

Come & ask about the water reservoir

BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB

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MARCH 2013 GENERAL MEETING

**THURSDAY MARCH 21
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 Construction at NE 24th park
Guest Speaker: Scott VanderHyden,
City Of Bellevue Parks and Community Services
- 4 Proposed Reservoir Expansion in Bridle Trails State Park
Guest Speaker: Nav Otal,
City of Bellevue Director of Utilities
- 5 Other Business
- 6 Meet & Greet

Mark Your Calendar

- Mar 21, 7 PM • General Meeting
- Mar 28, 4-7 PM
Light Rail Project Bel-Red Open House
Highland Community Center
14224 Bel-Red Road, Bellevue
- April 3, 4-7 PM
Light Rail Cost Savings Open House
Bellevue City Hall
450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue
- Apr, 18, 7 PM • Board Meeting
- May 16, 7 PM • General Meeting

Proposed Expansion of Water Reservoir in Bridle Trails State Park

Loretta Lopez

Several members of the BTCC met with the City on rainy February 14 to walk the area near the Pike's Peak Water Reservoir and discuss the proposed expansion project with the City. The City's position is that the City needs to expand the water reservoir to provide water for the Bel-Red area (now known as the Spring District) and the Central Business District (CBD). The BTCC Board's position is that the City should not cut 80 to 100 trees to build a bigger reservoir in beautiful Bridle Trails State Park. The BTCC Board's position is that the City should find alternate sites and preserve Bridle Trails State Park.



Nav Otal, Dir. of Utilities

At the meeting, City employee, Jay Hummel, informed us that the City was going to "step back and reevaluate". We don't yet have a written commitment from the City which sets forth what the City intends to do. We are waiting for a written statement.

We have invited Nav Otal, Director of Utilities, to speak at our BTCC Meeting on March 21 to address our concerns about carving up Bridle Trails State Park to provide water for the Spring District and the CBD. Attend and ask the Director about what the City intends to do.

Has The Rover Visited Your Inbox?

Jill Lum

The BTCC has successfully launched "The Rover", our new email broadcast system for time sensitive and inclusive communication to our Bridle Trails Community. The newsletter will still be published in connection to our general meetings, but in between, The Rover will be watching over Bridle Trails to keep you up to date on key issues, provide links to information, and point out ways you can get involved in preserving and protecting our neighborhood. If you have not seen The Rover in your email, email BridleTrailsRover@gmail.com to subscribe.



NE 24th Park Gateway Design and Fall Planting

Loretta Lopez

The City is moving forward with final design plans for our new park at NE 24th. Scott VanderHyden, the project manager, will be at our March 21 meeting to present an update on the Park. The City's current plan is to start the planting this Fall. Scott will present a few possible designs for the "gateway" corner at NE 24th and 130th.



Gateway in the SW corner

Join Us and Talk About Our City's Future and Neighborhood Character

Norm Hansen

BTCC is forming a committee of ten to give input on the City of Bellevue's 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update, a ten-year review. The Comp Plan describes the vision for the next 10 to 20 years, with sections for each neighborhood. The Comp Plan sets policy that directs the City's actions, decisions and capital improvements for all departments, including Transportation and Land Use. The first discussion was specific to Housing and Human Services, particularly for housing affordability for those earning less than the King County median wage.

Join us! Contact Norm Hansen at 425-861-7333, hansennp@aol.com

See also: www.bellevuewa.gov/comprehensive_plan.htm
www.bellevuewa.gov/comp-plan-update.htm

Meet Me at ??? Park

Take a moment to contribute a name for the new park on NE 24th St. Send it to bridletrails@gmail.com by April 15. Once we receive all suggestions then the Board will work with the City to decide upon a process for voting. Some suggestions so far are:

- Birdsong Park
- Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park
- Bridle View Neighborhood Park
- Bridle Wood Park
- Crest Point Park
- Crest View Park
- Equestrians Corner
- Gateway Park
- Hillcrest Acres Park
- Hillcrest Park
- Huckleberry Park
- Meadow Crest Park
- NE 24th St. Park
- Quail Run Park
- Salmonberry Park
- Stewardship Park
- The Neighborhood Park
- Trails End Park
- Trailside Park
- View Crest Park
- Woodpecker Park

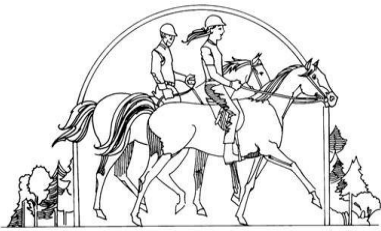
Park Levy Update

After the construction of the new park at NE 24th, the remaining park levy fund may still be close to \$1 million. The BTCC plans to review the previous ideas and define a process for updating our recommendations to the City. Previous ideas included an improvement to Cherry Crest Mini Park, improvements to View Point Park, and acquiring land for future parks or open space.

