

BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB

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BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Refreshments: 8:00 - 8:30 PM

Location: Cherry Crest School

AGENDA

1. Parks Presentation by City of Bellevue Project Manager, Pam Fehrman
2. Meet and Greet the Candidates
3. Park Levy Committee Update
4. Equestrian Art Report
5. Olympic Pipeline Screening Update
6. Park Foundation
7. New Business
8. Refreshments

MEET THE CANDIDATES

The BTCC has invited the candidates running for City Council to attend our general meeting on September 24th. This is your chance to meet the candidates before casting your vote in the November election. Bellevue is governed by council members who serve four-year terms. The council members, in turn, select a mayor and deputy mayor from among themselves. The Council sets the general policies of the city, which are implemented by the city manager and staff. Please come and meet your candidates so you are able to cast an informed vote.

LEARN ABOUT PARKS IN BRIDLE TRAILS

Pam Fehrman, Project Manager for City of Bellevue Parks Department, will discuss the City's plans for spending \$2.5 million in Levy funds for capital improvements to Parks in the Bridle Trails subarea. Come to the meeting to learn how many parks are eligible for improvements and offer your suggestions.

MONEY FOR PARKS

– MICHELLE MCBEATH

The Park Levy Committee is still soliciting thoughts and suggestions on recommendations to the City's Parks Board on how to spend the allotted park development/enhancement money for Bridle Trails. On October 22nd, there will be a public meeting for the BTCC Park Levy Committee to provide current suggestions as well as to solicit further public input. See meeting details under Important Dates. Contact Michelle at ParkLevy@j.jimmc.org with questions or comments.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS!

– ELLEN KERR

On May 30th, the BTCC held its first annual block party at the Cherry Crest Mini Park. The weather was beautiful

and we had a huge turn out. Besides the Board, Advisory Board and neighborhood teen helpers, we have many people to thank. We received a big help from the city Parks Department, Neighborhood Outreach and the Fire Department. We had games for the kids, a fire truck and prize drawings donated by local vendors. There were several Council members in attendance and Phil Noble spoke about the importance of creating a sense of community. It was wonderful for neighbors to be out, meeting each other and celebrating our wonderful community. We are planning to do a similar event next year, so please look for the date in the newsletter.

TRIBUTE TO PHIL NOBLE

– NORM HANSEN

Phil Noble passed away on Fathers Day, June 21, 2009. Phil and his family resided in Bridle Trails for over 30 years. Phil was an outstanding advocate for Bridle Trails neighborhood values in serving as Bellevue City Councilman (since 1999, two years as Deputy Mayor), eight years on the Bellevue School Board (President twice) and Bellevue Transportation Commission. Phil also served as advisor to the Bridle Trails State Park Foundation. He was also involved in many other human service activities.

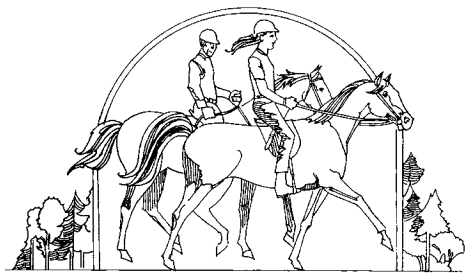
Phil graduated from Sammamish High School and UW Law School. As an attorney, Phil's ability to define issues and communicate these issues served many organizations including the Bridle Trails Community. As a member of the Bridle Trails Community Club he spent many hours listening and dedicating his expertise to enhance our neighborhood livability characteristics. We hope that Phil's caring will serve as a role model for others in our community to serve for the betterment of our neighborhood. Phil is survived by his wife Shelley, a son, Michael and a daughter, Andrea.

BP/OLYMPIC PIPELINE FACILITY SCREENING

– NORM HANSEN

BP/Olympic plans to pay for and install an 8-foot solid fence gate in the near future to help better screen their facility to be more compatible with the surrounding neighborhood character. This is in addition to approximately \$30,000 in landscaping funded by Bellevue taxpayers. The Bridle Trails Community is appreciative of this offer; however it still does not meet the Neighborhood Enhancement goal of screening/concealing their facility from the surrounding neighborhood view. Because of "drive by" inspection requirements they have not agreed to complete screening.

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Mr. Steve Maulding, BP/Olympic Pipeline President, states that security is enhanced when driving by the facility which could alert them to potential problems. He maintains that without this drive-by inspection capability the site security would be decreased. BTCC has suggested alternate means of inspection such as stopping to get a more comprehensive look or installing remote-read cameras to monitor the facility on a 7-day/24-hour basis. We feel that this would increase the public confidence in the safety and security of their facility.

Bridle Trails Community Club is pursuing additional potential mitigation measures with the City of Bellevue as well as determining who is responsible for costs of landscape screening of the facility: the taxpayer through Neighborhood Enhancement, or BP/Olympic Pipeline.

Bellevue Neighborhood Enhancement funded approximately \$30,000 to screen BP/Olympic chain link and barbed-wire block-valve facilities on NE 24th east of 134th Avenue NE (See BTCC Newsletter Article, May 2009).

BRIDLE CREST TRAIL CLOSURE
– LORETTA LOPEZ

The King County Council may close the Bridle Crest Trail. The trail is located on the border of Bellevue across from Bridle Trails State Park at 60th and 132nd. The trail continues to 140th across 148th and on to Marymoor Park. The trail is used by walkers, runners and equestrians.

The Bridle Crest Trail requires minimal maintenance which consists primarily of cutting weeds. Maybe citizens could volunteer to keep the trail maintained? Contact the King County Executive, kcexec@kingcounty.gov and the County Council, council@kingcounty.gov to comment and/or to propose solutions.

BRIDLE TRAILS PARK FOUNDATION UPDATE
– ALICE PRINCE

Our 7th annual Party in the Park is now history. We tried some new

things this year; earlier runs, lunch instead of breakfast, and more time between the runs and the start time for the Party, lunch, and the entertainment.

We were pleasantly surprised, with the bad economy, that we still raised almost \$28,000 to help build our endowment fund. We also learned that people preferred the pancake breakfast to the hamburgers and hot dogs.

Our "Inscribed Brick Program" has been renewed with the opening of the new "Patio," an apron of bricks between the bleachers and the judging stand, so we now have hundreds more bricks to inscribe. Please visit our web site at www.bridletrails.org for an updated order form. We will be inscribing again next summer. They make great gifts and remembrances. For that friend or family member who has everything, buy them a Brick for Bridle Trails.

Also watch our web site and check out the soon to be mailed out Bridle Trails Park Advocate for news about upcoming educational models for local grade school classes and free nature walks for park enthusiasts. To get on our mailing list or for more information about the Foundation, please write to us at AFPrince42@aol.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (NEP) ART IN BRIDLE TRAILS – LORETTA LOPEZ

The Bellevue City Arts Commission selected Bruce Meyers to create an equestrian themed sculpture for the Bridle Trails area. The location for the NEP Art has not yet been determined. The City plans to meet with interested Bridle Trails residents in October to discuss ideas for the equestrian themed art. The City wants residents' feedback as the design progresses because they hope to bring art we love to Bridle Trails. For more information contact Mary Pat Byrne at (425) 452-4105 or MPByrne@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.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **September 24 7:00 PM** BTCC General Meeting at Cherry Crest School
- **October 22 7:00 – 9:00 PM** Public meeting for Park Levy Monies Cherry Crest School's Multi-Purpose Room
- **October 22** Board Meeting
- **October TBD** Board Meeting
- **November 19 7:00 PM** BTCC General Meeting at Cherry Crest School