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807 MLK at Pearl Street, Austin

A multi-year restoration and rehabilitation project has turned a close-to derelict historic property in Austin's Judges' Hill neighborhood into a tastefully decorated turn-of-the-century bed and breakfast with ten guest rooms. Austin's Inn at Pearl Street is just one of four buildings on the property, owned and restored by Jill Bickford. In addition to the Greek Revival inn the estate includes a historic cottage (now part of the bed and breakfast accommodations) and a newly constructed 2-unit studio building available for extended stays.

The Tonkawa Indians who rode and hunted in the areas surrounding Shoal Creek originally inhabited the Judges' Hill neighborhood, to the southwest of what is now the University of Texas at Austin campus. In 1851, Elijah Sterling Clark Robertson built the Judges' Hill Neighborhood's first home near the corner of 18th and San Gabriel - the house was subsequently demolished in 1966. Judge Robertson was the first among the neighborhood resident judges and attorneys who earned the area the name of Judges' Hill.

