



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
APRIL 2015**

WABA Board Mtg.	1 st Thursday, 7:00pm	April 2 nd	Nassisi
WABA History Committee	TBD	TBD	Morse
Town Variance Hearing	Monday, 7:00pm	April 13 th	Enatai Elementary Library
Town Council	2 nd Tuesday, 7:00pm	April 14 th	Leider
Town Planning Commission	3 rd Thursday, 7:00pm	April 16 th	Jochums
WABA Beach Cleanup	Saturday, 8am	April 25 th	Beach

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

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 Mayor: mayor@beauxarts-wa.gov Town Council: council@beauxarts-wa.gov

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

- Visited with King County Councilwoman Jane Hague to learn more about upcoming regional issues that will impact Beaux Arts.
- Conducted a brief discussion about the current Tree Code and whether it needs to be amended or updated. After reviewing concerns raised recently by citizens, including the need for a policy addressing tree removal and replacement on Town property, the Council decided to focus attention first on developing a tree policy for public rights-of-way and use the information learned during that process to clarify the goals for possible amendments to the existing code. Councilmember Hillberg will take the lead on developing this public tree policy.
 Related to this project, Councilmember Hillberg and Clerk-Treasurer Spens are reviewing the requirements for becoming a Tree City USA. A number of local cities are already so designated, and given the value that Beaux Arts places on its urban forest, it makes sense to look into participating.
- Continued discussing a template for a Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Related to this project, Mayor Leider continues working to form a committee of interested citizens who will help identify revenue sources in support of these projects, as well as regular operations and maintenance.
- Continued discussing progress on meeting goals set in the Council’s Strategic Plan, particularly as they relate to stormwater management and ROW maintenance.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday April 14, 2015 at Richard Leider's house. Please watch your local mailstand and the Town’s website for the meeting agenda.

COUNCIL VACANCY: The Council has a vacancy which the Council would like to fill as quickly as possible. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, have suggestions on qualified candidates to recommend, or have any questions about this commitment, please talk to Mayor Leider.

TOWN TREE POLICY: The Town is working to create standard practices and guidance for how it administers street trees on the Town ROW. Councilmember Mike Hillberg is taking the lead on this project. The Council invites residents who have specific recommendations to send them to council@beauxarts-wa.gov. On a related note, the Town is also investigating the possibility of becoming a Tree City USA.

TREE DAMAGE: A large Town ROW tree was recently damaged on the south side of SE 29th across from the entrance to 107th Ave. SE. If you know anything about the damage, please contact Councilmember Mike Hillberg or Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp. Thank you.

VILLAGE FIREWOOD: Thanks to some tree work, scheduled and emergency, the town has some firewood on hand available to village residents on a first come basis, you haul, and you split. The firewood is maple and is in a pile on the Town's water tower lot.

TOWN CLEANUP: Save the date! Saturday, May 16th the Town will have its annual Spring ROW Cleanup. More details to follow, but if you want to spearhead a project or have questions, please contact Mike Hillberg.

VARIANCE HEARING: The Town of Beaux Arts replaced its Board of Adjustment with a Hearing Examiner in March, 2011. Our Hearing Examiner, Sound Law Center, will hear its first Variance Hearing this month at Enatai Elementary Library in Bellevue, on April 13, 2015, at 7:00pm. Public Hearing notices were posted on all mailbox stands and in the Seattle Times, and mailed to all residents within 300 feet of the property, as required by law. See Deputy Clerk Kulp with any questions, or to submit written comments for this variance, which is for a reconstruction of an existing nonconforming residence at 10308 SE 27th Street. For more information on Variances in Beaux Arts, consult the Town's website at http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/hrg_examiner.htm, http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/bldg_dept.htm, or see the Zoning Code, Chapter 18.10.170 at <http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/BeauxArts/>.

SOUND TRANSIT PROJECT UPDATE: East Link Extension - prepare for weekend roadwork. As we experienced last weekend, the Washington State Department of Transportation and Sound Transit will continue work on I-90 as part of the Two-Way Transit project which is adding carpool lanes to the outer roadways in both of directions of I-90 between Seattle and Bellevue. The project sets the stage for light rail service in the center roadway across I-90. If you're traveling across Lake Washington, be sure to check WSDOT's Seattle traffic website or call 511 before you head out for the latest traffic information. Also, give yourself extra time to reach your destination. This was the second of up to 30 weekend-long closures between now and mid-2017. For specific detour information including Mercer Island and Rainier Avenue traffic, click here. **Advanced stormwater utility relocation in Bel-Red.** You may begin to see stormwater utility relocation activity as early as mid-April near NE Spring Blvd and 136th Pl NE, close to the future 130th light rail station. Before light rail construction begins, existing utility lines need to be relocated. The stormwater utility work is one of a series of utility relocations in Bel-Red by Sound Transit and multiple utility providers in preparation for East Link construction. Sound Transit's stormwater utility relocation work will begin as early as mid-April 2015, followed by work by Olympic Pipeline (OPL) shortly thereafter when OPL will relocate infrastructure out of the future East Link construction work area. During stormwater utility relocation, expect temporary single-lane closures at the intersection of 136th Pl NE and NE Spring Blvd between 7 a.m.

and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. **Regional connections to Link.** The conversation around improving connections between buses and light rail when new Link service begins continued Wednesday at Bellevue City Hall. With the University Link Extension scheduled to open in early 2016, King County Metro and Sound Transit have developed two alternative concepts for how bus service could be integrated with light rail. In advance of East Link opening, you can expect the same conversation to take place as the two agencies seek to integrate bus and rail services to complement one another and maximize efficiency in the regional transportation system. For more information about the East Link Extension project, please contact the project team at 206-398-LINK or eastlink@soundtransit.org.

