



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
FEBRUARY 2012**

WABA BOARD MTG. 7:00pm Thursday February 9th Burlingame
TOWN COUNCIL MTG. 7:00pm Tuesday February 14th Stowe
PLANNING COMMISSION 7:00pm Thursday February 16th Johnston

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Town Council: council@beauxarts-wa.gov

COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the January 10, 2012 meeting, the Council:

- Began discussing various options for calming traffic and reducing speeding throughout the Village.
- Adopted Resolution No. 276 extending the Town's contract with Kolke Consulting for building official services. The Council remains pleased with the performance and cost-effectiveness of Ms. Kolke's staff in handling this important safety task.
- Adopted Resolution No. 277 amending the Town's Fees Resolution to include information about new Fire-Marshall-Review fees that the Bellevue Fire Department will begin charging as of February 1, 2012. These fees will impact residents seeking building permits for new construction or major remodeling.
- Discussed possible changes to the Town's Animal Control Code based on feedback from residents. The Council received 13 responses to its request for input from residents, representing 11% of households in the Village.
 - Eleven were in favor of allowing chickens (not roosters) in varying degrees. Most contained brief comments supporting the concept in general, though some respondents asked for additional conditions, including limiting the number of animals, controlling the size and location of coops, keeping animals on the owner's property, etc. Two were strongly in favor of amending the code to allow chickens, bees, etc. with controls.
 - Two were strongly against allowing chickens for reasons of smell, noise, the attraction of predators, particularly coyotes, and the increase in pests, e.g. rodents.

In addition to sharing concerns about the potential negative impacts, the Council has serious reservations about how the Town, given the small size of our staff, would handle enforcement and resolve complaints equitably while trying to provide equal protection to our residents. In addition, the Council is mindful that the process of amending ordinances such as this can be expensive and time-consuming. In conclusion, the Council recognizes that there is some support for this change, but they are not sure the level of community concern is compelling enough to proceed further at this time. Residents who strongly support changing the code to allow chickens, bees, etc. are encouraged to come to a Council meeting and share their opinions.

- Began a discussion of the current areas of responsibility for each Councilmember and Council goals for 2012.

REMINDER – YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED REGARDING SPEEDING: As noted above, the Council recently began discussing various options for calming traffic and reducing speeding throughout the Village. As part of that discussion, they identified several areas of concern:

- Are drivers regularly driving too fast for our narrow roads, particularly with limited sight distances in many places?
- Is the problem occurring throughout Town or are there a few "hotspots" that need particular attention?
- Does the Town need to install more speed humps? The Council feels that residents living in the vicinity of a location that may be proposed for a new speed hump should agree to the need for the installation.
- Do residents have other suggestions for achieving the best overall solution?

The Council wants to continue this discussion in the coming months, but they need your help. If you have any ideas to offer, suggestions to make, and/or comments about problem areas, the Council would love to hear your description of the specific problem (speeding by residents, other driving through the Village, etc.), its location, and any other related information that will help them with this discussion. Please submit your written input to Clerk-Treasurer Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov no later than February 29, 2012.

THANK YOU TO SYLVIA HOBBS: The long-standing tradition of posting family name signs on posts throughout the Village is one of the unique characteristics of the Village and adds to its small-town feeling. We've seen a lot of Village homes sell over the last couple of years, and during the turnover, many of the name signs throughout the Village were for families who had moved. Sylvia Hobbs, a long-time resident of the Village, recently volunteered to coordinate updating the various name signs by identifying those that are out-of-date and contacting newer residents who do not yet have a name sign to help them get their sign posted. The Council wishes to thank Mrs. Hobbs for tackling this important chore. One reminder to all Villagers: due to space restrictions on many of our posts, each household is limited to one name sign placed on the post of their choosing.

THANK YOU TO JULIA MORSE: The Council wishes to thank Julia Morse for her help in coordinating the design and installation of plantings around the storm outfall at the end of 102nd Ave SE. A portion of this project was paid for with funding from the King Conservation District. Ms. Morse' help with this project allowed the Town to get the project completed in time to satisfy the KCD grant.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday, February 14, 2012** at Tom Stowe's house.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER NEEDED: The Town's Planning Commission is looking to fill a vacancy as soon as possible. Interested residents may contact Mayor Leider.

WE'RE SURROUNDED: Here's a fun link with a fun reference to the Village: <http://realestate.msn.com/-weve-got-you-surrounded-cities-within-cities> (Thanks to Resident Tim McGrath and Planner Green for forwarding this!)

FREE WOOD-DEBRIS RECYCLING for King County residents will be available on Jan. 28-29, and again on Feb. 4-5 at four locations:

- The Shoreline, Enumclaw and Cedar Falls solid waste facilities. For directions and hours, visit <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/index.asp>.
- At Kent's Russell Road Park, 24400 Russell Rd., Kent. Clean wood debris will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The collection sites and events are exclusively for wood debris from the recent storms. Stumps, logs and limbs no longer than six feet in length are allowed – no brush, leaves, grass clippings, sod or soil can be accepted. These events are open to all King County residents. People bringing wood debris are reminded to secure their loads.

King County Solid Waste reminds residents they have several additional storm debris disposal options available, including curbside recycling (yard waste cart) and commercial recycling companies that charge a fee for their service (but may prove to be more convenient for some residents).

