



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

WABA BOARD MTG. 7:00pm Thursday November 3rd Burlingame
TOWN COUNCIL MTG. 7:00pm Tuesday November 8th PH Leber
PLANNING COMMISSION 7:00pm Thursday November 17th PH TBD

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TOWN MARSHAL REPORT: In light of a recent crime wave in Enatai, Tom Ovens (a 20 year veteran with the Seattle Police department and Enatai resident) has passed on these crime fighting tips:

1. If you think someone is suspicious and casing your house or "stalking" your house or you, please call 911. They will gladly take your information and if appropriate dispatch officers to your neighborhood. If it is suspicious to you, it will likely be suspicious to the trained police officer. Be a good witness; they need witnesses to help them fight crime, not victims or anonymous callers.
2. Do not leave anything in your car that you do not want stolen. Things of value in view invite theft.
3. Do not leave your garage door open overnight or when you are not using it. To do so invites theft.
4. Keep the perimeter of your house well lit.
5. When you leave town, have someone, pick up your mail, and newspapers. Take care of your lawn and check on your house periodically. All of these things discourage burglaries.
6. Be careful about who you hire to work on your house. If they are not licensed, bonded and insured, there is a reason.
7. All solicitors should have readily available and visible ID. If you have any problems, tell them to leave and call 911.
8. Lock your doors!
9. Be aware of your surroundings, and take notice of things out of place.
10. Trust your gut; if it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. Take action to make yourself safe and call 911 if you think a crime is about to happen or is happening. Remember, the police cannot help to keep us safe if they don't know there is a problem!

CHICKENS? YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED! The Council is considering changes to the Beaux Arts Animal Control code that would allow residents to keep a limited number of chickens on their property. To give this issue the due diligence it requires, they need your input in the form of comments, suggestions, concerns, questions, etc. They also want to know if other changes should also be considered, such as allowing beekeeping. Please forward your comments to Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens either by email at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov, in writing via the Town mailbox, or by phone at 425.454.8580. **YOUR INPUT IS A VITAL PART OF THIS DISCUSSION!**

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

- Reviewed the progress of the 108th Ave SE Improvements project. Work began in late September and should be complete by the end of October, weather permitting.

- Completed its review of a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit application submitted by WABA to make improvements to the shoreline of the beach property. Included in the plan are proposals to remove existing rock bulkhead with gravel beach covers and near-shore plantings. After hearing and considering all comments made during the September and October Council meetings, the Council approved WABA's request with conditions.
- Reviewed a Preliminary Budget for 2012. This was the Council's first of two public hearings regarding the budget and property-tax levy. A second public hearing will be held during the Council's next regular meeting on November 8, 2011. The final budget will be adopted December 13, 2011.
- Continued discussion about possible changes to the Town's Animal Control regulations that would allow residents to keep chickens. The Council decided that this issue needs widespread participation by residents in the Town. (See notice requesting input above.)
- Continued discussion of a proposed Interlocal Agreement with King County for providing road maintenance services. The proposed agreement would allow the Town to partner with King County for performing road maintenance when it is cost effective to do so.
- Reviewed the latest version of a Proposed Commercial ROW Use Ordinance. The Council has passed this ordinance pending the completion of the Town Attorney's review for conflicts with existing regulations. The Council expects to complete its review of this legislation and adopt it by the end of 2011.
- Heard that the draft Beaux Arts Village Municipal Code (BAVMC) may be ready to adopt as early as November. The Municipal Code comprises a reorganization of the ordinances currently in force in the Town and presents these regulations in a form that is more user-friendly. Once adopted, a link to a full version of the BAVMC will be added to the Town's website, providing access to all of the regulations in the Town in a searchable format.
- Learned from Councilmember Hillberg that the Town's Fall Clean Up will be held on November 5th.
- Learned from Mayor Leider that the project to renovate a portion of the maintenance shed for records storage is nearly complete. Town files have been moved to the shed. A big THANK YOU to Mary Spens for allowing the Town to use space in her garage to store these files for the past 8 yrs!
- Learned from Mayor Leider that the new fire contract is in final review with the Bellevue City Council and will likely be ready for Beaux Arts Council action in November.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday, November 8, 2011** at Matt Leber's house.

DISHWASHER HELP! Water Department Supervisor Bob Durr is seeking any information from residents on how they deal with the inevitable build up of minerals, film, etc. in dishwashers and on dishes. If you have a trick or additive, e.g. TANG, that you have found useful, please send your suggestions to Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov so she can summarize everything and forward it to Bob.

