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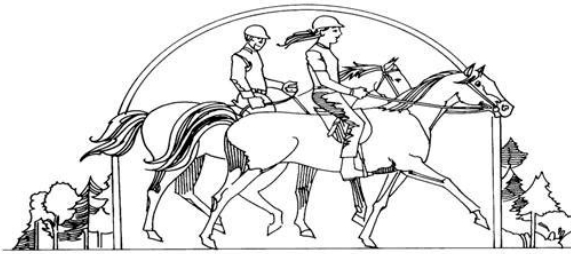
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BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB www.bridletrailscommunity.org

Bridle Trails truly comes alive in spring. The rhododendron are in full bloom, the trails are bustling with activity, and everyone is out in their yard picking up remaining branches from the last big storm. (Okay, that's not really part of the fun, but likely a reality after the winter we've had!)

Now is a great time to increase your involvement with your community and with the Bridle Trails Community Club. Join us at a meeting or check out the new community features on our website. Thanks for your help in making BTCC a great club, and making Bridle Trails a terrific community!

BTCC General Meeting Agenda—March 15, 2007 7:00pm—8:30pm followed by refreshments

Bel-Red Corridor/EIS Study Update

Keeping the Power on in Bridle Trails

NEP Project - 140th St.

NE 24th Update

Bridle Trails Park Foundation

Club Business

New Business

Socializing and Refreshments

BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE

Recently the Board voted to increase the club membership dues from \$15.00/year to \$20.00/year. We elected to keep the multi-year discount payment option (see below). Membership dues are the main source of revenue for the club. The increase enables us to continue our mission of preserving and protecting our wonderful neighborhood.

BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Become a member and enjoy the BTCC newsletter three times a year.

Dues are: 1 year = \$20 (or 2 years = \$35, 3 years = \$50)

Please send your check to:

**Bridle Trails Community Club
P.O. Box 1534
Bellevue, WA 98009**

Complimentary "New Neighbor" newsletter sent upon request

SIDEWALK PROJECT ON NE 24TH IN THE FINAL STRETCH — CINDY LUDWIG

The NE 24th Project is beginning the final stages: sidewalks poured, fences completed and planting strips readied for landscaping. The wall will remain its natural color with a coat of clear sealer and bronze horseshoes topping off the posts. Expect further road closures as the new medians and paving gets underway. Completion in Summer 2007 expected. For further details, contact **Cindy Ludwig** at 425-869-0701 or **Rick Logwood** at 425-452-6858 or Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov .

BEL-RED CORRIDOR PROJECT — NORM HANSEN

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released on January 25th, 2007. The public comment period is 45 days ending on March 12th. The Bridle Trails Community Club will prepare a response to be reviewed by the Board. If you would like to review or receive a copy, please send an e-mail to **Norm Hansen** at Hansennp@aol.com .

A copy of the EIS is available for public view on the City's web site at www.bellevuewa.gov. A public hearing was held at City Hall on February 15th. **Another public meeting will be held the week of March 12th.** In late March, the Bel-Red Steering Committee will meet to discuss a preliminary preferred alternative with a recommendation to the City Council sometime in April. For further details, contact **Kevin O'Neill** at 425-452-4064.

BTCC Key Dates 2007	
Week of March 12	EIS Public Meeting <i>and</i> End of Public Comment Period
March 15	General Meeting
April 21	3rd Annual Earth Day Event
May 17	General Meeting
June 23	Party in the Park
September TBD	Board Meeting
October TBD	General Meeting

KEEPING THE POWER ON IN BRIDLE TRAILS — ELLEN KERR

Every time the wind blows, most residents of Bridle Trails wonder if their power will go out. The wind-storm on December 14th was devastating for our community. We experienced power outages ranging from 2 days to 2 weeks! The Club has decided to ask the City if they will help us establish a long range plan to address issues concerning upgrading equipment, under grounding power lines, better storm responsiveness and restoration. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Ellen Kerr** at 861-0611 or **Norm Hansen** at 861-7333.

TRAFFIC ISLAND INSTALLATION AT 140TH AVE NE AND NE 24TH — JIM BINDER

Construction will begin this summer on a 96' long x 11' wide landscaped island on 140th Ave NE just north of the intersection of 140th Ave NE and NE 24th, near the Shell gas station and the Innisglen townhomes complex. Construction is being funded through the City's Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP). It should provide some traffic calming and landscaping enhancement at this southerly entrance to the Bridle Trails neighborhood.

For further details, contact the **City of Bellevue** at NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov

BRIDLE TRAILS PARK FOUNDATION UPDATE — ALICE PRINCE

Earth Day (April 21): The Foundation and State Parks will host our **3rd annual Earth Day event** the morning of **Saturday, April 21st**. Join your neighbors pulling non-native plants and helping with other stewardship activities.

Trillium Walks (April): See the exquisite Trilliums at the peak of their bloom.

Nature Walks (May): Board member and ecologist, **Jim Erckmann** will lead, focusing on how the forest in the park developed and how biological diversity develops over time.

Native Plant Walks (May): Botanist to lead, identifying plants and discussing their ecology and natural history [to be confirmed].

Party in the Park (June 23): Saturday, June 23rd is the date of our 5th annual Party in the Park. Volunteers are needed. If you can help, please call **Janet Griswold** at 425-822-9826. Check www.bridletrails.org for details and dates of above events or contact **Jim Erckmann** at erckmann2@comcast.net or 425-827-6595.