



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

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WABA Board Mtg.	Thursday, 7:00pm	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Westburg
Planning Commission	Wednesday, 6:00pm	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Medina City Hall
Town Council	Tuesday, 7:00pm	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Gillem
Town ROW Cleanup	Saturday 8am-Noon	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Town ROW

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**COUNCIL BUSINESS:** At the April 8, 2014 meeting, the Council:

- Continued discussing a very preliminary proposal from AT&T to install cell-phone antennae on the water tower structure. One major topic of conversation was how to solicit public input. The Council remains VERY interested in having resident's review the preliminary proposal and provide feedback. Please plan to attend the next Council meeting on May 13th to participate in this review and discussion.
- Adopted Resolution No. 288 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with King County to receive the Town's share of the Parks Levy approved by voters last fall.
- Heard from Councilmember Stowe about Potelco's progress in replacing power poles throughout the Village.
- Heard from Mayor Leider about his meeting with Building Department staff. The meeting focused on developing ideas for improved service and efficiency in all aspects of the permit process.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday, May 13, 2014** at John Gillem's house.

**MARSHAL REPORT:** NextDoor Enatai's website shows mail theft, car prowls and one residential burglary in the last month so please continue to be aware of and report suspicious activity, and use your locks and alarms.

**A SHORT COURSE ON LOCAL PLANNING:** The Planning Commission is counting their attendance at "A Short Course on Local Planning", as their May meeting. This course is in Medina, on **Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** It is considered a "special" meeting due to the date change. *A Short Course on Local Planning* is an opportunity for elected officials, planning commission members, local government staff, consultants, students, and community members to learn about comprehensive planning and community development, the legal framework for land use planning, and public involvement in the planning process. Hosted by the City of Medina, there is No Charge to Attend: Everyone is welcome. Please register by May 1, 2014, through WCIA at [www.wciapool.org](http://www.wciapool.org). See [www.commerce.wa.gov/growth](http://www.commerce.wa.gov/growth) or call 360.725.3064 for more information.

**COB SPRING RECYLING DAY:** Saturday, May 10, 2014, 9am to 3pm at First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue is City of Bellevue's annual spring recycling day. For more information, please call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-6932 or 206-296-4466. See links:

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/garbage-recycling/events.asp> or

[http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/garbage-recycling/documents/14\\_RCE\\_Bellevue-spring.pdf](http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/garbage-recycling/documents/14_RCE_Bellevue-spring.pdf).

**TOWN CLEANUP:** Mark your calendars; the volunteer Town Cleanup will be Saturday, May 17, 2014. Meet up with some neighbors, pick a mail stand or a path or a planting strip or a sidewalk, and take the opportunity to show the Town's shared space some spring love. The donuts and coffee will be rolling through town on Saturday morning from 9:00am to Noon, but the dumpsters will be here all weekend. On Sunday, any space left in the dumpsters can be used for private yard waste as well. (Please ensure that the dumpster doors can be closed.) If you have any questions or need help with resources, please contact Mike Hillberg.

**UPDATES ON TOWN STREET TREES:** As announced last month, a Douglas fir on 106th Place SE was recently removed. It was topped decades ago, and new trunks grew out of it, but there wasn't enough solid wood left at that topping point to keep it structurally sound, and it was nearly rubbing power lines. A nearby water-sprouting Maple snag is also planned to be removed, in order to plant a replacement Douglas fir. Thank you to the neighbors for accommodating the removal process.

Two deciduous trees on SE 28th that are competing with PSE are planned to be removed and replacements planted in a better location. A new Douglas fir has been planted on SE 27th Place to replace a tree that had previously been removed, five new Cedar trees have been planted along the path on 108th Ave SE, and a new Douglas fir is going to be planted soon on SE 29th Street to replace a removal from earlier in the year. Many thanks to neighbors that have helped to get these in place and volunteered to help get their roots established.

**TOWN RIGHT OF WAY MASTER PLAN:** The Town is working with CREA Affiliates LLC to create a master plan for the Town ROWs. We will be starting that off by meeting to discuss likes, dislikes, and ideas for the streets and paths today. Look for an announcement soon with more details.

**KING COUNTY METRO TRANSIT REDUCTIONS: Metro Funding Gap = Bus Cuts.** Due to a [funding shortfall](#), King County must cut 550,000 annual hours of Metro bus service. The County Executive has sent the Council a proposal for phasing in the cuts between Sept. 2014 and Sept. 2015. The current plan would eliminate 72 bus routes and reduce or revise another 84 routes. See <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/am/future/pdfs/changes/20140424-table-of-routes.pdf>. The Council's Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee will be holding evening meetings for the public to learn about the implementation plan, speak to Metro staff about the proposed cuts, route changes, and discuss legislation with committee members <http://kingcounty.gov/council/issues/TransitCuts.aspx>. There will be three public meetings about transit cuts held by King County's Council. The Eastside public meeting will be Thursday, May 15, Bellevue City Hall, City Council Chambers, [450 110th Ave. NE, Bellevue](#) at 5:30 p.m. - sign in/open house and 6:00 p.m. - public testimony. Buses serving Beaux Arts are listed by neighborhood at <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/schedules/neighborhoods.asp>. For complete details on the metro cuts, check out <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/am/future/index.html> where you'll find several tabs, links, and detailed information.