FOOD WASTE BAGS: The *Recycle More* education outreach program orders compostable bag samples each year. Each sample is a roll of 10 compostable bags, secured with a rubber band, and is given away to help residents begin composting their food scraps and food soiled paper. In 2014 many thousands of bag samples were distributed. King County Solid Waste has alerted us to their left over inventory and will send out some for distribution by the end of April 2015. **The bags have a shelf life that will allow them to be distributed and used this year, but they must be out to residents by the end of April.** If you are interested in these bags, please contact Deputy Clerk Kulp and she will get you some.

MARSHAL REPORT: Please **report anything suspicious to 911.**

- King County Sheriff's office reports the following crimes occurred per their map: <https://www.crimereports.com/>.
- Bellevue Police department reports the following crimes occurred in per Bellevue's Crime map: <http://spotcrime.com/wa/bellevue> or <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/wa/bellevue> .
- *NextDoor Enatai* members reported several incidents nearby this last month which included:
 - 1 home invasion robbery
 - 1 car break-in
 - 1 home burglary
 - 1 unknown police investigation
 - 1 count of stolen mail found
 - 1 suspicious man following a girl
 - 1 fraud alert
 - 1 note of huffing evidence found in a private yardNumerous accounts of suspicious vehicles and people at their door, including solicitors.
Beaux Arts residents reported:
 - 1 suspicious vehicle parked (which turned out to be visiting a new neighbor)
 - 1 rock through a windshield.

For complete details, residents in the area may log in with a password to the local blog at: <https://enataisurreydowns.nextdoor.com/login/>

Bellevue Police encouraged reporting residents to use "No Soliciting" or "No Sales" signs, don't keep garage door openers in vehicle, always let someone at the door know you're home but do not open the door, and always report concerns to 911. Bellevue Police

You can find detailed crime prevention tips on the following links:

- King County: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/sheriff/Safety.aspx>
- Bellevue Police: <http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/police-crime-prevention.htm>.

Thank you for staying vigilant on noticing and reporting any and all suspicious activity.

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

2808 – 107th Ave. SE

Deck Replacement

2807 – 105th Ave. SE

Commercial ROW trimming and line work by Century Link

Please contact Deputy Clerk Kulp if you have any building concerns or questions. Thank you.

WABA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: The next meeting of the WABA Board of Trustees will be on Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00pm at the Nassisi residence.

THANK YOU to Amy Nassisi and her helpers Katie Kulp and Sydney Hillberg in making our annual EASTER EGG HUNT a big hit! Thanks to Nicole Griswold for the coffee! There were also donuts, and filled plastic eggs, found and enjoyed by those who participated promptly.

GREENBOOK UPDATES: The residents' directory is always available to download and print from the WABA website (www.waba1908.com) in 'Member Resources' in the Greenbook section after you've logged into the website. The directory and residence map are updated regularly. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the WABA Clerk.

WABA WEBSITE: To log into the WABA website your email address must be on file with the WABA Clerk. Your email address is your username. To login, enter your email address and password. If you do not have a password or have forgotten yours, click on the 'forgot password' link and a new one will be emailed to you.

BEACHMASTER REPORT: It's time! The annual Spring WABA Beach and Woodlands Cleanup is on Saturday, April 25th with coffee and doughnuts for the work crew beginning at 8:00am, followed by the ever-popular barbeque lunch at Noon. Focus this spring will be weeding & chipping our many perennial beds and Woodlands. Do bring your own tools, but leave your dog at home. Contact Forrest Kulp or Julia Morse with any questions.

DOCKMASTER REPORT: Spring is officially here, so I expect that boats will be coming out of storage and filling up the marina. Boaters: please take a few minutes to review the dock rules that are laid out in full in the Greenbook. Let me know if you have any questions about the rules and if you see any of them being broken please contact me immediately. Also, this is a good time to check that the safety equipment on your boat is ready for the boating season including life jackets and a fire extinguisher. For moored boats: be sure to secure your lines and have rubber snubbers on all 4 "corner tie" mooring lines to prevent any damage to your boat or the docks. Be safe and enjoy the water!
- Dockmaster Jay Jacobsen

WABA HISTORY COMMITTEE MEETING: The WABA History Committee will meet next on a date, time and location to be determined. All committee members and interested residents are invited and welcome to attend. See Julia Morse for details.

WABA HISTORY CORNER: Which early property owner here was instrumental in establishing Swedish Hospital? *Watch for answer next month!*

March's answer: **Frank Baker, Joshua Vogel and Albert Roush** were the three neighbors that were partners in an architectural firm, called Baker, Vogel, and Roush, Architects, in the Smith Tower, working together from 1922-1933. Frank Baker designed Boynton's Toad Hall; Joshua Vogel designed Kulp's and Gillem's homes. Vogel's wife Helen designed Juhle's home for a client, which they later purchased and raised their family of 6 children. Village neighbor Clancy Lewis was a witness in Frank Baker's naturalization proceedings when he became a US citizen. Frank Baker, originally from Canada,

was also known for designing several public buildings in Seattle and Olympia:
<http://pcad.lib.washington.edu/person/2714/>. Before forming his own firm with Joshua Vogel and others, Frank Baker initially partnered with architect James Blackwell from 1911-1922:
<http://www.dahp.wa.gov/learn-and-research/architect-biographies/james-e-blackwell>. Joshua Vogel later had his own firm and became an expert in urban planning, public works projects, and Chinese & Japanese architecture.

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.

bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov (425) 269-6985
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- 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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