



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

<u>WABA BOARD MTG.</u>	7:00pm	Thursday	December 6 th	Burlingame
<u>TOWN COUNCIL MTG.</u>	7:00pm	Tuesday	December 11 th	Leber
WABA Cookie Exchange	7:00pm	Wednesday	December 19 th	McKean
<u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u>	7:00pm	Thursday	December 20 th	Johnston
WABA Christmas Ships	8:45pm	Saturday	December 22 nd	Beach

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COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the November 13, 2012 meeting, the Council:

- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed 2013 Budget. The Council will pass the final budget at the December Council meeting.
- Passed Ordinance No. 395 setting the property-tax levy for 2013.
- Discussed the Council's goals and objectives for 2013.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held **at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 11, 2012** at Matt Leber's house.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING: Councilmember Gillem is compiling a list of residents' skills and equipment that could prove useful in an emergency. For example, residents with medical and first-aid training could help the injured; residents with ham or CB radios could assist in communicating with trained emergency-response personnel in the region; residents with chainsaws could help with clearing away fallen trees and large branches. Please contact John Gillem at jgillem@beauxarts-wa.gov for more information and to put your name on this important list.

MAINTAINING OUR RIGHTS OF WAY: As a small community that relies heavily on volunteers to get things done, Beaux Arts has a longstanding partnership between the Town and its citizens in maintaining our rights of way: those areas of public property that include both the paved roadway and the area between the paved roadway and each owner's property. This may include sidewalks, paths or landscaped areas. In October 1986, the Town Council Resolution adopted Resolution No. 66 to memorialize the purpose and philosophy of this tradition and to set forth some basic guidelines for the responsibilities to be shared by the Town and its citizens. Please take a moment to review this resolution (copy attached). Note that in this Resolution where it says "Village" we know refer to as "The Town". Although this Resolution was written about 25 years prior to our current ROW Ordinance, the message still rings true. It is the shared hope of many in Beaux Arts that these traditions, which have helped define us and shape the character of this small oasis, will continue to be honored by all.

As we move through autumn and head into the dark winter months, it becomes even more important to help by:

- Pruning back any foliage that obscures visibility or hinders the free movement of vehicles on our narrow roads. Foliage will include hedges, shrubs and trees, whether growing into the roadway below or overhead;
- Clearing leaves, branches, and other plant debris that has fallen on the paved roadway and the unpaved road shoulders, particularly if the debris is near a street drain; and
- Performing any other housekeeping tasks to help tidy up our streets and rights of way for the coming winter months.

If you have a neighbor whose ability to help with these tasks is limited, consider giving them a helping hand. Thank you to those that already do!

Also important to remember, owners who place improvements on the ROW are expected to maintain them and if that doesn't happen, the Town reserves the right to remove them for any reason. For more information on what is allowed in the ROW, please see Chapter 12.15 in our municipal code at <http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/BeauxArts/> .

NO PARKING, 108th: Last year, Beaux Arts replaced its Right of Way along 108th with a more attractive path and plantings, eliminating a weedy, graveled parking strip in this area. Still, some try to park in the ditch, on the plants or asphalt path. Once the plantings grow, it will become much more difficult to park here. In the meantime villagers, please watch for anyone parked here and report their license numbers to the Town Clerk. A photo of the vehicle would be even better, if you have a cell phone or camera available at the time. Marshal Scott will follow up with the owners of any vehicles that are reported. Thank you!

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY: If you are interested in serving on the Planning Commission and filling the current vacancy, please see Mayor Leider for details.

TOWN CLEANUP: A great big thank you to everyone for the Fall Town Cleanup! Once again there was a lot of great work, great socializing, and random acts of cleanliness. The mailbox stands, paths, and sidewalks all send their “thanks” as well. (And apologies to those on the south beach road for the lonely dumpster that was accidentally left behind for a few days after its companions had all gone home.)

TOWN BUILDING NEWS: The following permits were issued by the Building Dept. in November:
 2737- 107th Ave. SE All necessary permits for new construction
 10706 SE 29th St. Hot Tub
 10516 SE 29th St. Tree removal
 10712 SE 30th St. Mechanical
 10604 SE 27th Pl. Additional Commercial ROW permits for new construction underway

Reminder: Most work usually needs a permit. Please visit http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/bldg_dept.htm for more details, or contact Deputy Clerk Kulp with questions.

