



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
APRIL 2014**

WABA Board Mtg.	Thursday, 7:00pm	April 3 rd	Driftmeyer
Town Council	Tuesday, 7:00pm	April 8 th	Leider
Planning Commission	Thursday, 7:00pm	April 17 th	Jochums
WABA Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday TBD	April 19 th	Beach
WABA Beach Cleanup	Saturday 8am-Noon	April 26 th	Beach/Woodlands

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COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the March 11, 2014 meeting, the Council:

- Met informally with King County Council woman Jane Hague to hear about regional issues of concern to King County. Ms. Hague focused primarily on County proposals to increase funding for transportation, including the bus/transit system and roads/infrastructure.
- Debriefed after February's meeting with David Pater, a Shoreline Specialist with of the Department of Ecology (DOE), in which the Council clarified for Mr. Pater the reasoning behind the current draft update of the Shoreline Master Program update. Based on the Council's discussions, Town Planner Mona Green will prepare a final draft to submit to DOE for approval.
- Discussed a very preliminary proposal from AT&T to install cell-phone antennae on the water tower structure. While AT&T's plans are still in the early stages, the Council wants to invite interested Villagers to attend the April Council meeting to weigh in with comments, questions, and concerns. (Please see AT&T WIRELESS PROPOSAL in this newsletter.)
- Continued to discuss the possibility of developing a Town Hall to serve as a meeting location and community center. The Council plans to spend about \$2,000 to produce some concept drawings, which will both enhance the Council's ongoing discussions of this idea and augment future discussions with Villagers.
- Learned that Councilmember Hillberg has chosen a firm to complete the Town's ROW Master Plan: CREÄ Affiliates, LLC, selected for their understanding of our project, their inclusive approach toward involving the public in the development of the vision and the ultimate design, and their experience in managing similar projects for small towns.
- Heard from Councilmember Hillberg that he has purchased five trees for planting on Town ROW to replace recent removals.
- Was brought up to date by Councilmember Stowe on Potelco's pole-replacement project in Beaux Arts and throughout the Enatai area.
- Was informed by Mayor Leider that he is reviewing the Town's building permit process with Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp and our various building consultants to ensure that the Beaux Arts Building

Department provides the best service possible, particularly in regards to timeliness, responsiveness, reasonableness of fees, etc.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday, April 8, 2014** at Mayor Leider's house.

AT&T WIRELESS PROPOSAL: Several months ago, AT&T contacted the Town expressing an interest in placing one or more wireless antennae on the Town's water tower. After some informal fact-finding, AT&T had indicated that they are interested in more in-depth discussions regarding facility siting and lease parameters. Before pursuing this concept further, *the Council is interested in your thoughts, questions, comments, and concerns. Villagers who are interested or who want more information about the preliminary proposal should plan to attend the April 8th Council meeting.* This is not a formal public hearing, just an opportunity for the Council to discuss the preliminary concept and gather input from residents.

MARSHAL REPORT: In light of recent mail thefts in Beaux Arts and Enatai, and in speaking to our mailman and local law enforcement, please consider the following crime prevention tips. Mail Theft:

- Is on the rise this time of year due to the economy, tax season, and because it works so well
- Works because of all the items a thief may find in your mailbox. These items of particular interest to thieves may include:
 - Cash or checks
 - Credit Cards or offers
 - Statements from Banks, Medical Offices, Schools – all with personal data
 - Social Security numbers
 - Prescriptions, jewelry, electronics and other goodies ordered online
 - Tax Returns, forms or refunds with personal data
- Helps thieves charge fraudulently on your credit cards, wash checks to rewrite and buy things they can resell online, pawn, sell or use items they find, or steal your identity.

What can you do to minimize mail theft?

- **Remove the mail promptly and remove the threat**
- Make sure your box is *bolted to the frame* of the mail stand
- Use a strong, locked mailbox, or PO Box. Locked mailboxes deter thieves. The more expensive the locked box, the harder it is to break. However, a determined thief may screw up the lock which costs a lot to replace, or take the entire mailbox altogether.
- Stop mail delivery when you are out of town <https://holdmail.usps.com/holdmail/> for 3-30 days with your carrier who can deliver it upon your return. You can hold it as late as the night before you leave, and it only takes 30 seconds online to do.
- Have packages delivered only to a secure location with a signature like your office, or when you're home
- Use online services, and pick up checks/cards at your bank when possible
- Don't use checks, don't send cash or checks if possible
- Mail bills at a post office or locked drop off location, or do your bill paying online
- Minimize your catalogs and other mailings by going online, or reducing your mail clutter by using a service like *Catalog Choice* <https://www.catalogchoice.org/> to cut down on the unwanted mail received

If your mail is stolen, or your mailbox vandalized:

- Please report it to your mail carrier, or the postal inspector: <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/>
- Alert the police.
- Notify banks, monitor your credit.

Using online services can also have their own set of challenges. Remember to:

- Use a strong, unique password for every site you visit, and use site keys when available
- Change site keys and passwords often, memorize them if possible

- Always log out and turn off electronics when not in use

Our homes, cars, boats & mailboxes are all vulnerable to theft. In addition to using our **locks, lights and alarms**:

- Writing down or taking a photo of **license plates**, and descriptions of vehicles and those you don't know
- **Call 911** to report anything suspicious
- Increase local patrols, utilize block watch programs and websites
- Get to know your neighbors, their vehicles and habits, introduce yourself, share concerns with them
- Keep valuables locked up and out of sight

Together, we can all make a difference and minimize threats to our property and ourselves in our neighborhood.

