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JANUARY 2015 GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY JAN 22
7-8:30 PM

CHERRY CREST ELEMENTARY
12400 NE 32ND ST.
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- 7:00 Welcome members & guests
- 7:10 Brief Updates:
PSE Energize Eastside, 2nd Park in BT
- 7:20 Guest Speake:
Brad Miyake,
Bellevue City Manager
- 7:40 Question and Answers:
Brad Miyake
- 8:05 Club & Board Announcements
- 8:15 Meet & Greet, Refreshments

Mark Your Calendar

- Jan 22, 7PM • General Meeting
- Feb 19, 7PM • Board & Advisory Committee Meeting
- Mar 19, 7PM • General Meeting
- Apr 16, 7PM • Board & Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 21, 7PM • General Meeting

Guest Speaker- Bellevue City Manager, Brad Miyake

Loretta Lopez

Bellevue operates under a council-manager form of government in which city council members are elected by residents of the community to represent their interests. The council selects a city manager to oversee all city operations.

Brad Miyake was appointed city manager in April 2014, nearly a year after he was appointed to serve in an acting capacity. In addition to overseeing city operations through departments, the city manager directly supervises communications, performance measurement, intergovernmental relations and volunteer coordination for the city.

Join us to hear our Guest Speaker, Bellevue City Manager, Brad Miyake at our January 22 meeting. Brad will discuss the state of the City, provide an overview of the City budget and will answer questions.

If you have particular issues that you would like addressed, please contact Loretta Lopez at 885-1851 or email llopez@mstarlabs.com so that we know in advance of the meeting.

PSE Energize Eastside Project- Members of Eastside Community Advisory Group Submit Dissenting Report

Norm Hansen

On December 19, a Dissenting Report was submitted to Puget Sound Energy (PSE) by seven Neighborhood Community Advisory Group (CAG) Representatives and the City of Newcastle. Community Development Director and (CAG) Representative. The report challenges PSE's stance that the \$200M Energize Eastside project is the most cost-effective way to meet the future electrical needs of the Eastside. The Dissenting Report also noted that the CAG Final Report does not represent the wishes of the community.

Only one-quarter of the voting members represented neighborhoods and many affected neighborhoods had no representation at all.

Earlier, on Dec 10, the Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) Community Advisory Group (CAG) made their final route recommendations for the proposed New Transmission Line. Both routes are located through the middle of Bridle Trails along the existing 115,000 Volt line along the 136th Avenue NE block.

PSE will now review and decide a final route by February 2015.

The City of Bellevue has hired an Independent Technical Consultant to assess the Eastside electrical need, purpose and timing. This study is expected to be complete in February and will determine further action including the start of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate other alternatives that may satisfy the need with less intrusion into the neighborhoods.

CENSE (Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy) is working with Bellevue to offer community input regarding the Independent Technical Consultant study. See CENSE.org for latest news.



Brad Miyake,
City Manager

Got Power?

Ellen Kerr

Recently, for some of us in BT, the answer may be "not so much"! During the storm season so far there have been multiple outages in our neighborhood. We have seen varying response and restoration times from PSE.

We continue to work with the city and PSE to provide feedback, suggestions and information in the hope we can continue to improve electrical reliability and restoration throughout our neighborhood. PSE has instituted a new "outage map" on their website. Besides calling PSE when you have an outage, we suggest checking this map, to get further information about the outage. Unfortunately, they are still working out the kinks (not very specific, up-to-date info.) but hopefully it will get better.

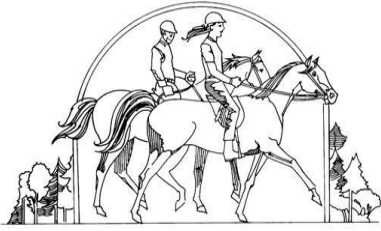
If you have a complaint about PSE, we encourage you to make it to the WUTC (Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission). Go to www.utc.wa.gov Click on "File A Complaint" at the top of home page.

