



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
DECEMBER 2020**

WABA Board Mtg.	Thursday	7:00pm	December 3rd	remotely
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	7:00pm	December 8th	remotely
Planning Commission	Thursday	7:30pm	December 17th	remotely

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

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

- Held a public hearing to discuss a proposed budget for 2021. The Council made minor adjustments and will adopt the final budget by ordinance in December.
- Held public hearing to discuss the property tax levy for 2021. After consideration of the proposed budget for next year and the affects the pandemic is having on individuals throughout our state, the Council decided not to increase the property tax levy for 2021. Property owners may see increases in their property taxes, but those will be driven by taxes levied by other entities, including the public schools, other agencies, and voted levies.
- Reviewed final details about the Town’s Fall Clean Up scheduled for November 13th - 15th.
- Reviewed details about the Great Shake Out Drill, conducted last month. Councilmember Howes has begun purchasing supplies to support the Town’s emergency response and is organizing them for storage.

The Council’s next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, December 8th** and will include a public hearing to discuss minor amendments to the 2020 Budget. This meeting will likely be conducted remotely; instructions for participating will be included on the meeting agenda, which will be posted on mailstands the Friday before the meeting and on the Town website at: <https://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/agendas>. Please contact Clerk/Treasurer Spens with questions.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: King County is still in phase 2 but Governor Inslee updated ‘Safe Start’ restrictions mid-November to slow the spread of COVID-19 cases still rising, that were shared with all villagers. For reference, see those details outlined:

- <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start/whats-open-each-phase>
 - A reminder of what counties are in each phase: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need...>
 - King county or city data: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/daily-summary.aspx> .
 - To assess your family’s emergency preparedness plans, check out: <https://www.ready.gov/>.
- COVID restrictions have cancelled our usual December social events like the holiday cookie party and the Christmas Ship bonfire events. We look forward to resurrecting these events next year when we can all be safer gathering together.

FACE MASKS: King County obtained reusable cloth facemasks and sent them to cities for distribution to all residents. These masks are made of white cotton t-shirt material and have ear loops to secure them. The Town still has a large number of these masks available. If you want any for you or your family, Councilmember Howes has a basket of masks available for contact-free pickup on her porch.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS: Each mailbox stand is often decorated by the users of that mailbox stand during the holidays. If you are interested, please coordinate with your neighbors socially distanced to do so.



The Village entrance signs have been decorated with garland by the Sharp's for many years. See Andrea Sharp if you would like to help with future sign decoration!

MARSHAL REPORT: If you need to report any crime, contact the King County Sheriff and then Town Marshal Jeff & Marji Jochums. With the holidays, please make sure your packages and mail are picked up promptly, as theft around us continues.

PLANNING COMMISSION; Short Term Rentals: The Town's Planning Commission is currently exploring options to regulate short-term housing rentals in our community and would like to solicit feedback from residents on this topic. Please contact Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp by email with any comments to share with the Commission.

THANK YOU: It did not rain the whole weekend, and workers turned out! THANKS to all who participated in the Town Clean-up the weekend of November 14th! The fact that all four dumpsters were filled is true confirmation of a community that cares. Here is a partial list of accomplishments:

- 108th swale was cleaned up; new ferns and salal were planted,
- Two invasive trees were taken down and debris hauled to the dumpsters,
- A crew made quick business of hauling the huge pile of chips at the east end of the Academy Path to the woods & spreading it out for a good layer of mulch,
- All the mess at 5-corners from the fallen big leaf maple was loaded into the dumpster
- Along SE 29th and 106th, laurel shoots were cut off; the ivy was removed from the west side of the fence

TOWN SERVICES REMAIN IN PHASE 2: The Building Department continues to accept permit applications; however, for the safety of our staff and residents, no face-to-face submittals are currently allowed. Applicants are asked to submit all documents and payments online or by mail to maintain social distancing. In addition, all contractors must continue to comply with requirements for providing a safe workspace. Due to recent proclamations from the Governor, it is not known when this will change. Please remember that most work here in Beaux Arts requires a permit or zoning review. See <https://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/building-department-permit-center> or contact the Deputy Clerk.

WATER DEPARTMENT: The Water Department performs several quality-assurance tests based on a schedule from the Washington State Dept of Health. A recent test of samples from the South Beach failed with a low level of coliform bacteria. The Town switched to Bellevue water, which is chlorinated, for approximately one week. This switch ensures that residents are receiving safe water while killing any pockets of bacteria that may remain in the water distribution lines. If you noticed an unusual smell to you water during November, it was likely due to the chlorine in Bellevue's water. While the smell of chlorine is unpleasant to some, the occasional introduction of chlorinated water into our distribution lines helps clear out other non-harmful bacteria that feed on the manganese in our water and create a "rotten egg" smell.

WABA / Western Academy of Beaux Arts NEWS:

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING – NEW DATE: Planning for the **January 30th, 2021** WABA Annual Business Meeting has begun. One Trustee will be elected, and the operating budget will be voted on during the meeting. If you are interested in serving the community and WABA by joining the Board as a Trustee, please contact Eugenia Yen, or the WABA Clerk – wabaclerk@gmail.com.

BOARD MEETING: The next meeting of the Western Academy Board of Trustees will be Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00pm, via Zoom. Meeting details are posted on the agendas.

PLAYGROUND IS OPEN! Thank you to the Playground Committee, everyone who contributed funds, all the volunteers who helped complete various tasks, and especially to Susan Bogert for managing the project from start to finish. Parents please be sure your children understand the rules and accompany any children under 7 years of age.

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF? Town Website: <http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/>

● Contact **Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens** about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Dept.:

Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov (425) 454-8580.

● Contact **Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp** 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 Jeff/Marji Jochums townmarshal@beauxarts-wa.gov

Deputy Marshal Robert Heintz

KCSO Non-Emergency Line

(206) 296-3311

NEED TO CONTACT WABA? WABA Members may contact **WABA Clerk Kristin Mange** about the Western Academy of Beaux Arts, regarding the private beach or its use (including reservations and parking stickers), the Green Book Directory, WABA social events or issues before the WABA Board of Trustees:

WABA Clerk Kristin Mange wabaclerk@gmail.com (425) 502-7382

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

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