FALL TOWN CLEANUP: This year's fall cleanup will be **Saturday, November 5th**. As usual, the heart of the cleanup is Saturday from **9am to Noon**, but the dumpsters will be available from Friday afternoon through Monday morning. So no time is a bad time to clear the property next to your street, help re-expose signs, and beautify paths. There's plenty of beauty, fun, conversation, donuts, and coffee to be had! And if you're a student looking for community service hours, this is the perfect opportunity. If you have questions, or would like to help organize a special project, please contact Mike Hillberg.

108th LANDSCAPED PATH PROJECT: Residents who have driven or walked by the project site will have noticed that path construction is complete. Plantings were installed during the week of October 24th, and the entire project is now complete. Bellevue's work along their portion of 108th Ave SE is scheduled for completion by the end of the year. See Tom Stowe for any questions you may have on the Beaux Arts' project; the construction plans are also still posted on the Town's website at: http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/pdf_files/100%20Percent%20Plans%208-3-11.pdf.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Beaux Arts is in the midst of a state-mandated update of our Shoreline Master Program. The Planning Commission will hold its first public hearing on the Draft Shoreline Master Program on November 17, 2011, 7:00pm, at a location to be determined and posted soon. The draft is now updated and posted to the Town's website (http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/whats_new.htm) for your review. If after viewing any of the draft documents, you wish to comment on one or more of them, you may offer your comments during the public hearing or submit them in writing *at least 24 hours prior* to the hearing to Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp at blgddept@beauxarts-wa.gov. It will still take some time for new regulations to take effect, and must be approved by the DOE as well as our Council. The DOE now has many new shoreline requirements that are not included in the current regulations, which were developed almost 40 years ago. In the meantime, current regulations in effect can be found on the Town's website, for:

Ordinance 89 http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/pdf_files/Ords/ord089_shoreline.pdf and
Ordinance 100 http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/pdf_files/Ords/ord100_shoreline.pdf.

RECENT CHANGES TO BALD EAGLE MANAGEMENT PLANNING: The Fish and Wildlife Commission, which sets rules and policies for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), recently amended the Bald Eagle protection rules. The result of the rule change is that state Bald Eagle Management Plans are no longer required unless Bald Eagles are listed as Threatened or Endangered in Washington State. No longer will WDFW be asking local governments to require a state Bald Eagle plan prior to issuing local permits. However, there are other federal or local rules that still apply. See page 3 for more details at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/01183/wdfw01183.pdf>. Regardless of what amendments are taking place now, remember it is the property owner's responsibility to always check with Fish and Wildlife on their current requirements for any tree cutting or removal in a bald eagle management zone, of which Beaux Arts has two protected nests.

IN MEMORIAM: Former villager Willard D. Bevens passed away in October; he was 90 years old. Will was a UW graduate, naval aviator during WWII, and a banker. Will, a native north-westerner, raised his family in the village where the Jochums' house is now, moving here in 1949. His daughter Ann Peterson followed suit from 1993 until 2006. Our sympathies go out to Will's family, especially daughters Ann and Jane.

WABA BOARD MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Western Academy Board of Trustees will be held at **7:00pm on Thursday, November 3, 2011** at the Burlingame residence. Please check the mail box stands for the meeting agenda which includes guest membership beach assessments. Members are encouraged to share their opinions on this topic at that meeting or in writing to WABA Clerk Kristin.

WABA BUDGET: Please consider attending an upcoming WABA meeting to give your input on the WABA budget. A Finance Committee has been formed to include so far: Bill Armbruster, Bob Durr, Elizabeth Westburg, Jan Johnston, Jeff Kendall, Poe Fratt and Tim McGrath. Thank you, volunteers! See WABA Clerk Kristin Mange for more details.

WABA SHORELINE RESTORATION: The Council granted the recent substantial shoreline development permit, and implementation is now underway for *phase one* with grant funding. See Joann Bromberg or any of the Shoreline Committee members for more details.

VILLAGE FLOWER BASKETS: Every spring and summer there is an addition to our village that reminds us what a special place we live in. The flower baskets that hang in the major intersections bring that extra touch of sunshine to our daily walk, or drive into and out of the village. I want to send a special thanks to the Molbak's for providing the flowers, dirt, and fertilizer making this ray of sunshine possible! Thanks to the Harpster and Molbak kids that gently :) planted the baskets and a HUGE thank you to those that tirelessly water, fertilize and care for the baskets throughout the spring and summer. On those hot days that can mean frequent watering!

