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ON OCT 3!

# BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB

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**FALL 2013  
GENERAL MEETING  
THURSDAY OCT 3  
7-8:30 PM**

**CHERRY CREST ELEMENTARY  
12400 NE 32ND ST.**

- 1 Welcome & Introductions
- 2 Club Business
- 3 Bellevue City Council Candidate Forum
- 4 Other Business
- 5 Meet & Greet

**NOTE: THIS IS A CHANGE FROM OUR  
PREVIOUS SCHEDULED DAY**

## Bellevue City Council 2013 Candidates' Forum

BTCC welcomes the 2013 Bellevue City Council Candidates to our September General Meeting. This is the neighborhood's chance to meet the candidates and learn their thoughts on issues that affect our community. The BTCC does not endorse any candidate.

Each candidate for the City Council will have one minute to introduce themselves, plus time to address the topics of interest to the Bridle Trails community and questions from the neighborhood.

Issues of concern to Bridle Trails' residents include:

- Increasing electrical reliability by implementing recommendations in City's study
- Protecting Bridle Trails State Park from water reservoir expansion
- Location of Sound Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility
- Protecting the residential and equestrian character from development (Bel-Red Corridor and beyond)
- Preserving the neighborhood character and density (Detached Accessory Dwelling Units ban and group home issues)
- Enhancing the residential and equestrian character through parks and open space

### Protecting Bridle Trails State Park from Reservoir Expansion

Loretta Lopez

The City's plans to form a Citizen's Participation Committee are "on hold." The City has completed a review of water transmission, seeking to optimize without expanding the water reservoir in Bridle State Park in the next several years. The findings reflect that the City can delay expansion of the water reservoir. City is planning a public meeting in mid-October to inform the community and answer questions.

The City plans an update to the Water System Plan to aid projecting water demand and capital facility projects into the future. This plan is expected to be completed within 18 months. Where will the City build a new reservoir or expand existing water reservoirs to meet the growing needs of the Bel-Red corridor and the Central Business District longer term? The Bridle Trails State Park must be protected from any expansion plans.

If you want to receive more frequent information as we monitor the process, contact Loretta Lopez, [llopez@mstarlabs.com](mailto:llopez@mstarlabs.com), 425 885-1851. Alerts from the City are available at the project page: [www.bellevuewa.gov/westside-reservoir.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/westside-reservoir.htm)

### Bridle Trails Corner Park

Loretta Lopez

On September 10, the City presented the most popular name from the City's survey, "Bridle Trails Corner Park," to the Parks Board as the recommended name for our new park at NE 24th and 134th. The Park Board approved the name and will send its recommendation to the City Council

The City is in the midst of the permitting process for the park. We had anticipated construction starting in early October, but this will now be delayed by an appeal that a neighbor has filed with the City. We do not yet have an estimate for the delay. Check the City Website for updates: [www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/bridle\\_trails\\_levy.htm](http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/bridle_trails_levy.htm).



## BTCC Watchful of Comprehensive Plan Changes

Norm Hansen

Our Bridle Trails Comprehensive Task Group of ten met in June to continue our review of the Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Update. We discussed further the areas of land use, housing, transportation and utility infrastructure, especially electrical reliability. The City is in the analysis and development stage and will begin drafting potential amendments this fall. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the Comprehensive Plan Update information at their meetings this fall through next spring. Public hearings will then occur. City Council is expected to adopt the update in late 2014. See [www.bellevuewa.gov/comp-plan-update.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/comp-plan-update.htm)

Our BTCC Task Group will be scheduling a meeting with Bellevue staff for an update this October.

## Sound Transit Reviewing Sites for Facility

Jim Binder

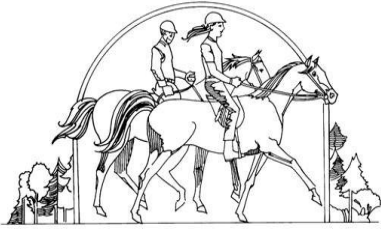
Sound Transit (ST) is moving forward on its proposal to build an Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF) as light rail is implemented on the Eastside. A set of proposed sites were previously reviewed. Four remaining sites are in process of review as part of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) scheduled for release in springtime 2014. Further information about the four sites as well as contact information is readily accessed at [www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/Link-Operations-and-Main-Satellite-Facility](http://www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/Link-Operations-and-Main-Satellite-Facility). One site is in Lynnwood, three are in Bellevue: two variations along the BNSF tracks at the site of the former International Paper facility on 120th Ave NE and the third just south of Highway 520, bordered by 130th Ave NE on the west and on the south by NE 20th St.