PSE POWER POLE INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE, PROJECT UPDATE: Potelco's pole replacements and line restringing continues. Thank you for your patience during intermittent lane or road closures, and planned power outages. If you have any questions, contact Deputy Clerk Kulp.

RECYCLING REPORT: Congratulations, villagers! Beaux Arts has one of the highest recycling rates in the state. Of all that is hauled away, 61 percent is diverted from the landfill (the state average hovers around 50 percent). At the local recycling campus, 56 tons were recycled last year, or 112,000 pounds. Considering a male bull elephant only weighs 10,000 pounds, think of it as Beaux Arts residents recycling the equivalent weight of 11 elephants! Another way to look at it would be that every household recycles about 1000 pounds a year. Out of 39 jurisdictions in the County, Beaux Arts ranks #1 in Recycling and #6 in Recycling+Yard Waste. Keep up the good work, neighbors!

Jurisdiction	2013 Recycling + Organics Rate	2013 Recycling Only Rate	2013 Lbs Disposed per hshold per week
Beaux Arts	61%	42%	27

EASTLINK PROJECT UPDATE: Downtown Bellevue segment open house recap – Last week about 120 people joined the East Link Extension team for an update on final design progress for the Downtown Bellevue segment: Main Street to 120th Ave NE, including the Bellevue Transit Center and Hospital Stations. At the open house updates were given on 60 percent station design, permanent station names, landscaping, public art and more. If you couldn't make it, or want a closer look at information displayed, you can view the open house materials in the [East Link document archive](#). Online comment forms are available for those who would like to provide feedback. Comments received by April 8, 2014 will be incorporated into a public comment summary that will be published shortly thereafter.

KING COUNTY ASSESSOR NEWS: King County Assessor Lloyd O'Hara has a message for county residents: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/Assessor/MessageToTaxpayers.aspx> including updates on innovation, efficiency and customer service. Mr. O'Hara's electronic spring newsletter has also been shared with all Beaux Arts property owners which include explanations, commitment to taxpayers, public engagement, current property values and physical inspection areas, eAppeals, dates and more.

TOWN BUILDING NEWS: All necessary permits were issued by the Building Dept. in March:
2730 – 106th Pl. SE New Gas Connection

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!

TOWN ROW CLEAN-UP: Mark your calendars; the volunteer Town ROW Clean-up will be Saturday, May 17, 2014. If you have any questions, or if you want to assist in a particular capacity, please contact Mike Hillberg.

TOWN ROW TREE REMOVAL: A large Douglas fir tree on the street right of way at the north end of 106th Ave is going to be removed by the town in the second week of April. It's a big and very old tree, but it was topped decades ago, it didn't sufficiently heal afterwards to maintain its height and weight for too much longer, and it's too close to the power lines that PSE is replacing. A new tree will be planted to replace it (but not exactly the same location, so as not to interfere again with power lines).

WABA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: The next meeting of the WABA Board of Trustees will be **Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 7:00pm** at the Driftmeyer residence.

WABA ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS: The annual WABA assessment of \$575 is due on April 15th. Please mail or drop off your check in the WABA mailbox, checks payable to WABA.

WELCOME: Please welcome our newest guest member Nicole Griswold, daughter of Janet and Shep; she is renting the Bromberg cottage. Nicole's membership application was approved at the March WABA Trustee's meeting.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Our annual Easter egg hunt will be on the beach, the Saturday before Easter, **April 19, 2014**. It's usually in the morning, but watch the mailbox stands for more details. Families interested in participating are asked to please contribute one dozen filled eggs per child, for hiding. Please drop off filled eggs in the box on the Mange/Dix front porch by Friday 4/18. If you are interested in assisting with this event, please contact WABA Clerk Kristin Mange.

WABA BEACH AND WOODLANDS CLEAN UP: Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 26, 2014** and join your friends & neighbors at the annual beach/woodlands clean-up party from **8:00am to Noon**. If you are interested in getting donuts and coffee, helping set up lunch, or cooking hotdogs, please contact the Beach Master.

BEACH PARENTS NEEDED: Thank you to Amy Reller and Karla Bennett for serving as our beach parents for several summers in a row! Both Amy and Karla are stepping down as beach parents, so if you're interested in helping to coordinate the summer beach activities for our kids, please contact the WABA Clerk. Beach parents also help with hiring our lifeguards.

SUMMER LIFEGUARDS: The hiring process for our summer lifeguards has begun. If you or anyone you know is over 18 years of age and interested in lifeguarding at the beach this summer, please contact the WABA Clerk.

DOCKMASTER REPORT: This is a good time to check that the safety equipment on your boat to be ready for the boating season including life jackets and a fire extinguisher. If you have any questions about the docks or moorage facilities please contact Dock Master Jay Jacobsen.

WABA HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT: The History Committee met in March. Welcome Linda Mui, Eugenia Yen, Liz Usarzewicz and Janet Griswold! Work has begun on Centennial plaque

installation and organization of a resident-only tour, on our annual picnic day in July. We'll also be catching up on filing and scrapbooks. If you would like to assist us, please contact Julia Morse or Angela Kulp.

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.

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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

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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.

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