



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
FEBRUARY 2011**

WABA BOARD	7:00pm	Thursday	February 3 rd	Ryals
TOWN COUNCIL	7:00pm	Tuesday	February 8 th	Eulau
PLANNING COMMISSION/PH	7:00pm	Thursday	February 17 th	Stratton

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IN MEMORIAM: Previous villager, **Jim Turner**, died suddenly, earlier this month; he was 82. Jim and Joyce Turner lived in the village for 40 years (1963 to 2003) where the Kendall house now stands, and loved their time here. The Turners raised their three children here. Jim served first as Beach Master, then on WABA, the Council and as Mayor - where his only disappointment was that he could not talk all the villagers into underground wiring. He was proud of the sidewalks, and recently admired the new road signs. He was proud to win the "Mayors Bike Race" in Redmond and loved BARF. Jim was active in the College Club, the Seattle Bar, and the Washington State Bar Association. Jim also wrote and published a mystery novel at age 80, and he loved skiing. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the Turner family; Jim is survived by his wife Joyce, sons Mark and Brian, daughter Diane, and their families.

COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the January 11, 2011 meeting, the Council:

- Passed Ordinance No. 380 amending the Town's 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan to update the estimated cost of improvements to the 108th Ave SE right of way. The update was needed to satisfy a requirement of the WSTIB grant that will pay for 95% of this project.
- Held a public hearing on a proposed ordinance creating the office of Hearing Examiner (to replace the current Board of Adjustment). The Council learned that this legislation cannot be enacted until all other ordinances (e.g. the Town's Zoning Code) that refer to the Board of Adjustment are also amended and ready to enact. The Council has asked the Planning Commission to prepare these amendments, hold the required public hearing for them, and forward their recommendations to the Council by late February, if possible, so that the Council can take action at a public hearing in March.
- Adopted Resolution No. 267 authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Code Publishing to provide legal publishing services to the Town. This work will result in a Beaux Arts Village Municipal Code, which will make reviewing and understanding the Town's active ordinances easier for everyone.
- Discussed the current status of Sound Transit's plans to bring light rail to the Eastside, including how to influence final design decisions, how to mitigate the effects of construction and increased traffic through the neighborhood, and how to help resident stay informed about the project. Councilmember Leber will continue his active review of and involvement in this project and will begin placing notices in this bulletin with information that may be important

to residents. Residents can continue to learn about East Link developments by visiting <http://projects.soundtransit.org/Projects-Home/East-Link-Project.xml>.

- Continued discussions about the Town's Tree Ordinance. The Council feels that many of the so-called ambiguities in this ordinance are really attempts to keep the ordinance flexible and responsive to the wide range of situations regarding trees that are found in Beaux Arts. It also feels that this flexibility was fully intended by the Tree Committee that worked so hard to produce the ordinance, so they would like to preserve that flexibility, if possible. The Council has decided to hire a new Town Arborist who can work with this flexibility and who recognizes that the Town and its residents seek to find a balance between the needs of trees on private property and the desires of the people who own that property to make reasonable use of it. This project will be on hold until the new arborist has an opportunity to work with the ordinance as currently written – approximately 5 to 6 months.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday, February 8, 2011** at Steve Eulau's residence.

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY: The Planning Commission has one vacant position to fill; if you are interested in serving, please see Mayor Leider.

REMINDER: TOLLING ON SR-520: Villagers, please note. Automated tolling begins this spring on the SR-520 Floating Bridge – there will be no toll booths. The Washington State Transportation Commission is considering setting different tolling rates for automobiles that have *Good To Go* transponders and/or accounts on file versus those that use the bridge without making previous arrangements to pay the toll. By some accounts, the difference may be as much as \$10 for bridge users who do not have a *Good To Go* transponder. For more information, please visit: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/goodtogo/>.

METRO BUS CHANGES: You may have received a green flyer recently in the mail from King County Metro about proposed changes to bus routes here. Metro has revised the proposed routing of the 249 through the village that will potentially replace the existing 222 service. For those who use transit in the village, you are encouraged to visit Metro's site and make comments at: <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/up/projects/Bell-RedConnections.html#introduction>. You can click on the "Introduction" and "Route Descriptions & Maps" tabs for more information and then on the "Questionnaire" tab to comment on the proposed changes. An Open House was held on Wednesday, January 26th at Bellevue City Hall. The comment period deadline is February 4th.

