Johnson Creek Trailhead, "The Rock"

We hope you have seen the "Pardon our Dust" sign; we are breaking ground in early April! Click here to see the construction phasing information and click here to see construction plans. The Trail will remain open throughout the project and we will keep you informed on the progress.

There is still time to be a part of this transformation. Donate now to this project or contact Jenny for information about sponsorship benefits

Please join us for the groundbreaking on Tuesday, April 12th at 10:30 a.m.

The Campaign to Complete the Trail
In November 2010, thanks to your overwhelming support, Proposition 1 passed, providing partial funding to complete the Trail with the Riverside Boardwalk. In 2011, TTF launched the major gifts phase of our capital campaign to raise the $3 million we committed to this important initiative.

During this first phase of the campaign, TTF is working to secure leadership donations and pledges from existing donors, foundations, companies and individuals. We are also broadening our base of supporters, concentrating specifically on major gifts from individuals and companies new to TTF.

For the second phase of the campaign, in the fall TTF will launch the public outreach effort. For the "public" portion of the campaign, TTF will look to the community for support at all levels—from seven-figure gifts to support in fives and tens. If you would like to go ahead and donate now, please click here.

"TTF is beginning our capital campaign effort by focusing on the people that we know, the individuals, companies and foundations that love the Trail," Susan Plettman Rankin, executive director, the Trail Foundation, said. "We will then work out from there in large concentric circles, until we’ve reached out to the entire community for support. The Trail belongs to all of Austin and we want all of Austin to have an opportunity to take part in this exciting initiative."

This Saturday at the Trail: Be Seen in your TTF shirt and Get a Maudie’s taco!
This Saturday, March 26th from 8 a.m. -10 a.m. we will be treating The Trail Foundation members to breakfast tacos from Maudie’s Tex-Mex! Those sporting any kind of TTF shirt (including any of your Moonlight Margarita Run shirts) on the Trail can stop by our table at the Johnson Creek Trailhead (aka "The Rock" under MoPac near Austin High) for a free cup of coffee and breakfast taco. We will also have forms for new members - membership has its privileges.

Save the Dates...

TTF has some fun events this spring and early summer - we hope you will celebrate with us!

- TTF Member Happy Hour at Gibson at 1109 S. Lamar: Tuesday, April 12th from 5 p.m. -8 p.m.
- Groundbreaking for the Johnson Creek Trailhead, "the Rock": Tuesday, April 12th at 10:30 a.m.
- 7th Annual Maudie’s Moonlight Margarita Run & Gala: Thursday, June 16th at 8 p.m.

Ways to Give Back

Don't want to run the Capitol 10K but want to watch?
Come cheer on thousands of runners and walkers as they travel 10,000 kilometers around Austin. This Sunday, March 27th from 9:00 to 11:00am we need folks to encourage these runners/walkers and promote TTF by holding our banners and giving some inspiring shout-outs near Austin High. Please click here if you are interested in being a TTF cheerleader.

Calling all gardeners…
Spring is a great time to spend some quality time outdoors; why not adopt a garden at the Trail and nurture your green thumb? Click here if you would like more information on our Lady Bird Johnson Adopt-A-Garden Program.

Come spend a gorgeous morning on the Trail helping keep it clean.
There are still spots open for volunteers to help pick up trash along the shoreline of Lady Bird Lake as part of Keep Austin Beautiful's Clean Sweep on Saturday April 9th. Please join TTF as we lead the efforts at both the east and west sides of the Trail. Please contact Jenny if you have questions.

We Love Our Volunteers!

A big "Thank you!" to the hard-working volunteers who spent a Friday morning scrubbing railings and sweeping the Roberta Crenshaw Pedestrian Walkway.
under MoPac. Great job!

An enthusiastic group of 28 volunteers braved morning showers to make sure we have healthy trees at the Trail. This group got a little dirty spreading forty cubic yards of mulch at the Zilker Bluffs Tree Grove on March 5th. We could not have finished without the invaluable help of the Parks Department's bobcat.

Thank you all!

Follow the TTF Brick Road

Kiwi's Steve Russell installing bricks

We are pleased to report that Round 8 of our commemorative bricks were installed at Lou Neff Point on March 11th. A brick is the perfect way to honor someone who loves the Trail. We still have 8x8 and 12x12 bricks available and expect that the next installation will be in early fall. If you are interested in supporting the Trail with a commemorative brick, please click here.