federal funding from the ATS for the Koenig Lane Neighborhood Plan. She has worked on flood control projects for Shoal Creek, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer tunneling and channelization plans for Shoal Creek, widening the Shoal Creek-Koenig Lane bridge, re-establishing the “Candy Cane Lane” holiday tradition, numerous zoning cases, the first test of compatibility standards at Hancock and Bull Creek Road, Sector planning, and establishing recycling in Allandale. She has been a precinct chair, active in the Democratic party, served on the City of Austin Environmental Board, Austin Women’s Political Caucus, and was a Save Barton Creek Association founding member. Phyllis also compiled and wrote the “History of the Allandale Neighborhood Association.” She has been active in Austin Teachers Association, started publication of the Allandale newsletter in 1985, Christmas tree recycling, worked with sub-committee of the state land commission to maintain compatible development on state land at 45th and Bull Creek Road in 1987, worked on a state lands committee in 1993–94, and triangle development project between Guadalupe, Lamar and 45th in 1996–97, worked with neighborhood ad hoc committee with city staff concerning neighborhood planning, corridor planning, smart growth densification. She worked with other residents of Allandale to change Shoal Creek Blvd. from an arterial to collector and Shoal Creek stripping. She has worked on the Loop 1 & 183 improvement study.

Allandale neighbor, **R. Windy Winn,** was honored in 1997 with a special Lifetime Achievement Award in the field of advertising, public relations, and art. The awards were presented by the *Ad Society* and *Austin Advertising Federation*. The ceremony was held at the Hyatt Town Lake. Windy’s professional contributions and pioneering to the world of advertising, public relations, and design were highlighted. His early newspaper, magazine and TV work was featured, as was his Navy experience in WWII, through the founding of Winn-McLane Associates in 1959 and Windy Winn Advertising Design in 1965. He also has executed eight murals. After retiring, he spent his time painting landscapes, writing, and studying Texas history. Windy helped to initiate and develop the original Zachary Scott Theater and Laguna Gloria Art Fiesta. His involvement in Texas and national political campaigns, the Austin art world, and the advertising community are a few of his many accomplishments. Windy earned many awards and accolades, including the Zachary Scott Theater Lifetime Award and the Austin Advertising Lifetime Achievement Award. Windy Winn died at the age of 80 on March 31, 2001.

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