Run, Sweat, Party!

You run ON the Trail; here is your chance to run FOR the Trail!

The 9th annual Maudie's Moonlight Margarita Run & Party is just around the corner on Thursday, June 13. 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 St.

We continue the tradition of holding Austin's most casual party afterwards. Immediately following the race, party-goers will gather under the immense live oaks on the grounds of the American Legion Hall to mix and mingle. (And yes, you can attend in your running clothes!) Guests will enjoy a scrumptious fajita buffet, ice-cold margaritas & frosty beers all courtesy of Maudie's Tex-Mex. Live entertainment will create the party sound tracks!

All proceeds benefit TTF and our mission to protect and enhance the Butler Trail at Lady Bird Lake. Register today!

Race only: $30  Party only: $65  Race + Party: $90
Come to run...stay for the party!

**Hurry, prices increase on June 10.**

**New Course Challenge - Mazda's Margarita Mile!**

As if the promise of post race margaritas isn't enough to get you through the final mile, we have partnered with MapMyRun & Mazda to bring you Mazda's Margarita Mile course challenge.

Mazda's Margarita Mile is a one-mile sprint to the finish where your performance is stacked up against fellow MapMyRun users. A Timex Ironman Run Trainer 2.0 and three one-year MapMyFitness subscriptions will be awarded at random to lucky participants.

Want to get involved? It's easy; just use the MapMyRun app or supported GPS device during your race and you are entered to win. Post-race check the Mazda Margarita Mile Course Challenge leader board to see how you rank against the MapMyRun community.

For more information visit [--> http://landing.mapmyrun.com/margaritarun5k/](http://landing.mapmyrun.com/margaritarun5k/)

**Thank You 2013 Sponsors!**

We would not be able to produce the Maudie's Moonlight Margarita Run & Party without generous support from local businesses. The following companies have given time, treasure and talent to bring us Austin's hottest...and coolest race!
Thank you all for continuing to support one of Austin's greatest treasures!

Ready, Set, Flush!

The new restrooms across from Johnson Creek Trailhead officially opened on Saturday, April 27. Jim Spencer with KXAN provided perfect weather and was our event emcee. Ceremonial "first flushers" included Austin City Council Member Mike Martinez; Texas Tribune Editor Evan Smith; and our potty humor contest winners Tyler Ott and Andrea Breeden. Pictures from the event can be seen here.

Andrea's joke: Q. Why do you never hear a Pterodactyl go to the bathroom? A. Because the 'P' is silent.

Tyler's joke: Q. Why did the superhero flush the toilet? A. Because it was his 'duty.'
Sometimes we need a little potty humor to keep us young at heart!

**Boardwalk Progress**

Boardwalk construction including two observation areas.

Following are a few construction sequence highlights straight from the City's Boardwalk Project Manager:

- Pier construction east of IH 35 was recently completed. Structural steel in this area is mostly complete and the precast concrete decking placement will begin soon.
- Work at the Riverview access trail near IH 35 is continuing on land. The pre-fabricated bridges crossing Harper's Branch will be placed in early summer.
- Pier construction west of IH 35 is beginning and will be complete by fall 2013.
- Work in the parkland east of Blunn Creek began earlier this spring and will continue through 2013.

Click [here](#) to see the entire series of Boardwalk construction photos by Tom Athey.

**Are you a TTF member?**

Your TTF membership helps make possible Trail improvements such as the Boardwalk, new restrooms, and healthy, native trees along the Trail. Please consider becoming a member or renewing your membership!

When you [join or renew your membership](#), you will receive a TTF membership shirt, a TTF bumper sticker and updates on Trail projects and events. Additionally, you can feel great about giving back to a Trail you love. We truly appreciate your support...thank you!

**Volunteers at the Butler Trail**
Volunteers play a key role in helping us take care of the Butler Trail. This group from Jl Company recently spread piles of mulch at our Between the Bridges project between the Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge and the railroad trestle on the south side of the lake. Their hard work will help keep the gorgeous native landscaping healthy throughout our long, hot Texas summer. Thank you to everyone who volunteered!

You can help too! Click [here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs121/1101789453035/archive/1113617944768.html) to see volunteer opportunities for the next lake clean-up on Saturday, June 8.

**Trail Tale from Memory Board**

Following is a story left on the [Trail Memory board](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs121/1101789453035/archive/1113617944768.html) in February. Thanks to all of you who shared your memories and stories.

*When going through a very hard time in my life where I experienced a lot of losses, the trail was my saving grace. The energy of the people around the trail reminded me how good life really is and how fortunate I am. Whether it be meditating by the water along the way or going for a run, I was there every day. And even today, I go to the trail no less than 3 days a week even though I don't live as close as I did at that time.*