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MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

Due to the reconstruction of Cherry Crest Elementary School, the BTCC will now be holding all of its General Meetings at the North Bellevue Community Center. The North Bellevue Community Center is located at 4063 148th Avenue Northeast. Due to the large attendance expected for the City Council Candidate Meet and Greet, the meeting will be held in Room D.

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Date: Thursday, September 22 Time: 7 - 8:30 pm

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| 1. Club Business | 5. Detached Accessory Dwelling Units Update |
| 2. Amendment of Bylaws | 6. NEP Update |
| 3. Newsletter Editor | 7. Parks Update |
| 4. Bridle Trails Night Out | 8. City Council Candidate Meet and Greet |

NOTICE OF VOTE IN NOVEMBER ON AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS - LORETTA LOPEZ

The Board of the BTCC recommends that Article IV, Section 5 of the BTCC Bylaws be amended to replace "Scribe" with "Secretary". There will be no other changes to Article IV, Section 5. The reason for the change is to reflect a title which best describes the duties and position. The vote will be conducted at the regularly scheduled BTCC meeting on November 17, 2011.

If the membership approves of the amendment, Article IV, Section 5 will state: SECTION 5. SECRETARY The SECRETARY shall attend all meetings of the BOARD and the membership and shall keep records and minutes of all such meetings. The SECRETARY shall give, through public notice, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings to each member and the BOARD and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the BOARD or the PRESIDENT. The SECRETARY shall also have charge of all correspondence.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED - NANCY BENNETT

The BTCC would like to thank Rani Sampson for taking on the responsibilities of newsletter editor for the past two years. Rani did an excellent job, but has found it necessary to resign from the position. Thank you Rani.

If you are interested in becoming our newsletter editor, please contact me at bridletrails@gmail.com.

CELL TOWER PERMIT CLOSED - NORM HANSEN

The Permit for the proposed Cell Tower at 13612 NE 137th Place was recently closed by the City of Bellevue. This means that Verizon will need to reapply if they decide to pursue this location in the future. The Verizon application proposed a 90 foot tower and up to a 20 by 20 foot equipment shed. Reportedly Verizon was unable to obtain a satisfactory agreement with Puget Sound Energy which would have required a new higher pole.

Verizon was encouraged by the Bridle Trails Community Club to co-locate with an existing site to reduce the impact on our neighborhood.

Bill Powell, Verizon representative advises that Verizon has no plans to reapply. For more info see: BTCC Newsletters; Nov/2010 and Jan/2011 at Bridle Trails Community .org

HUNDREDS ENJOY THE SECOND ANNUAL BRIDLE TRAILS NIGHT OUT - TOM ENG

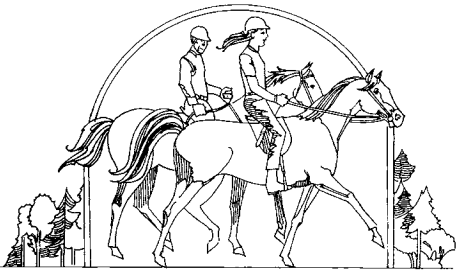
Dreary rain clouds loomed over Bellevue for most of Tuesday, July 12th. But shortly before 7pm, the clouds parted to let the sun shine on the Second Annual Bridle Trails Night Out at the Cherry Crest MiniPark. A gregarious crowd gathered for the annual event hosted by the Bridle Trails Neighborhood Watch Committee and the Bridle Trails Community Club. More than 35 local businesses and individuals donated cash or goods to support the event.

By the end of the evening, 400-500 Bridle Trails neighbors came out to socialize over pizza, burritos, ice cream, and cake. Some came for the free food, some came for the free bike tune-ups and helmet fittings, and others enjoyed a complimentary massage. Everyone came for the camaraderie and to show their support for their community.

Det. Richard Chinn and other officers from the Bellevue Police Department spoke to the crowd about crime prevention, emergency preparedness, and bike safety, the themes of this year's Bridle Trails Night Out. The original purpose of "Night Out" events across the country is to prevent crime by "taking back" the streets. The Bridle Trails Night Out extends beyond that and has become the annual opportunity for residents to come together as a more cohesive community.

When the neighborhood watch program was started by the Bridle Trails Neighborhood Watch Committee about a year and a half ago, there were only a handful of block watches in Bridle Trails. Now there are more than 50!

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Some sections of Bridle Trails are yet to be covered by the block watch program. If you live on a street that is not yet covered, please volunteer to set one up.

If you want Bridle Trails Night Out to happen again next year, we really need more people to help plan the event. Please contact us at bridletrailswatch@gmail.com.

