

- A. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Heidi Dean.
- B. Block Watch Information. The Club cannot start Block Watch groups but it can give the community the information it needs to start them. A good place to start is www.nextdoor.com to connect with neighbors in your immediate area to form a Block Watch group. See attached "Crime Prevention Tips" document. Also attached is an example of a Block Watch signup sheet that can be distributed to members once information is gathered and finalized.
- C. PSE "Energize Eastside" Project. See attached notes from Don Miller from Lake Lanes regarding issues his neighborhood have been discussing. The Lake Lanes area is made up of homes running along Lake Washington from Newcastle Beach Park to the Seahawks training facility. Also visit www.energizeeastside.com. Several Eastside neighborhood leaders are serving on a Citizen's Advisory Group comprised of multiple types of entities and stakeholders to decide where the new above ground power line should go. The CAG is split into several sub-areas: North (Kirkland/Redmond); Central (Bellevue); South (Newcastle/Renton). Representing the Central sub-area's south end neighborhoods, which includes Newport Hills, is Somerset, with Lake Lanes serving as an alternate. Heidi encouraged everyone to contact local politicians to push for burying the new power lines. See attached list of officials. Central sub-area meetings will be held at the Hilton Bellevue on March 26 and April 23 from 6:30-9PM. Heidi also asked for volunteers to attend the meetings as she cannot attend them all.
- Observations about the discussion. Not everyone agreed there is a need to ask PSE to bury the power lines but the general consensus was that residents require:
 - Concrete data on the costs of underground vs. above ground lines.
 - Environmental impacts of the project.
 - Answers about how PSE might distribute the increased cost of undergrounding some (or all) of the line.
 - Information about EMF above ground vs. underground, cost and difficulties related to repairing underground lines.
 - Pipeline trail improvements that PSE could/would do for Newport Hills should the M line come through our community.
 - All the information available on the costs and effects of this project before accepting what PSE and the Citizens Advisory Group decide about the route.
- D. Executive Board Reports:
 - President: Heidi Dean.
 - Oscars Party recap. This was the second year for this fun event. The Mustard Seed Manager, Ken, designed special food and drinks menu and did a great job of decorating in a Oscars theme. Twenty people attended.
 - Urban Boulevard/Art Project. The Urban Boulevard Project is delayed but the easement paperwork for the church property is in the works. There will be new landscaping in front of the Newport Hills Community Church, the Shopping Center sign and Cloud 9 Burgers. Art and new bus shelters will be installed by July.
 - Better Together neighborhood training and Planning Commission presentation. NHCC has been invited by the City to help other communities get organized into clubs or associations. Planning Commission: Michelle Hilhorst (past NHCC president) is serving on this board. Heidi presented to the Planning Commission on January 8 about the neighborhood perspective regarding third places/gathering spaces as part of the upcoming COB Comprehensive Plan update.
 - Spring Egg Hunt This will be held on April 19 and volunteers are needed, teens and adults. Contact Heidi if interested.

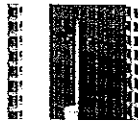
- Fourth of July Picnic and Parade—Volunteers needed or the event will be cancelled. If you are interested in helping, contact Heidi by April 15.
- Tyler Park Property: A survey presenting two options for short-term property improvement was conducted and the results and comments will be assembled and shared with the City of Bellevue. Over 200 responses were received.
- Community Police Academy, City of Bellevue. This is a twelve week course offered Wednesday nights to better understand what police do. Applications are being accepted March 5-21.
[http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/pdf/Police/Community_Academy_brochure_2013\(2\).pdf](http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/pdf/Police/Community_Academy_brochure_2013(2).pdf).
- Co-Vice President: Sean Bentley, not present.
- Co-Vice President: Gretchen Anders, not present.
- Secretary: Debra Haraldson. Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept the January minutes as distributed to the Board via email.
- Treasurer: Xu Li. Financial report.