As the DEIS publication approaches release, ST will send a 5-week notification letter to properties that would be potentially impacted and provide wider



Reservoir in State Park





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notification via the electronic alerts newsletter [www.soundtransit.org/Subscribe-to-alerts](http://www.soundtransit.org/Subscribe-to-alerts). The City of Bellevue will be notified in advance. It is expected they will also have some kind of public outreach.

Once the DEIS is published, there will be a public comment period marked by a series of public hearings where stakeholders can go on record with their feedback and concerns. That record is submitted to the Sound Transit Board prior to the selection of a preferred site alternative to make sure they have a full understanding of community concerns and interests. Our contact at Sound Transit is Jenna Franklin, [jenna.franklin@soundtransit.org](mailto:jenna.franklin@soundtransit.org), 206.903.7752.

BTCC encourages all residents and property owners to become actively involved in this major build project. We will live with it for many years. Let's do it right the first time!

### Night Out

Nancy Bennett

We had great weather again this year for the fourth annual Bridle Trails Night Out at Cherry Crest Elementary School on August 20. A fun-loving crowd of people gathered for the annual event hosted by the Bridle Trails Neighborhood Watch Committee. The Bridle Trails Community Club sponsored the ice cream treats for the event. Many local businesses and individuals donated cash or goods to support the event.

Nearly 400 Bridle Trails neighbors came out to socialize over pizza, sandwiches, ice cream, cookies and cake. Some came for the free food, the free bike tune-ups. Many enjoyed a complimentary massage. Everyone came for the camaraderie and to show their support for the community. The fire truck was a big hit for kids and adults alike. 124 pounds of food was collected and donated to HopeLink.

Det. Richard Chinn from the Bellevue Police Department spoke to the crowd about crime prevention and emergency preparedness, and Marianne Heywood

informed everyone about the Crime Vine.

The original purpose of "Night Out" events across the country is to prevent crime by "taking back" the streets. The Bridle Trails Night Out extends beyond that and has become the annual opportunity for residents to come together as a more cohesive community. When Bridle Trails Neighborhood Watch Committee was formed, there were only a handful of block watches in Bridle Trails. Now there are more than 50! Some sections of Bridle Trails are yet to be covered by the block watch program. If you live on a street that is not yet covered, please volunteer to set one up. Contact Jack Hilty, 425-882-1516, [jhilty@me.com](mailto:jhilty@me.com)

Thank you Jack, Laura, Len, Mitch, Pam, Russ, Tom and William for planning the event and to all of the volunteers that helped make the party a success.

### Gas Line Replacement Work in Cherry Crest Area

To report clean-up issues, storm drain cover maintenance or other things that might need attention for this project, contact

Teresa Bradford, Project Support Manager, NCC Infrasource Services, LLC, 13330 Stone Ave. N. Seattle, WA. 98133, 206-418-4221 or 425-457-9386

For any new projects of this nature in the future, call Puget Sound Energy to obtain the project contact.

### Your City Contact

Mike McCormick Huentelman is your neighborhood contact at the City of Bellevue, [mmhuent@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mmhuent@bellevuewa.gov), 452-4089, or [www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-outreach.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-outreach.htm)

**THE ROVER**

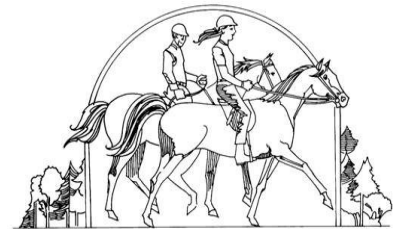


**YOUR BRIDLE TRAILS CIVIC WATCHDOG**

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE ROVER**  
Email [BridleTrailsRover@gmail.com](mailto:BridleTrailsRover@gmail.com)

### Mark Your Calendar

- Oct 3, 7PM • **General Meeting**  
Cherry Crest Elementary
- TBD • **Board Meeting**  
Special session
- Oct 17, 7PM • **Board Meeting**
- Nov 5 • **Election Day**
- Nov 19, 7 PM • **General Meeting**



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