KEEPING THE POWER ON!

– ELLEN KERR

We have participated in one stakeholder group meeting with the City and Exponent (outside consultant) for the electrical study. Exponent reviewed the data they have researched to date. There are two additional meetings scheduled for the stakeholders to provide feedback and comment. The City is hoping to have the study completed by the end of the year.

We also met with PSE regarding the upcoming circuit work in BridleTrails. The work has been delayed until the fall and we are still attempting to work out some mitigation details with PSE and the City.

Questions or comments please contact Ellen Kerr or Norm Hansen; contact information on masthead.

**PSE REQUESTS RATE INCREASE;
DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!**

– ELLEN KERR

PSE is in the process of asking the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for an 8.1% rate increase for providing electric power. The general rate increase is to recover increased costs of providing electric service. Annual revenue impact is \$160,681,142 (8.1 percent). They are also requesting a 3% rate increase for natural gas. PSE recently increased both their electrical and gas rates in April 2010.

The WUTC is currently accepting comments regarding the requested increase and the information is on their website, www.utc.wa.gov. If you choose to make comments online, it is very easy. Click on "Submit a Comment" at the top of the page and follow the directions. The comment phone line: 1-888- 333-9882. The document number is #111048, if you are interested in finding out more in-depth information regarding the details of the case. It appears the public comment hearings will be in late November/January time frame. Please check the BTCC website and we will update with details.

The BTCC has been working on improving electrical reliability in Bridle Trails for many years. Overall, our position is that PSE can do a better job at providing reliable electric service to our neighborhood as well as reliable, consistent customer service during power outages. As a club, part of our mission is to educate and inform our membership when important things happen that effect our neighborhood. We encourage people to become actively engaged and involved in hopes of creating a stronger sense of community. Please take the time to provide your comments and let the State know we have a voice and are concerned about this important issue. Thank you.

NEW PARKS IN BRIDLE TRAILS

– LORETTA LOPEZ

Last winter the City adopted the BTCC recommendations: (1) to purchase the lot on the corner of NE 24th and 134th, and (2) to try to enter into a long term lease agreement with the State on the operation of the Acheson property (located at 51st and 132nd). The City purchased the property at NE 24th and 134th. The City is negotiating with the State on the operation and development of the Acheson property. The estimated completion date of the negotiations is first quarter 2012. The Park Levy Follow up Committee is discussing the timing of the Master Plan Process. The Master Plan process, which is the next step in the process, must be conducted prior to any use or development. The City will conduct the Master Plan Process. This process will provide the opportunity for all residents to comment on the use and development of the parks. If you have any questions, contact Loretta Lopez at 425 885-1851 or llopez@mstarlabs.com

DETACHED ACESSORY DWELLING UNITS (DADU)

– NORM HANSEN

Bellevue's Land Use Director, Carol Helland, attended our Bridle Trails Community Club Meeting last January to present and discuss Bellevue's proposal for Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (DADU). The effect of allowing DADU's in neighborhoods is that there could be an additional separate dwelling unit per lot for rental purposes.

Since then, a Bridle Trails Community Club Committee of 10 has met with City Staff and several Council members with the request to support an amendment to the Housing

Work Program to discontinue work on the proposal to allow Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (DADU).

We believe that this change would not be a good fit with neighborhood character in Bridle Trails and other Bellevue neighborhoods. It would substantially change our neighborhood character and green space. In our view, it also changes the single family zoning.

The Bridle Trails Comprehensive Plan Policy S-BT-1 states "Protect Bridle Trails from encroachment by more intense uses". It also focuses on the equestrian character of the area and protecting the wooded nature and tree canopy.

So far, our BTCC Committee has met three times since the beginning of 2011. The results of this review so far overwhelmingly indicate no support for adding an additional separated Dwelling Unit per lot for rental purposes.

See also BTCC Newsletters Nov/2010, Jan2011, Mar/2011 and May/2011 at BridleTrailsCommunity.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (NEP) ART UPDATE

– LORETTA LOPEZ

The City and artist continue to work on the art project. There will be an opportunity to comment on the art. There is not yet a date set for public comment. The City has not yet decided upon all of the locations for the art. If you have any questions or comments or ideas for locations contact the City: Mary Pat Byrne at 425 452-4105 or by email at MPByrne@bellevuewa.gov

IMPORTANT DATES

- **October 20th** Board Meeting, 7pm
- **November 17th** General Meeting, North Bellevue Community Center, 7pm
- **December 8th** Board Meeting, 7pm