Hot Race, Cool Party...

Griffin Davis, Katie Moran, Susan Rankin, Joe Draker and Christopher Kennedy enjoy the post-race gala.

Thank you to everyone who attended the hottest coolest event of the year, The Seventh Annual Maudie's Moonlight Margarita Run & Gala on June 16! Despite a record-tying high temperature of 102 degrees, our signature summer fundraiser drew its largest turnout to date - with more 1,600 participants running, walking and strolling the 5K distance under the stars on the Lakefront - and our post-race party was a sell-out!

Congratulations to our overall race winners, Kelly and Derick Williamson! Kelly led all female finishers, breaking the tape in 17:23, while hubby Derick cruised to the overall men's first-place finish in just 15:53. It's not often you see husband and wife take home the hardware. Great job, you two!

We're going to present event awards at our post-race party on
Tuesday, July 12 at Luke's Locker. Stop by between 5:30 and 7 p.m. to share your race stories, enjoy a free cold beer and congratulate the winners. We'll also hand out awards to our top male and female runners in each age category.

Click here to check out race results and pictures.

Corporate support is essential to the success of this event. TTF offers a BIG thank you to our 2011 event sponsors:


Thank You Maudie's Tex-Mex!

Our lead sponsor has been part of Austin's casual dining scene since the namesake Maudie's Café opened its doors in the 1950's. In 1992, under the ownership of Joe Draker, Maudie’s Tex-Mex began serving the food and pouring the libations that keep Trail users happy before and after their runs, walks and rides.

We would like to extend a huge TTF thank you to Joe and Maudie's Tex-Mex for their wonderful partnership with us in title-sponsoring the race and gala. Our board member and event chair, Katie Moran, took a few minutes to find out a little more about Joe.

Maudie's has been a loyal supporter of The Trail Foundation for many years; what makes this partnership successful? We are both community-centric places for people to socialize.
and be with family and friends. Maudie's and the Trail are kinda like yin and yang. Yin the calories in and yang them out at the Trail.

**How does the Trail fit into Maudie's community outreach?** It fits in on the top line of our budget! We are presented with many requests throughout the year to support various worthwhile charities. While supporting many of these, the Trail is very close to our hearts. The opportunity to support Roberta Crenshaw's vision- interurban green space is a real honor. What a tremendous gift to city livers.

**What is your favorite spot along the Trail?**
My mom's brick (Maida Draker) at Lou Neff Point. Recently they situated one of the pianos just in front of it. She would have loved that since she played. My 2 year old sat there and banged away in her honor recently.

**What was your most memorable Maudie's Moonlight Margarita Run experience and why?**
The appreciation year after year from friends, acquaintances, and customers, expressing their gratitude for sponsoring and supporting the Trail. Thanks, Austin for supporting us and TTF!

**A Little More Elbow Room**

Remember cycling, walking or running near the Johnson Creek Trailhead and having to spill on to the street to pass other Trail users? Well, now you can fuhgeddaboudit! Along Stephen F. Austin, you can now enjoy a much wider Trail section which includes a winding retaining wall and stairs leading down to the shore of Lady Bird Lake. The next time you are in the area, please take a moment to see the improvements [Bosse & Pharis Associates](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs015/1101789453035/archive/1106266517806.html) have designed...and more are coming!
Phase two, due later this summer, will include rainwater gardens and new water fountains. As always, the Trail will remain open throughout all phases of construction. Click here to view photos of Phase one construction.

**Giving Back**

Ever wonder how the Trail around Lady Bird Lake came to be? Click here to find out how our iconic Trail was brought to life. Mrs. Ann Butler and Les Gage, members of the original Town Lake Beautification Committee, share memories of Austin's beloved Trail.

TTF's former Board President, Griffin Davis, shares why the Trail is so important to Austin and explains his passion for giving back to the place that give so much to him. Find out more here.

**Chill Your Hot Dog**

Everybody knows it: Trail dogs are cooler. Man's best friends love the Trail as much as we do - in fact, many a loyal canine running partner has his or her name immortalized in the commemorative bricks located at Lou Neff Point.

During the dog days of summer, it's important to help your pet avoid overheating, dehydration and sunburn. Here are precautions you can take to help keep our 4-legged Trail enthusiasts healthy in this record summer heat:

- Try to run in the cooler early morning or late evening, and avoid the times after your dog has eaten. And you can let them take a dip in the lake!
- Heat exhaustion is often caused by over-exercising a dog during hot weather. Both heatstroke and heat exhaustion can result in brain damage, heart failure or even death in a short time.
- Always offer your dog water when walking, running or hiking. If your dog gets overheated, cool her off by
offering plenty of water, you can also wet the dog's body and paws and then fan.

Give us your $.02

Please take a moment to fill out our Trail Patron Survey. We want to know the how, when, where and why of your Trail experiences in order to serve you better. Your feedback will be a great help to us as we plan Trail improvements and membership events. Thank you.

Action Heroes: TTF Volunteers

TTF extends a BIG thank you to the 32 high school students from AISD Language Arts and Science Academy who collected 48 bags of trash weighing a total of 280 pounds!

Our thanks also go to the 30 volunteers from Freescale Semiconductor who helped remove non-native invasive giant cane grass at the Trail's eastside peninsula along Lakeshore Blvd. Way to go Team Freescale!
TTF is grateful for the 16 enthusiastic St. Catherine's Summer Challenge middle school students who worked tirelessly to clean the MoPac pedestrian bridge on June 13. Thank you all!