

## *Citizens Planning For the Future of Neighborhoods Together*

### **Progress Update – December 2012**

Planning staff work in partnership with people in each of Redmond’s 10 neighborhood planning areas to identify long-term issues, short-term needs, opportunities for change, and features for preservation. Community members from many areas of the city are taking part in these efforts by attending meetings, completing online surveys, and staying in touch through Facebook pages. Communication takes place via mail, e-mail, RCTV, the *Redmond Reporter* and *Redmond Patch*, the City’s website, Facebook pages, digital neighborhood newsletters, and the *Focus* site.

The table below describes the type of actions taken since the last update, as well as specific progress made within each category.

<b>Neighborhood/Action</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Redmond’s Neighborhood Network	Staff is preparing for the 2013 Neighborhood Network series. The focus for the 2013 series will include a partnership with the Redmond Police Department to provide a Redmond Ready workshop and opportunity for neighborhood-based discussions concerning ideas, concerns, and timeliness of the respective neighborhood plans.
Neighborhood Matching Grant and Spotlight Fund	Staff is continuing to promote the program, respond to inquiries and to coordinate grant awards.  In April, the Woodbridge neighborhood received a matching fund grant to provide swings in an existing play area. The Stratford Village neighborhood received a grant for the restoration of a one-acre wooded area that contains a seasonal creek. The work involved removal of invasive plants, creation of a trail using natural materials and location of a bench for neighborhood residents and community members to enjoy the area. Currently, a grant to improve the large landscape island for the 183rd Court neighborhood on Education Hill is being reviewed with anticipated City Council approval in January, 2013.
Redmond’s Citizen Academy	Staff plans to promote the Redmond Citizen Academy during the 2013 Neighborhood Network. This series will be provided in its entirety during March – May 2013.
Southeast Redmond Neighborhood Plan Update	The Southeast Redmond Neighborhood Plan update is underway, with final adoption expected in 2014. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff conducted a Planner in the Park series as well as a neighborhood questionnaire as a “soft launch” to the project in summer 2012.</li> <li>• Three kick-off events held in November and December 2012 to formally launch the update.</li> <li>• Citizen Advisory Committee to be appointed by Mayor and Council in early 2013.</li> </ul>