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GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Refreshments: 8:00 - 8:30 pm
Location: Cherry Crest School

Bridle Trails Community Club General Meeting Agenda:

1. Club Business
2. Advisory Board Nominations
3. Neighborhood Enhancement Program - Artists preliminary designs
4. Cell Tower Concerns
5. Proposed Housing Zoning Changes
6. Electrical Update
7. Park Levy Update
8. Block Watch Update
9. New Business
10. Refreshments

BRIDLE TRAILS BEAR

– NANCY BENNETT

The bear residing in Bridle Trails, like many of us, couldn't resist Krispy Kreme doughnuts which led to his capture on October 22 and relocation the following day. The 2 ½ year old bear was a male, weighing about 175 pounds. He was captured in the Pikes Peak neighborhood near the power lines.

Though this bear has been removed, we need to actively work on NOT providing buffet opportunities to bears and other wildlife. Due to the limited crop of berries and nuts this year, bear, and other wildlife are seeking other food sources. This is the first bear to be spotted in Bridle Trails in more than 45 years, but it's not likely to be the last. The very BEST defense is eliminating food sources. We need to assertively address these issues, or decide to live with whatever wildlife comes our way. It is doubtful the Fish and Wildlife Department will make a regular practice of coming out to remove wildlife every time something is spotted which we think may be a threat. We must become our own best defense.

Many thanks to all of the Bridle Trails residents who worked on this issue. We would also like to thank the Department of Fish and Wildlife who presented an excellent educational opportunity at Cherry Crest Elementary School and for dedicating the resources in response to our concerns.

BUDGET SEASON- GET INVOLVED!

– ELLEN KERR

The City Council will continue to discuss the proposed 2011-2012 operating budget and the 2011-2017 Capital Investment Program (CIP) plan throughout the month of November. Budget discussions are scheduled for the meetings of Nov. 1, Nov. 8 and Nov. 22, and the final public

hearing on the budget is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Nov. 15 in the Council Chambers. Council is expected to adopt the budget on Dec. 6.

The City Council welcomes community input as it deliberates on the proposed budget. Meeting agendas, with background information, are available at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_agendas_2010.htm. Meetings are televised on Bellevue TV (Channel 21) and via the Internet at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bellevue_tv.htm. In addition, the council is taking e-mails about the budget at budgetcomments@bellevuewa.gov.

TALL CELL TOWERS

– NORM HANSEN

Three current permit applications have been filed in Bridle Trails that increase cell tower heights from existing cell towers on Bridle Trails residential streets of up to 65 feet to a new high as much as 90 feet. The provider, proposed locations and Bellevue Planners are:

Verizon wireless at 13612 NE 37th Place, - Bellevue Planner Toni Pratt at 425-452-5374; Clear Wire at 140th Avenue NE south of NE 27th (Bridle Ridge Neighborhood) - Bellevue Planner Sally Nichols 425-452-2727; and Clear Wire at 3724 116th Ave. NE - Bellevue Planner Ken Theim 425-452-2728. Associated land equipment is also planned. The Verizon Application also has up to a 20 foot by 20 foot building to house equipment.

All three sites require an Administrative Conditional Use Permit per Bellevue Land Use Code 20.20.195 and LUC 20.35.200. To read the Land Use Codes, start here: <http://www.codepublishing.com/wa/bellevue/> and click Title 20 LAND USE CODE in the left pane. Then, in the right pane, click on the title, Title 20 LAND USE CODE, and you will see links to Chapter 20.20 "General Development Requirements" and Chapter 20.35 "Review and Appeal Process."

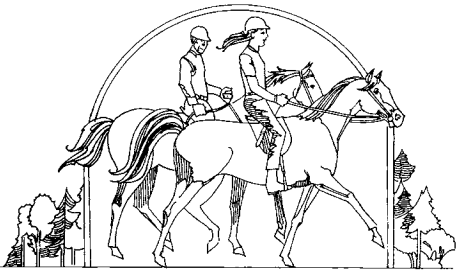
At our January 27th Bridle Trails Community Club General Meeting, Carol Helland, Bellevue Land Use Director will discuss Bellevue's criteria and process for approval and what some other surrounding Cities are doing.

For more information, contact the City planners listed above.