**EASTLINK PROJECT UPDATE: 60% design open houses in Bellevue: wrap-up -** Between February 6 and March 25, Sound Transit hosted three East Link Extension 60% design open houses in the City of Bellevue. Approximately 280 people joined us to learn more about East Link design progress from I-90 to 120th Ave NE, including the South Bellevue, East Main, Downtown and Hospital stations. Attendees were able to meet the project team, ask questions and provide us with feedback. A [summary](#) of the South Bellevue Segment meeting and public comments is available on the East Link website. In addition, the [East Main Station Segment public involvement summary](#) has just been added to the website. Presentation and display materials from the Downtown Bellevue Segment meeting, including the Bellevue Transit Center and Hospital stations, are also available on our website. The Downtown Bellevue Segment comment period is open until March 8th, so please take the opportunity to view the [materials](#) and then comment on [station design](#) and [station naming](#) via the online forms. [What's next along I-90?](#) Design progress is being made on the I-90 portion of East Link and Sound Transit will host 60 percent design open houses this summer. Meetings will be held in Seattle and Mercer Island with an emphasis on station design updates, permanent station names, landscaping, public art and more. Stay tuned for dates!

**MAILBOXES:** Reminder to all residents - if you have outgoing mail, please use the *green* outgoing mailbox on SE 28<sup>th</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> or the Post Office rather than your own mailbox for pick up as it's too easy for thieves to pick it up before the mail carrier arrives. Remember WABA mail goes to the WABA mailbox also on SE 28<sup>th</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup>, but Town or Water Dept. mail go to the Town mailbox by the water tower on SE 27<sup>th</sup> St. The addresses are as follows and the mailboxes marked appropriately:

Western Academy of Beaux Arts	10010 SE 28 <sup>th</sup> St.	Beaux Arts, WA 98004
Town of Beaux Arts Village / Water Dept	10550/10530 SE 27 <sup>th</sup> St.	Beaux Arts, WA 98004

**YELLOW PAGES OPT-OUT:** We have numerous phone books, white and yellow pages, delivered to our mailbox stands annually and the months vary depending on their publishing dates. If you wish to NOT get these on your mailbox, you MUST OPT-OUT online if you haven't done so previously (usually by early May), for the next delivery at: <https://www.yellowpagesoptout.com/zipcode/98004>.

**BACKFLOW DEVICE TESTING:** Each year, residents with lawn irrigation, fire sprinklers, and other similar systems that are connected directly to the water supply are required to have the backflow-prevention device (BFD) in that system tested for operability. For many years, the Town has given residents the option of either having the BFD tested themselves OR having a certified tester hired by the Town do the testing. Each household participating in the Town-organized program is billed for the actual cost of the testing, usually about \$38 per device.

It is time to make your testing arrangements now. Residents who had testing completed through the Town last year, do not need to do anything. However, if you have NOT had your testing done through the Town in the past and want to participate in this testing program, please send an email to Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens at [townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov) immediately so she can add your name to the list. Your email should include your name, address, and the number and type(s) of systems to be tested, e.g. fire sprinkler, lawn irrigation, etc.

If you choose to arrange your own testing, please ask your certified tester to send your test results to Clerk-Treasurer Spens as soon as they become available.

**WORK HOURS:** The Building Dept. enforces construction hours for all permitted work. Hours are:

Monday through Friday	7 AM – 6 PM
Saturday	8 AM – 5 PM
Sunday and Legal Holidays	No Work Allowed

Residents hiring out or doing their own yard work or other noisy projects are asked to consider following the same hours out of neighborly respect. The Town does not have any specific noise regulations but instead depends on neighbors to be considerate of one another when handling yard work or outside maintenance. And if you have specific plans for outdoor dining or entertaining, please let your neighbors know well in advance so they can do their best to help you enjoy that time without the commotion that accompanies yard work and home maintenance. As always, if neighbors are having problems with this type of noise, the Town encourages you to contact the neighbor who is making the noise and try to work something out. Thank you for your mutual respect.

**TOWN BUILDING NEWS:** All necessary permits were issued by the Building Dept. in April:

10209 SE 27 <sup>th</sup> St.	New Hot Water Heater and Boiler
2730 – 106 <sup>th</sup> Pl. SE	New Boiler
10317 SE 29 <sup>th</sup> St.	Plumbing for Bathroom Remodel
10526 SE 28 <sup>th</sup> St.	Transformer upgrade

**Reminder:** *Most work usually needs a permit.* Please visit [http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/bldg\\_dept.htm](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!

