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*Save the Date!*

**BTCC General Meeting  
March 20, 2008  
7:00pm—8:15pm  
followed by refreshments  
Agenda—**

1. Bel-Red Corridor Update
2. NE 24<sup>th</sup> Update
3. Bridle Trails State Park Foundation
4. Ped/Bike Plan Update
5. Neighborhood Enhancement Projects/NEP Presentation
6. Neighborhood News
7. New Business

Meetings at Cherry Crest  
Elementary School  
12400 NE 32nd St  
Bellevue WA 98005

**Pedestrian/Bike Plan**  
**Loretta Lopez**

The Transportation Commission continues to review the Ped/Bike Plan. The Commission reviewed the projects at the March 6, 2008 meeting. The Commission will meet again to discuss the Ped/Bike Plan on Thursday, March 27.

After the Transportation Commission completes its review and recommendation, the Planning Commission will review the Ped/Bike Plan and send its recommendation to the City Council. Check the website [www.bellevuewa.gov/pedbikeplan.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pedbikeplan.htm) for the dates. Check the website to determine which projects will affect, or are next to, your property.

**BTCC Recommendations on the Ped/Bike Plan to the Transportation Commission**

The BTCC voted at two General Meetings upon the recommendations to send to the Transportation Commission. The BTCC sent recommendations regarding trails and multipurpose paths to the Commission. The trail recommendations are as follows:

1. BTCC supports the Bridle Trails Sub Area Plan which is the framework for maintaining the rural and equestrian character of the area.

2. BTCC supports existing public trail connectivity to Bridle Trails State Park.

3. BTCC supports equestrian/pedestrian access to existing public trail segments and supports the City providing trail maintenance (after consultation with contiguous property owners).

4. BTCC respects private property owner's preferences and will not represent private property owners or Homeowners associations with the City. BTCC supports the continuation of the existing private trails which are maintained and controlled by private property owners and/or Homeowners Associations.

5. Proposed changes to the Ped/Bike Plan affecting the Bridle Trails Sub Area require 90 day prior written notification via US Mail to all affected property owners and neighborhood associations.

**BTCC Recommendations on Proposed Multipurpose Paths:**

**132/134 Avenue NE from NE 24th to NE 60th (City limits)**

Keep the current status quo (existing configuration) without any further expansion as proposed in the Ped/Bike Draft Plan. The multipurpose path serves the community well and expansion in width or adding an additional path on the east side of 132nd Avenue NE (Bridle Trails State Park) side is not desired.

**140th Avenue NE from NE 24th to NE 60th (City limits):**

The BTCC also opposes changes to expand the pathway width as outlined in the Draft Ped/Bike Plan. The current multipurpose path width serves the community well.

**Proposed Project B-303:**

The BTCC recommends building a 6 foot multipurpose hard surface (non-paved) path designed with landscaped berm as exists on 140<sup>th</sup> on both sides of NE 40th, from 140th Ave NE to 145th Place,

**Bel-Red Corridor Project**  
**Norm Hansen**

On Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> the Transportation Commission is scheduled to recommend the overall Transportation Project Plan and also will be reviewing the need to change the mobility capacity ratio from .9 to .95. Essentially this would allow congestion to reach near 100% capacity without slowing development. The ratio is currently .95 for downtown and Factoria.

The Transportation Commission recommendations will likely be made to the Planning Commission in May with a Public Hearing at the Planning Commission in late May. The City Council is expected to deliberate on the Plan in July with a decision in September.

Questions and other details may be directed to Paul Ingram at 452-4070 or email at [PIngram@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:PIngram@bellevuewa.gov).

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## 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)

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### FUTURE MEETINGS

#### General Meetings

- **March 20**
- **May 22**

#### Board Meetings

- **April 17**

#### Other Events

- **April 19<sup>th</sup>: Earth Day projects in the Park**
- **June 28<sup>th</sup>: Party in the Park**

Meetings take place at Cherry  
Crest Elementary School  
12400 NE 32nd St  
Bellevue WA 98005

### Bridle Trails Park Foundation Alice Prince

#### What's Going On In the Park?

If you've been in the park lately and seen the pink flags and the blue numbers on the trees, these were put there by Seattle City Light (SCL) which has an easement over Park property for their power transmission lines. The State and SCL are working on a "vegetation management plan" which will allow SCL to take out "danger" trees, but will not allow them to clear cut the 20+ acres they had wanted to cut

#### Earth Day

Since Earth Day is in the middle of the week this year, we will be holding our Earth Day project on Sat. April 19<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to be a part of this volunteer program for part of a day, please call Jim Erckmann at 425-827-6595 or e-mail him at [erckmann1@comcast.net](mailto:erckmann1@comcast.net) and let him know you want to help.

#### Nature Walks

We will be having guided Trillium walks and one or more nature walks with at least one about birds in Bridle Trails. As most of these walks depend on bloom time and weather, we can't give you specific dates, but they will be posted on our web site [www.bridletrails.org](http://www.bridletrails.org) as soon as they are known. Call or e-mail Jim Erckmann to sign up for one or more of these walks.

#### First Call for Party Volunteers

Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, is the date for our next Party in the Park. We need volunteers for 2 hour shifts. If you can help please call our volunteer coordinator, Janet Griswold at 425-822-9826 or e-mail her at [msgrizz@mac.com](mailto:msgrizz@mac.com).

### Treasurer's Report Jill Lum

The club dues notices were mailed out mid February for 2008 renewals. Thank you for your continued financial support of BTCC. If you have any questions regarding your dues or the finances of BTCC, please email [Jill Lum@msn.com](mailto:Jill.Lum@msn.com) or call 425-882-2301.

### Neighborhood Enhancement Plan (NEP) UPDATE

#### Pat Janes

The City will screen the requests submitted by Bridle Trails residents beginning the week of March 3, 2008. The requests that meet the criteria for NEP projects will be presented at a workshop in April. Look for your invitation to the workshop in your mailbox. The workshop will be held at Cherry Crest Elementary School. After the April workshop the City will send ballots to all residents in late May or early June.

### NE 24th Lighting Ellen Kerr

We have contacted Steve Sarkozy, the Bellevue city manager, as well as several Council members about getting the lights turned down on NE 24th. Mr. Sarkozy has agreed that the city should turn down the lights but we have received no time frame for that action. Please email Steve Sarkozy ([SSarkozy@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:SSarkozy@bellevuewa.gov)) or the City Council ([council@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:council@bellevuewa.gov)) if you have questions.

### Fred Farsch - 1950-2008

A long-time Cherry Crest resident, and BTCC member, Fred was instrumental in getting the BTCC website up and running, and was a regular attendee and contributor to BTCC meetings for over 15 years. After retiring from Microsoft in 2004, he spent the last few years traveling frequently to Antarctica, and making it his mission to raise awareness about global warming. He was preparing to rejoin his wife in Bellevue when he died in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina in late December. We will miss Fred and we will miss his participation in the community.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in getting more involved with your community? BTCC is a volunteer organization. Please consider volunteering to help. Please contact Loretta Lopez or Ellen Kerr.