WABA BOARD MEETING: The Western Academy of Beaux Arts, Board of Trustees will be at **7:00pm on Thursday, December 6, 2012** at the Burlingame residence.

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS: Planning for the 2013 budget has started, if you have suggestions or concerns, please send them to the WABA Clerk at wabaclerk@gmail.com , any Board member, or present them in person at the meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW WABA BOARD MEMBER NEEDED: Anyone interested in serving on the WABA Board of Trustees is welcome to submit their name to the WABA Clerk. The Board is seeking members to replace the outgoing Board member. Voting will take place at the Winter Dinner and Business Meeting in January.

PLEASE WELCOME: Tamra Robinson and her 4 children – Jordan, Aidan, Ander, and Elena have joined the Village. Tamra and David Johnson are engaged and are planning to get married next summer. Congratulations to all of them!

BEACHMASTER REPORT: Sadly I must report the beach shed has been broken into sometime last week over the Thanksgiving holiday. Stolen was the blower and weed trimmer used to maintain the beach. The equipment is engraved and marked 'WABA' in hopes they will find their way home. This event is frustrating to me as I recognize this is a crime against all WABA members. If you know anything about this crime, please contact Marshal Scott or myself as we work with the Sheriff to find these perpetrators. – Forrest Kulp

DOCKMASTER REPORT: Now is a good time to think forward about our boating plans for this coming year. Moorage bills for 2013 will be sent out in January and due at the end of February. All of the year-round slips are full and there continues to be wait lists for all size slips. The wait list for 24 ft., water-ski boat, slips is especially long, having grown longer this summer. If you currently have a 24 ft. slip and rarely use your boat, please consider vacating the slip and allowing a neighbor a chance enjoy the benefits of using the marina. - Jay Jacobsen.

COOKIE EXCHANGE/LADIES SOCIAL: 7:00pm, **Wednesday, December 19, 2012** at the McKean home. Ladies, if you would like to participate in the Cookie Exchange, please email Lynn Laws lynnblaws@gmail.com by Friday, December 14th. Otherwise just enjoy a little Holiday Cheer with us!

CHRISTMAS SHIPS: The Annual Bonfire and Christmas Ship performance will be on **Saturday, December 22, 2012**. The Dickens Carolers will be singing off our beach from 8:50-9:10PM. Please mark your calendars and save the date for this fun event. If you would like to help with the bonfires or provide hot chocolate please contact the WABA Clerk or Karen Deitrick at seattlekd@comcast.net.

ANNUAL WINTER DINNER & WABA BUSINESS MEETING: Planning for the Winter Dinner has begun! The Dinner and Business meeting will be held at Maggiano's Restaurant in Bellevue, on **Saturday, January 26th**. This adult affair is open to all WABA members and guest members, and is an important, fun, annual event that began back in 1946. We still need volunteers to help with the invitations, raffle baskets, and the after dinner game! If you're available to help, please contact the WABA Clerk or Karen Deitrick. Also, if you have any photos taken this year during village events or at the beach, please send a copy to Janet Griswold for the Dinner's slide show and archives!

WABA HISTORY COMMITTEE: The WABA History Committee manages archives dating back to 1908. This group is very much in need of additional volunteers for updating files, scrapbooks, and computer records. If you are interested, please see Julia Morse for more details!

Also, the History Committee is still waiting on a couple of houses to get their centennial plaques mounted, as first mentioned a couple of years ago. We'd hoped for ceremony by 2012, but hopefully that can be finally be scheduled for spring 2013. Please contact Julia for scheduling plaque installation; you know who you are! Thank you!