**BAV EAGLES:** Beaux Arts is home to a resident pair of Bald Eagles. Our eagles have raised eaglets here in the village for more than 16 years, and most years they've been successful in raising two eaglets. Hatching usually occurs late April so keep your eyes and ears peeled for feeding activity near the beach nest! Bron Richards is our resident eagle expert, and Janet Griswold recently shot a video of them, if you have further questions about the village eagles.

With two eagle's nests here, it is important to remember our role in protecting them. Therefore, both the *state and federal* **Departments of Fish and Wildlife** 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. Rules may fluctuate, but if you plan any work within 660' of an eagle's nest, the property owner must contact Fish and Wildlife for their requirements. Almost all BAV properties 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.

**WABA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING:** The next meeting of the WABA Board of Trustees will be **Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 7:00pm** at the Westburg-Wheeler residence.

**CENTER BBQ COMMITTEE:** Members, the *Center Beach BBQ Committee* is looking for design input, and welcomes anyone interested in the project to attend the first 30 minutes of this week's WABA Board meeting, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee members will spend a few minutes sharing some of their initial thinking then open it up for discussion. If you cannot attend but have some input you'd like to share, please feel free to email Rich Bray.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** The Egg Hunt was a huge success this year with about 35 neighborhood kids and families participating, and many others there to watch all the fun. Thank you to Kristin and Keith Mange, and Paula Dix for set up and clean up. Thank you to Aaron and Aletha Howes for the coffee, donuts, and juice, and to everyone who contributed eggs. A very special thank you to Keaton and Matthew Yen who stuffed over 50 eggs to hide but were not able to come to the hunt due to baseball!

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

**BEACH PARENTS NEEDED:** 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 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.

**BEACH RESERVATIONS:** Beach reservations are starting to come in! If you have a special event planned, be sure to check the WABA Calendar for availability. Please remember that any group of 12 or more people requires a reservation. There are no reservations allowed on Sundays or holidays. Beach reservation forms can be found on the WABA website at: [www.waba1908.com](http://www.waba1908.com) in the 'Member Resources' section after you've logged in.

**DOG POLICY:** The WABA Dog Policy will be in effect starting on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day). This means there are NO dogs allowed in the swim beach area. Dogs are allowed on the north end of the beach and lawn extending from the northern boundary to the Town of Beaux Arts, south to the opening in the break wall and east to the southwest corner of the tennis court. Dogs may be walked from the northern part of the beach to the southern access road using a 10-foot strip along the eastern edge of the lawn.

Please clean up after your dogs, and be sure to keep them out of the restoration areas – the spring plants are coming in with many others that were just planted, and they all need to be protected. Your cooperation is much appreciated! For a complete list of rules and a map showing the dog friendly areas, please see the WABA website <http://waba1908.com/>.

**BEACHMASTER REPORT:** The annual Beach/Woodlands Fun Party was a fantastic success. My sincere **thank you** to the 60 villagers who pitched in to maintain our beach character. The group has again amazed me with our ability to fill the yard waste dumpster to the brim. Everyone enjoyed the provided hot dog lunch, caught up with their friends and tossed around ideas for a new mid-beach barbeque and fire pit. ATTENTION Air Softies - Please use *biodegradable pellets* with your air guns! The beach is littered with thousands of the plastic pellet variety. Thank you!

**DOCKMASTER REPORT:** Thanks to all the folks who participated in the beach and dock clean-up on April 26th. All the docks were pressure washed for the coming boating season. If you have any questions about the docks or moorage facilities please contact Dock Master Jay Jacobsen.

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**WABA HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT:** Sometimes it's our community or the old houses getting the publicity; this time it's one of our newest homes profiled. Check out this wonderful article on Eugenia and Bennet Yen's new home at:

[http://seattletimes.com/html/pacificnw/2023287099\\_0413nw1beauxartsxml.html?prmid=4917](http://seattletimes.com/html/pacificnw/2023287099_0413nw1beauxartsxml.html?prmid=4917)



**LOST:** Early April Hatchet      North Beach Fire Pit      See Driftmeyer's if you think it's yours.  
**FOUND:** Kids' gardening gloves      Center Beach BBQ      Still there – from Beach Cleanup

### **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](mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov)      Phone: (425) 454-8580

Mail: 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.

Town website: <http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/>

Mayor: [mayor@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:mayor@beauxarts-wa.gov)      Town Council: [council@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:council@beauxarts-wa.gov)

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](mailto:bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov)      Phone: (425) 269-6985

Mail: 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.

Town website: <http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/>

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](mailto:wabaclerk@gmail.com)      Phone: 425-502-7382      Website: <http://waba1908.com/>

Mail: 10010 SE 28<sup>th</sup> Place, Beaux Arts, WA 98004