See www.bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm



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Then, send in your check and your email address to support the administrative expenses of the BTCC and keep informed!

Congregations for the Homeless

Nancy Bennett

Congregations for the Homeless has leased the home located at 2624 127th Ave NE in the Cherry Crest neighborhood for a five year term. The organization rents rooms in the home to men that were previous occupants of a Bellevue shelter for 30% of each person's income.

Many of this home's neighbors have concerns regarding this type of use in an area zoned for single family residences. The City of Bellevue's position on this use is this group facility as described by Congregations for the Homeless (6 persons in a supervised program renting the home) is permitted in a residential neighborhood because it meets the City's adopted definition of family. The City challenged the definition of a "family" in federal district court Children's Alliance v. City of Bellevue, 950 F. Supp. 1491 (W.D. Wa. 1997). In that case, federal district court held that the City's dispersion requirements and limit on the number of residents in certain zones violated state and federal housing law by imposing conditions on group facilities for children that are not placed on other family homes. The City was required to repeal its group home regulations. Since that required Code change, there is no Bellevue regulation that might limit these homes any differently than other family homes.

For questions for the City, contact Mike McCormick Huentelman, Neighborhood & Community Outreach Manager for the City of Bellevue at 425-452-4089, mmhuent@bellevuewa.gov

If you have questions or concerns, contact the following at Congregations for the Homeless:

- Jerry Ringer, Director of Shared Housing, 425-890-2305, jerry_ringer@comcast.net
- Barrett Thompkin, live-in house manager, 425-614-6506
- Steve Roberts, Executive Director, 206-295-7803, stevesroberts@comcast.net

The BTCC will continue to work with

the neighbors, the City, and Congregations for the Homeless on this issue.

See also cforhomeless.org/services/housing.php

Sound Transit Proposed Rail Yard

Loretta Lopez

Sound Transit has posted maps on the Sound Transit website which set forth the location of the sites for the Proposed Rail Yard in the Bel-Red corridor. See links at projects.soundtransit.org/Projects-Home/Link-Operations-and-Maintenance-Satellite-Facility.xml.

At our last BTCC Meeting, Chris Salomone, Director of Planning, answered our questions about the proposed Rail Yard. According to Mr. Salomone, the City is opposed to the placement of a 25 acre Rail Yard in the Bel-Rd corridor. We were expecting more information from the City about possible solutions but have not yet received them. Look for updates on The Rover.

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Lorraine Trosper: A life full of family and community involvement

Lorraine Trosper, who would have been 91 this month, was the quintessential neighborhood activist and protector. She lost her battle with cancer on Dec 28. Our community will be a little less dynamic without her.

In the mid 60's, she moved with her husband and two daughters into Silver Spurs. She was a sailor, skier, and horse woman. She also loved hiking, tennis, and riding bicycles.

Lorraine loved people, animals, and helping others. When someone needed help, Lorraine could always be counted on. We met while fighting for horse safety on the road and became partners in the Kirkland Volunteer Speed Watch program. We spent many years clocking and reporting speeders, riding horses together and working to protect the integrity of our equestrian neighborhood and Bridle Trails State Park. Lorraine was on the Boards of many organizations including, but not limited to: Bridle Trails Community Club, Lake Washington Saddle Club, Friends of Washington State Parks, Bridle Trails Park Foundation, South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails Neighborhood Association, and Equestrian Advisory Board of Kirkland.

For more and details for her Celebration of Life please see sunsethillsfuneralhome.com obituaries and type in her name. We will miss you, my friend, and you would be happy to know that your kitty and horse have found good homes where they can spend their own retirement years.



Lorraine Trosper & Fred

Alice Prince