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BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB

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MAY 2013 GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY MAY 16
7-8:30 PM

CHERRY CREST ELEMENTARY
12400 NE 32ND ST.

WE RETURN TO OUR OLD
HOME IN A NEW BUILDING!

- 1 Welcome & Introductions
- 2 Club Business
- 3 Welcome to the new Cherry Crest Elementary School
Principal Paula McPhee,
incoming Principal Liz Ritz,
Assistant Principal Tara Gray
- 4 Park Gateway Design
Guest Speaker Scott
VanderHyden,
City of Bellevue Parks &
Community Services.
- 5 How to Vote to Name the
New Park
- 6 Comp Plan
Guest Speaker Paul Inghram,
City of Bellevue Comprehensive
Planning Manager
- 7 Join BTCC Task Forces
- 8 Pikes Peak Reservoir Update
- 9 BTCC Sponsored Event At
Bridle Trails State Park
- 10 Other Business
- 11 Meet & Greet

Vision for Bellevue's Future

Norm Hansen

The Bridle Trails neighborhood offers a diversified and unique living opportunity that may not be available in other nearby municipalities. How does that character flourish and integrate with the changes to the rest of the City?

The Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) turns vision into policy that directs City actions, decisions, and guides capital improvements. Paul Inghram, City of Bellevue Comprehensive Planning Manager, will be our guest speaker at our May 16th meeting. Paul will discuss the Comp Plan and the process for its 10-year update. Our input into this process starts with asking ourselves:

- What is your vision for the future of Bellevue?
- What do you value most in your community and neighborhood?
- How do we make Bellevue even more vibrant and welcoming?

Our Bridle Trails Community Club Comp Plan Task Force of 12 met with Paul Inghram recently to begin developing a vision for Bellevue based on our experience of our neighborhood and rest of the City. We discussed the vitality of the City and Bridle Trails, particularly the high value of open space and tree canopy.

The key elements of the City Comprehensive Plan that we are currently focusing on are:

- Land Use and Housing – A key issue is how increased densities affect Bridle Trails. We understand that the City does not plan to add additional residential density to our single family neighborhood.
- Utilities - We will look at how we can achieve uniform visual and functional service throughout Bellevue for both City managed and non-City managed utilities.
- Transportation – This element is essential not only citywide but also impacts individual neighborhoods. With growth expected in Bel-Red and Redmond's Overlake area, Bridle Trails is interested in the City's Plan to protect the surrounding neighborhood character, especially minimizing cut-through through traffic.

The Task Group will look at other elements and communicate our vision to the City as it develops in scope and details.

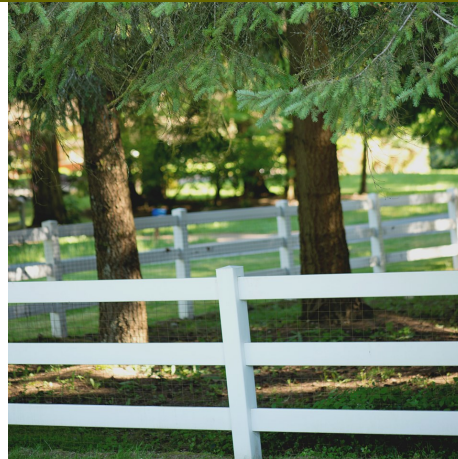
The City has a website for ideas at bellevuesbestideas.ideascale.com More information at www.bellevuewa.gov/comprehensive_plan.htm (the current Comprehensive plan) and www.bellevuewa.gov/comp-plan-update.htm

If you would like to join this task group over the next 6 months, please contact Norm Hansen at 425-861-7333 or Hansennp@aol.com

View Gateway Designs for NE 24th Park

Loretta Lopez

Scott VanderHyden will present designs for the entrance to the NE 24th Park at our May 16 meeting. The City will begin construction on the NE 24th Park late this summer once all of the permits are in place. Attend the May 16th meeting and find out more about the new park.



Bridle Trails: A rural and equestrian area in the city

Vote on the New Park Name

Don't miss out on the opportunity to vote on the name of the new park located on the corner of NE 24th St. and 134th St. The contenders were derived from community suggestions. The list is (in alphabetic order):

- Bird Song Park
- Bridle Ridge Park
- Bridle Trails Corner Park
- Bridle Trails Gateway Park
- Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park
- Hillcrest Acres Park
- Quail Run Park
- Stewardship Park
- View Crest Park
- Whispering Woods Park

The City of Bellevue will be posting a link in order for you to cast your vote at www.bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm The Rover will send out the direct link once the City establishes it. You may vote from May 16 to June 16.

Preserve and Protect Bridle Trails

The BTCC relies on membership dues to support our website, distribute communications, and host meetings.

