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# BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB

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## NOVEMBER 2013 GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY NOV 21  
7-8:30 PM

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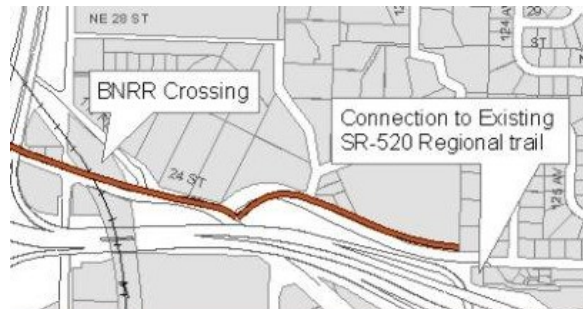
- 1 Welcome & Introductions
- 2 Club Business
- 3 Guest Speaker: Steve Costa, City of Bellevue Project Manager, will be providing an update on the Northrup Way Improvement Project.
- 4 Other Business
- 5 Meet & Greet

### Learn about Northrup Ave Changes with Steve Costa

At our November General Meeting, Steve Costa, City of Bellevue Project Manager, will present the general design for the Northrup Way Improvement Project with questions and discussion to follow. This will include expected schedule, costs and benefits, and how the Bridle Trails Community will connect.

Northrup Way has no pedestrian or bicycle facilities between 108th Ave NE and NE 24th St. A 2008 pre-design study developed concepts for bike lanes and sidewalks on Northrup Way between Bellevue Way and NE 24th Street. However, the design did not progress beyond the study due to lack of funding.

The state Department of Transportation is also pursuing plans to build a new segment of its 520 regional trail across Lake Washington in conjunction with its ongoing bridge construction.



Bridle Trails section of map from City project website

At this time, the City of Bellevue and WSDOT are engaged in a partnership to develop the Northrup Way improvements envisioned in 2008. Information from [ci.bellevue.wa.us/northrup-corridor-pedbike.htm](http://ci.bellevue.wa.us/northrup-corridor-pedbike.htm)

### Expanded Bridle Trails Reservoir Shelved For Now

Alice Prince

After a 2006 Water System Plan pointed out the need for more water storage to meet future growth needs in downtown and the Bel-Red corridor, a 2010 study narrowed a search for possible sites for a new and larger reservoir down to four including Bridle Trails State Park. The plan was to replace the existing reservoir with one four times bigger and five stories high. The construction of this would call for fencing off four acres of park property, removing close to 100 trees and the closure of the main south perimeter trail.

Members of various local organizations including the Bridle Trails Community Club, the Bridle Trails Park Foundation, and the Lake Washington Saddle Club, joined forces to inform the City of Bellevue of the impact this expansion would have on vegetation, trails and usability of the Park, and that growth areas should be able to support their own infrastructure.

This caused the Bellevue Utilities Dept. to put their plans on hold and hire RH2 Engineering who showed that improvements to existing transmission capabilities would make it possible to move the required amount of water from one Operating Area to another without significant impact and without building a new reservoir. These findings were presented to the BTCC and BTPF on Oct. 15th and again to the Environmental Services Commission on Oct. 17th. The City's next step is to prepare to implement this new plan and update the Water System Plan in 2014 with a report on future needs for water storage.

Bottom line is the Expansion of the Reservoir in Bridle Trails State Park has been shelved (for now), but this new plan still needs to be presented to the City Council. We must be watchful and prepared to renew our objections if the

Council should decide to revisit the expansion plan for Bridle Trails.

For continued information or questions, you can contact Doug Lane, PE, Project Manager, [dlane@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:dlane@bellevuewa.gov), 425-452-6865. New developments will be posted in this newsletter and on The Rover. Until a project web site is available you can view the 2014 Water System Plan at: [bellevuewa.gov/water-system-plan-2014.htm](http://bellevuewa.gov/water-system-plan-2014.htm).

### Sound Transit Reviews Continue, Overlake Segment Open House

Jim Binder

The environmental review continues regarding the four potential light rail Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF) sites with Sound Transit. These reviews are targeted to be completed by May 2014.

Please attend the public presentation on the East Link - Overlake Light Rail segment, planned to be built along Highway 520 and into Redmond.

