

BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB

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BTCC is hosting a
BRIDLE TRAILS BLOCK PARTY!!

May 30th, 2:00-4:00 PM
Come and join your neighbors for a good old
fashioned block party
Free Dessert!
Fun for the Kids!
All Bridle Trails Residents Welcome!

Cherry Crest Mini Park, 2532 - 127th Ave NE
1 block north of NE 24th

Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling or walking.

BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2009
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Refreshments: 8:30 PM
Location: Cherry Crest School

Agenda

1. Presentation on neighborhood safety by Officers McIvor & Collins
2. BTCC Community Block Party
3. Park Levy Committee Update
4. Equestrian Art Report
5. Olympic Pipeline Screening Update
6. Club Business
7. Park Foundation
8. New Business
9. Refreshments

BTCC GENERAL MEETING

MAY 21ST, 7:00 PM
AT CHERRY CREST SCHOOL

SPECIAL GUESTS:
OFFICER CURT MCIVOR AND
OFFICER JAMIE COLLINS,
BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Come meet the Bellevue Police Officers who work in our neighborhood. Ask questions about neighborhood safety! Let's have a good showing at this meeting to represent our community spirit and build a productive partnership with the local police. It's our neighborhood. Let's work together to keep it safe! Please plan to come to the meeting and bring your questions!

NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT(NEP) ART PROJECT UPDATE – LORETTA LOPEZ

The Bellevue Arts Commission voted unanimously to recommend Bruce Myers as the artist to create an equestrian themed sculpture for the Bridle Trails area. The City will schedule a community get-acquainted meeting with Bruce to launch the design phase.

The City has not yet selected a site for the art installation. Please contact Mary Pat Byrne at 425-452-4105 or MPByrne@bellevuewa.gov if you have any suggestions or questions about the project.

PARK COMMITTEE KICKS OFF AT BLOCK PARTY – ELLEN KERR

The Park Levy Committee has been formed and will be gathering information and suggestions on how to best spend the allotted park development/enhancement money for Bridle Trails. Please come to the block party and let us know your thoughts and suggestions! We will be meeting through the summer with the City to assess and compile resident input to make determinations as to how the \$2.5 million will be spent in Bridle Trails. We need your help! Please contact Michelle at ParkLevy@j.jimmc.org with questions or comments.

SCREENING THE OIL PIPELINE - NORM HANSEN

Neighborhood Enhancement Project (NEP) funds were allocated to screen the BP/Olympic Pipeline Facility in the 13600 block of NE 24th Street.

Initial screening for this NEP did not effectively conceal the Pipeline Facility as viewed by many in our Bridle Trails community. Many of the plants were very small and their mature height was short. Additional landscaping has been added to complete the Project screening, although it will take about 5 years to mature to provide appropriate screening.

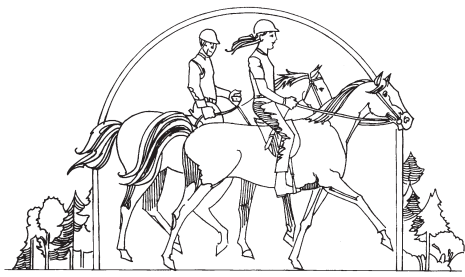
BP/Olympic Pipeline is also offering to provide a different gate that better screens the entrance. If you are interested in the gate design, please contact Norm Hansen 425-861-7333 with your comments.

PARTY IN THE PARK FUNDRAISER – ALICE PRINCE

It's time to celebrate the park we have – and help to keep it open for years to come. The State has agreed to keep the park open for 40 years if the Bridle Trails Park Foundation pays for half of the park's operating expenses each year. To keep the park open and safe, we still need your financial help.

Join us for our 7th annual fundraiser, the Party in the Park, on Saturday, June 27th and bring a non-perishable food item to donate to HopeLink.

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The times are changed: fun runs start at 7:00 AM and the rest of the party starts at 10:00 AM with lunch (hamburgers and hot dogs with salad and soda) being served from 10:30 AM until 1:30 PM.

We'll have some familiar and some new entertainment. We will have the ponies, face painters, a bake walk, and donkey dash for the kids.

We need more volunteers! Please call Suzanne at 425-828-6432.

