April/May 2009 Special Bear Creek Neighborhood Edition City of Redmond



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Citizen Academy begins May 12 at City Hall

As part of the Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan update, the City will kick-off a seven-session Citizen Academy on May 12 at City Hall. The Citizen Academy is an excellent opportunity to learn about local government operations.

All sessions are at City Hall, 15670 NE 85th St., from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. The schedule of topics follows, and is subject to change:

- 5/12: Comprehensive Planning, Growth Management, and Development Review
- 5/26: Natural Resources, Shorelines, and Environmentally Critical Areas
- 6/9: Utilities and Finance
- 6/23: Transportation
- 6/30: Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- 7/14: Parks and Recreation

• 7/28: Housing and Human Services

All who are interested in serving on the Bear Creek neighborhood Citizen Advisory Committee are asked to attend as many sessions as possible. Please help us plan for materials and seating: RSVP by the day prior to the session to Jeff Churchill at 425-556-2492 or jchurchill@redmond.gov.

Staying Informed

There are many ways to keep up to date with the Bear Creek neighborhood plan update:

- Neighborhood Web: http://www.redmond.gov/inthewo rks/BearCreek
- E-mail: send your e-mail address to jchurchill@redmond.gov; a list of neighborhood contacts is maintained throughout the entire process
- RCTV: major events are posted to Redmond's Cable Channel 21
- FOCUS and The Redmond Reporter: major events and updates are also published periodically
- Telephone: the neighborhood lead, Jeff Churchill, 425-556-2492

Join the Bear Creek Citizen Advisory Committee

As the Bear Creek
Neighborhood Plan update
proceeds, the City
encourages those who live,
own property or work in the
Bear Creek neighborhood
plan update area to apply
for a position on the Bear
Creek Citizen Advisory
Committee (CAC). The
application deadline is May
15, 2009. The CAC will
meet twice per month for
about one year, beginning
this fall.

Citizen Advisory
Committee members have
three primary
responsibilities. The first
is to communicate with
people who live, work or
own property in the
neighborhood about the

issues the CAC is considering, and to convey their comments and concerns to the rest of the CAC. The second is to represent people who may be affected by decisions made as part of updating the neighborhood plan and associated development regulations. The third is to develop consensus on recommended updates to the neighborhood plan within the context of Redmond's Comprehensive Plan.

The Mayor will appoint the CAC this summer, followed by confirmation by the City Council.

If you are interested in

serving your neighborhood in this capacity, please complete a Community Service Application at www.redmond.gov/insidecityhall/ boards/pdfs/communityserviceap plication.pdf and return it to the Mayor's office by May

For more information, visit www.redmond.gov/intheworks/bearcreek/meetinginfo.asp or contact Jeff Churchill at 425-556-2492 or jchurchill@redmond.gov.

See reverse for highlights from the April City
Services Fair, and for background information on the neighborhood plan update.

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CITIZEN ACADEMY BEGINS

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009

6:30PM - 8:30PM

AT REDMOND CITY HALL

April City Services Fair highlights

The Mayor kicked-off the Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan update at the April 13th City Services Fair. Twenty-two neighborhood stakeholders and City officials joined City staff for an evening of listening and learning.

Among the comments shared by stakeholders were that trail connections

and mitigating regional traffic impacts are high priorities.

City staff from several departments attended to share information of neighborhood interest. For example, staff updated those who attended on the East Redmond Corridor Master Plan (Parks), the Greater

Southeast Redmond Transportation Plan, and the upcoming Bear Creek Watershed Plan.

You can view posters presented at the City Services Fair as well as a summary of comments at www.redmond.gov/intheworks/bearcreek/meetinginfo.asp.

About the neighborhood plan update

The Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan update began in early 2009 and is expected to last two years.

The plan update is expected to result in a document that reflects the 20-year priorities of neighborhood stakeholders, describes important neighborhood goals and how to accomplish them, and indicates priorities for

improvements in City services and facilities. All of this is within the context of the City's Comprehensive Plan, which describes the community's vision of what Redmond should be like 20 years from now.

The existing Bear Creek neighborhood plan focuses on protecting natural resources, focusing future growth in the Avondale corridor,

providing utility services appropriate to development intensity, and providing opportunities for active and passive recreation in neighborhood parks.

Neighborhood stakeholders, the Citizen Advisory Committee, City staff, and City officials will examine the existing plan in preparing updates to guide changes over the next 20 years.

