



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
MARCH 2017**

WABA Board Mtg.	Monday	7:00pm	February 27 th	Bogert/McNulty
Town ROW Clean-Up	Saturday	9am-Noon	March 4 th	Town ROW
Town Council	2 nd Tuesday	7:00pm	March 14 th	Stowe
Planning Commission	3 rd Thursday	7:00pm	March 16 th	Dix

Town WEBSITE: <http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/> SALES TAX NUMBER: #1703
Town Hall: townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov Building Department: bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov
Mayor: mayor@beauxarts-wa.gov Town Council: council@beauxarts-wa.gov

COUNCIL BUSINESS: The following discussions took place at the Council's February meeting:

- Certified Local Government (CLG): The Council continued a public hearing of proposed Ord. No. 428, establishing the Town as a CLG and creating a tax-incentive program to encourage owners of certain historic properties to preserve those homes rather than replacing them with new construction. The Council will complete this discussion at their March meeting and expects to enact this legislation.
- Village Hall: Councilmember Hudson presented the findings of her committee's task to assess the need and support for a Village Hall and to hear feedback from residents on the concept. The committee conducted three neighborhood meetings and made phone/email contact with others who expressed interest but were unable to attend a meeting. Ms. Hudson estimates that about 25% of the residents of Beaux Arts provided feedback. The group distilled two basic findings: (1) Participants don't see a need but do see possibilities; there was neither strong opposition nor active support. (2) Participants wanted to see a proposal for the specifics, i.e. size, location, etc., before deciding. The Committee feels the concept may be viable and needs the Council's commitment to continue pursuing the idea. That commitment will require the Council to devote some time and energy to further define the need for a Village Hall, to develop the concept (which may include hiring someone to produce some concept sketches), and to outline hard and soft costs (including construction and maintenance).
- The Council adopted a resolution supporting the 2017 Work Program and Budget for ARCH, A Regional Coalition for Housing, which works to increase affordable housing on the Eastside.
- Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation: Mayor Leider reported that the Bellevue Transportation Department responded to his letter regarding traffic counts and traffic monitoring during the Sound Transit Project along Bellevue Way. In essence, Bellevue plans to conduct periodic traffic counts, but it is unclear whether their counts will benefit Beaux Arts. The Council plans to investigate other traffic monitoring options to help mitigate cut-through traffic during this period.
- Councilmember Hillberg reported that there has been plenty of tree work and other ROW clean up as a result of the storm in early February. He will hold an early Spring Clean Up, because residents still have a large volume of storm debris for disposal.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at 7:00pm on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017** at Tom Stowe's house. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

BACKFLOW DEVICE TESTING: Each year, residents with lawn irrigation, fire sprinklers, and other systems with a direct connection to the Town's water supply are required to have the backflow-prevention device (BFD) in that system tested for operability. The Town gives residents the option of either making arrangements for testing themselves OR having a certified tester hired by the Town do the testing. Households participating in the Town's testing program are billed for the actual cost of testing, usually about \$38 per device, after all testing is complete – usually in the Fall.

NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR TESTING ARRANGEMENTS:

- If you participated in the Town's testing program last year, and you want the Town to handle your testing again, you do NOT need to do anything.
- If you participated in the Town's testing program last year, but you prefer to arrange for your own testing this year, please email Clerk-Treasurer Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov as soon as possible and ask to be removed from the master list.
- If you have NOT participated in the Town's program in the past and want to be included this year, please email Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov and ask to be added 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., and the location(s) of the BFD to be tested, if known.**
- If you arrange your own testing, please be sure that your certified tester forwards your test results to Clerk-Treasurer Spens as soon as they become available.

EARLY SPRING TOWN CLEAN-UP: Thanks to recent February snow, you might have noticed a few branches and other debris that came down, now spread around the Town in our yards, paths, and street sides. Our fall clean-up was short on volunteers partially thanks to the heavy rain that weekend. So we're going to bring in the yard waste dumpsters and make it an **early SPRING TOWN Cleanup!** The dumpsters will be here throughout the village on the weekend of **March 3-5**. As usual, we'll focus our efforts on Saturday morning, **March 4th from 9am-Noon** but the dumpsters can be used anytime over the weekend for your schedule and flexibility. Bring your branches, your leaves, your trunks, your bundled masses! Britt Green has volunteered his truck for picking up piles. See Town Councilmembers Hudson and Hillberg if you can assist with donuts & coffee. Remember teenagers, hours worked can count as community service! Thanks!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: After hearing from several residents that when they tried to call their neighbors after our recent "Snowpocalypse" to offer hot tea or chainsaw assistance they found that the WABA Green Book information was out-of-date. Please take the time to review and update your WABA Green Book contact information with WABA Clerk Kristin Mange. As we capitalize on Beaux Arts' community spirit with the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) Emergency Preparedness Program, having up-to-date resident contact phone numbers and emails is essential. Four of our nine blocks now have captains. Can you be a block captain? Contact Town Councilmember Cynthia Hudson at chudson@beauxarts-wa.gov to volunteer or for any questions.

