Under the Boardwalk

Anchors, away! Workers attaching an anchor to the construction barge.

As of October, construction on the Boardwalk project began with a staging area and work dock in International Shores Park, off Lakeshore Boulevard. Once work crews have completed environmental protection measures, they'll start pier construction offshore of the Breakers Apartments and move west toward IH-35. Construction will take approximately 18 months.

As you know, the Boardwalk project will close a 1.1-mile gap in the Butler Trail - from just east of the Austin American-Statesman parking lot to International Shores Park on Lakeshore Boulevard. The project includes construction of approximately 7,100 linear feet of accessible Trail along the south shore of Lady Bird Lake. Almost half of the Trail is over land and much of it will be created using decomposed granite, similar to the existing...
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Trail. The remaining portion will be an over-water boardwalk built from concrete and steel. Construction will also include multiple observation areas, new restrooms, and trailheads at Blunn Creek, the east side of IH-35 and Lakeshore Boulevard.

The Pause That Refreshes

Good news for those who've just "gotta go." Coming soon to a Trail near you...brand new restrooms! Ask almost any Trail lover and they will tell you one of our most desired amenities at the Trail are better restrooms. Well, the wait is almost over. We're putting in four new restrooms, directly across from Johnson Creek trailhead under MoPac. Studio 8 has designed the new facilities, which will include two women's and two men's rooms and an outdoor sink area. Sabre Commercial installed construction fencing earlier this week; we will keep you updated on the progress and provide details on the grand opening...a "First Flush" event, perhaps?

Sign Up Today for the Dec. 9 Decker Half Marathon!

There is still time to register for the Decker Half Marathon on December 9! Talk about a perfect opportunity to work off those extra Thanksgiving helpings AND support your favorite Trail. The Austin Runners Club has designated TTF as race beneficiary and we are so honored to have their continued support - thanks, ARC!

Not up for 13.1 miles? Don't sweat it; you can still join the fun by volunteering to help at the TTF Mile 6 water stop. Volunteers will get a TTF goody bag and a FREE one-year TTF membership. Contact Jenny for more details.

Same Great Trail, Fabulous New Shirt!
Join us on Wednesday, December 5 at 6 p.m. for a 5K social run at Luke’s Locker and then stay for a party! From 6:30-8 p.m. enjoy Jason Bales and The Charmers, imbibe in a little festive food and drink, and stick around for the unveiling of the new 2013 TTF shirt!

For the past two years, Luke’s Locker and Nike have generously donated 100% of the proceeds from these shirts to The Trail Foundation. We are grateful for their continued support and we LOVE seeing all the cool TTF swag out on the town and the Trail.

Shoal Creel Peninsula Update

If you are among those wondering what was going on near Shoal Creek and the Trail, Heather Harris, an engineer for the project, gives us the lowdown:

The Lower Shoal Creek at Lady Bird Lake Peninsula Restoration project involves shoreline improvements for the peninsula at the mouth of Shoal Creek. The peninsula is a manmade feature that has shown significant erosion over the past several years, resulting in poor riparian integrity and a risk to the Butler Trail, particularly on the southern side of the peninsula.

The peninsula links the Shoal Creek spoke trail to the eastern areas of the Butler Trail. There are concrete areas along the peninsula that have been compromised, are not aesthetically pleasing, and preclude native plant growth. This is a Watershed Protection Department improvement project involving stabilization of approximately 800 feet of shoreline, as well as the addition of native plants.

Good Times for a Great Trail!
Dan Garrison (center) at November's bourbon tasting for the Trail.

A big TTF "Thanks!" goes out to Dan Garrison with Garrison Brothers Distillery and Ten Oak Bourbon House + Lounge for hosting the bourbon tasting event on November 15. We hope to make this an annual event because we all enjoyed drinking exquisite bourbon while supporting the Trail - that was a great combo!

T-Minus 17 Days Until the Trail of Lights!

Join us on Sunday, December 16 as the Trail of Lights officially begins!

Look for The Trail Foundation in the Dell Powering the Possible tent if you stroll through on 12/16. This year, the Trail of Lights has a fundraising tool to help raise funding for local nonprofit organizations and The Trail Foundation is proud to be one of their partners.

Simply text ATXLIGHT to 20222 and give your donation of $10 to the #TrailofLights Giving Fund!

We hope you can come out and enjoy a true Austin tradition!

Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday, December 9: Help us cheer the Decker Challenge runners at the Mile 6 water stop! Volunteers get a TTF goody bag and a FREE one-
year TTF membership. Please e-mail Jenny for more information.

**Sunday, December 23:** Deck the Halls at the Trail of Lights! We need a group of 10 volunteers to help from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. OR 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Click here to register and be sure to sign-up for Sunday, December 23 - fill in The Trail Foundation under organization. Contact Jenny if you have questions.