Run, Party, Celebrate!

Our 9th annual Maudie's Moonlight Margarita Run & Party was a resounding success! A BIG thank you to everyone who came out to run, sweat, party and support the Butler Trail this year. We know you love running ON the Trail and we appreciate your willingness to run FOR the Trail.

Derick Williamson cruised through the 5K course in 15:54.3 to win the Overall Men's Division while Kelly Williamson flew through in 18:02.02 to take the Overall Women's Division. Congratulations to both of you!

This year's party was one of the best yet! We had over 500 people enjoy icy-cold margaritas, a delicious fajita buffet and entertainment from Patrice Pike all under the immense live oaks on the grounds of the American Legion Hall. It was a great night to celebrate the Trail and the joy it brings to our lives.
Our event sponsors make this event possible and we are thankful for their support of the Trail:


Links to race results and event photos can be found here.

TTF Collaborates with UT Researcher. Will You Join Us and Complete An Online Survey?

A UT doctorate student, Sarah Mount, is completing her dissertation on a subject of great interest to TTF and Trail users. She is looking at Trail features that affect usage and their correlation to physical activity. The Butler Trail provides an important and popular place to exercise in Austin. We are all aware that physical activity is very important to the health and wellness of our community and helps combat obesity. The UT research team has already completed a Trail user count and is now conducting an online survey of Trail users to gather additional data and they could use your help. The research will help support future Trail improvements.

Please take 15 minutes and lend your feedback: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UTtrailstudyTTF

Thank you for your help!

Boardwalk Progress Continues...
Work on the Boardwalk continues and our volunteer photographer Tom Athey has captured some great shots - click here to see the entire photo collection.

Recently, pre-fabricated bridges at Harper's Branch were lowered into place just east of IH-35. Pier construction west of IH-35 and work in parkland near Blunn Creek continues for the rest of the summer. Project completion will be late spring 2014.

**Ladybugs at the Trail**

Green Mountain Energy Employees released 7,500 ladybugs at the Butler Trail this month in celebration of a customer who avoids 7,500 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions each year by using solar panels to power her home. The release took place at sunset in the Pfluger Circle which is located at the bottom of the spiral ramp on the north side of the Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge.

We were delighted to have these tiny additions at the Trail because a single ladybug can eat up to 50 - 60 aphids per day along with other pests including scales and mites. Ladybugs are a wonderful,
natural way to keep pests at bay...and they're cute!

Photo by Elizabeth McGuire

Volunteers In Action

As part of the Summer Challenge, many young adults from St. Catherine's of Siena Catholic Church worked hard over three days scrubbing and sweeping the Roberta Crenshaw Pedestrian Bridge under MoPac. Each day a new crew picked up where the previous day's crew had ended. They got it in great shape and we appreciate their willingness to give up time from their summer vacation to give back to the Trail. Thanks, everyone!

The Young Men's Service League volunteered to help set up the party area for the Maudie's Moonlight Margarita Run & Party earlier this month. With the seamless teamwork between these young men and their mothers, the party area was set-up and ready to go in record time. Thanks so much for your help!
Through their Done In A Day program, the Junior League of Austin graciously volunteered their time to get over 500 party guests checked-in...in about an hour and half...whew! We are so grateful for their time, patience and ability to smile under pressure. Thank you all for helping us throw a fantastic celebration for the Trail!

Volunteer Opportunities

**Saturday, August 10:** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Come be a part of a Lady Bird Lake clean-up! E-mail Jenny for more information.

**Butler Trail Survey** - Volunteers are needed from 6-7 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday in the first two weeks of July to help a UT researcher hand out survey invitations (cards). Ideal for high school students seeking community service hours. E-mail info@thetrailfoundation.org to volunteer and for additional information.

Trail Tale from Memory Board

Following is a story left on the Trail Memory board in February. Thanks to all of you who shared your memories and stories.

*People watching extra-ordinare Dennis Quaid - (side burns while filming Alamo); Mayors Will Wynn / Kirk Watson - many times! The late Ann Richards - many times! Michael Dell - once! On a Sunday AM - at least I think it was him! + Last but not least Lady Bird Johnson with one of her daughters! - get veklempt just thinking about it! Thank you Austin + Lady Bird! PS. 30 lbs of fat were left here too, Yes!*