Storm debris disposal information is available online at

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/index.asp>, or by calling the recycling hotline at 206-296-4466 or 1-800-325-6165 ext. 64466.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING AT TRANSFER CENTERS: Beginning February 1, 2012, King County is eliminating the collection of standard curbside recyclables at the Cedar Falls, Enumclaw, Houghton, Renton, and Shoreline transfer stations. These include: glass bottles and jars, tin and aluminum cans, plastic bottles, mixed paper, newspaper, and cardboard. Providing this service at the transfer stations cost solid waste rate payers \$400,000 each year. Collecting these materials at the transfer stations is duplicating a service that is available to 99 percent of King County residents through their curbside garbage collection which includes, at no extra cost, the collection of recyclables. Extra material that does not fit in your bin can be placed curbside in clearly marked containers, also at no extra cost. By subscribing to curbside collection you are also helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing individual trips to the transfer stations. Thank you for doing your part. For more information see <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste>.

DISHWASHER HELP: Resident Linda Mui has found a solution for dishwasher stains that may help you as well. She found the *Cascade Complete* action pacs worked best (not to be confused with the Cascade Shine Shield Formula action pacs that they sell at the Kirkland Costco). She also started using *Lemi Shine* (for hard water) at the same time and she says her dishes are looking much better! Thanks, Linda, for this tip!

IN MEMORIAM: George "Barlow" Day died December 2, 2011 at 81 years of age. He was predeceased by his daughter, Julie and is survived by his wife, Gracie, son James and daughter Penny. Barlow was born in Seattle, attended Stadium high school in Tacoma, where he met his wife to be, and best friend, at 16 years of age. He served in the Coast Guard and later attended UW, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. Barlow worked as an engineer at Boeing for 30 years, travelling the world. They purchased their home in Beaux Arts in 1962 where Gracie still resides. He and Gracie were married 60 years, and in addition to being a loving husband and father, Barlow will be fondly remembered for his goodness, his unselfish nature and his endearing sense of humor. Our deepest sympathies go out to Barlow's family and friends.

WABA BOARD MEETING: WABA Board meetings are usually held the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting has been rescheduled to **Thursday, February 9, 2012, 7:00pm** at the Burlingame's.

DOCKMASTER REPORT: Work is now complete on the replacement float for the C-15's on the A dock and all other 2011 dock repairs. I am in the process of planning 2012 repairs, which will focus on replacement of the C-15 float on the B dock. There are a number of seasonal and shallow slips available, suitable for smaller boats, and a few platform and rack spaces available for kayaks and canoes. Please let me know if you are interested in one of these spots. All boaters have now received their 2012 moorage invoices; payment is due by February 29th. Late fees will apply to those who do not

pay on time. If any of you plan to vacate your slips this year please let me know as soon as possible so that I can work with other villagers who are on the wait list for a slip. - Dockmaster van de Kamp

WINTER DINNER: The Winter Dinner is **Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Maggiano's** restaurant in Bellevue. The social hour begins at 6pm, the business meeting at 7pm, followed by dinner. Invitations and meeting details have been mailed; see WABA Clerk Kristin Mange with any questions. It's not too late to RSVP to the Winter Dinner. If you can attend, please put your check in the WABA mailbox (10010 SE 28th PL). Raffle tickets are \$1 if you purchase them in advance, \$2 at the Dinner. You do not need to be in attendance to win, you can have a neighbor, Board member, or the WABA clerk can pick them up at the check-in table and they can enter them for you! If you are unable to attend the Business Meeting before the dinner, please be sure to return your signed proxy letter to the WABA mailbox or give it to a neighbor who is attending so your vote can count! Thank you to everyone who has contributed items for the raffle baskets. There's still time to drop something off at Andrea Sharp's house if you'd like to help out. Please call Andrea to find out what's still needed. Congratulations to Angela & Forrest Kulp and Steve & Deanna Tegeler winners of the 8th and 19th Dinner RSVP contest. Each couple won 5 free raffle tickets!

DOG RESPONSIBILITY: Please remember to keep your dogs on a leash or at least within eyesight if they're off leash, and to CLEAN up after them when they do their business. We've had reports of baby plants getting trampled as well in resident yards. Thank you!

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: Bellevue High School's Student Services Executive Director is working with a homeless liaison to help find affordable housing in the area for two female Bellevue HS student siblings (17 & 18) who were abandoned by their parents. If you can help or know of someone who can, please contact Gail D'Alessio for more information.

TOWN BUILDING NEWS- Permits were issued in January by the Building Dept. for the following:
10311 SE 28th St. Large Remodel

FIRE MARSHAL REVIEW: If you are doing a large remodel project or new construction, you usually need a Fire Marshal Review and fire sprinklers. We have a new process involved for this permit, with fees included now through City of Bellevue for this service. See Resolution 277 under this month's "Council Business" for details. The information will also be posted to our Town's website shortly at: www.beauxarts-wa.gov or see Deputy Clerk Kulp for more information.

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

NEED TO CONTACT WABA?

WABA Members may contact WABA Clerk Kristin Mange for any concerns or questions you have about the Western Academy of Beaux Arts, regarding the beach or its reservations, parking stickers, green book, WABA social events or issues before the Board of Trustees.

Email: wabaclerk@gmail.com

Phone: 425-502-7382

Mail: 10010 SE 28th Place, Beaux Arts, WA 98004