Run, Walk, and Bike on water...we saw it all!

The Boardwalk's grand opening was a huge success and The Trail Foundation and the City were thrilled with the thousands of Austinites who were able to come out and enjoy the day's festivities! On Saturday, June 7th, people from all over Austin walked, biked, ran and even kayaked to the new Lakeshore Trailhead and were finally able to check out the new Boardwalk. Music provided by the Austin SoundWaves, the Hispanic Alliance's youth orchestra, helped accompany the ribbon-cutting ceremony with memorable tunes like "Under the Boardwalk." After the ceremony, the Eastside Panthers Drumline marched people along the Boardwalk for the first time. The final performance of the day took place under the 1-35 bridge with Blue Lapis Light putting on an unforgettable aerial dance performance. We are so glad everyone was able to come out and help make it an unforgettable celebration; we cannot wait to see you out there again.

Kayak Clean-Up Craziness

The opening of the Boardwalk would not have been possible if it were not for our fabulous volunteers who helped get the Boardwalk picture perfect days before opening. On Wednesday, June 4th, 150 volunteers took kayaks out to the Boardwalk and...
helped remove over 2 tons of trash from Lady Bird Lake. A special thanks to HEB, Freescale Semiconductor, Austin Young Chamber of Commerce, Dell Legal, Build-A-Sign, Green Mountain Energy, H+K Strategies, Norton Rose Fulbright, and Whataburger for allowing their employees to participate. Another thanks to TTF Boardwalk Opening Chair, Lauren Hoffer, and Cleanup Chair, Brett Cenkus, for making it all happen. While the volunteers had to get a little dirty, they had fun!

A Moonlight Margarita Run to Remember!

Despite the severe post-race weather, the 2014 Maudie's Moonlight Margarita Run & Party was our best yet! With over 2,000 participants, it was the largest crowd to date. This year we had a record number of corporate teams run the race and we were excited to see the teams supporting their coworkers and TTF. Thank you to all of those that came out to run, walk, and enjoy this year's race; we hope you were able to sip on a delicious post-race margarita. The 10th year anniversary would not have been possible without our wonderful sponsors and Trail lovers who make the race unlike any other event in town. View race results and photos.

Celebrating many years together

The Trail Foundation is lucky to have sponsors that have been with us...
for years. Recently we visited with them to find out why they stay loyal to TTF and the Moonlight Margarita Run. You can read why Freescale Semiconductor, Luke's Locker, Maudie's Tex-Mex, and Whole Foods Market love to support the Trail, along with some of their favorite Trail memories!

Urban Forestry Grant and Award

TTF was granted approval from the City Urban Forestry Board to receive partial funding from the Urban Forest Grant Program. With these funds, TTF will develop Trail-wide Urban Forestry & Ecological Restoration Guidelines, which will include invasive plants removal and native restoration management plan for the 199 acres of urban forestland adjacent to Lady Bird Lake and the Butler Trail. This project will build on the growing public-private partnership between the City of Austin and The Trail Foundation. Learn more about this project.

Please contact Rachel Rountree if you are interested in helping fund the next phase of this project.

3M Blunn Creek Volunteer Day
3M volunteers had fun getting muddy at the Blunn Creek delta where they planted eastern gama grass, rose mallow and other native wetland plants as part of our ecological restoration project.

Trail Tale from the Trail Memory Board

"I remember I was new to Austin, and the very first time I stepped on Pedestrian Bridge, I felt like I was really a part of an amazing bustling metropolitan. To this day, I have a hard time running through Pedestrian Bridge without stopping to take catch my breath at the amazing view."