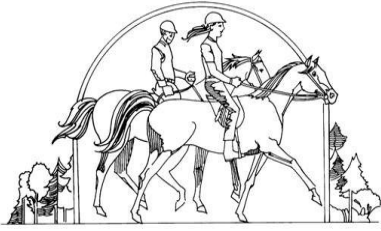
Open House - Overlake Segment  
November 19, 2013, 6PM - 8PM,  
Presentation begins at 6:30 PM  
Ardmore Elementary School Gymnasium  
16616 NE 32nd St.

Check out the design concepts and help give feedback on the Overlake light rail segment and stations.

See details at [soundtransit.org/About-Sound-Transit/News-and-events/Calendar/Open-House---Overlake-Segment](http://soundtransit.org/About-Sound-Transit/News-and-events/Calendar/Open-House---Overlake-Segment)

### City Council Candidates Welcomed

The BTCC would like to thank all of the candidates for attending the BTCC City Council Candidates' Forum in October. With more than seventy people in attendance, it was a great opportunity to hear directly from all six candidates or their representatives about issues important to Bridle Trails. We look forward to working with Council to continue to protect, enhance and preserve the existing residential and equestrian character of the Bridle Trails area.



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### PSE: Preparing for Decades of Growth on the Eastside

Ellen Kerr

PSE has sent out a mailer announcing among other things they will be working with Eastside communities to get input regarding potential upgrades to the electrical distribution system as we face substantial future growth. Continue to look for additional information in the mail. Our community has been involved, having helped partner with the City of Bellevue to complete the Electrical Reliability Study. We will continue to be at the table, working with PSE and the City to improve electrical distribution and outage response time as our city contends with expansion and growth.

Check out [pse.com/eastsidegrowth](http://pse.com/eastsidegrowth), 1-800-548-2614.

### Bridle Trails Park #2

Loretta Lopez

The Bridle Trails Community Club has worked with the City to keep the costs of Bridle Trails Corner Park (at 134th and NE 24th) to a minimum. As a result there is still money from the 2008 Park Levy that the City has allocated to the Bridle Trails area.

The BTCC Park Acquisition Group (PAG) is actively seeking and reviewing sites for a second park or open space in Bridle Trails (Park #2).. The PAG will make a recommendation to the BTCC Board. We hope to make a recommendation to the Board within the next two months. If you have any questions, contact Loretta Lopez, [llopez@mstarlabs.com](mailto:llopez@mstarlabs.com), 425 885-1851.

### DID YOU KNOW

BTCC is involved in many other ongoing projects and events including:

- Comprehensive Planning
- Utilities Project Impact
- Supported Bridle Trails Night Out by providing ice cream

### Thank You Jill!

Many thanks to Jill Lum for her seven years of service on the BTCC board as Treasurer and Membership Coordinator. Recently Jill has decided to resign but will stay on till the end of the year to help with the transition. Jill has done an excellent job, and we are so sorry to see her leave this position. Jill's hard work and dedication formalizing our budget and fiscal practices helps the club run more efficiently. Jill has been greatly involved with establishing and enhancing club communication services including the website and the Rover. Graciously, Don Prince has agreed to be our interim bookkeeper. We are currently looking for a full time Treasurer. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Ellen Kerr, [bugsyk1@hotmail.com](mailto:bugsyk1@hotmail.com), 861-0611. Thank you Jill. We will miss you!

### You as Community

Bridle Trails Community Club is ultimately about working together to create a sense of community and to preserve the lovely neighborhood we so enjoy. Whether your contribution be large or small, we would greatly appreciate your help. Could you help over the next year on the following:

- Office of Treasurer
- Circulate the sign-in sheet at the General Meetings
- Improve our A-board signs
- Willing to lead organizing community events
- Willing to participate in planning community events
- Coordinate Guest Speaker for general meetings

Interested in these or others? Please contact Nancy, Loretta or Ellen.

### Mark Your Calendar

- Nov 19, 6 PM • **Overlake Light Rail Segment Open House**  
Ardmore Elementary School
- Nov 21, 5:50PM • **Wastewater Plan Open House** (Public comment on draft plan until Dec 2 ),  
City Hall 1E-113
- Nov 21, 7PM • **General Meeting**  
Cherry Crest Elementary
- Dec 3, 5PM • **Bellevue Best Ideas Coffee (Comp Plan)**  
Interlake High School Library  
RSVP to [mluce@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mluce@bellevuewa.gov)
- Dec 12, 7PM • **Board Meeting**
- Jan 23, 7 PM • **General Meeting**

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