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Save Muny Presents:

**“Run for the Green” 5K**

Lions Municipal Golf Course - 2901 Enfield Road

February 5, 2012 8:00 a.m.

**Imagine Running a 5K Where Ben Hogan and Ben Crenshaw Played!**

***Lions Muny Golf Course to be the site of a uniquely Austin event staged by Run-Tex.***

The inaugural “Run for the Green” 5K will be held Sunday, February 5, 2012 at historical Lions Municipal Golf Course. The event starts at 8 AM and features a competitive run, followed by a fun run for kids 12 and under. Runners will be routed through the course’s ancient oak tree stands, down fairways and around Muny’s water features, greens and bunkers.

**The official starter for the race is Austin golfing legend Ben Crenshaw**. Crenshaw, who grew up and lives nearby, has been a vocal and visible supporter of Muny and still plays there often.

“Anyone who has ever lived in Austin, or grew up here, knows Muny is much more than a golf course.  To me, throughout the years, it’s been a place where my friends and I have met, a place where parents have left their kids to learn the game and a place for community functions, charity events and celebrations.  It’s been a special part of our city for over 87 years.  Austin just can’t afford to lose this green-space and deny future generations the same opportunity to enjoy this jewel,” Crenshaw said.

Lions Municipal Golf Course has been in operation since 1924 and is recognized by the Texas Historical Commission as the first golf course in the South to de-segregate. Muny is an Austin icon and is in peril of being closed in 2019 and replaced with retail and apartment development, according to plans being considered by the University of Texas, the owner of the Brackenridge Tract where the course is located.

Longtime Muny employee Mike Brent; an avid runner, conceptualized the race and has laid out the course. Brent coached both cross country and golf at Westlake High School for many years and has a unique perspective on the historic tract. Brent says, “Every morning when we open the course, there are lots of runners, joggers, and folks taking walks with their dogs and neighbors, enjoying the open space. This 5K should be a memorable experience for the Austin running community and their families and one that we want to hold every year.”

Participation cost is $20 for adults and $10 for children, 12 years old and younger. All runners will receive T-shirts and prizes will be rewarded.

**Register** for the “Run for the Green” at the Save Muny website: [**www.savemuny.com**](http://www.savemuny.com)