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BRIDLE TRAILS COMMUNITY CLUB

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Meeting Dates

Winter Meeting	Thu Jan 26
7:00 Meet & Greet	
7:10 Club Business	
7:30 Lucy Liu, Assistant Director, Bellevue Utilities Stormwater & Water Costs	
8:00 Q & A	
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

Your Storm Water Drainage and Water Taxes

Pam Johnston



Find your last City of Bellevue Utilities bill and join us January 26th. You may call it the “water bill” but it is more than just paying for each gallon

of water that you use. Storm and Surface Water charges can be costly. What are we paying for given the earth absorbs so much water in our many fields, forests, and gardens rather than the street gutter and storm drains? How are these charges calculated? New rates are effective January 1, 2017. How does Bellevue decide what rate you will pay? Can the lower impact, rural character of Bridle Trails help us save us money?



At our January meeting, Lucy Liu, Assistant Director of the City of Bellevue Utilities, will address stormwater and water taxes and

charges: how our utility bills are calculated and how the funds are used. She will also give hints on how to reduce your bill and answer your questions.

PSE project. Where are we now?

Loretta Lopez

PSE continues to assert that our lights “will go out” if PSE is not allowed to build its 18 mile transmission line through the Eastside. CENSE (Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy) disputes PSE claims. See CENSE.org

PSE is working at many levels, including placing many ads, online and in print, to convince the residents and politicians that there is no other option. The BTCC is working with CENSE to educate Eastside residents about PSE claims. The BTCC is involved in monitoring every stage of the process.

There are two processes that must occur before PSE can build the project. The two processes are related but separate.

- #1 The City must conduct an Environmental Impact Study (EIS), and
- #2 The City must decide whether to issue a permit to allow PSE to build the project.

The BTCC along with CENSE submitted pages of comments to Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We are

waiting for a Draft Environmental Statement (DEIS). We expect the DEIS to be issued in Early Spring 2017. The public will have 45 days to comment on the DEIS.

What next? Then we start process #2 of whether PSE should be allowed to build its project. The following steps will occur:

- Step 1.** Before PSE can build anything the City must review and decide whether to issue a permit to PSE. PSE has not filed a permit application for the project.
- Step 2.** The City reviews application and decides whether to grant or deny the building permit. Both parties, PSE and Bellevue residents can appeal the City’s decision. If appealed, the City appoints a Hearing Examiner.
- Step 3.** The City’s decision is reviewed in public hearings conducted by the Hearing Examiner. The parties, PSE and residents, present evidence, including expert witness evidence, at the hearing. No other evidence is allowed at any other stage of the process. This is it.
- Step 4.** The Hearing Examiner issues a recommended decision.
- Step 5.** The City Council reviews the Hearing Examiner’s recommendation. The City Council decides whether to adopt or reject the Hearing Examiner’s decision.

BTCC Membership

Wayne Bruning

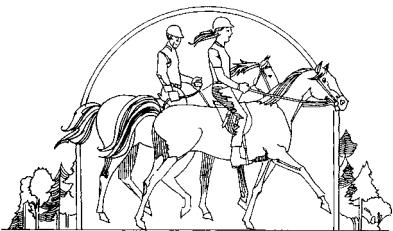
It’s time to renew your BTCC membership for 2017. BTCC is your neighborhood watchdog and advocate, helping preserve, protect and

promote our Bridle Trails Community.

Paid memberships are BTCC’s only source of income and your support means our volunteers will continue to work on projects that benefit the

community. Projects include working with CENSE to obtain unbiased energy need projection and prevent unneeded projects like PSE Energize Eastside and ensuring that land use and zoning protect and enhance our Bridle Trails Neighborhood.

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New BT Park on 140th Loretta Lopez

In December, a few members of the Park Committee attended the City Council budget meeting. Stuart Heath, Chair of the Parks Board, recommended that the Council allocate funds for the a park in the Newport Hills area and for the new park in Bridle Trails. Stuart set forth the Park Board's many reasons for funding completion of both parks.

The City Council declined to allocate funds for both parks. We will continue to explore opportunities for park funding. We are pleased that at least, the City has acquired the land for a park.

New Police Sector Captain Pamela Johnston



Captain Andrew Popochock (apopochock@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4347) has moved from Bellevue's South Sector to the North Sector.

The North sector captain is responsible for any issues taking place in Bridle Trails and is a direct contact for Bridle Trails residents so they have someone in the police department they can address questions and concerns to. A sincere thank-you for your responsive service goes out to Captain Marcia Harnden, who is moving to the South Sector.

BTCC Membership continued...

The membership renewal form is included with your newsletter. Please send with your payment.

Your Support is essential for a strong community voice. Thank you for renewing today!

2017 BTCC Membership Renewal

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