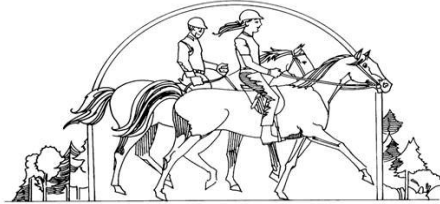


BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB NEWSLETTER



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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 located at 4063 148th Ave. Northeast in Room A.

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Date: Thursday, November 17 **Time:** 7- 8:30 pm

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We Want To Hear From You! Ellen Kerr

The BTCC has a new "home" at the North Bellevue Community Center. In the spirit of new beginnings, the Board would greatly appreciate your attendance to give us some additional suggestions and ideas about how to "spice up" our meetings, website and newsletter. What would you like to see covered at our meetings? What content would you put in the newsletter/website? This meeting will provide a great opportunity to provide feedback and share with the Board and other members your version of what you would like your club to be!

Detached Accessory Dwelling Units - Loretta Lopez

The BTCC continues to work on the Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) issue. The City may implement zoning changes to allow Detached ADUs in Bellevue neighborhoods that are zoned as single family. The BTCC opposes the changes since the result will be increased density in Bridle Trails and allow rental units on single family property. The City staff plans to appear before the Planning Commission to propose including Detached ADUs as part of the Housing Work Plan for 2012. We do not know the date that the City staff will present its proposal to the Planning Commission. Next Steps: Attend the BTCC November 17 meeting to hear more about Detached ADUs. Check the City web site for the Planning Commission Agendas. Attend the Planning Commission Meeting when the City presents its proposal. Contact the City Council and voice your opinion. For more information contact Norm

Hansen at 425 861-7333 or by email at Hansennp@aol.com or Loretta Lopez at 425 885-1851 or email Loretta at llopez@mstarlabs.com

PSE is Working in Our Neighborhood - Ellen Kerr

PSE has begun 1 of 2 projects scheduled to be completed before the end of the year. Currently, they are working on installing a vault and then installing new cable on NE 24th. We are working with the city and PSE in hopes of getting some additional landscaping. The 2nd project is slated to begin the first week of November. PSE is stringing "tree wire", replacing equipment along 134th. Both of these projects should improve reliability!

The electrical study is in its final phase and we are working diligently with the consultant and the city to ensure meaningful outcomes.

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

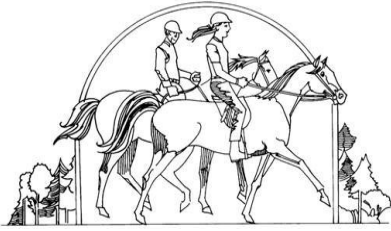
New Newsletter Editor - Nancy Bennett

Pam Johnston has volunteered to become our new newsletter editor. Look for some exciting new formats and content in the coming months.

Don Prince Now a Board Member of the Washington State Parks Foundation Alice Prince

Don Prince, one of the founders and first president of the Bridle Trails Park Foundation, recently agreed to join the Washington State Parks Foundation. Don

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will focus on building a state-wide network of "Friends" chapters to help raise funding for our state parks operations – a need that has become critical after the state legislature removed all future funding for parks from the state general fund. These "Friends" chapters will also be set up so they can designate which park should benefit from their efforts rather than those funds being swallowed up in the general fund.

The Washington State Parks Foundation is a 501-c-3 organization that can extend its non-profit status to "Friends" chapters, thereby saving groups months of start-up work and hundreds of dollars.

If you have a passion for a particular state park, or know someone who does, please contact Don for a conversation on how to build a "Friends" chapter. Don can be reached at dfpseattle@aol.com

Neighborhood Enhancement Project (NEP) Art - Loretta Lopez

The City will present the artist's work for public comment in mid-November. For the history of the project and more information check the City website at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bridle-trails-equestrian-art.htm> If you have any questions, please contact City Arts Specialist, Mary Pat Byrne at 425 452-4105 or by email at MPByrne@bellevuewa.gov

Bel-Red Development/130th - Loretta Lopez

The City has identified some potential concepts for Goff Creek stream restoration; the planned park ; open space and for a planned urban plaza that will be built along 130th avenue. The City has also identified general time line periods for development that is likely to occur before and after construction of the light rail station. For more information, check the City website at

www.bellevuewa.gov/130th-station.

NE 24th Park and Proposed Park at 52nd and 132nd - Loretta Lopez

The City continues to work on the engineering and wetland studies for the park at NE 24th and 134th. Upon completion, the City will begin the Master Plan Process and ask for public comment. This public comment period may begin in January or February.

The City continues to negotiate with the State on a long term lease for the proposed park at 52nd and 132nd. The Park committee of the BTCC continues to monitor the progress. If you have any questions contact Loretta Lopez at 425 885-1851 or by email at llopez@mstarlabs.com

Homeless Encampments in Bridle Trails - Jill Lum

Several neighbors have observed and expressed concern about homeless encampments in our woods, particularly along NE 24th; in Viewpoint Park; on PSE Property; and along the 520 Bike Trail. The Bellevue Police Department has a bicycle unit that regularly rides the 520 trail and tries to stay alert to transients making their homes in our Bridle Trails neighborhood. About two months ago the police removed a large encampment with about 8 people, including tents, cooking materials, garbage and belongings. According to Officer Collins of the Bellevue Police Department Bike Unit, if you observe homeless encampments and would like to report it to the police, the proper procedure is to call 911, and state you are reporting a non-emergency. You can make a report and request a follow up. I have had one report that 911 did not respond because they said there was nothing illegal reported. Please keep in mind that there are No Trespassing Signs posted along NE 24th on the PSE property. Camping in City Parks is also illegal.

Notice of Vote in November on Amendment of Change of By-laws - 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 the 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.

Important Dates:

- November 17th, General Meeting, 7 pm, North Bellevue Community Center
- December 8th, Board Meeting, 7 pm
- January 19th, General Meeting, 7 pm, North Bellevue Community Center