



## Third Quarter 2004 Update

Thanks for supporting TLTF in our mission to maintain and improve the Trail we all enjoy. We've been busy! Here are the latest highlights. If you want more information on any activities, please visit our web site at [townlaketrail.org](http://townlaketrail.org). You can also use the web site to send us your comments, share your ideas, make a donation, and volunteer for upcoming events. Let us hear from you! PLEASE.

### Help Make The Trail Look Great. Bring A Friend And Have Some Fun!

The Town Lake Trail Foundation is organizing a *Trash and Treasure Hunt* on Saturday, September 25, beginning at 8:00 a.m. We expect more than 100 volunteers will come out to help us clean the entire Trail, from MoPac Bridge to Longhorn Dam. In addition to trash, we will also have "treasures" hidden along the trail for volunteers to find. What they find is theirs to keep. That is where we need your help!

If you own or work for a business that might be willing to donate a gift certificate or other valuable "treasure" for our upcoming Trash and Treasure Hunt, please let us know! Please contact Ashley Rodgers by Friday, September 17 at [arodgers@akingump.com](mailto:arodgers@akingump.com) or 512.476.5571 with your donations.

Don't forget to tell your friends to come out to search for treasure as we have fun keeping the Trail clean!

### Adopt-a-Garden Auction

Mark your calendar for Town Lake Trail Foundation's *Second Annual Adopt-a-Garden Auction* at Zilker Botanical Garden, Saturday February 5, from 10 to noon. Once again Austinites who want to beautify the Trail will be able to bid on the one-year use of a plot. There will be refreshments and silent auction items as well as the live auction for garden plots. For more details, visit [www.townlaketrail.org](http://www.townlaketrail.org).

### Racing for the Trail

Now you can sign on for the Trail Foundation's *Racing for the Trail* (RFT) program and turn the miles you race into cash for the Trail! To sign up, visit [www.racingforthetrail.org](http://www.racingforthetrail.org). Then just recruit donors who pledge 25 cents, 50 cents or a dollar or more per race mile, and get out there and race! We take care of the rest. All racers are sent a RFT fulfillment kit that includes your very own ChampionChip (if you don't own one), RFT racing shirt, and program information to will help you get donors signed up.

Don't want to race? No problem. You can still participate by becoming a donor for one of our racers. Want to race but don't want to recruit donors? No problem. Sign up and become your own donor (we're trying to raise \$250 per racer, so keep that in mind). Go to [www.racingforthetrail.org](http://www.racingforthetrail.org) to get started!

### TLTF Awarded \$96,976 Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant

On August 26, Texas Parks and Wildlife announced their award of a \$96,976 grant to Town Lake Trail Foundation for the improvement of Lou Neff Point. This is a big step forward for our efforts to maintain and improve the Trail, and pushes this project to #3 on TLTF's list of priorities, just behind a new Shoal Creek restroom and an improved stretching area under the MoPac bridge.



Big thanks to TPW and to everyone who worked on the grant application and helped to make this happen.

### **Dining for the Trail a Success**

The checks are still coming in from restaurants that participated in the first Dining for the Trail event at the end of July, and everyone felt it was a successful event. They are all ready to do it again, and so are we. So mark your calendar for the second week in January and plan to eat, drink, be merry and support the Trail at local restaurants once again. Watch for an announcement of the participating restaurants as we near 2005.

### **Let Us Hear From You!**

Do you have ideas about how we can work to improve the Trail? Want to get more involved? You'll find more information on the things we're working on at [www.townlaketrail.org](http://www.townlaketrail.org). And while you're there, send us an email with your comments and ideas. We'd love to hear from you!