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# BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB

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## General Meeting June 2

Upcoming meeting,  
October, 2016

Cherry Crest Elementary  
12400 NE 32nd St.  
in the Cafeteria

### Membership Reminder

Have you renewed your BTCC membership for 2016? If not, please do so now. Your support helps BTCC preserve, protect and promote our Bridle Trails Community. Paid memberships demonstrate your support and strengthens our community voice!

Send your check for \$20 to: Bridle Trails Community Club, 6619 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE #133, Kirkland, WA 98033 *Thanks for supporting BTCC*

### Agenda

- 7:00 Club Business
- 7:25 Talk Traffic



## Let's Talk Traffic

Congestion getting you down? Do you

feel safe on the street? Karen Gonzales, Neighborhood Traffic Services Manager, and Rick Logwood, Project Manager Supervisor, from the City of Bellevue's Transportation Department will speak about traffic calming and safety in the Bridle Trails Community and traffic impacts of the BelRed area.

Besides public and private trails, our streets are our means of travel and our location for utilities. Tree lined streets help define the Bridle Trails Neighborhood character. People and dogs enjoy a walk or hurry off to school. Horses and riders enjoy make their way to the Bridle Trails State Park. Bicycles take on our hilly terrain; cars are ubiquitous. Our unique area does not allow for cookie-cutter solutions to traffic congestion and safety.

Curb, gutter, and sidewalk are expensive and are out of character with much of the streets in our neighborhood. Not everyone has a horse, but solutions that are safe for horses are safe for pedestrians.

The meeting will be Thursday, June 2 at Cherry Crest Elementary. This is a date change based on a school event conflict. If you have questions about traffic affecting Bridle Trails that you want addressed or specific locations of traffic safety concerns email [BridleTrails@gmail.com](mailto:BridleTrails@gmail.com).

## Your Comment Counts! Norm Hansen



Energize Eastside EIS Phase 2 Comment period ends May 31. Go to <http://www.energizeeastsideeis.org/> for background info and click on «comment form». This Transmission line route raises question of Pipeline Safety with collocated high pressure jet fuel lines), Tree canopy loss (up to 8000 trees being cut and many other impacts listed at <http://cense.org/>, along with a petition to sign.

The Bellevue City Council is formally commenting on the need for mitigation to investigate undergrounding of the lines to protect view and tree canopy.

Your comment counts!

## City Save the Date! Seventh Annual Bridle Trails Night Out Celebration August 9th (Tuesday) from 6:30pm-8:30pm Cherry Crest Elementary School (32nd St & 124th Ave NE)



Our community is safer when we know our neighbors! Celebrate our wonderful neighborhood and enjoy free food and drinks at Bridle Trails Night Out. Entertainment, ice cream, and fun for everyone. Meet the Cherry Crest principal and your Bellevue police and fire departments. ALL Bridle Trails residents are invited.

New for 2016! Bridle Trails Community Club is hosting Bridle Trails Night Out with the able assistance of the Neighborhood Watch Committee.

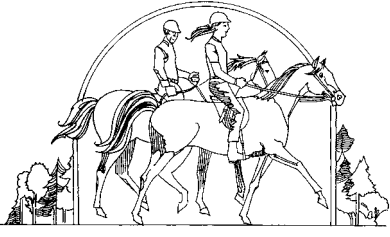
Want to help or questions? Email: [bridletrailswatch@gmail.com](mailto:bridletrailswatch@gmail.com)

## City Listens to BT's BMW Concerns Pamela Johnston



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Public Comments for the BMW application, making this project better together. BMW's application was approved, with requirements added based on your public comments.

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### City Listens to BT's BMW Concerns continued...

Some key items were

- Skylights will have blinds that automatically close at dusk
- Parking areas light levels reduced to minimal at night (11:00 pm to 6:30 am)
- Rooftop mechanical equipment will be shielded from both side and top views. A screening element will be added to rooftop area along with rooftop planters with trees to break up the view of this area.
- BMW volunteered to restrict test drives to commercial areas. Sales customers shall always be accompanied by an employee to assure that test drives follow an approved route.
- Water Quality must meet City Standards, plus BMW is required to apply for Developer Extension Agreement.

See more at <http://www.bridletrailscommunity.org/announcement.asp?id=151>

### Bridle Trails Park #2 Loretta Lopez

After three public comments meeting and recommendations from BT residents, the City completed the Master Plan for Bridle Trails Parks #2. The Park is located on 140<sup>th</sup>.

The Bridle Trails Community Club approved the Plan at the March BTCC general meeting. On May 10, 2016, the Parks Department presented the Final Master Plan for Bridle Trails Park #2 to the City Parks Board.

Loretta Lopez attended the Parks Board meeting to thank the Parks Department Staff for its support and work and to answer questions. The Parks Board approved the Master Plan.

The Parks Department will present the Master Plan to the City Council on June 27. Although there is no funding for the park at this time, we hope that there will be funds to build the park in the future.

### Built in Cheaper Stormwater Codes Pamela Johnston

Thinking of building a patio or cutting down some trees? You are influencing stormwater. The City is proposing changes in the building codes to incorporate Low Impact Development (LID). LID is focused stormwater management, leading to less and cleaner stormwater runoff and avoiding conventional constructions such as retention tanks. Besides being State requirement and helping to protect the water quality, LID will save the City money overtime.

Proposed code changes include these and more:

- Reduces the land can be covered by buildings or non-permeable hard surfaces for new projects.
  - Adds that reductions back in for permeable surfaces, making the land coverage unchanged.
  - Allows for zero side setbacks in some cases
  - Requires a permit for removing more than 5 trees\*
  - Changes the definition of significant tree.\*
  - Removes the difference between healthy and unhealthy tree.\*
- \* Effects BT non-R1. Different code covers BT properties zoned R-1

Changes are proposed to the City's building Guidelines and Standards. The project must be complete by December 31, 2016. Attend the Public Hearings for the Transportation Commission on June 9 and Planning

Commission on June 22.

While LID will not reduce an individual's storm water charges, saving money for the whole system will save money on the stormwater system, with less stormwater to process and clean. The city has a saying that development pays for development, See more at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/low-impact-development-documents.htm> Contact [LIDPrinciplesProject@bellevuewa.gov?cc=m-chalik@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LIDPrinciplesProject@bellevuewa.gov?cc=m-chalik@bellevuewa.gov) at the City or Pamela Johnston [BridleTrails@gmail.com](mailto:BridleTrails@gmail.com) for BTCC.

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