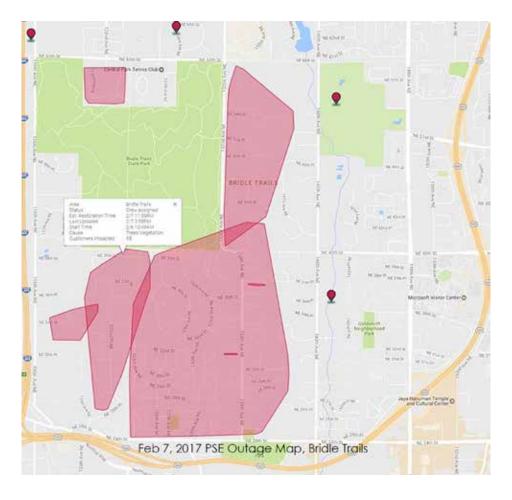


Power's Out Again

What should we do when the power is out? Why is it out? How can we predict when it will be back on? Wendy Weiker, Community Outreach Manager, from Puget Sound Energy, will address these questions at our March 16th meeting.

Bridle Trails has a has a history of power outages. Other than buying a generator, Ms. Weiker will also address the major causes of outages in Bridle Trails and what has and can be done to improve reliability.



Towards a Tree Master Plan

To support Bellevue taking actions on EN-12 of the Bellevue Comprehensive Plan, The BTCC Board has approved the following resolution: "The Board of the BTCC recommends that the City create an Urban Forest Master Plan which covers the strategy for how Bellevue will meet its goal of at least 40% tree canopy coverage, when will this achieved, what is the on-going process, and how citizen involvement will be used to reach consensus that is right for Bellevue."

Calculating Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Bills Pamela Johnston

How you are charged for water, sewer, and storm water? Nav Otel, Utilities Director, helped us to understand the residential rates at the BTCC January meeting. Water, Sewer, and Storm each have utilities charges and City tax. Get out your Bellevue Utilities bill and read along.

For water, your charge depends on your pipe size into the meter and consumption. Most residential pipes are ³/₄ in with a charge of \$43.72. However, fire sprinkler systems require 1 in pipes with a charge of \$77.37. If you have 1" pipe and don't have sprinklers, your pipe/ meter may be oversized. Water consumption has rate tiers based on volume. A typical, residential water bill in Bellevue is \$120.75.

Sewer charges have a base of \$88.44 plus a tired, volume rate based on your winter water usage. A typical, residential sewer bill in Bellevue is \$157.37. If you have septic, you don't pay sewer.

Stormwater also has a base of \$5.33 plus a tiered charge. The rate is the area of your property times the rate for level of development (amount of native land and impermeable surface). In addition, there is a variance for properties over 35,000 sqft. See illustration. Bellevue's typical 10,000sqft, moderately-developed lot has a \$47.87 bill for stormwater.

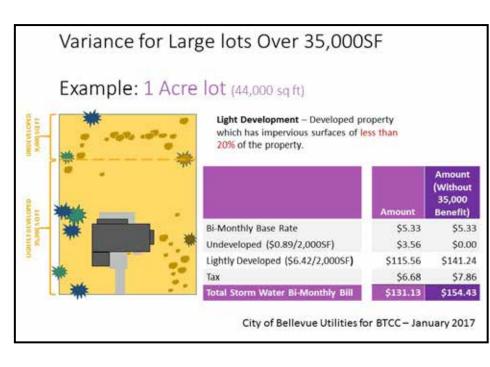


Calculating Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Bills continued...

The City tax goes to the City's General Fund and is not used to operate, maintain, or build infrastructure for the Utilities.

If you feel that you are not being charged correctly, contact Utilities Billing. 425-452-6973. See more at http://bridletrailscommunity.org/document/3138932bellevueutilityservicesandratesforbtccjan2017.pdf

Thanks to Al Paige questioning these rates and helping us investigate. More questions? Contact BTCC - Pamela Johnston or the Utilities Department <u>utilities@bellevuewa.gov?cc=mmay@bellevuewa.gov</u> • 425-452-6932



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Have you paid your 2017 BTCC membership? If not, please do so now.

BTCC is your neighborhood watchdog and advocate, helping preserve, protect and promote our Bridle Trails Community. Paid memberships are BTCC's only source of income and your support means BTCC volunteers continue to work on projects which benefit and support the community.

Paid memberships demonstrate your

support and keep our community voice strong.

Please send your membership payment (still only \$20 per year) to:

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Please include your address, phone and email. Membership forms are available on the BTCC Website at: http://www.bridletrailscommunity. org/document_view.asp?id=64

Thank you for joining today!

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