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BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB

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from you!
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MAY 2014 GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY MAY 15
7-8:30 PM

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12400 NE 32ND ST.
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- 7:00 Welcome & New Business
- 7:10 Bridle Trails Corner Park Update and Q&A, Scott VanderHyden, Bellevue Parks Department
- 7:25 PSE Proposed Transmission Lines, Andy Wappler, PSE Vice President for Corporate Affairs
- 7:40 Transmission Lines Q/A
- 8:05 Club Report & Board Report
- 8:15 Meet & Greet, Refreshments

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PSE New 230,000 Volt Transmission Line Project Update

Norm Hansen

At the BTCC May 15th meeting, Andy Wappler, Puget Sound Energy Vice President Corporate Affairs, will provide a brief overview of the Energize Eastside 230,000 Volt Transmission line project and how it will impact the Eastside and Bridle Trails. Following the presentation, there will be a question and answer time for Bridle Trails issues and concerns.

The PSE originated Community Advisory Group (CAG) has been meeting since March evaluating the pro and cons regarding the different segment routes along the 18 mile route from Redmond to Renton. Two of these segments are in Bridle Trails. Public easements along 116th Ave NE and private property easements along the 115,000 Volt Line route located at the approximately 136 Ave NE block.

Important issues identified by the CAG so far are the effect on property values, visual impacts, residential character, aesthetics, and potential electromagnetic fields (EMF). Neighborhood CAG group members have requested consideration for an underground option. However, PSE seems insistent upon only considering above ground options. Other areas of the country have and are installing 230,000 lines underground to protect the environment.

The CAG is comprised of 9 neighborhood groups out the 25 groups represented. The other group represent cities, business, schools and social service organizations.

On June 4 and June 26, the CAG will meet to recommend a preferred route. However, PSE reserves the right to choose their desired route for permitting late this year. All CAG meetings are open to the public: for meeting details and data on project description plus public comment forms see EnergizeEastside.com.

Hope to see you at our BTCC Meeting to express your views.
Bridle Trails CAG Member, Norm Hansen, hansenp@aol.com, 425-861-7333

Bridle Trails Corner Park Update

Loretta Lopez

At our May 15th meeting, Scott VanderHyden from the Parks Department will present the development schedule and answer questions about Bridle Trails Corner Park.

Over the summer, we will see the work begin on the new park. The City plans to start planting in September. We hope to have an Opening Day Party in early October.

Anyone who wants to help on the Opening Day Party, please contact Loretta Lopez, llopez@mstarlabs.com, 425-885-1851

Sound Transit's OMSF Draft Environmental Impact Statement Released May 5

Jim Binder

On May 5, Sound Transit's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) regarding the Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF) became available for review and public comment. It can be viewed at: soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/Link-Operations-and-Maintenance-Satellite-Facility/OMSF-document-archive/OMSF-Draft-Environmental-Impact-Statement. The 45-day public comment period will end on June 23. The Sound Transit Board will consider all written and oral comments provided at public hearings and comments submitted in writing by e-mail or mail during the review and comment period.



Andy Wappler,
PSE Vice President,
Corporate Affairs

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Four sites remain in review. 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. Detailed information about the four sites is accessible at:

www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/Link-Operations-and-Maintenance-Satellite-Facility

The Bellevue City Council voted 7-0 several months ago against placing an OMSF within the city limits. The City of Bellevue will be notified of the DEIS results in advance.

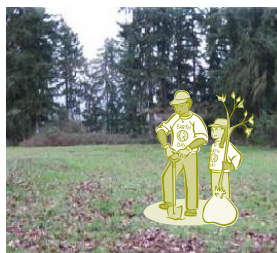
At the Open House, project staff will be available to answer questions about the OMSF project, site alternatives, and discuss the information in the DEIS. Members of the public will also have an opportunity to provide public comment during the public hearing, and to talk to Sound Transit Real Property staff about potential impacts to property.