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

Resolution No. 66

Resolution Concerning Landscaping
and Foliage Management on Village Rights-of-Way

PURPOSE. The purpose of this resolution is to propose a statement of philosophy and a set of guidelines which can be followed by the Town of Beaux Arts Village and its residents in dealing with landscaping and foliage management on Village rights-of-way.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY. The Town of Beaux Arts Village has a distinctive look and feel. It is rustic rather than suburban, spontaneous rather than planned, contained rather than sprawling, a community rather than a development. A number of elements contribute to this atmosphere: a variety of ages and styles in homes, the seclusion of many houses behind trees and shrubs, narrow streets meeting at odd angles, and a mixture of sunny and shady spaces. In addition to these physical characteristics, Beaux Arts has a tradition of cooperation between the Town Council and Villagers, and among neighbors.

The intent of this resolution is to preserve both the physical look and feel of Beaux Arts and the tradition of cooperation among Villagers. To do this, the guidelines which follow attempt to strike a balance between sometimes conflicting views of how these goals are to be achieved. In general, the operating principles are these:

1. Preserve the look and feel of the Village, not necessarily preserve particular trees or shrubs;
2. Establish procedures for making foliage management and landscaping decisions;
3. Communicate with Villagers;
4. Foster cooperation and the sense of community.

RESPONSIBILITIES. The Town of Beaux Arts Village has the legal responsibility to manage foliage on Village rights-of-way. In exercising this responsibility the Village shall consider:

1. Safety,
2. Aesthetics,
3. Fiscal impact,
4. Amiable cooperation with Villagers.

Villagers have the responsibility to:

1. Recognize the legal authority of the Village to make foliage management or landscaping decisions on Village rights-of-way,
2. Cooperate with the Village and its neighbors in those decisions,
3. Continue the tradition of maintaining foliage on adjacent Village rights-of-way and town parks.

PASSED by the Town Council of Beaux Arts Village on October 14, 1986, and signed in authentication of its passage this 20th day of October, 1986.

(signed by Mayor Terence Monaghan)

ATTEST: (signed by Clerk Sue Amato)

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

Historically the Planning Commission was constituted to recommend appropriate use of land, to provide adequate light and air, prevent overcrowding of land, encourage community, and conserve natural beauty and resources.

1. The Planning Commission recommends that the Town Council establish a policy for and principles of foliage management and landscaping based on the guidelines below.
 - a. The Town of Beaux Arts Village has the final responsibility for making foliage management or landscaping decisions on Village property.
 - b. The first priority in making these decisions is traffic and pedestrian safety.
 - (1) The Council is responsible for identifying safety problems.
 - (2) The Council should consider the standards and recommendations of outside agencies and established road safety guidelines (e.g. state, county, other cities).
 - c. The second priority in these decisions is aesthetics. The overall goal is to maintain the look and feel of the Village as expressed in the Statement of Philosophy.

2. The Commission recommends that a standing “Foliage and Landscaping Committee” with rotating three year memberships be established to advise the Council and to explore ways to enhance the landscaping of Village rights-of-way. Among the responsibilities of the committee are:
 - a. Advising the Council on aesthetic considerations (natural shape and placement of foliage) whenever foliage must be pruned, thinned, removed or changed for safety reasons;
 - b. Encouraging Villagers to participate in developing aesthetic guidelines as well as achieving desired goals in the Village;
 - c. Exploring the idea of a master plan for landscaping and management of Village rights-of-way;
 - d. Seeking help from gardeners within and without the Village in creating a master plan.

3. The Commission recommends that the Council actively communicate with Villagers with regard to their expectations of foliage management and seek their cooperation in maintaining and creating the kind of atmosphere which will mirror that described in the Philosophy. Some elements of cooperation and communication are discussed below.

- a. Foliage management policies should be communicated in writing to all residents.
- b. The Council should encourage residents to help meet the goals of the policy by maintaining adjacent Village property individually and through regular (fall and spring) voluntary work parties along Village streets for caretaking and cleanup organized with the supervision of the Council.
- c. Council foliage management and landscaping activities should be performed only after discussion with residents.
- d. Villagers should notify the Council before performing foliage management or landscaping activities on Village property other than minor caretaking.

4. The Commission recommends that the Council plan and budget for the following:

- a. Maintenance of rights-of-way (trimming, removal, hauling, weeding, sweeping etc.);
- b. New plantings for rights-of-way where needed;
- c. Consultation with a landscape architect to explore the idea of a master plan.

Approved by the Planning Commission
The Town of Beaux Arts Village
22 April 1986