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BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB

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JANUARY 2013 GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY JANUARY 24
7-8:30 PM

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

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

- 1 Welcome & Introductions
- 2 Club Business
- 3 Sound Transit Railyard
Guest Speaker: Chris Salomone, Director of Department of Planning & Community for the City of Bellevue will be discussing Sound Transit's proposed rail yard sites. Come & ask questions.
- 4 Update on NE 24th Park
- 5 Other Business
- 6 Meet & Greet

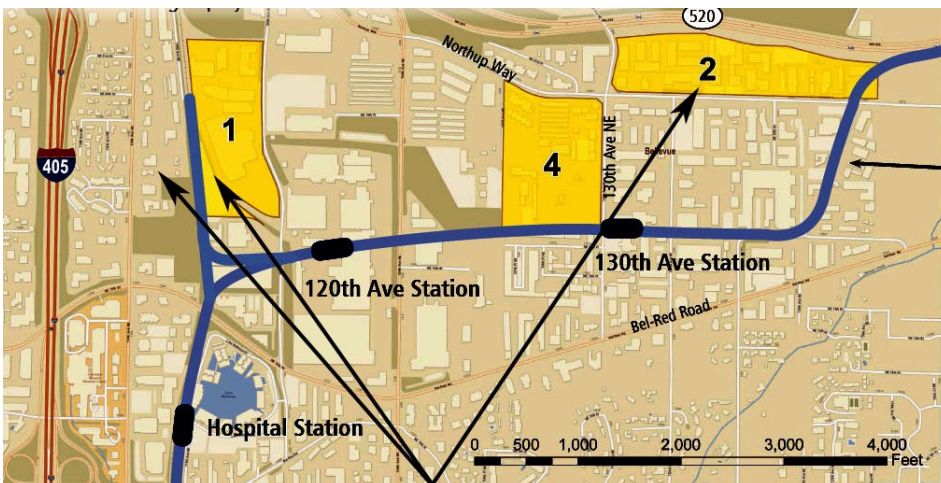
Mark Your Calendar

- This Week • Take Action on Rail Yard in Bel-Red (See article)
- Jan 24, 7 PM • General Meeting
- Jan 29, 5-7 PM • Comprehensive Plan Scoping Public Event (see article) Crossroads Community Center
- Feb 28, 7 PM • Board Meeting
- Mar 21, 7 PM • General Meeting

Despite Objections, Sound Transit Moves Forward With Studies For 25 Acre Rail Yard in the Bel-Red Corridor

Loretta Lopez

In October, the BTCC Board submitted its objections to the Sound Transit Board stating that placing a 25 acre Rail Yard in the Bel-Red corridor is inconsistent with the City's zoning. In December, the Sound Transit Board, despite strong objections by the City and by the BTCC, decided to proceed with studies for the placement of a Rail Yard in the Bel-Red corridor.



Sound Transit's Proposed Bellevue Sites from Public Meeting Materials. Arrows added to point listed sites.

The Sound Transit Board selected 3 sites in 2 locations in the Bel-Red corridor:

1. South of 520: At the bottom of the hill on NE 20th/Northrup where Daly's Paint, restaurants, car dealership and other businesses are located.
2. Area along and near the BNSF right of way: This is the entire area south of Lowe's. This location would include 2 possible sites, (1) on the east side of the right of way and (2) on the west side of the right of way.

The Sound Transit Board also decided to study a site in Lynnwood.

As a result of the Board's decision, Sound Transit will conduct an environmental impact study of all of the locations. This process will take many months. At the conclusion and after public comment on the study, the Board will decide where to place the Rail Yard

How can you help?

1. Attend the January 24 BTCC Meeting. Chris Salomone, the Director of Planning and Development for the City of Bellevue will be our guest speaker. Be there to ask questions.
2. Contact the Bellevue City Council and set forth your objections. Call 425-452-7810 or email council@bellevuewa.gov
3. Send your comments to the Sound Transit Board. Email boardadmin@soundtransit.org
4. Inform your neighbors of the proposal.
5. Help the BTCC organize to fight the placement of the Rail Yard. If you are interested in being on a committee to help, please let me know.

For more information, contact [Loretta Lopez](mailto:Loretta.Lopez) (See p 2)

See Also projects.soundtransit.org/Projects-Home/Link-Operations-and-Maintenance-Satellite-Facility.xml

Shape The Future of Bellevue

Loretta Lopez

The city will hold an event to engage the community in a discussion on the future of Bellevue and the update of the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) on **January 29 5-7 PM at Crossroads Community Center.**

The Comp Plan is the foundation for city decisions and actions especially related to infrastructure investments, neighborhoods, land use, environment, and economic development. The Bellevue Comp Plan project is a major, ten-year review of the community's plan for the next twenty years.

