Pfluger Circle Officially Open!

Sara Hensley, Director Austin Parks and Recreation Department, and Norma Gillingwater cut the ribbon

In a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sunday, November 14, Trail Foundation members and friends alike celebrated the completion of the newly renovated Pfluger Circle. Family and friends of Barry S. Gillingwater, an avid Trail lover, along with the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation funded this beautiful Trail enhancement. We hope you get a chance to stop and enjoy this scenic spot on the north side of the Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge.

Holiday Gifts to the Trail

TTF works with the Parks Department and volunteers to enhance the Trail and individual donations enable all that we do. Private funds are necessary to improve and maintain the Trail at the level the Trail deserves. Give to your Trail this holiday season and you and Austin will reap the rewards many times over!

And Now, Your Trail Completion Update
Thank you for your overwhelming support on November 2 to complete your Trail! We appreciate your help in passing Proposition 1, which provides partial funding to complete the Trail with the Riverside Boardwalk. TTF’s capital campaign to raise our $3 million commitment will formally kick off in 2011. We will keep you informed as this project moves forward.

On The Trail in November...

Trail volunteers from the Regents School planted perennial flowers and spread mountains of mulch at Between the Bridges, on the south side of Lady Bird Lake between the railroad bridge and the Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge.
Academy set in scores of perennials all along the berms at the Zilker Bluffs Tree Grove. TTF selects perennials to give the Trail blooms from Spring through Summer and Fall. This fall the bright yellow copper canyon daisies have been especially striking. The trees we planted in fall of 2006 are now starting to shade the Trail along the previously hot and sunny stretch on the south side of the Lake, just east of MoPac.

We want to extend a BIG "TTF Thank You" to all 100 volunteers who joined in our Trash & Treasure Cleanup of the entire 10.1-mile Trail. A word of special thanks goes out to our friends at Lift Café who provided coffee for all of the volunteers and to the following businesses that donated "treasures" as rewards: Austin Children's Museum, Austin Duck Adventures, Hill Country Running, Luke's Locker, Paramount Theatre and State Theatre Company, Rogue Running, Texas Rowing Center, Waterloo Records, Yoga Yoga and ZACH Theatre.

Volunteer for the Trail

Come Plant Tree Saplings with TTF

We need two groups of 10 to 15 volunteers each to help plant bare root tree saplings of native Mexican plums and Texas redbuds. We have some flexibility with scheduling and we need to plant these saplings during the week of December 13 through December 20. Please email us if your group wants to have some fun planting for the future!

This Garden Needs Your Help!
We have a GREAT garden open for adoption on the Pfluger Bridge! These spots are highly coveted and are not open for adoption very often. Please contact Jenny if you are interested in adopting this choice garden as part of our Lady Bird Johnson Adopt-a-Garden Program.

Holiday Lake Cleanup December 11
You're busy decorating your house for holiday guests, but what about the Trail? As you take visiting family and friends for a stroll around the lake, don't you want them to notice the skyline and nesting herons and not trash in the water? Get in the holiday spirit by giving the gift of your time to make the Trail beautiful for the holidays.

We at The Trail Foundation are thankful for your love and support of the Trail and we wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

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