NEW MEMBERS: If you would like to support the efforts of preserving and protecting Bridle Trails, please join.

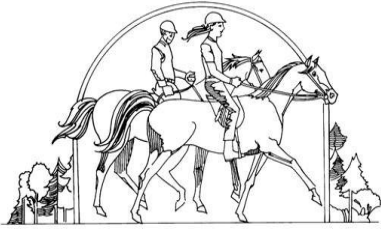
CURRENT MEMBERS: Dues notices were sent out in March for all who need to renew this year.

To join or renew, please send a \$20 check to BTCC Membership, PO BOX 1534, Bellevue, WA 98009. Include your email address to receive news via email.

YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED! Questions? Contact [Jill Lum@msn.com](mailto:Jill_Lum@msn.com).

Meet Council Candidates in Sept.

With three terms on the City Council ending this year, the BTCC will invite the City Council Candidates to our September Meeting to introduce themselves and meet with members. The BTCC will not endorse a particular candidate. Our goal is to provide information to our members.



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Mark Your Calendar

- May 16, 7 PM • **General Meeting**
Back at Cherry Crest Elementary!
- May 16–Jun16 • **Vote on the new park name**
www.bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm
- Sep 19, 7 PM • **General Meeting**

Property Search for Bridle Trails Park #2

Loretta Lopez

The BTCC has worked with the City to keep the expenses low on the NE 24th Park. As a result, there are remaining funds allocated from the Park Levy to purchase additional property for Park #2 or open space in the Bridle Trails Area.

The City is looking for suitable property in the Bridle Trails Area. The BTCC Park Acquisition Group (PAG) will review the possible choices and make a recommendation to the BTCC Board. (See related article about the process).

If you are interested in selling your property or know of property that is available, please contact Lorrie Peterson, 452-4355 or lpeterson@bellevuewa.gov

Join the Park Acquisition Group

Loretta Lopez

The BTCC is forming a Park Acquisition Group (PAG). The purpose of the group is to review property in Bridle Trails that may be available for the City to purchase and create a park or open space. The PAG will review properties and make a recommendation to the BTCC Board. The BTCC Board will then make a recommendation to the General Membership for a vote. Finally, the BTCC will take this recommendation to the Parks Board.

The goal is to review properties and make a recommendation to the BTCC Board by October 2013. To join, contact Loretta Lopez at 885-1851 or llopez@mstarlabs.com

Congregations for the Homeless

The City hosted several meetings facilitating concerned neighbors and representatives from CFTH. There were numerous concerns were voiced and addressed, which opened up a dialogue to develop a plan. One of the most significant action items was that the City and CFTH agreed to host an open house at the property, including requested bios of the men who were living there. BTCC and the City will continue to follow this process, including a follow-up meeting in September to assess the status. In addition, a neighborhood group

has formed to raise the issue with the City of continuing to allow these types of facilities in single family neighborhoods. A representative from that group will be attending the general meeting if you would like to join or have questions.

If you have questions for the City, contact Mike McCormick Huentelman at 452-4089 or mmhuent@bellevuewa.gov

Pike's Peak Water Reservoir Expansion

Loretta Lopez

At our March BTCC Meeting, Nav Ota, Director of Utilities, and other Department employees presented information about the Bellevue Water System. While expansion of the tower in Bridle Trails State Park is still in consideration, the Department is re-opening the site selection process and plans to enter into a contract with an engineering firm to conduct a new study to determine where to build or expand a water reservoir in the West Operating Area. The BTCC is following the process to make sure that the City considers factors in the second engineering study that were not considered in the 2010 study. The City anticipates the final site to be selected in early 2014 and construction to begin in 2015.

In addition, the City is considering if it is feasible to move water from the East Operating Area to the West Operating Area, where there is more need.

The Department is developing plans to create a Citizens Advisory Group for this project. The BTCC has asked how the members will be selected, but that has not yet been determined. An outside consulting firm has also been hired to help with community engagement.

The Department is creating a website for tracking the project and answering the questions BTCC members presented at our March BTCC meeting. The project is now called the "West Side Storage Project" The Department hopes to have the website operating by the end of May. The City contact is Paul Bucich at pbucich@bellevuewa.gov or 452-4596.

The position of the Board of the BTCC

is that the City should not expand the Pike's Peak Water Reservoir since the expansion will adversely affect Bridle Trails State Park.

If you have any questions contact Loretta Lopez at 425 885-1851 or llopez@mstarlabs.com

Welcome Mike McCormick Huentelman as Outreach Manager

Neighborhood Outreach is your place for questions about residential life in Bellevue. Contact Mike at 452-4089 or mmhuent@bellevuewa.gov or www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-outreach.htm



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