

# BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB

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## BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, Jan. 21, 2009  
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm  
Refreshments: 8:00 - 8:30 pm  
Location: Cherry Crest School

### January 21 General Meeting Agenda

1. Club business
2. Need for Neighborhood Watch Program?
3. Keeping the Power On in Bridle Trails
4. Olympic Pipeline Screening
5. Neighborhood Enhancement Program
6. Parks & Open Space Levy Update
7. Neighborhood Issues (Got Gripes?)
8. New Business
9. Refreshments

Happy New Year to all. We look forward to 2010 and continuing to focus on maintaining our beautiful Bridle Trails area.

## BP/OLYMPIC PIPELINE EQUIPMENT FACILITY SCREENING ON NE 24TH - NORM HANSEN

Earlier BTCC Newsletters addressed the Neighborhood Enhancement Landscape Screening Project for the BP/Olympic Pipeline. As viewed by many in our Bridle Trails community, the current screening for this NEP Project does not effectively conceal the pipeline facilities. In order to resolve this issue, BTCC has decided to pursue the City's offer of mediation. Our latest proposal to BP/Olympic involves installing a fence and gate across the street frontage behind the Neighborhood/City financed landscaping. Here are the issues the Community presented to BP/Olympic:

BTCC requests that BP/Olympic Pipeline install low-cost fence and gate screening to remain in place while the landscape screening is maturing. Bellevue Parks estimates that new landscaping will take a minimum of 5 years of growth before it provides effective screening. The cost of this fence and gate is approximately \$3,500 as bid to BP/Olympic Pipeline by Town and Country Fence Company.

We also request that BP/Olympic reimburse the taxpayers of Bellevue the approximately \$25,000 paid for the existing Neighborhood Enhancement Landscaping, which, in the community's view, does not provide adequate screening. We note that the Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policy UT-53 for Non-City Managed Utilities "Require[s] all utility equipment support facilities to be aesthetically compatible with the area in which they are placed by using landscape screening and or architecturally compatible details and integration." We think the responsibility to provide screening for the pipeline rests with BP/Olympic and not the Bellevue taxpayers.

If you are interested in participating in this mediation process, please contact Norm Hansen on 425-861-7333.

## MONEY FOR PARKS IN BRIDLE TRAILS - MICHELLE MCBEATH

The 2008 Bellevue Parks & Natural Areas Levy includes \$2.5 million to acquire, develop or enhance parks and open space in the Bridle Trails neighborhood. City staff and the BTCC have been working together to determine how to spend the levy money. Your neighbors provided more than 60 suggestions to improve existing parks or acquire new facilities. City staff members are currently researching project feasibility and initial costs on select neighborhood projects forwarded by the BTCC. After reviewing the City's feasibility report, the BTCC's Park Levy Committee will make its final recommendation(s) to the City. Go to the City's webpage for more information: [www.bellevuewa.gov/bridle\\_trails\\_levy.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm). If you have suggestions or comments, contact your neighbor, Michelle McBeath at [ParkLevy@j.jimmc.org](mailto:ParkLevy@j.jimmc.org), or the City's Project Manager, Pam Fehrman at [PFehrman@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:PFehrman@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4326.

## IT IS OK TO DIAL 9-1-1 - RANI SAMPSON

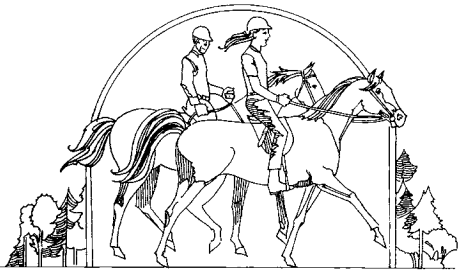
Bellevue Police Captain Michael Johnson encourages residents to call 911 if we notice any suspicious activity in our neighborhoods. If you notice any activity that does not seem right, call 911 and an officer will investigate.

Marianne Heywood has established an informal Bridle Trails alert network for these matters. After residents dial 911, they send an email to Marianne who sends an instant email alert to households in Pikes Peak, Cherry Crest, neighborhoods off of 140th Ave. NE, and other Bridle Trails locations. This fast reporting system enables neighbors to add to initial reports and create detailed descriptions of suspicious persons, vehicles, and activities. If you would like to be included on this email alert list, send an email to [MarianneHeywood@gmail.com](mailto:MarianneHeywood@gmail.com).

## ENGAGE IN THE COMMUNITY - LORETTA LOPEZ

Stay informed about City government. The City of Bellevue's website is a great source of information. Go to [www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov) and check on the developments that will affect the Bridle Trails area. Review what the City has planned for the Bel-Red Corridor development.

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Keep track of what the City Council is doing and how it is spending your tax dollars. The agendas for City Council meetings are posted on the City website. You can also subscribe and receive a weekly email with the agendas. To request a weekly update send an email to: YCarlson@bellevuewa.gov

Find out what is happening before the Boards and Commissions. The City of Bellevue has a number of Boards and Commissions which address issues that directly affect citizens. To check out which topics are, for example, before the Parks Commission or the Human Resources Commission go to the City home page [www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov) and click on Boards and Commissions.

**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](http://www.bridletrailscommunity.org)

**LEARN HOW TO INFLUENCE CITY HALL** – LORETTA LOPEZ

The City is presenting a workshop on how to organize neighborhood projects. The workshop will provide a quick how-to guide for planning and implementing a successful neighborhood project. The topics include simple ways to get organized, how to hold an effective meeting, and how to get your project underway and make it work. The workshop is free and open to the community. Read more at [www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Neighborhoods/January\\_Neighborhood\\_News.pdf](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Neighborhoods/January_Neighborhood_News.pdf).

The workshop is on Thursday, January 28, from 7:00-:30 at City Hall, Room 1E-112. For more information contact Julie Ellenhorn at [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov).

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **January 21: General Meeting, 7:00 – 8:30 pm** Cherry Crest Elementary School
- **March 18: General Meeting, 7:00 – 8:30 pm** Cherry Crest Elementary School
- **May 20: General Meeting, 7:00 – 8:30 pm** Cherry Crest Elementary School
- **January 28: Community Workshop 7:00-9:00 pm**, City Hall Room 1E-112