



Town Lake Trail Foundation



Town Lake Trail Foundation Newsletter

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The Inaugural Milago Moonlight Margarita Run

Mark Thursday night, August 4 on your calendars for a special TLTF member event! The Trail Foundation is organizing a 5K Fun Run through the streets surrounding our Trail. **THIS IS A PRIVATE "MEMBERS ONLY" RUN** that will end with a party at the American Legion Hall just south of RunTex on Lake Austin.

Dozens of margarita machines and a full Mexican food buffet will be waiting to replenish the finishers. Special thanks to The Milago Condominiums on Town Lake (www.milagocondos.com) for underwriting this exciting event and for helping us make improvements to the trail and park areas near Rainey Street (more information about this soon). If you're not already a TLTF member, join now to get your invitation to the run and after-party. To join, go to www.townlaketrail.org now.



Mile Marker Auction

Graciously hosted by [Yellow Fin](#) at their downtown office, the Town Lake Trail Foundation's Mile Marker Auction offered a sneak peak at the new mile marker design and raised more than \$24,000 for the program. A total of thirteen markers were underwritten and 8 remain available.

We are about \$9,000 short of the funding we'll need for the entire signage system and we already have a waiting list for the remaining markers. If you are interested in adopting a mile marker and want to go on the list, please email dan@townlaketrail.org.

Much thanks to all the wonderful folks at Yellow Fin and all the board members and volunteers who made the auction a big success.

Spring and Summer Trail Workdays

Trail Workdays are being planned this Spring for April 23 and May 21. For an invitation for you and your friends, send an email to volunteers@townlaketrail.org.



Healthy Trees for the Trail

Throughout 2005, you'll see professional arborists and volunteers from the Town Lake Trail Foundation and Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center working in wooded areas along the trail.

Healthy Trees for the Trail is a comprehensive woodland management plan for the Town Lake Trail. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Town Lake Trail Foundation, and Austin Parks and Recreation Department are partnering to return the meadows and woodland areas along Town Lake to a healthy state and assure that care of the trees, wildlife, and flora is sustained for years to come. Our work crews have been instructed not to block the trail under any circumstances. The activities of these trained volunteers and professionals include brush and vine removal, tree trimming, creating and administering individualized healthcare for specimen trees, elimination of poisonous and invasive species, replanting with native species to restore ecosystem health, as well as construction and installation of interpretive signage to educate us all about the significance of pristine ecosystems and the role of native plants and trees.

PLEASE DO NOT BE ALARMED IF YOU SEE SOMEONE CUTTING OR REMOVING A TREE FROM THE TRAIL. IT IS EITHER AN INVASIVE OR AGGRESSIVE SPECIES THAT IS DANGEROUS TO THE ECOSYSTEM OR IT IS DISEASED AND A DANGER TO TRAIL USERS. With the help of TreeFolks, hundreds of native Texas trees and saplings are being planted to replace those that are removed. For a complete list of activities and information on how to help out, see Trail Volunteer Workdays below or email volunteers@townlaketrail.org.

Spring 2005 Trash and Treasure Hunt

On April 23, we're joining forces with the Austin Parks Foundation and the Texas Rowing Center for "Its My Park Day." More than 100 Central Texans are expected to come help us clean the trail. Each volunteer earns a Trail Foundation "*Keep The Trash Off The Trail*" t-shirt and our complete and total respect. A few dozen prizes will be hidden along the trail, too. So, if you're out on the trail and you're kind enough to pick up a little trash while you're there, keep your eyes peeled for white plastic-sealed Town Lake Trail Foundation envelopes. The prize you find is yours to keep.

Racing for the Trail

Racing for the Trail, a program to benefit the Town Lake Trail Foundation, is kicking off its second season with the Capital 10K on Sunday April 3rd. Turn your racing miles and fun runs into donations for the Trail. If you are interested in being a sponsored runner or in sponsoring a runner, please visit www.racingforthetrail.org.

Membership

If **you** have not done so already, please consider becoming a member of the Town Lake Trail Foundation. The Trail needs **your** support as we continue to protect and improve our city's crown jewel, the Town Lake Hike and Bike Trail.

We need Austinites like you who love the Trail to lend a hand. Visit www.townlaketrail.org to join today.