Please contact Ellen Kerr, 861-0611 or by email at bugsyk1@hotmail.com or Norm Hansen, 861-7333 or by email at hansenp@aol.com with any questions, comments or concerns.

City Neighborhood News

The City Neighborhood Outreach Office produces Neighborhood News, a lively, monthly newsletter that keeps residents informed about City and neighborhood events and projects.

You can subscribe and receive an email from the City when the latest Neighborhood News issue is posted. Go to http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/neighborhood_news.htm



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BTCC Membership

Wayne Bruning

The annual BTCC membership drive is underway. Please look for your renewal invitation.

BTCC is an important part of the Bridle Trails Community. Your membership support is vital for maintaining the quality and integrity of our community. BTCC promotes and advocates for Bridle Trails. Key areas of emphasis for BTCC are:

Your civic watchdog. BTCC volunteers monitor land use and zoning activities and alert authorities when safety and traffic concerns are raised.

Your Community Advocate.

BTCC has been very active with the PSE Energize Eastside project, including a seat on the PSE Citizens Advisory Group (CAG). We support the Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy (CENSE) in its efforts to develop an unbiased evaluation of the project. There is also continuing dialogue with the City of Bellevue.

Our volunteers were active in the Sound Transit site selection process and were instrumental in helping avoid the Plaza 520 site (Northrup and 130th). We remain active with Sound Transit as the selected site is developed and will work to mitigate the impact of the site. Efforts to improve electrical reliability in the Bridle Trails community continue (Yes, this is a challenge!).

Liaison with the City of Bellevue.

BTCC representatives have long standing positive relationships with key persons at the City as well as City Council members. BTCC volunteers have good rapport with city leaders and are recognized as credible voices. We are also working with the city's comprehensive plan process, particularly where those plans include Bridle Trails.

New Parks.

The new Bridle Trails Corner Park at 24th and 132nd, is complete (look for a grand opening in the spring). BTCC was a strong partner in helping acquire and develop this park. The City has acquired land for another new park at 4432 140th Ave NE. BTCC has an active role in the acquisition and development of this 2nd park (development plans are in process).

Communication.

This newsletter is an example of BTCC communication – your membership helps us produce and distribute the newsletter. We also maintain the BTCC website and issue Rover email alerts. BTCC general meetings (financed by your membership) are an excellent source of information about our community and incorporate speakers on key topics of interest. Please plan to attend the meetings – they are informative and offer an opportunity to answer some of your questions.

Participation.

Paid memberships are very important for BTCC. Our voice with the City of Bellevue, PSE, Sound Transit and other bodies is stronger when we can reference a large paid membership.

Your financial support allows BTCC to continue these important tasks and make our volunteer efforts more effective. Please send your membership payment promptly. Memberships are the only source of income for BTCC.

You are encouraged to volunteer your time. We have an opportunity for a Membership Coordinator and openings on the Advisory Board. There are always opportunities to help with BTCC projects – let a board member know of your interest.

Interested in How the Bellevue Police Department Operates?

The Bellevue Police Department is now accepting applications for the 2015 spring Community Police Academy, a 12-week program for Bellevue residents and those who work in Bellevue to become acquainted with how their police department operates.

On completion of the academy, graduates will have gained a better understanding of the law enforcement role in the criminal justice system, and an appreciation for the many challenges facing law enforcement in today's complex society.

The Academy is a primarily classroom-based, and the lessons provide hands-on learning about law enforcement. Topics covered include patrol procedures, firearms, 911 communications, narcotics, K-9, major crimes investigations, major accident investigations, defensive tactics, and hostage negotiations.

To participate, you must be willing to commit to attend the three-hour sessions which will be every Thursday night, 7-10 p.m., starting March 5 and ending on May 21.

Most classes will be at City Hall, and are free.

If you are interested in attending, please apply at

http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/pdf/Police/bellevue_police_community_academy_application.docm

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