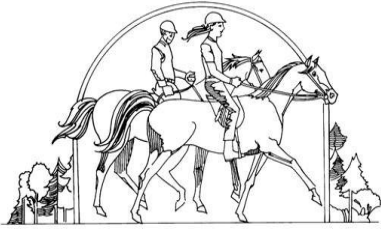
- Lynnwood Public Hearing & Open House
Tuesday, June 3, 5:00- 7:30 PM
Public hearing begins at 5:30 PM
Lynnwood Convention Center
- Bellevue Public Hearing with Open House:
Thursday, June 5, 5:00- 7:30 PM
Public hearing begins at 5:30 PM
Coast Hotel Bellevue

BTCC encourages our residents to monitor the OMSF developments and offer your comments-both at public hearings and in writing. Looking back at our past involvement with public agencies, a strong turnout in person and letters and emails submitted truly helps influence the decisions made by public officials.

Ranger Mary Welborn's Retirement Party

Please join the Saddle Club and the B. T. Park Foundation to say Thank You and wish Ranger Mary a wonderful retirement on Sat, May 17, 2014, 1pm-4pm at the North Bellevue Community Center. Presentation at 2:30 pm. If you are interested in donating towards a Thank You gift, see rangerappreciationfund.weebly.com





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Bridle Trails Park #2

Park #2 Committee has continued to work with the City of Bellevue to find a suitable location for a family oriented park in the Bridle Trails area. Once a candidate is identified, the next step will be for the committee to bring their recommendation to the Board.

Thank you to Ellen Kerr

The BTCC thanks Ellen Kerr, Co-Vice President, for all of her years of work for the Bridle Trails community. After six years as Co-Vice President, years as Co-President with Cindy Ludwig and Loretta Lopez, as well as being an advisor, Ellen will return to the Advisory Board. Ellen will continue to work on BT issues, including Electrical Reliability.

New Board Members

Advisory Board members Jim Binder, Norm Hansen and Stuart Heath accepted nominations and were elected to the Board. We now have seven Board members as required by the BTCC by-laws. Thanks Jim, Norm and Stuart.

See You at the 12th Annual 'Party in the Park' 2014

Celebrate our beautiful Bridle Trails State Park, have fun, and support the Bridle Trails Park Foundation, including 50% of the uncovered operating costs of the Park.



Fun from last year's Party In The Park

Saturday, June 28
8:30AM– 12:30PM

Walk, bike, or catch the free shuttle at the Central Park Tennis Club
5820 125th Lane NE
Kirkland WA 98033

Pony rides, face painting, games, and other fun activities for kids; equestrian drill teams, vaulters, and other entertainment in the main arena; wonderful pancake and bacon breakfast; 5k and 10k fun runs. See details, volunteer, and pre-register for the fun run at bridletrails.org/news_events/party_in_the_park_2014_details.html

Mark Your Calendar

- May 15, 7PM • **General Meeting**
Cherry Crest Elementary
- May 17, 1-4PM • **Ranger Mary's Retirement Party**, North Bellevue Community Center
- Jun 3, 5-7:30PM • **Sound Transit OMSF Public Hearing with Open House**, Lynnwood Convention Center
3711 196th Street SW
Lynnwood, WA 98036
- Jun 4, 5:30-8:30PM • **Energize Eastside Community Advisory Group Meeting #3**
Old Redmond Schoolhouse Com. Ctr,
Downtown Redmond
16600 NE 80th St, Redmond, WA
- Jun 5, 5-7:30PM • **Sound Transit OMSF Public Hearing with Open House**
Coast Hotel Bellevue
625 116th Ave NE, Bellevue WA 98004
- Jun 26, 5:30-8:30PM • **Energize Eastside Community Advisory Group Meeting #4**
TBD.
- Aug 15, 7PM • **Board & Advisory Committee Meeting**
- Aug 27 6:30-8PM • **Family Campfire, Storytelling, & S'mores**, Bridle Trails Foundation and BTCC sponsored event,
Bridle Trails State Park
- Sep 18, 7PM • **General Meeting**

Storytelling & S'mores in the Park

On Aug 27 at 6:30PM, come to the BTCC sponsored Bridle Trails Park Foundation campfire night. A great event for young children to enjoy campfire delights and stories by professional storyteller Jill Johnson.



See details at www.bridletrails.org/news_events/attend_an_event.html/event/2014/08/27/storytelling-s-mores-in-the-park

Spillover Parking Addressed

After continued issues with spillover business parking on 120th NE, the BTCC followed up on complaints from neighbors to the City of Bellevue. It is the City's policy to protect and preserve residential neighborhoods from the impacts of spillover parking. The City sent notices to the property as well as installed more "No Parking" signs.



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