Here's another reason to connect with your Map Your Neighborhood block: In case you missed this article discussing concerns about our area's earthquake preparedness, please take time to read it at the Seattle Times, originally published January 27, 2017. Washington's 30-year earthquake drill for the 'Big One': Order studies. Ignore them. Repeat. <http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/northwest/washington-30-year-earthquake-drill-for-big-one-order-studies-ignore-them-repeat/>

Reminders about winter storms and other emergencies:

- If you're home, and can call or get out and about, consider checking in with our elderly, and our newest residents to see if they need anything.
- If you're not home, consider asking a neighbor to check on your property.

- If you have power, and/or the ability to have a fire or use a BBQ (outside only!), make sure your neighbors know if they're out of power that you can help!
- If you are out of power, phone or cable/internet or have problems with any of those, or sewer, garbage or gas – or smell a gas leak, or have a tree or branches causing a problem with power lines, please contact your service provider to report the outage with a cell phone while you can, a land line if available or through a neighbor if you can't.
- Here's a link to those providers that have franchise agreements with the Town: <http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/FAQ> Click on or Look under LOCAL SERVICE FRANCHISES, (in alphabetical order). If you can't use your internet, call a clerk for a phone number or assistance if you need.
- If you have a tree down causing an emergency situation to life or limb, please contact Deputy Clerk Kulp or consult the Town's Tree Code as the emergency tree removal clause may be applicable. <http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/BeauxArts/#!/BeauxArts16/BeauxArts1625.html#16.25.110>
- If you notice anything urgent on Town property, please report to the Town through Deputy Clerk Kulp.

MARSHAL REPORT: February activity in Beaux Arts/Enatai area included:

- King County Sheriff's office reports 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 report incidents around us every month, including theft, vandalism, etc. Next Door Enatai now has a private sub-group just for Beaux Arts residents. For complete details, residents may log in with a password to the local blog, <https://enataisurreydowns.nextdoor.com/login/>.

SCHOLARSHIP: You could help a young person in your community get a scholarship for higher education. Nominate a student for an AWC Center for Quality Communities (CQC) Scholarship by March 10! CQC scholarships are for outstanding young leaders in Washington's cities and towns. Each city has the opportunity to nominate one young leader who plans to attend college or a trade school in fall 2017. Six \$1,250 scholarships will be awarded in May. CQC promotes civic engagement and provide the public with a better understanding of the role that cities and towns play in Washington. Scholarship funds were raised during AWC's 2016 Annual Conference when city officials from throughout the state pledged to invest in young leaders – the future of our communities. Please visit www.cfqc.org for more information on how to nominate a student. Contact [Karen Tanner](#) at (360) 753-4137 with any questions.

SOUND TRANSIT, EAST LINK UPDATE: East Link tunnel excavation is underway in downtown Bellevue. Behind the construction sound wall, crews are busy excavating at the south tunnel portal site located at 112th Avenue Northeast and Main Street. Because of the short tunnel length (approximately 2,000 feet long, or approximately one-third of a mile), and to minimize impact on neighboring homes and businesses, Sound Transit is constructing the tunnel using the Sequential Excavation Method (SEM) rather than a tunnel boring machine or digging a large trench that is later covered. What to expect:

- Approximately two years of excavation followed by finish work inside the tunnel.
- Work began at the south tunnel portal and will advance north at a projected rate of 3 – 4 feet per day.
- Tunnel excavation occurs on a 24/7 timeline with truck hauling occurring during daytime hours.

For more information, contact Sound Transit at: soundtransit.org/eastlink, 206-398-5465 or eastlink@soundtransit.org. The 24-hour construction hotline is 888-298-2395.

TOWN BUILDING NEWS: All necessary permits were issued by the Building Dept. in February for:
2805 – 105th Ave. SE Bathroom Remodel

10410 SE 27th St.

Re-Roof

The Town's Building Department reminds residents that most work requires permits; thank you to those that double-check before starting any work: http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/bldg_dept.htm.

WORKING HOURS: Reminder - With the warming weather and increased daylight, we'll be seeing – and hearing – a lot more activity outside! Construction crews are required to adhere to construction working hours, and the Town asks that all other work adhere to these same hours as well, if at all possible.

