



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
APRIL 2013**

<u>WABA BOARD MTG.</u>	7:00pm	Thursday	April 4 th	Miller-Cowan
<u>TOWN COUNCIL MTG.</u>	7:00pm	Tuesday	April 9 th	Gillem
<u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u>	7:00pm	Thursday	April 18 th	Stratton
WABA Beach Clean-up	8:00am	Saturday	April 27 th	Beach

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COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the March 12, 2013 meeting, the Council:

- Heard a request from WABA President Paula Dix to collaborate on outstanding issues related to a 2003 annexation affecting three properties along the Town's northern border. The affected properties were legally part of the Town but each owned a small piece of contiguous land in Bellevue. With Bellevue's concurrence, those pieces of land were annexed to Beaux Arts; however, it appears that the WABA strip along that boundary may not have been finalized during the annexation. Mayor Leider and Councilmember Stowe pledged to meet with WABA and determine what further action the Town may need to take to help WABA complete this task.
- Continued discussing topics generated during the Council's Strategic Planning Sessions in February. Councilmembers worked out who would be responsible for fleshing out the topics further, including identifying costs, developing timelines, etc. Notes from the February sessions are posted on the website with other Council meeting minutes.
- Decided to participate in the 2013 Update of the King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Previous planning efforts by the County and cities have focused on the larger cities, e.g. Bellevue and Redmond. This year's effort will draw in the smaller cities so that King County's Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is mandated by the Federal government, will be essentially complete. Councilmember John Gillem and Clerk-Treasurer Spens will represent Beaux Arts at meetings and workshops to accomplish this task.
- Tabled action on the Interlocal Agreement for Solid Waste Services with King County until the April Council meeting. The Council has learned that the City of Bellevue may be considering an alternative to King County's plan, which could be a better alternative for the five Points Cities: Beaux Arts, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Medina, and Yarrow Point.
- Councilmember Hillberg reported that the Town's Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday May 18th and will include projects on 104th Ave SE, 108th Ave SE, the Angle Path (between SE 29th St and Five Corners), and the mailstands.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday, April 9, 2013** at John Gillem's house.

TOWN ROW CLEAN-UP: Save the date! The Town ROW Clean-up work party will be Saturday, May 18th – after Mother's Day and before Memorial Day Weekend. See Mike Hillberg with any questions! Thank you.

CANDIDATES' WORKSHOP: King County Elections is hosting two complimentary 2-hour workshops to discuss important information related to filing for office in King County. Members of the public, candidates, campaign managers, treasurers, and staff are invited to attend the 2013 Candidate Workshops. The workshop covers the following topics: filing for office in King County; submitting your local voters' pamphlet information; voter lists and data management; campaign sign regulations; and basic public disclosure information.

When: Thursday, April 25 from 2 - 4 p.m. Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Where: King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057

If you plan to attend, you **must** RSVP via email to: election.operations@kingcounty.gov. (Note: workshop will be cancelled if enrollment is low.)

EASTSIDE TRANSIT: The City of Bellevue recently released a report outlining the existing and future conditions of the Bellevue Transit Master Plan. For more information, please visit:

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Transportation/TMP_existing_conditions_022013.pdf

METRO FUNDING SHORTFALL: Metro continues to face a funding shortfall. The state Legislature is considering new transit funding tools, but if none is approved, Metro faces a \$75 million annual shortage after some stop-gap funding runs out in mid-2014. [We want you to know what's at risk and join our conversation.](#)

Over the past five years we have made deep cost cuts, raised fares four times, and taken many other actions to keep buses on the road, but we would have no way to close the projected budget gap without making major service reductions. A report we released today says we would have to eliminate, reduce or change about two-thirds of Metro bus routes.

This [2012 Service Guidelines Report](#) analyzes our transit system using measures of productivity, geographic value, social equity, and ridership. The report shows us where we need to increase service to reduce crowding, keep buses on time, and meet growing demand. It also identifies service that we might consider reducing if necessary. The report offers the first glimpse at which Metro routes are at risk of elimination or reduction if a funding solution isn't found.