DETACHED ACCESSORY DWELLINGS/POSSIBLE ZONING CHANGES – LORETTA LOPEZ

The City is circulating a survey to residents to gather comments about allowing detached accessory dwellings in Bellevue.

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The survey raises some questions: Does the City intend to change single family zoning to multi-family zoning? If so, then would residents in Bridle Trails be allowed to subdivide their lots? Do we want changes in zoning?

Residents will have to follow the issue. Check the City website periodically to check for hearings on zoning changes. If you are interested in forming a committee to follow this issue contact Loretta Lopez at llopez@mstarlabs.com or 425-885-1851

PARK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BRIDLE TRAILS – LORETTA LOPEZ

At the September meeting the BTCC votes to approve the recommendations of the BTCC Park Levy Committee. The Committee presented the BTCC recommendations to the Park Board in October. The Park Board unanimously approved the recommendation and forwarded the recommendation to the City Council.

In summary, the recommendations includes proposing parks in two locations: on the 5 acre parcel in the 5200 block of 134th and also at NE 24th and 134th. For more information about the BTCC recommendation check the BTCC website at www.bridletrailscommunity.org or contact Loretta Lopez at llopez@mstarlabs.com

STATE PARK UPDATE – KEN HITE

- We held our fall Mushroom Walks which have been an overwhelming success. Led by Dr. Joe Ammirati and Luke Bayler of the Biology Department at the University of Washington, about 125 people participated in the informative walks and learned to identify the many abundant varieties of mushrooms that thrive in Bridle Trails Park.

- We launched our annual schools program hosting a visit by the

Community School from Kirkland. Jim Erckman, BTPF Vice President was able to secure the loan of several bird and native animal specimens from the Slater Museum of Natural History in Tacoma. The specimens have been a real hit with the children and a significant enhancement to the curriculum.

- Working with Ranger Mary Welborn, we have completed design of interpretive trail signing which will be installed near points of natural significance in the Park. The Foundation was able to secure the services of professional trail designer, who has done many projects for the National Park Service, to assist with the trail and sign design. Ranger Mary was able to secure a \$2500 grant from the Washington State Parks Foundation towards the sign fabrication and BTPF is soliciting additional grant funding to cover the balance needed to fabricate signs.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (NEP) ART PROJECT

A year ago the City sent a survey to all residents of the Bridle Trails area to ask how to allocate neighborhood enhancement funds. Bridle Trails residents voted to allocate funds for an equestrian themed art project. The City Arts Commission selected the artist Bruce Myers, He will present his preliminary designs for the project at the Bridle Trails meeting on Thursday, November 18 at Cherry Crest School.

If you have questions about the art project, contact Mary Pat Byrne, City Arts Specialist at 425-452-4105

BTCC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – JILL LUM

Good news – BTCC Membership continues to grow! Thanks to the Neighborhood Night Out in August and the broadcast emails from The Vine, the word is getting out that there is value in the

power of a strong Community Club. Our membership has grown 20% IN 2010. The Bridle Trails Community Club is a key player in keeping our neighborhood connected through email broadcasts, newsletters, meetings, and the BridleTrailsCommunity.org website. Aren't you glad you are a member? Staying informed on issues effecting Bridle Trails is the key to preserving our neighborhood. Getting involved on issues that you are passionate about helps us all. Please continue to spread the word and ask your neighbors to join. Questions or need a new member form? Email Jill_Lum@msn.com or call 425-882-2301.

BTCC NEWSLETTERS VIA E-MAIL

If you would like to receive the Bridle Trails Community Club newsletters via e-mail instead of through the mail, please send an e-mail to bridletrails@gmail.com and put in the subject line "e-mail the newsletter." Every newsletter will be e-mailed to you when it is published.

GOT GRIPES? – NANCY BENNETT

Have you noticed graffiti that hasn't been removed? Are there bushes in City Right Of Way that block visibility? If you have any neighborhood concerns that you need help resolving, or if you just want to make sure the neighborhood is aware of a situation, please attend the BTCC's General Meeting. The "New Business" portion of the meeting is your opportunity to discuss such things.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Nov. 15** Final Public Hearing on City Budget, 8 pm
- **Nov. 18** General Meeting, Cherry Crest Elementary School Library, 7 pm
- **Dec. 9** Board Meeting, 7 pm