Monday through Friday	7 am – 6 pm
Saturday	8 am – 5 pm
Sunday and <u>Holidays</u>	No Work Allowed

If you cannot adhere to these hours for your non-construction work, we ask you at least respect your neighbors' rights by limiting your noise appropriately. Beaux Arts observes the following Federal Holidays: New Year's Day, MLK Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

WABA / Western Academy of Beaux Arts NEWS:

BEACH PARENTS: Marji Jochums, Jenn Heintz, and Candice Soderquist will be serving as our Beach Parents this summer. They will be starting on lifeguard interviews soon so if you or anyone you know is interested in applying, please contact any one of them or the WABA Clerk.

BOARD MEETING: Due to travel schedules, the March WABA Board meeting was held **early, on Monday, February 27th**.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: We are pleased to announce the WABA officers for 2017 were elected at our board meeting on February 2nd:

Susan Bogert, President
John Clemett, Vice President
Deanna Tegeler, Secretary
Peggy Driftmeyer, Treasurer
Peter Bowen will serve as Trustee-at-Large.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Thank you to Cynthia Hudson who has volunteered to coordinate the Egg Hunt this year! We are still in need of someone to collect the contributions of filled Easter eggs – (usually 12-24 eggs per child participating), several people to hide the eggs on the beach the morning of the hunt, and someone to help serve donuts and coffee/juice after all the eggs are found. The date is to be determined. If you are interested in helping with this very fun tradition, please contact Cynthia Hudson or the WABA Clerk.

GREEN BOOK: Has any of your contact information changed? Has your household changed? Please share any changes with our WABA Clerk Kristin Mange so she can keep the Green Book Directory and map updated. Recently during the snow storm when most of the upper village lost power for 3 days, those that were trying to reach out to check on neighbors found our directory useless as many of the phone numbers inaccurate or not answering. An accurate contact list with cell phone numbers will be especially critical as we begin our Emergency Preparedness! The current Green Book Directory is on the WABA Website under the password protection and listed as Section 6. If you have trouble accessing, please see Kristin for help.

HISTORY COMMITTEE: See Julia Morse with any questions.

MASTERS REPORTS: From the WABA volunteers that tirelessly oversee and manage our community waterfront assets; please enjoy our waterfront and remember we all need to do our part to keep it clean and maintained, just like our homes and yards!

- **BEACHMASTER: BEACH CLEANUP - Saturday, April 29th: *Please save the date for the annual spring cleanup at the beach!* Work gets started at 8:00am and ends with a hotdog picnic lunch. It's a great way to meet your neighbors while getting the beach ready for the summer! See Beach master Forrest Kulp with any questions or if you want to volunteer for a specific task.**

Also, *thank you* very much to Tom Garvey and Connie Wallum who have spear-headed a donation fundraiser to replace the stolen Adirondack chairs from the beach last fall. If you still want to contribute, please contact them for details. It appears they've collected enough so far for about 2 sets of chairs – way to go!

- **DOCKMASTER REPORT:** Annual moorage billing was mailed out mid-January and the payment was due by February 28th. If you have not paid your moorage bill, please pay it right away or late fees will be assessed. If you have a boat, kayak, or canoe, either in a slip or stored on the ground or rack at the beach, and have not received a moorage billing, please contact Dock Master Jay Jacobsen. Also, we have long waiting lists so if your boating needs change, please let Jay know so we can give a neighbor a chance!
- **WOODLANDS REPORT:** See Julia Morse with any questions.

SUMMER PICNIC: Save the date! Trish Gillem and Cyndy Park will be coordinating the Summer Picnic; they've set the date for July 29, 2017 – mark your calendars!

WELCOME: Please help us welcome our newest Western Academy members! Hao Tan and Xiuyun Lei, children Anqi Lei and Anrui Lin, and family member Chao Lin were welcomed as members at the February Board meeting. They purchased the Justus house and spent a very cold first few days in their new home with snow and no electricity. Please be sure to say hello if you're out and about in the neighborhood!

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact **Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens** if you have questions or concerns about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Dept.: townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov or (425) 454-8580.
- Contact **Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp** if you have questions about the building department (including permits and variances), issues before the Planning Commission or Hearing Examiner, or this newsletter:
Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov (425) 269-6985
- To report **Block Watch** concerns, contact:
Town Marshal Walter Scott (425) 454-2573
Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster (425) 746-0757
KCSO Non-Emergency Line **(206) 296-3311**

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 use (including reservations and parking stickers), the Green Book, WABA social events or issues before the WABA Board of Trustees: wabaclerk@gmail.com (425) 502-7382

Web address: <http://waba1908.com/>

Mailing address: Western Academy of Beaux Arts, 10010 SE 28th Place, Beaux Arts, WA 98004