<u>Income</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
Dues:	\$70.00	B of A CD:	\$3664.61
Donations and Other:	\$50.00	B of A Checking:	\$5578.55
Newsletter Ads:	\$220.00		

E. Committee Reports

- Membership: A Chair is needed.
- Newsletter and website: Debra Haraldson—The Spring newsletter will be in mailboxes late next week.
- Public Safety: Jason Leach, no report.
- Shopping Center
 - Café Pace is no longer serving breakfast. During a random inspection by the Health Department, Marianne Pace mentioned she was serving breakfast but she was told she lacked the county and city permits. That also
 - The Spring newsletter lists a speaker series at the Café. There is also potential for live entertainment at the Café. Ted Yellman recently performed.
 - New tenants will be moving into two-thirds of the Red Apple space. There will be more information to come when the new tenant is ready to identify itself to the community.
 - The BSD is taking back the school building which houses the Lake Heights YMCA program. They will be moving out by August and have expressed interest in relocating in the Bank of America building. There is no news about whether that will happen.
- Adjournment.

Crime Prevention Tips



Neighborhood watch basics

Benefits of a neighborhood watch

- Get to know your neighbors
- Decrease crime in your neighborhood by immediately reporting suspicious behavior
- Awareness of crime in your neighborhood

How to start a neighborhood watch

- Contact Detective Richard Chinn at 425-452-6915 or rchinn@bellevuea.gov, to schedule a community meeting. These meetings are usually scheduled on week-day evenings. The purpose of these meetings is to get everyone on the same page and to answer questions or concerns.
- Get help. Ask another neighbor to help with the planning and management of the neighborhood watch.
- Determine the geographical boundaries of your neighborhood watch. This could be a cul-de-sac, an area that has street boundaries, or whatever you feel comfortable with.
- Determine a meeting date, time, and location with your neighbors. Meetings within the neighborhood are convenient and usually better attended. Schedule the meetings in the evenings when most of your neighbors are home from work.
- Determine who will be your "block captain." This person will keep the neighborhood contact list current and will act as the primary contact for police department information emails. Additional neighbors can act as default contacts if desired.
- Try to go door to door and talk to your neighbors about your crime and your community. If your neighborhood watch group is too big for door to door meetings consider posting a general invitation at the mailbox cluster, or delivering an invitation at your neighbor's front door. Invitations should include reasons for neighborhood watch.
- A big part of the block watch program is to facilitate neighbors meeting each other and get to know one another.
- Meetings should cover the mission of neighborhood watch, how to protect your home and possessions and reinforcing the idea that communication is key to a successful program.
- Email distributions lists are the most common vehicle for communication with neighborhood watch members. It would be the responsibility of the neighborhood watch captain to deliver alert information to those without email accounts using phone trees or other methods.
- Once started the neighborhood watch can partner with the Bellevue Fire Department for emergency preparedness.
- Get to know your neighbors and take note of anything unusual!

Detective Richard Chinn/ 425-452-6915/ rchinn@bellevuewa.gov

From Don Miller, Lake Lanes resident:

Friends: This week I reached out to Senator Litzow and Reps Senn and Clibborn. I wanted to "provide feedback" on the buzz we are hearing about their "tele-town hall." I confirmed they were caught a bit off guard by the reaction at their Town Hall and gave Kudos for scrambling to follow-up with the Tele Town Hall.

Key Points I made were:

- 1) People felt they were just repeating what PSE was saying and our concern is they are not hearing what their constituents are saying
- 2) This topic of undergrounding was a hot point since PSE told us they had not considered it yet Rep Senn was citing "6 times more expensive." This is fuel on the fire that we don't see this as a legitimate public process
- 3) We feel PSE has set up the process that has no win so they can just say "The citizens couldn't agree so we have to make the choice."
- 4) We see no reason to put new infrastructure in existing neighborhoods
- 5) The possibility of putting a new line in the Seattle Power right-of-way is another area PSE is rejecting out of hand yet, you can see that Seattle Power has no problem renting out their towers for cell antennas
- 6) We can appreciate the concern to provide the power that fuels our economy but PSE is in the business to sell power so regardless of their route or a directive for undergrounding, they will sell the power.
- 7) We think our elected State officials should support our communities and stand up to this Canadian owned corporation to put pressure on them to consider the alternatives they are hearing

I concluded with "don't take my word for it, come to the sub-group meetings (3/27 & 4/24) and hear it direct from your constituents." I sent them all the flyer we put together and have been distributing - if you reach out please invite them to these meetings.

Who do I write to about the PSE "Energize Eastside" project?

Washington State Representatives – 41st District:

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