



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
APRIL 2021**

WABA Board Mtg.	Thursday	7:00pm	April	remotely
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	7:00p	April 13	remotely
Planning Commission	Thursday	7:00pm	April 22	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 March Council meeting, the Council:

- Continued their discussion of a vision for the use of Town Green Spaces. This discussion continues to build on the work done by CREA Associates in 2014 and the Town’s philosophy toward its green spaces as set forth in Resolution No. 66. This discussion is expected to last several months. In April, the focus will be confirming the draft work list put together during the March meeting. The Council values input from residents and invites participation either during the Council meeting or through comments and suggestions submitted by email.
- Reviewed final budget performance for 2020 and an introduction to the budget process as a refresher about budgeting basics with funds.

The Council’s next regular meeting will be Tuesday April 13th and is expected to be conducted remotely; instructions for participating will be included on the meeting agenda 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 if you have questions.

EMAIL CHALLENGES: Clerk/Treasurer Spens continues to receive more than 100 spam messages daily due to February’s spam bomb. If you have sent a message and not received a reply, please do not hesitate to re-send your message or call her at 425.454.8580. She may have accidentally deleted while cleaning out the spam. Please accept her apologies for any and all inconvenience created by the situation. Our email service provider says things should improve over time.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: All necessary permits were issued last month for:

2727 – 104 th Ave. SE	Driveway replacement
10528 SE 29 th St.	Driveway and walkway repaving
10516 SE 29 th St.	Furnace replacements, heatpump

KING COUNTY HAS MOVED TO PHASE 3: While many businesses are re-opening at limited capacity, many public facilities remain closed. Beaux Arts’ Town Clerks have always

worked from home offices and remain ready to serve you by phone or email. We do our best to respond within 24 hours. The Building Department continues to accept permit applications online or by mail to maintain social distancing. In addition, all contractors must continue to comply with requirements for providing a safe workspace. Based on recent news for our area, it is not known when this will change.

For more guidance from King County and Washington State about this phase, please visit one of the following websites:

- <https://www.kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine/covid-response/current-guidance.aspx>.
- <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start/whats-open>
- <https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-healthy-washington-roadmap-to-recovery-229b880a6859>.
- You can keep up with all the latest statistics with the Dept of Health at: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/DataDashboard>.

EAST LINK MITIGATION: Following significant reductions in through-traffic along 108th Ave SE, the Bellevue Transportation Department has decided that the turn restrictions at SE 16th Street/108th Ave SE and SE 16th/Bellevue Way will remain in place permanently following the completion of East Link construction. These restrictions have been in place since Sept. 2017, and the decision to permanently retain the restrictions is based on their effectiveness and support from the community. The resulting lower traffic volumes has created a more inviting environment to support the efforts to enhance the 108th Avenue SE priority bike corridor (connecting from the I-90 trail to Downtown) that they hope will continue as area residents begin returning to office-based work and traffic volumes increase.

There may be small changes to the signs in the coming months to improve visibility. Additionally, staff will be replacing the orange diamond residential-area signs that are found at the neighborhood entrances along 108th Avenue SE (at both Main Street and Bellevue Way) and Bellevue Way at 104th, 107th, 108th, 112th and 113th Avenues SE. Orange signs will be replaced with standard blue diamond residential-area signs with a supplemental placard noting “Residential Area.”

MARSHAL REPORT: If you need to report any crime, contact the King County Sheriff and then Town Marshal Jeff & Marji Jochums.

NAME SIGNS: The Town of Beaux Arts Village has a legacy of posting signs with the last names of property owners on corner signposts throughout the village. When a property is sold, the new owner contacts the Town to request their name sign and reimburses the town for the cost of the sign after it is installed. The Town pays for the installation. Single signs cost a minimum of \$50 each, but if more than one family orders a sign at the same time, the cost of the individual signs may be reduced. Lettering is always green vinyl on a white painted board supplied by the Town. Letter font is the same for all signs, but size varies depending on the number of letters in the last name. The Town’s policy is to post “one name sign per household”. If you need a new sign, please contact Deputy Clerk Kulp and provide your last name(s) and your address with your request.

