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BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2010
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Refreshments: 8:00 - 8:30 pm
Location: Cherry Crest School

March 18 General Meeting Agenda

1. Club business
2. Electric Power Project
3. BP/Olympic Screening
4. Neighborhood Watch
5. Party in the Park
6. Neighborhood Issues - Got gripes?
7. New Business
8. Refreshments

KEEPING THE POWER ON – ELLEN KERR

The city has chosen Exponent, an electrical industry consulting firm from northern California, to be the independent consultant for the electrical project. You can learn more about them by visiting <http://bit.ly/Exponent>.

The project is divided into 2 phases. The first phase is the development of the scope of work, which is currently in progress. The BTCC is part of an external stakeholders group and will provide input into the process. Program leaders hope to go before Bellevue City Council in June to present the scope for approval. The projected date for completion of phase 2 is the first quarter of 2011.

BTCC sponsored a very successful city-wide neighborhood meeting, representing strong support for the electrical project from a wide variety of communities. A community steering committee was formed that will continue to organize neighborhood support and coordinate with the stakeholder group. Information about the project is posted on our website. Check it out! Contact Ellen Kerr or Norm Hansen with questions or comments (contact information on newsletter masthead).

NEW BRIDLE TRAILS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – TOM ENG

For the past few months, several concerned Bridle Trails residents have been organizing an effort to create an even safer neighborhood. After consulting with the Bellevue Police Department, my group decided to launch a new Neighborhood Watch program in Bridle Trails. Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and best-known crime prevention concepts where empowered citizens work together to improve safety and create more cohesive neighborhoods.

More than two dozen Bridle Trails residents have already volunteered to

help organize their local block. Typically, blocks are clusters of 10-20 homes that share a common street. Volunteer Block Captains are starting to collect basic information about each home such as names of people and pets, emails and emergency phone numbers. This information will only be shared among participating households within your block.

We need more volunteer Block Captains to cover all of Bridle Trails. If you want a safer community, here is your chance to make it happen with just a small time commitment. Please consider volunteering!

Sharing your contact information with your closest neighbors helps improve your family's safety. For example, if a person acting suspiciously is observed outside your home, a neighbor can call you and alert the police. In the event of a fire or natural disaster, your neighbor can inform the fire department and rescue teams about the number of people and pets in the house. In addition, if your family needs special assistance when the power goes out or during an evacuation, neighbors may be able to help. Many of us already watch out for each other and we'll just be formalizing this for our neighborhood.

To celebrate the launch of the new Bridle Trails Neighborhood Watch program, we and the BTCC will be hosting a neighborhood-wide celebration on the evening of August 3rd in conjunction with National Night Out. It will be an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbors and enjoy a summer evening with friends. Please block out this date.

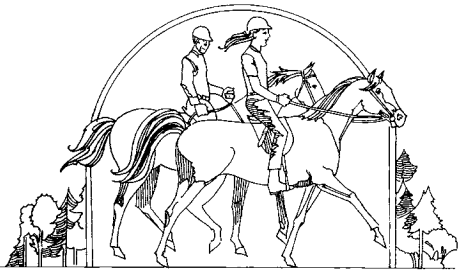
When people know their neighbors and watch out for each other, many good things will happen. We're confident that the new Neighborhood Watch Program will make Bridle Trails an even better place to live than it already is.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer as a Block Captain or to help with the August 3rd event, don't hesitate to email us at bridletrailswatch@gmail.com.

BRITISH PETROLEUM/OLYMPIC PIPELINE MEDIATION – NORM HANSEN

Following a City-sponsored mediation with Olympic Pipeline, all parties agreed that the City would design a solid gate to screen the facility along with "see through" wood fencing on both sides. Design elements are to be consistent with other fencing installed at street projects on NE 24th. Those drawings are expected to be available

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for our BTCC General Meeting on Thursday, May 25th for public viewing. The agreed-to fencing is expected to be constructed in June. Olympic Pipeline agreed to pay for the fencing project. For more information see the March 2010 BTCC Newsletter at www.BridleTrailsCommunity.org.

PARTY IN THE PARK – KEN HITE

The Bridle Trails Park Foundation's "Party in the Park" is coming Saturday, June 26.

The pancake breakfast is back this year! Cook shack opens at 8:30 AM.

For all the physical fitness buffs, the 30K run starts at 8 AM followed by the 5 & 10K runs at 9 AM.

Entertainment is headlined this year by Valentines Performing Pigs. If you haven't seen them on Leno, Letterman, or Oprah, don't miss them while they are here at Bridle Trails! Also appearing is the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court, Sno-King Dog Agility Team, the High Valley Riders, and Hilltop Hay Burners.

We haven't left the kids out either, with Pony Rides, the "Cake Walk" with lots of homemade goodies, and the ever popular Donkey Dash, they'll have lots of fun.

Shuttle busses will be available from Houghton Park & Ride, 8 AM to 1 PM.

Come down and join us for a great day of family fun !! www.bridletrails.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT ART PROJECT – RANI SAMPSON

On Feb. 9 artist Bruce Myers met with the art panel and neighborhood residents to present three concept

alternatives. The group agreed on a hybrid concept. Three treatments, related to each other and distinctly individual, would be sited in 3 locations, 1 in each location. The locations are the northeast corner of 120th Ave. NE and NE 24th; at the S-curve on 132nd and NE 40th (inside the triangle and out of motorists' view) and on the east side of 132nd NE at NE 64th.

Materials would include large, split boulders engraved with various words and images of horses that look a little like the early cave drawings of horses, and other treatments such as benches and objects made from stone.

The Parks & Community Services Department is working with Myers to revamp the landscaping for the NE corner of 120th NE and NE 24th. The landscaping will complement the art.

Myers is producing a detailed design and model which should be ready in early June for public comment.

Learn more by visiting this webpage: <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bridle-trails-equestrian-art.htm>. If you have questions or suggestions contact the City Arts Specialist, Mary Pat Byrne, by email at MPByrne@bellevuewa.gov or call her at 425-452-4105.

POSTMAN PROFILE – RANI SAMPSON

James Nguyen has delivered mail to Pikes Peak, Cherry Crest and surrounding neighborhoods for 24 years. He spends 2-3 hours sorting our mail before he gets in his truck for five and a half hours a day. Usually he works five days a week, but every fifth week he'll work six days a week. He knows just about everyone in the neighborhood and enjoys watching

the kids grow up. I asked him why he still loves going to work each day and he said, "because I get to bring good things to people."

PARK LEVY – MICHELLE MCBEATH

The Park Levy Committee of the BTCC continues to work with the City in determining which project(s) to recommend to the club and ultimately to the Parks Board.

If you have any questions, please contact BTCC member and Committee Chair, Michelle McBeath at ParkLevy@j.jimmc.org. For more information, go the City's webpage: www.bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 20 at 7:00 pm** - BTCC General Meeting, Cherry Crest School
- **June 26** – Party in the Park
- **June TBD** - NEP Art Meeting, City Hall
- **August 3** – Bridle Trails Neighborhood Watch Celebration
- **August TBD** - BTCC Board Meeting
- **September TBD** - BTCC General Meeting