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BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Refreshments: 8:00 - 8:30 PM
Location: Cherry Crest School

Sept. 30 General Meeting Agenda

1. Club business
2. 520 Ped/Bike path expansion plan
3. Park Levy Recommendation Vote
4. Olympic Pipeline Fence Update
5. Cell Tower Concerns
6. Bridle Trails Night Out Update
7. 520 Braiding Project
8. Seattle City Light Project
9. Keeping The Power on In Bridle Trails
10. New Business
11. Refreshments

BTCC VOTE SEPT. 30 FOR PARK IN OUR AREA – LORETTA LOPEZ

The voter-approved 2008 Park and Natural Areas Levy designated funds for Neighborhood Park Development in the Bridle Trails Neighborhood. The Bridle Trails Community Club created the Park Levy Sub-Committee to work with the City to arrive at an informed recommendation of the preferred Park and Natural Area Levy funded projects in the Bridle Trails Neighborhood. The Park Levy Sub-Committee consisted of seven members from the Bridle Trails Neighborhood. To read about the principles that the Committee followed in developing its recommendation and the details of the process, go the BTCC website at www.bridletrailscommunity.org.

The Bridle Trails Community Club and Park Levy Sub-Committee recommends committing at least \$2.5 million voter approved Parks & Natural Areas Levy funds towards Neighborhood Park Development and Natural Areas in the Bridle Trails Neighborhood. The Preferred Neighborhood Park and Natural Area Development Projects, to the extent projects and development are feasible and can be Levy funded, are identified in preferred order:

1. Obtain an agreement with the State of Washington to develop, operate and maintain the property at 5220 132nd Ave NE (aka Acheson property) as a public park.
2. Pursue acquisition of the property located at NE 24th and 134th for the purposes of providing Park and Open Space.
3. Proceed to develop a Master Plan, with the Bridle Trails Neighborhood and with owners of contiguous property, for a neighborhood public

park at 5220 132nd Ave. NE.

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5. Develop a neighborhood public park at 5220 132nd Ave. NE.

6. Develop a neighborhood public park at NE 24th and 134th.

We encourage all Bridle Trails Community Club members to attend the general meeting on Thursday, September 30 at the Cherry Crest Elementary School at 7pm and vote.

KEEPING THE POWER ON – ELLEN KERR

Our group (Bellevue Neighborhoods Working Together) continues to help refine the scope on the city wide electrical project. We had a recent meeting with Exponent (outside consultant) both internal (community members and businesses) and external (city staff and council member Degginger) advisory groups. We will be speaking in front of Council shortly to communicate our thoughts and suggestions. The project is supposed to be finished in the spring of 2011. We would welcome additional support. Please check our website for current information or contact Norm Hansen or Ellen Kerr (contact information on masthead).

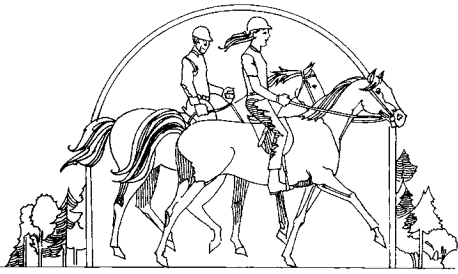
BRIDLE TRAILS NIGHT OUT: A HUGE SUCCESS – TOM ENG

On a beautiful Northwest summer evening on August 3rd, history was made as nearly 300 people gathered together to show their support for a safer and more connected Bridle Trails community. The first Bridle Trails Night Out held at Cherry Crest Elementary School would turn out to be the biggest gathering of people among all neighborhood events held in Bellevue that evening! To top it off, 259 pounds of food were collected in a food drive for local needy families at the event.

Life was good. Free pizza, burritos, ice cream and cake kept everyone happy. Kids played nicely with each other and made instant friends. Adults also got to meet and greet new neighbors. The appearance of the Bellevue SWAT vehicle and the fire truck was a tremendous hit with the kids and with many adults who were still kids at heart.

Detective Richard Chinn, an 18-year veteran of the Bellevue Police Department, spoke to the crowd about ways that citizens can help prevent crime.

