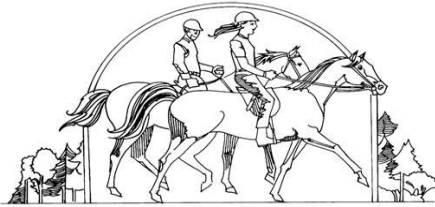


BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB NEWSLETTER

www.bridletrailscommunity.org

May 2012



GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY MAY 17
7-8:30 PM

NORTH BELLEVUE
COMMUNITY CENTER,
4063 148TH AVE NE, ROOM A

Meetings are planned to return to Cherry Crest Elementary after construction when meeting rooms are available.

1. Welcome
2. Steve Sarkozy
3. Bel-Red Update
4. Bridle Trails Rover
5. Club Business
6. New Business
7. Neighborhood Enhancement Art Project
8. Meet and Greet



Meet the City Manager

Steve Sarkozy, Bellevue City Manager, will be our guest speaker at the May 17 BTCC meeting. Steve will discuss the state of the City's finances, provide an overview of the City's budget process including how citizens can be involved, and answer general questions. See you at the May 17 meeting.



Steve Sarkozy

Help Plan the New Park

Loretta Lopez

The City is in the process of gathering public comments for the new park at NE 24th and 134th. The City has sent post cards to ALL residents in the Bridle Trails area to announce the Thursday, May 10 Community Planning Meeting at the North Bellevue Community Center from 7:00 to 8:30.

At the meeting Scott VanderHyden, City of Bellevue, will present some concepts for the park based upon the comments that the City has received to date.

We have the opportunity to be part of the planning process for this beautiful addition to our community. Be there and share your ideas. If you cannot attend, send your comments to SVanderHyden@bellevuewa.gov. www.bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm



Site Layout with Critical Areas - Mar 29 Presentation
Approx. one acre of level, developable land

Decision on Master Plan of the Bel-Red Corridor

Loretta Lopez

The City has issued a decision to approve with conditions, the Master Plan Development (MDP) to redevelop 36 acres in the Bel-Red Area to include offices, a hotel, housing units and new roads. Approximately 5.4 million gross square feet will be constructed with approximately 10,000 parking spaces to occur in phases over the next 15 years. The buildings will range from 11 to 14 stories.

At full build out, there will be 3,000 residents, 200 hotel/retail workers and 18,560 office workers. The decision will be final unless appealed by May 19. For more information from the City contact Carol Hamlin, 425-452-2731 or by email at chamlin@bellevuewa.gov



130th NE Light Rail Station
Image from Plan Report - March 2012

130th Light Rail Station

Loretta Lopez

The City continues to plan for the Light Rail Station that will be located down the hill from Bridle Trails on 130th in the Bel-Red. Stay informed by checking the City website at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/130th-station.htm>

Campfire S'mores and Storytelling

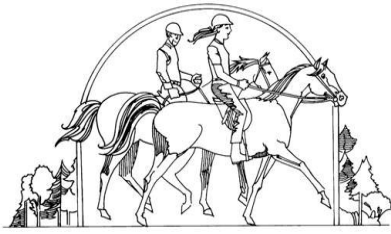
The Bridle Trails Community Club is proud to sponsor a wonderful summer story telling evening around a good old-fashioned campfire at the Bridle State Trails Park. Plans are in the works for an evening of s'mores, while listening to Native American stories of nature. You won't want to miss this free event for the entire family in August. Look for date and time in the Bridle Trails State Park Events Calendar at www.bridletrails.org/Park_Calendar.html. Sponsoring such an event is one of the many ways that the BTCC strives to promote a strong community connection and foster a vibrant neighborhood.

Still have your yellow renewal notice?

If your membership has expired, you should have received a YELLOW dues renewal notice in February. Please remit as soon as possible as our budget depends on it. Dues funds are used to host our general meetings, maintain our website, print our newsletters, and support the important projects of the BTCC. THANK YOU for your support. Questions? Jill Lum, Jill_Lum@msn.com or 425-882-2301.

Mark Your Calendar

- Return Yellow Dues Renewals
- May 10, 4:30-6:30 • **124th Ave NE Design Concepts Open House** City Hall
- May 10, 7 PM • **Community Planning Meeting - NE 24th and 134th Park** North Bellevue Community Center
- May 17, 7 PM • **General Meeting**
- May 23, 6:30 • **Local Planning Course** City hall
- Jul 18 • **Bridle Trails Night Out** Cherry Crest Mini Park
- Aug • **Campfire S'mores & Storytelling**, Bridle Trails State Park
- Sep 20, 7 PM • **General Meeting**



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The Rover, Your Civic Watchdog

Wish that you didn't have to wait for this newsletter to hear what is happening? Rover to the rescue! "The Rover, sponsored by the Bridle Trails Community Club", will send email bulletins as news and events come in. The pilot project will start with BTCC members for whom we have email addresses. If you received this newsletter by email, then you are all set. If you only received this newsletter on paper, then send your name and email address to BridleTrailsRover@gmail.com. Look for The Rover in your email inbox beginning in the fall.

Here's a Chance to Learn about City Planning

From: Neighborhood News May 2012

The City of Bellevue and the state Department of Commerce are hosting a Regional Short Course on Local Planning - and you are invited to attend. The course is designed as a three-hour workshop that covers the legal basis of planning in Washington State, explains why and how communities engage in comprehensive planning, and discusses the role of boards and commissions.

Scheduled at City Hall from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, the course will be presented by professional planners and attorneys to audiences made up of local elected officials, boards and commissions, professional staff and interested citizens. Members of neighborhood associations and community clubs are specifically invited. If you would like to attend, please e-mail Comprehensive Planning Manager Paul Inghram, AICP, at pinghram@bellevuewa.gov.

Electrical Reliability Improvement

Norm Hansen

Meetings are continuing with a community stakeholders group, some Council members, and the City Manager's Office regarding implementation of the recent consultant's report on Bellevue electrical reliability recommendations. An implementation plan is being developed along with budget resources. The plan includes working with Puget Sound Energy and other entities as an advocate for the citizens of Bellevue in facilitating electrical reliability improvements. Especially to meet future needs and reduce power outages during storms. Potential key elements of the role of the City being considered are:

1. Periodic joint City/PSE reliability review concerning future capacity and major projects
2. Interaction with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission as an active participant relative to changes in laws and tariffs that may affect Electrical Reliability for the citizens of Bellevue.
3. Engage in multi-utility planning to take advantage of potential means to advance undergrounding of circuits when other trenching occurs so electrical conduits can be added for future use.
4. Coordinate emergency response capability between PSE and the City.
5. Assess, review and update utility growth plans in the Bellevue Comprehensive Plan

This plan with priorities and resources will be included in current and future City budgets

Night Out July 18

The BTCC will once again be contributing to the 3rd annual Bridle Trails Night Out. The big event will be occurring on July 18th at the Cherry Crest Mini Park located at 2532-127th Avenue NE. Come meet your neighbors, enjoy free food and drink and buy some raffle tickets for great prizes.

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