INVASIVE SPECIES: Do you have an aquarium or fish tank? Have you purchased moss balls? If so, please dispose of the moss balls safely to keep invasive zebra mussels from clogging up our lakes and streams. Never dispose of pets or aquarium plants in the wild! In Seattle as well as other parts of the country, pet stores recently found small zebra mussels living on “Beta Buddy” brand marimo moss balls (sold as an aquarium plant). Zebra mussels are an extremely high-risk invasive species that can clog water pipes and drains, disrupt fishing, farming, and swimming, and harm salmon and many other animals and plants in a lake or stream.

There is not a good way to get rid of zebra mussels once they have colonized a lake or stream, so it is important to prevent their spread. If you have purchased “Beta Buddy” brand moss balls, here are two ways to dispose of them safely:

- Remove the moss ball(s) and place in a plastic bag. Put the bag in the freezer and leave for at least 24 hours. After that, the moss ball(s) can be disposed of in the trash.
- Place moss ball(s) in boiling water for at least one full minute. After that, the moss ball(s) can be disposed of in the trash.

For more information, please see the links below. If you had the moss balls in an aquarium with other species, the WDFW news alert also gives methods to effectively clean the tank. WDFW news alert: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/news/state-asks-public-inspect-aquarium-moss-and-prevent-movement-invasive-mussels>, and Washington State Invasive Species Council: <https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/priorityspecies/zebra-and-quagga-mussels/>

PATH UPDATE: ACADEMY PATH RESTORATION COMPLETED

Our last three neighborhood work parties focused on this area and the work accomplished was impressive! Volunteers entirely removed holly, Himalayan blackberry brambles, and ivy creeping all over the place. While the pandemic certainly put a damper on further volunteer work, the project moved forward with the Town’s hiring of Lumo Landscape Design, who installed the last of the native plants in mid-March. The ferns, flowering current, Oregon grape, salal, red-twigged dogwood, and evergreen huckleberry will fill in over time and make this area a true Northwest Woods. We are grateful to the King Conservation District (KCD) for their financial contribution towards this long-anticipated project. If you haven’t already, take a walk that way and cheer the plants on!

RODENT DAMAGE: A resident reported rodent damage when their car’s “check engine light” came on. It was severe rodent damage to the engine coil wires and happened right after the big snow. Sadly, rats and mice frequently do this to engines around here, and any vehicle sitting outside or in a carport is more vulnerable than those in garages. Our area is quite popular with rodents, because it is close to water, and we have lots of ivy and other shrubbery for them to hide out in. Since we have owls, eagles, and other birds of prey around here which can be harmed by consuming poisoned pests, we recommend using a non-poison method to control these critters. Options include mothballs, peppermint oil spray, and coyote urine spray (aka Predator Pee), which you can get online or at hardware stores. They may also help keep deer and rabbits away from your plants.

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WABA / Western Academy of Beaux Arts NEWS:

WABA Board Meeting: The next meeting of the WABA Board of Trustees will be held via Zoom on Thursday, April 1st starting at 7:00 PM. Meeting details are posted on the WABA website and on the agendas.

Annual Assessments Due on or before April 15th: WABA's Annual Assessments are due on or before 4/15. Assessment letters were mailed out via USPS mid-March, your prompt payment is greatly appreciated!

Diamond Parking Patrols begin on April 1st: Diamond Parking patrols will be starting on April 1st, and will issue parking violations to cars parked in WABA parking lots that do not display a valid WABA parking permit – sticker, hanging tag, or approved guest pass. Please contact the WABA Clerk if you need a replacement sticker or hanging tag.

Mark your Calendars!: Beach Beautification Week; Otherwise known as the Spring Cleanup, starts April 24 and will run through May 2 this year. In order to give WABA members a chance to volunteer safely, we will ask folks to sign up in family or small groups. Please look for flyers, email and website information on the small group projects available, such as operation Pickleball Perimeter Pickup, Wellhead Wellness Work Party, and Shed Shearing Season.

Calling all Summer Picnickers!: We need a chairperson or chair people to plan this year's Beaux Arts Village annual summer picnic. We are reasonably optimistic that with falling COVID numbers and the rising vaccination rate, we will be able to hold a large gathering at the beach this year. Here are the preliminary details:

When: Saturday, July 24 or 31 (Chair decision)

What: Daytime activities can include: Kids' fishing derby; Pet parade; what else?

Evening activities: Dinner at the beach; Potluck? Food truck(s)?

Bring your ideas! To volunteer and/or if you'd like to discuss how it's been done in the past, please contact: ginapijpkker@live.com.

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