WILDLIFE: Coyotes and raccoons still abound, are looking for food, generally are shy of people and usually come out at night - but they are getting bolder by being out during the day and getting closer to homes. Please continue to be aware, keep your pet food inside, and watch out for your pets and children. The Fish & Wildlife website is a good resource about living with coyotes at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/living/coyotes.html> or raccoons at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/living/raccoons.html>.

NEXT WABA BOARD MEETING: The next meeting of the Western Academy of Beaux Arts Board of Trustees will be held at **7:00pm on Thursday, February 3, 2011** at Becky Ryals' residence.

WINTER DINNER 2011: Thank you to Trustee Becky Ryals, WABA Clerk Kristin Mange, and newcomer Janet Griswold that volunteered their time to coordinate and manage the 2011 annual Winter Dinner. Thank you also to Sharron Van Wyk and Kris Young for their assistance at the event checking everyone in, and thank you to Carolyn Wyman for entertaining us with your beautiful violin! This year's annual meeting and dinner was held at Glendale Country Club on January 29, 2011, with about 80 members in attendance. The 2011 budget was passed after a counted vote, and the new trustees were voted in. Congratulations Steve Miller and Paula Dix on becoming our newest WABA Trustees! Steve and Paula will replace outgoing trustees Andy Stefan and Leslie Leber. Thank you, Andy and Leslie for all your hard work and your service as WABA trustees! We also had a fun game of village trivia, a delightful slideshow, and five themed baskets raffled off. Thank you to the basket donors: The Ryals', Molbak's, Harpster's, Mange's, Griswold's, Clemett's and the basket winners: The Scott's, Gillem's, Morse-Christoffersen's, Miller-Cowan's, and the Crerand's.

CENTENNIAL HOMES: The History Committee has been working on having plaques made for each home as it hits its 100 year mark. We have a few homes that have already past it mentioned last year, and an additional five were noted at the Winter Dinner to join that distinction in 2011. This year's additions includes homeowners Ken and Becky Ryals, Don Durr, Ann Boynton (who's planning a party this year to mark the event), Peggie Bates (whose needs to be confirmed), and the Fulton's "Ditty" house that is currently on the market. Thanks, Julia, for all your hard work on the plaques! As soon as the plaques are finished, Julia and Angela will make appointments to present them to all the current homeowners that now have "Centennial" homes.

VILLAGE PLATE: The History Committee has learned that Lynn Hall and Bron Richards began a tradition several years ago with a "village plate" that passed between villagers as gesture of goodwill. The "cherry" plate with wording on the back was recently rediscovered; Angela and Julia will restart the tradition as announced at the Winter Dinner. We hope many villagers will have an opportunity to "pay it forward" by keeping the plate moving with goodies of your choice when an expression of "welcome", "thank you", "thinking of you" or "get well soon" is needed. The only rules: keep it moving, and keep it in the village. Thank you!

BEACHMASTER REPORT: Thank you to Chandler & Karey Sharp, and Ethan & Eric Ayrault for splitting and stacking wood in the north and mid beach areas to replenish our supply! Villagers using the fire-pits throughout the year will be most appreciative to find the wood when they need it. – Beach Master Forrest Kulp

DOCKMASTER REPORT: By now you should have received your 2011 moorage invoice. Please be sure to send in your payment February 28th to avoid late fees or reassignment of your slip. While there continues to be a wait list for year-round water-ski size slips, there are several vacant slips in the marina. There are 30 foot, 40 foot, and seasonal slips available. In addition, there are vacant spaces on the platform and racks for smaller vessels. Please think ahead to the summer boating season and let me know if you are interested in a slip. – Dock Master Bernard van de Kamp

HISTORY COMMITTEE: The Beaux Arts History Committee is looking for an additional member to assist with managing the off-site WABA archives and scrapbooks. If you are interested, please see Julia Morse or Angela Kulp. You can assist the History Committee by submitting newspaper articles, photos, etc. about current and previous villagers, or homes, village events, and the like to Julia or Angela when you run across something of interest.

TOWN BUILDING NEWS- All required permits were issued in January by the Beaux Arts Building Department for:
2720 – 107th Ave. SE Mechanical

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens if you have questions about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns.
Email: townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov
Phone: (425) 454-8580
Mail: 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp if you have questions about the building department, permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment.
Email: bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov
Phone: (425) 269-6985
Mail: 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- To report Block watch concerns, contact:
Town Marshal Walter Scott: (425) 454-2573
Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster: (425) 746-0757