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He urged everyone to watch out for each other and to call the police immediately whenever something doesn't look right. He also strongly suggested that everyone record the serial numbers of all valuable items in the house especially electronics and computers. Without serial numbers, the police may be unable to prove an item was stolen.

The volunteers of the Bridle Trails Neighborhood Watch Committee and the Bridle Trails Community Club who made the event possible included Ari Balkan, Len Blau, Nancy Bennett, Tom Eng, Bill Grimes, Jack Hilty, Jeanne Holder, Pam and Russ Kimball, Marlene Meyer, Laura Polt, Alice Prince, Chris Oppfelt, Megan Reimann, and Rani Sampson. If you know any of these people, please thank them for their efforts in making our community a better place to live.

Local companies and organizations that provided generous donations to help support the event included the Bridle Trails Community Club, Bridle Trails NY Pizza, City of Bellevue, Chipotle, Evergreen State Heat and AC, Fred Meyer, Amy Hamm /Allstate Insurance Co., Laura Polt/Windermere Real Estate, Metropolitan Market, Sno Country Ford, Trader Joe's, Uwajimaya (Bellevue), and Whole Foods (Bellevue). Please show your appreciation for their support by doing business with them if you can.

In the next few months, the Neighborhood Watch Committee will continue to recruit more block captains. Our goal is to eventually cover at least 60% of the households in Bridle Trails. Although we now have close to 50 volunteer block captains, we need many more block captains to achieve this goal. Please get involved. If you are interested in serving as a block captain or as a member of the Bridle Trails Neighborhood Watch Committee, please send a note to bridletrailswatch@gmail.com.

KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE WHILE ON A BUDGET

– NANCY BENNETT

The Bridle Trails Community Club strives to keep our neighborhood safe. In April a Cherry Crest resident contacted the City to report that a street light was out. The City did not replace the light bulb due to budget constraints and stated they would not be able to do so until next year. The BTCC got involved and asked for more details about why the City was not addressing this safety problem. Councilmember Jennifer Robertson helped us coordinate with the City Manager to get the light working once again.

If you would like to get involved (please do!) and provide some input to the City budget, there will be a public hearing in October or November. If you cannot attend this meeting you can always contact your Council members, speak at most Council meetings and contact the City Manager. Contact information and meeting dates will be posted at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/city_council_meetings.htm.

BP/OLYMPIC'S FENCE ON NE 24TH

– NORM HANSEN

After two years of negotiations, BP/Olympic has installed fencing to screen their pipeline facility on NE 24th. Unfortunately the actual installation was different from the drawings agreed to by the Bridle Trails Community and the Bellevue Parks Department. BP/Olympic made some field modifications due to the elevation changes. They stated that they tried to stay within the plans and drawings but unfortunately they did not consider the elevation changes. Normally fence designers consider changes in elevation because they want the fence to be aesthetically pleasing. BP/Olympic believes the contractor, not the designer, is responsible for any

discrepancies between the plan for the fence and its construction. The City of Bellevue Parks Department is reviewing the installed fence per their requirements since it is on Park Land. BP/Olympic has offered assurances to BTCC that it will work with the contractor to fix the fence.

Since the lumber is still green, BP/Olympic plans to stain the fence next spring the same color as on the rest of NE 24th.

NEWS IN BRIEF:

The City Council appointed Loretta Lopez to a 4 year term on the City Library Commission. If you would like to be appointed to a Board or Commission for the City of Bellevue, Loretta Lopez is available to help you with the process.

SHOUT-OUTS FOR COUNCILMEMBERS:

The BTCC thanks Grant Degginger for being the liaison on the electrical project and Jennifer Robertson for her help with the Cherry Crest streetlight. The BTCC wishes a speedy and complete recovery for John Chelminiak.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Sep. 30** General Meeting, Cherry Crest Elementary School Library, 7 pm
- **Oct. 21** Board Meeting, 7pm
- **Nov. TBD** Public Hearing on City Budget
- **Nov. 18** General Meeting, Cherry Crest Elementary School Library, 7 pm
- **Dec. 9** Board Meeting, 7pm