Without additional revenue, Metro will have to reduce up to 17 % of bus service. A reduction of this magnitude would be felt by all riders. An estimated 7 out of 10 of you would lose some or all service and might have to go farther to get to the bus, take a longer trip, or transfer more. Riders throughout the system might have to crowd onto packed buses or wait at the curb while full buses pass by.

While the report provides an illustration of specific routes that might be eliminated, reduced or changed, the actual proposed reductions will take more planning, including public outreach on the first potential reductions this fall. Reductions would be made starting in September 2014 and continuing through the following year.

In the meantime:

[Learn more about what's at risk](#) (including maps showing affects by area)

[Share your story](#) about why transit is important to you

[Join our conversation](#) on the Metro Matters blog

Or see the metro website for more details at: <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/am/future/>

PET-LICENSE AMNESTY PERIOD: King County has just announced another pet-license amnesty period during April. As you may know, all dog and cat owners living in King County are required to

license their pets. Purchasing a license for your pet helps support King County Animal Services, which includes housing surrendered pets waiting for new homes. In addition, having a license greatly improves the chances that your pet will be returned to you if it is lost. Owners of unlicensed pets may be assessed fines of \$125 for altered pets and \$250 for unaltered ones. During the month of April, King County will offer amnesty for pet owners who have not yet licensed their pets. During this period, the county will not imposed any fines, late fees, or other charges associated with the failure to license the pet previously, though you will still need to pay the license fee. More details will be available from King County beginning March 15th in the media and at:
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/regionalAnimalServices.aspx>.

TOWN BUILDING NEWS: The following permits were issued by the Building Dept. in March:
10517 SE 28th St. Tree Removal
10705 SE 29th St. Hot Water Heater

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. Thank you to those that double-check before beginning work.

WABA BOARD MEETING: The Western Academy of Beaux Arts, Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 4, 2013**, at 7:00pm at the Miller-Cowan residence.

BEAUX ARTS' ANNUAL EGG HUNT! Glorious weather and a last-minute surge of egg hunters made for a terrific turnout at the Annual Beaux Arts Egg Hunt. It's hard to count heads when delicious treats are randomly scattered over a large area, but experts estimated 25 children participated as countless family members cheered them on. It was great to see some of the newer residents in the Village take part and enjoy in a Beaux Arts tradition. A big thanks to all those who stuffed eggs and to Cyndy Morlock, for collecting LOTS of eggs and getting them out on the field of play.

BEACH PARENTS: Amy Reller and Karla Bennett will be Co-Beach Parents this summer, thank you to both of them!

THANK YOU: A big thank you to Kathy Bray for serving as beach parent, everyone appreciates all the time she spent keeping the beach and lifeguards running smoothly last summer.

SUMMER BEACH ACTIVITIES: If you're interested in coordinating the Wednesday summer beach activities, or would like to sign up to run one please let the Beach Parents know.

LIFEGUARDS: The hiring process for summer lifeguards is starting. If you, or someone you know, would like to apply please contact Amy Reller or the WABA Clerk for job requirements and how to apply.

2013 ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS: The 2013 annual WABA Assessment payments are **due on or before April 15th**. Thank you to everyone who has already sent theirs in! Please mail payments to: WABA, 10010 SE 28th PL, Beaux Arts, WA 98004

BEACHMASTER REPORT: BEACHMASTER REPORT: It's time! The annual Spring **WABA Beach and Woodlands Cleanup** is on Saturday, April 27th with coffee and doughnuts for the work crew beginning at 8:00am, followed by the ever-popular barbeque lunch. Focus this spring will be on cleaning up around the tennis court, and the Woodlands path from the south beach parking lot. Do bring

your own tools, but leave your dog at home. Contact Forrest Kulp or Julia Morse for any questions, and if you have an idea about a specific project.

Also, please remember to keep all motorized vehicles of any kind off the beach. Thank You.