We will have free parking at the Park n' Ride with free shuttle service to the Park every 10 minutes from 9:30 AM until 2:00 PM.

Visit our website for more information and to register for the fun runs: http://www.bridletrails.org/2009_party_flyer.html.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

– RANI SAMPSON

Expect lane closures and delays from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM weekdays near the 520 off-ramp along Northup Way. In August, crews will close 124th Ave NE between NE 18th Street and Northup Way (except for local access) for two weeks to re-grade the road.

The improvements include an additional lane along eastbound Northup Way between 120th Avenue NE and 124th Avenue NE, a right-turn lane on 124th Avenue NE, and a second left-turn lane from Northup Way to the SR 520 on-ramp. This project also includes adding new curb, gutter, and sidewalk where missing. Other elements include traffic signal modifications, storm drainage and detention improvements, and added irrigation, landscaping, and walls.

Look for more information in the City's publication, *It's Your City*, in June. Or, check the City's website for more information: http://www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm. For up to the minute traffic updates, click on the cameras in this map: <http://trafficmap.cityofbellevue.net/>.

The State DOT is repaving State Route 520. Bridle Trails residents can expect to continue hearing strange sounds construction crews make after midnight through the summer. For more information, check WSDOT's website (URL shortened): <http://tinyurl.com/cwrhkb>.

GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS

– RANI SAMPSON

The Bellevue Golf Course may add hitting stations and lights to the driving range which backs up to 140th Avenue NE in Bridle Trails. Adding lights would allow the driving range to operate after dark in the spring, fall and winter. To hear more about the proposed improvements, attend the presentation given by Golf Course Superintendent Randy Leifer on May 14th at 7:00 PM in the golf course clubhouse. The public will have an additional opportunity to comment on the proposed improvements at a meeting to be held sometime in June. After the second public meeting, Parks staff will report their findings to the City Council. If the Council approves an architecture and design contract, expansion of the driving range could begin sometime in 2010. For more information, contact Superintendent Leifer at 425-452-2850 or RLeifer@bellevuewa.gov.

OUR WEBSITE – NANCY BENNETT

The BTCC makes it easy for you to keep track of the City's plans for your neighborhood. Visit our website and stay current with neighborhood events: www.bridletrailscommunity.org

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

– LORETTA LOPEZ

Be a voice for Bridle Trails. Consider applying for a position on one of the City's Boards or Commissions. We especially need representation on two Commissions: Transportation and Planning. The BTCC can facilitate your Council appointment to a Board or Commission. For more information, contact a BTCC Board member and visit the City's website: www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/boards_commissions.htm.

BTCC NEWS IN BRIEF

We would like to announce and acknowledge our Board and Advisory Board have taken on specific responsibilities within the organization. This enables the organization to be stronger and have a much wider impact within the community. We are always looking for volunteers to join. Please give us a call if you are interested.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER PHASE 2 UPDATE: PROPOSALS

– LORETTA LOPEZ

The City has been gathering information from the community regarding neighborhood character. The City has developed proposals that will govern future residential development. The proposals govern setbacks, tree retention, height, construction noise and other details. The City will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposals on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 6:30 PM in Room 113 at City Hall.

The City invites comments on the proposals at the Public Hearing. Comments can be submitted by e-mailing CKuhn@bellevuewa.gov or writing to: Neighborhood Outreach, PO Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009. Additional information is available at www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-character.htm or by contacting Cheryl Kuhn, Neighborhood Outreach Manager, 425-452-4089 or Julie Ellenhorn, Community Relations Coordinator, 425-452-5372.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 7th 5:00 -7:00 PM**, Neighborhood Character Proposals – Open House, City Hall Room 1E-108.
- **May 13 6:30 PM** Neighborhood Character Proposals – Public Hearing, City Hall Room 113.
- **May 14 7:00 PM** Golf Course Improvements – Presentation and Public Comment, golf course clubhouse banquet room.
- **May 30 2:00-4:00 PM**, BTCC Block Party, Cherry Crest Mini Park (2532 127th Ave NE)
- **June 27** Bridle Trails Party in the Park and Fun Runs

BTCC MEETINGS

- **May 21 7:00 PM**, BTCC General Meeting at Cherry Crest School
- **August TBD** BTCC Board Meeting
- **September TBD** BTCC General Meeting