On Your Marks, Get Set...  

The 8th annual Maudie’s Moonlight Margarita Run & Gala is just around the corner on Thursday, June 14. What better way to celebrate the start of summer than with a steamy race and cold margarita?

The 5K race begins at 8 p.m. under MoPac on the north side of Lady Bird Lake. Runners will travel an out-and-back course, passing in front of Austin High, then on to Cesar Chavez, with the turn-around spot just west of San Antonio Street.

The Trail Foundation (TTF) continues the tradition of holding Austin’s most informal gala afterwards. Immediately following the race, gala attendees will gather under the immense live oaks on the grounds of the American Legion Hall to mix and mingle. (And yes, you can attend the affair in your running clothes!) Guests will enjoy a scrumptious fajita buffet, ice-cold...
margaritas & frosty beers all courtesy of Maudie’s Tex-Mex. Entertaining the crowd will be Austin’s very own Guy Forsythe!

Race only: $30  
Party only: $65  
Race + party: $95

Come to run - stay for the party!  REGISTER HERE.

Trailhead Triumph

TTF was excited to celebrate our newest Trail renovation, Johnson Creek Trailhead, on Saturday May 5. Many Trail lovers stopped by during their morning loop to check out the improvements - and TTF was along to answer their questions. (For those of you who may be unaware, Johnson Creek Trailhead is the area on the north side of Lady Bird Lake under Mopac, just down the street from Austin High.)

The improvements we’ve made include:

- Widening the Trail just east of the trailhead, to accommodate larger numbers of cyclists, runners and walkers, and families with strollers who frequent this section of the Trail. The newly added space helps alleviate potentially dangerous pedestrian overflow onto Stephen F. Austin Blvd.

- Adding beautiful, curved limestone retaining walls incorporating two sets of steps leading to the lakeshore area.

- Installing a bank of 12 geo-cooled water fountains at the west end of the trailhead to serve thousands of Trail visitors, especially on hot Texas days.

- Placing two large gabion rainwater filtration collection devices on the...
west side of the trailhead to collect rainwater runoff from the MoPac bridge above. The water flows to the large stone-edged rainwater garden filled with drought-tolerant native flowering perennials.

- Setting up seven granite blocks at the trailhead, to provide additional, informal stretching and visiting spots for Trail users. We chose the blocks as an honorary reference to "the Rock," which is the original granite historical marker block located at the trailhead. The new granite blocks form an axis with "the Rock" and are engraved with the names of major donors to the project.

Up next....New restrooms across the street! Look for more details in our July newsletter.

TTF Salutes Freescale!

Our Great Community Partner

Once again, TTF would like to extend our hearty thanks to Freescale for supporting our 8th annual Maudie's Moonlight Margarita Run and Gala. Not only has Freescale been a major financial sponsor for the race since 2006, but each year they also provide a large, enthusiastic group of volunteers to help with race logistics. In addition, Freescale actively encourages their employees to run in the 5K, footing the bill for their race registration fees. We hear the fajitas and margaritas are on the runners' dime, but the thrill of the race and opportunity to compete is courtesy of the company...pretty cool perk! Last year the Freescale Team boasted over 70 runners in the race.

Freescale employee and TTF member, Dale Herron, tells what he loves about the Trail and why TTF is a good fit for their corporate giving. Click here for the full interview.

What is your favorite spot along the Trail? There are so many great
spots on the Trail. I really enjoy Lou Neff Point with the view and looking at all of the bricks that are there. I get a real sense of pride in seeing how many people love the Trail and have bought a brick. I am very excited about the Boardwalk project. The artist renderings look pretty spectacular and I am sure I will find a few more favorite spots along the Trail when it is complete.

How does the Trail fit into Freescale's community outreach? TTF has been great to work with in helping to arrange team building events for our employees to clean up the trail or with focused projects like Zilker Bluffs. We also have a large contingent of runners that work here and use the Trail quite often to prepare for races or other events. Getting behind the Maudie's Moonlight Margarita Run is a fun and unique way for our employees to give back to the Trail.

Corporate Dirty Work (...but in a Good Way)

TTF extends a BIG THANK YOU to Jones Energy, Dell and JI Companies for volunteering their time and muscle this May to take care of trees and gardens along Lady Bird Lake.

The Jones Energy team enjoyed their workday planting 30 plants at their adopted garden adjacent to the Pfluger bridge. Left to right: Julie Mathews, Stephen Roberts, Kristel Franklin, Michelle Baker, Bob Meyer. Photo by Jones Energy employee: Mary Anne Robinson
Employees from Dell and JI Companies decided to use their team building time to help our trees. This crew spread 100 cubic yards of mulch around 25 shade trees at the Trail's eastside Festival Beach to get the trees ready for another long, hot summer. Special TTF thanks to our friends at the Urban Forestry Program of the Parks Department for their valuable assistance.

TTF would also like to extend our thanks to volunteers from Regents High School for replacing the soil in a garden along the Pfluger Bridge. Whew, now that was a hard job - THANK YOU!

L to R: Nick Morrison (Regents High School Senior), Joe Flanagan, Matthew Larkham (Regents High School Junior), Greg Browne
Save the Dates

EVENTS

- **Monday, June 11** - **Maudie's Tex-Mex** Happy Hour
  - Stop by Maudie's Tex-Mex on Lake Austin Blvd. between 5 - 8 p.m. to register for the race and gala. It's Happy Hour pricing all night and there will be some great giveaways for race registrants.

- **Thursday, June 14** - The 8th Annual Maudie's Moonlight Margarita Run and Gala
  - Race begins at 8 p.m.
  - Gala starts immediately afterward
  - [REGISTER HERE](#)

- **Saturday, June 23** - TTF Membership Drive with Jack & Adam's and Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf
  - 'Run or Ride' will start from the parking lot of Jack & Adam's Bicycles, followed by coffee and refreshments at the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf on South Lamar
  - Great incentives for new members if they join (or renew) as a TTF member that morning.
  - Look for additional details in the June newsletter

VOLUNTEER

TTF needs volunteers to help spread the word about the Moonlight Margarita Run and Gala on the Trail. We will be distributing race information at the Trail on the following days. Please contact Jenny if you can help out. Thanks!

- Thursday, May 31 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 2 - 7:30 - 10 a.m.
- Thursday, June 7 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 9 - 7:30 - 10 a.m.