WOODLANDS REPORT: Villagers, if you are currently doing a building project, or planning one that will impact your landscaping, or redoing your landscaping, please see Bron Richards. On behalf of the WABA Woodlands Committee working with Julia Morse, Bron is interested in rescuing any ferns or shrubbery planned for removal from a property in hopes to affordably relocate these plants, especially ferns, to the sloping bank on each side of the trail that goes up from the south beach parking lot. You may notice that there has been a lot of work on the trail recently. This year's woodlands budget has paid to continue the restoration in this area. Please make sure to keep your pets leashed in this area to ensure our new plantings have a fair shake. Thank you!

WABA HISTORY COMMITTEE: Anyone interested in serving on the History Committee is encouraged to contact Julia Morse to help update files, scrapbooks, and computer records. Our amazing century of archives only exists because of caring neighbors willing to keep it going! This committee helps to preserve and maintain important historical information about our Village, news about our residents, and their activities.

BAV RESIDENT EAGLES UPDATE: Beaux Arts is home to a resident pair of Bald Eagles who have two nests in the village and they are back in the beach nest this spring! If you see the two eagles sitting side-by-side, you'll notice that the female eagle is larger than the male. They have maintained a primary nest and a back-up nest in Beaux Arts for many years, often using one for a number of years straight, then leaving it and rebuilding the other one (up on 107th). They have recently reinforced their nest in the 400-year-old Douglas Fir at the top of the trail near the beach, are actively using the nest night and day, and are quite vocal! They're taking turns sitting on the nest several hours at a time, where they're most likely incubating eggs. They've raised eaglets here in the village for more than 15 years, and most years they've been successful in raising two eaglets. We believe their territory includes not only the village and the lake between our shore and Mercer Island, but also the area south to Enatai Beach Park, next to I-90. If you're driving the I-90 Bridge, you can often see one of them in the tall trees south of the freeway, looking out over the Newport Yacht Club.

The schedule for raising eaglets is (according to wildlife biologists who've observed eagles in our area)

(1) Courtship and nest-building from January 15 – 21.

(2) Egg-laying around March 17 – 21.

(3) From March 17 – April 22, there's a period of 35 days for incubating the eggs.

(4) Hatching occurs around April 22 - 27.

(5) During May, the young eaglets will be dependent on the adults for warmth and tearing off food to eat.

(6) By early June, the eaglets will be able to keep themselves warm for longer periods, and will be able to feed themselves from food that the parents bring into the nest.

(7) Through June, they'll start hopping around in the nest and flapping their wings. The first-born chick will be larger and louder than the second chick.

(8) By early July, they'll each be able to hop and flap from the nest to a nearby branch.

(9) Around July 7 – 13, they'll take their first flights, from tree to tree. By late July they're spending more time away from the nest, and beginning to develop hunting skills.

(10) Around August 2 -10, they'll leave Beaux Arts, and will probably head north to British Columbia, joining other migrating eagles to go fishing.

Our two adult eagles usually migrate for a month or two in August as well. This seems to coincide with the salmon runs. The color of the feathers and beak of a young eaglet is very dark brown, which blends perfectly with the trunk and branches of a fir tree. They won't get their white head and tail feathers until

they are 4 or 5 years old. Thank you, Bron Richards, for this updated eagle information! If you want to learn more about our eagles, see Bron or the Matsudaira's. Bron can also tell you about our oldest fir trees!

With two eagle's nests here, *both the state and Federal Departments of Fish and Wildlife* always want to know when a tree is being cut near the eagles, or when their habitat may be impacted in any way by major construction. Right now the rule is that if a homeowner plans to conduct either activity within 660' of an eagle's nest, the homeowner must contact Fish and Wildlife for their own permits and requirements. Almost all BAV residents fall within that 660'. This notification is in addition to the requirements of by the Beaux Arts Tree Code and any BAV required permits. For further permitting questions, see Deputy Clerk Kulp.

LOST AND FOUND:

Found: Set of keys on lower 29th, on March 12th. Contact Deputy Clerk if you think they are yours.

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