Ann Boynton	The Hickeys	Del and Helen Lewis	Holly Kemp
The McGrath Family	Paula Dix	The Jochum Family	The Bray Family
The Smallman's	The Nassisi Family		

If anyone wants to adopt a basket for next year, I am taking volunteers! The baskets go up in April or May depending on the weather. - Bo Harpster

BEACH MASTER REPORT: I am disappointed to report the swim dock did not get the piling repairs I scheduled for this year. Due to the very long nature of the permit process through government agencies, our contractor's overbooked fall schedule, and the narrow in-water work window, we must now wait until next July to repair WABA's pilings, even though this permit did get issued. We will have only until the end of next September for repair completion, due to salmon regulations. Thanks to Dock Master Bernard for supervising the permitting throughout the last years. While the swim dock is enjoyed by all ages, all the WABA docks require much more planning and patience to repair than ever before. I have requested the unfinished 2011 WABA swim dock repairs be earmarked as a 2012 reserve. Finally, thanks to everyone, for keeping the beach looking great. I would like to also thank my assistants, Owen Hauck and Karey Sharp. - Forrest Kulp

DOCKMASTER REPORT: If you've been down to the northern docks lately, then you're already aware that 2011 dock repairs have begun. Work will continue through November as structural components of the C and D dock are repaired and, later the A-dock C-15 float will be replaced. Please stay off the docks as much as you can while work is underway. The contractor is doing his best to put things back together temporarily at the end of each day, but it is best to stay out of the construction area. Meanwhile, 2012 dock budgeting is underway. The goal is to replace the B-dock C-15 float, if funds allow for it. -Bernard van de Kamp

WOODLANDS REPORT: The annual woodlands tree maintenance and replacement planting will take place soon. We will be removing several mature trees. Their locations are posted on the mailbox stands. The potential replacement trees were positioned by the committee and are marked by stakes with orange ribbon. You probably noticed the Sweet gum tree by the north fire pit had serious storm damage. Their future is limited. In agreement with the Beach Master, we will plant the replacement "shade trees" now and remove the Sweet gums when the new trees can take over as mature shade trees.

As you may have heard, we have a serious issue with vandals killing and chopping down the trees we planted over the past five years. The trees are marked with an orange flag if you are interested in viewing the scope of the destruction. This is quite disheartening to those who care about the woodlands. The WABA Board has approved a special mitigation replacement of two trees for any tree which dies under suspicious circumstances. The hope here is that if someone knows who is doing this they may be able to encourage better behavior by the culprit. I encourage everyone to keep their eyes and ears open

to help stop this senseless destruction. This year we will be replacing the lost trees with new larger trees and if the destruction continues, we will begin to replace them on a 2-for-1 basis.

Again, there is evidence of fires being set in the woodlands. Please have a talk with your teens regarding this behavior. Remember that no one is permitted in the WABA property after hours unless accompanied by a member (property owner); kids are not members of WABA. – Sheila Justus

COOKIE EXCHANGE COORDINATOR: Women's Holiday Social and Cookie Exchange will be held **Monday, December 12th at Terry Dempster's home.** A *coordinator is still needed* to get the word out to the women of the village, and organize the exchange of cookies on the night of the event. It's easy and fun! Contact Leslie Leber to pick up the files and instructions: (206) 612-3680.

CHRISTMAS SHIPS: Save the date! The Ships are coming **Saturday, December 3rd**, from 8:45pm to 9:05pm. See WABA Clerk Kristin Mange or Trustee Becky Ryals for more details or if you can help!

WINTER DINNER: Planning for the Winter Dinner has begun! If you're interested in helping the committee, please contact Becky Ryals or Kristin Mange our WABA Clerk at wabaclerk@gmail.com. Photos are also being sought for the slideshow. If you have any, please send to Janet Griswold.

LOGGING INTO WABA WEBSITE: To log into the WABA website (www.waba1908.com), please follow these instructions: In order to access the 'Member Resources' section of the WABA website your email address must be on file with the WABA Clerk. Your email address is your username and you can set your own password. If you have forgotten your password or do not have one yet, click on the 'forgot password' link and a temporary password will be emailed to you. There is lots of information in this section! If you have trouble logging in, please contact wabaclerk@gmail.com.

TOWN BUILDING NEWS- No permits were issued in October by the Beaux Arts Building Dept.

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 or submissions for this newsletter, building department, permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Hearing Examiner.

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