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Happy Spring!

What a terrific time to be outside, enjoying the natural beauty that is so uniquely and identifiably Bridle Trails.

We hope to see you at the next **BTCC General Meeting** on May 17th. Also, be sure to bring your family and friends to the **5th Annual Party in the Park** on Saturday, June 23rd. There's always something for everyone to enjoy.

And if you haven't checked out our website lately, please do—and let us know what you think. You'll find additional details about many of the topics in this newsletter, in addition to new community features. Enjoy!

BTCC Key Dates 2007	
May 17	General Meeting
June 7	Bel-Red Steering Committee meeting
June 23	Party in the Park
August TBD*	Board Meeting
September TBD*	General Meeting

* specific dates will be posted on our website as soon as they are available.

TREASURER'S REPORT — ELLEN KERR

We are sad to report that we are losing one of our co-treasurers, **Ambie Merritt**. She has done a fabulous job for the club! Ambie is being replaced by **Jill Lum**, who we know will do an equally fabulous job. Welcome Jill!

WEBSITE UPDATE — KIM CARNESALE

Have you visited the BTCC website lately? We recently upgraded the site to Microsoft Office Live, and have added more community features to make it easier for you to engage with the Club and interact with your neighbors. Please check it out, and provide us your feedback so we can continue to adapt it to fit your interests.

The temporary address is <http://bridletrailscommunity.org>

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
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 Complimentary "New Neighbor" newsletter sent upon request

BRIDLE TRAILS PARK FOUNDATION UPDATE — ALICE PRINCE

- The **Trillium Walk** (April 7), was well attended, bringing in people of all ages – from 3 months to 89 years. The **3rd annual Earth Day event** (April 21) was also a success with over 60 people participating, clearing non-native plants from the park.
- **Inscribed brick program** is still going strong. The next inscription is due in late May or early June. Order yours now from our web site - www.bridletrails.org .
- Our **5th annual Party in the Park** is coming Saturday, June 23rd. Kids activities; 5, 10, & 30 K runs; \$5.00/plate pancake breakfast; dog & horse exhibitions. Come enjoy the day and donate to help us keep the park open. Or volunteer your time to help staff this shindig. We need a minimum of 90 volunteers to put it on. Please check www.bridletrails.org for details or contact **Janet Griswold** at 425-822-9826 or e-mail msgrizz@mac.com to volunteer.

BTCC General Meeting Agenda—May 17, 2007

7:00pm—8:30pm followed by refreshments

Bel-Red Corridor Redevelopment / Rezone

Keeping the Power on in Bridle Trails

NE 24th Update

Bridle Trails Park Foundation

Website

Club Business

New Business

Socializing and Refreshments

KEEPING THE POWER ON IN BRIDLE TRAILS — ELLEN KERR

Besides sending a letter to the City expressing our concerns about the electrical issues in Bridle Trails, we met with the Mayor, **Grant Degginger**, on March 17th. He seemed receptive to our comments and agreed to work with us to try to get some of our concerns addressed with PSE and the City. The Planning Commission is currently studying electrical transmission lines and the impact of placement of new sub-stations in neighborhoods. Please check the City's website for upcoming meetings to provide public comment. If you have questions or would like to help, contact **Ellen Kerr** 861-0611 or **Norm Hansen** at 861-7333.

NE 24TH SIDEWALK PROJECT — LORETTA LOPEZ

The NE 24th project is almost complete. The BTCC did not advocate for such a large expensive project. However, because the City decided upon the project, the BTCC has tried to work with the City to maintain some of the characteristics of NE 24th. The BTCC Board members recently met with the City Manager, **Steve Sarkoszy**, to request additional plants, changes to hide the smooth concrete walls, and a reduction of the intensity and number of lights that have been installed on NE 24th. For more information on the status of the BTCC requests contact **Cindy Ludwig** or **Loretta Lopez**.

BEL-RED CORRIDOR PROJECT — NORM HANSEN

The Bel-Red Steering Committee is pursuing an aggressive density alternative for the 2030 Vision: apparently, 4.5 million square feet of office space and 5,000 plus housing units. This is of concern to Bridle Trails and surrounding communities because neighborhood traffic volumes are already considered by many to be unacceptable during peak periods due to inadequate regional transportation infrastructure.

The City has been asked to develop a traffic performance measurement concept that links development to infrastructure implementation, which can be used to identify mitigation needed prior to or concurrent with development. The City has also been asked to provide a long-term plan to keep existing neighborhood services. The Committee will be formulating their recommendation at a meeting on Thursday, June 7th 4 to 6 PM at City Hall.