What does this mean for you? One example is that the City could change the zoning in the Comp Plan to allow higher density in residential areas. This might be a good change for some neighborhoods but not for all neighborhoods. Another example is the City could allow detached accessory dwelling units in all neighborhoods. In the case of the Bridle Trails area, detached accessory dwelling units are not consistent with our single family neighborhood character.

The BTCC will be following the process but we need help to make sure that Bridle Trails is heard. Attend the City's January 29 meeting to find out what the City is going to change and add your ideas and comments to the process. Anyone interested in helping the BTCC, please contact me, llopez@mstarlabs.com or 885-1851

See also

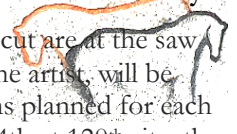
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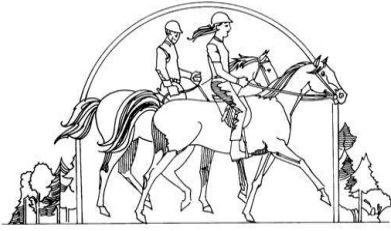
Construction of NEP Art Underway!

Boulders that will be cut are at the saw shop. Bruce Myers, the artist, will be starting on the designs planned for each boulder. At the NE24th at 120th site, the Installer is checking for utilities. The right of way permit is in place, allowing the installer to bring the equipment needed to place the boulders at each of the three sites when the stones are ready.



Chris Salomone





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Be There Jan 24!

**Chris Salomone to discuss
Rail Yard in Bel-Red**

**Funds Approved Towards
Reducing Power Outages**

Norm Hansen

Electrical power is increasingly important in our daily lives. This is not only a health and safety concern but affects our economic development for the future. We need daily reliability and rapid recovery in the event of wide spread storms – a system that is better prepared and has modern design.

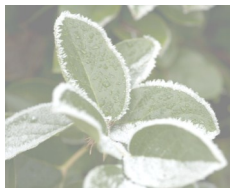
To move towards improved infrastructure, the Bellevue Council is including the consultant's recommendations for electrical reliability in the 2013/2014 Budget. The city franchise with PSE will be renewed next year and this is a timely event to plan for the future.

We look forward to working with Bellevue and PSE to continue work accomplished and to reach out with a proactive vision for the future, benefiting all Bellevue Electrical rate payers. For more info contact [Norm Hansen](#) or [Ellen Kerr](#) (See right)

Moving Forward on NE 24th Park

Loretta Lopez

In December, the City Council approved the plans to move forward on the NE 24th Park. The City is still working on the details of the design. We anticipate that the work will begin on the park in the spring.



We need some ideas for the design of the entry area of the park at the corner of NE 24th. Do we want particular types of plants? Do we want a trellis or rocks at the entry area? What about getting the kids in the Bridle Trails area to help us come up with ideas?

This is a good opportunity for us to be involved in the design. Tell me your ideas and suggestions—llopez@mstarlabs.com or 885-1851. See also www.bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm

Naming the New NE 24th Park

Loretta Lopez

We need a name for our beautiful park on the corner of NE 24th. The City is asking us for suggestions. We want to gather as many suggestions as possible.

The next time you drive or walk by the future NE 24th park think about what would be a good name for the park. Then, [email](#) or call me. (See right)

Pike's Peak Proposed 4.5 Million Gallon Reservoir

Pamela Johnston

Development of new design concepts are in process for the proposed Pike's Peak water reservoir replacement. The reservoir is located at the south end of Bridle Trails State Park, near the Seattle City Light power lines. It was built before State Parks had jurisdiction over the property. The design details and process will become available through the City of Bellevue's public involvement process.



Pike's Peak Water Reservoir

In advance of a planned community meeting this spring, the BTCC Board and representatives from several other organizations will be meeting with the City and State Parks to better understand the project background, design, and processes.

Timeframes are tentative since this project will involve local and State public agency reviews, permits, and approvals, including a formal application, review, and approval by State Parks Commission, plus input from the local community. It could take up to two years before construction could begin.

Questions? contact Pamela Johnston or Donald & Alice Prince (See col3). See also Citywide Projects Update section in the "It's Your City" newsletter at www.bellevuewa.gov/its_your_city_newsletter.htm

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