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# BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB

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### **Meeting Dates**

Fall meeting Thu Oct 20

Winter Meeting Thu Jan 26

**Spring Meeting** Thu Mar 16

**End of Year** 

Meeting Thu May 18

### **General Meetings**

held from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at

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

### You're invited: Make "CENSE" of PSE's Energize Eastside

Thursday, October 27th, 2016; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Bellevue Golf Course 5500 140th Ave. NE, Bellevue

Like many of us in Bridle Trails, you may have recently received information from PSE concerning their proposed project, named "Energize Eastside, which would run 230,000 volt lines on 100' steel monopoles on top of the Olympic pipeline through 29 Eastside neighborhoods, including through the heart of Bridle Trails. Like you, we are very concerned about this project and all of its implications. Therefore, we have arranged a special evening of speakers and information so you can better educate yourselves on how

the project will affect your property and Bridle Trails, the timeline, and alternatives. You will be able to ask questions and learn what you can do to shape the outcome.

Our guest speakers will be from the volunteer group CENSE (Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy/CENSE.org). CENSE is comprised of residents and business owners from over eighteen Eastside neighborhoods and has devoted thousands of hours to researching PSE and this project, communicating with key stakeholders, and engaging industry experts and legal counsel.

We hope you will join us for this special evening. Together we can ensure that Bridle Trails continues to be one of the great neighborhoods in Bellevue.

You hosts will be; Warren Halverson, Loretta Lopez, Norm Hansen, Kelly Bach, and Christina Aron-Sycz

## **Bridle Trails Night Out**

- Wayne Bruning



Over 400 Bridle Trails family members enjoyed the 7th annual Bridle Trails Night Out August 9 at Cherry Crest School. There was good food, entertainment by the Bellevue High drum line, opportunity to mingle with our neighbors and conversation with Bellevue fire and police department representatives.

Over 30 families joined Bridle Trail Community Club at BTNO – Welcome new members! BTNO is hosted by BTCC and orchestrated by the Neighborhood Watch Committee. Our thanks to the Watch Committee for a splendid job!! Make plans to attend in 2017 – the tentative date is August 8, 2017. BTNO is a great way to meet neighbors and learn about Bridle Trails.

## **New Cell Tower in Bridle Trails State Park**- Alice Prince

Discussions have resumed about a new cell tower in Bridle Trails State Park.

The site has been researched and studied. Cell towers can no longer be placed on Seattle City Light stations, so this will be placed just north of the water reservoir and will be able to house several other carriers without additional construction.

Height will be about 150', just above the treetops, and will be

enclosed in a small fenced rectangle with only 2 trees needing removal. Access will be from the south so the power line trail from there north will not be disturbed.

Notices will be sent to area residents regarding public input meetings which could be held by year's end but prior to the permitting process. Actual construction is not expected to begin until fall of 2017.



## Water Reservoir in Bridle Trails State

### Loretta Lopez

Park

The City will begin a study to determine what to do to the water reservoir in BT State Park. The BTCC has been checking with the City over the past few years so that we know about the project in advance. Unlike several years ago, this time the City of Bellevue has prepared a public involvement plan. The City has not yet started the study so we do no have a timeline. The BTCC will continue to monitor. If you have any questions contact Alice Prince or Loretta Lopez. See phone numbers on the masthead of the newsletter.

## Tree Code Changes Not Recommended – Pamela Johnston

Bellevue's Low Impact Development Initiative (LID) focuses on reducing stormwater as a method of reducing water pollution. LID is a State requirement. After the Public Hearing on September 14, the Planning Committee chose to not support LID's proposed changes for the tree preservation code. These tree-code proposals left too many questions unanswered. There are no known plans for changes to the tree code, and no known plans to meet the 40% canopy Comp Plan policy.

The Planning Commission plans to recommend the rest of the LID code changes: LID evaluation as part of the City's design review (the start of the permit process), clustering development in planned communities (includes zero lot lines), and a reduction in surfaces that do not allow stormwater to pass through (e.g. regular driveway pavement). See: http://www.bellevuewa.gov/low-impact-development.htm

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## 140th Park Update – Loretta Lopez

The Parks Board approved the Master Plan that was developed by the community for the new park on 140th. The Parks Department will present the Master Plan to the City Council on October 10. There is no funding available for the park in the current budget. We hope that there will be funding in the future.

### Learn about Levies: Prop 1 & Prop 2 – Pamela Johnston



Join us on October 20th to learn more about levies and Bellevue Propositions 1 & 2. The City Council has put these two measures on the November ballot to fund transportation and fire facility projects. "If approved by voters, the approximate combined cost of the two measures for a typical Bellevue homeowner (whose home has the median assessed value of \$640,000), would be approximately \$176 per year" for a total of about \$260,000,000. See http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-safety.htm

Members of the official-statement committees will give us insights and take questions. The propositions and the statements can be found in your voter's guide at http://kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/ballots/whats-on-the-ballot/ballot-measures/november-general.aspx