



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

WABA Board Mtg.	Thursday	7:00pm	May 6	remotely
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	7:00pm	May 11	remotely
Planning Commission	Thursday	7:00pm	May 27	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 April Council meeting, the Council:

- Visited with King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci for an update on 2020 milestones achieved and 2021 plans at the County and regional level.
- Adopted Resolution 319 extending the Town’s contract for district-court services.
- Passed Ordinance 452 and Resolution 320 reducing the dollar value of the Town’s petty cash fund.
- Discussed improvements to street lighting throughout Town.
- Discussed improvements to the Water Maintenance Shed to allow occasional use as a workspace.
- Heard updates about this year’s paving project, which will restore the area’s disrupted by the 2019 Water Main Project and the 2020 Storm Line Project. To minimize impact on the summer’s beach use and activities, the Town Engineer Is working hard to ensure this work happens in September or later. Details as they develop!

The Council’s next regular meeting will be Tuesday May 11th and is expected to be conducted remotely; instructions for participating will be included on the meeting agenda posted on mail stands 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.

CANDIDATE FILING: Government in the Town of Beaux Arts Village is truly grassroots! Because the Village is a small close-knit community, it is easy to share your ideas or concerns with your representatives. After all, they live right next door or just down the street. The Town is always looking for residents who want to participate in and contribute to this process. If you’d like more information about what the Beaux Arts Town Council does, please contact any current or former Councilmember. They would love to share their experience!

During this year’s election season, the Mayor’s position and four of five Council seats are up for election. Villagers interested in serving must file for election through King County. Please visit <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/for-candidates/online-candidate-filing.aspx> for

complete information on the process. **Online candidate filing is available 24 hours a day starting May 17, 2021, at 9 a.m. and ending on May 21, 2021, at 4 p.m.**

BACKFLOW-PREVENTION DEVICE (BFD) TESTING: Villagers with lawn/fire sprinklers must have the BFDs on those systems tested annually. This protects the Town's water supply from contamination. If you have been participating in testing arranged through the Town, you don't need to do anything. If you arrange for your own testing, please remember to do so soon and to arrange for results to be sent to the Town. Contact Clerk/Treasurer Spens with questions.

DEPUTY CLERK: A quick reminder that Addie Tych is temporarily filling in for Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp while Angela takes a medical leave. Addie is answering Angela's phone and emails, handling Building Department inquiries, and assisting the Planning Commission. Thank you for your patience during this time! And thank you Addie for helping us out!

KING COUNTY HAS MOVED TO PHASE 3: While many businesses have re-opened at limited capacity, many public offices remain closed. Your 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 is accepting 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.

COVID-19 VACCINES: The availability of COVID-19 vaccines has increased significantly in King County. Thousands of appointments are available at King County's high-volume vaccination sites, which are now open to everyone age 16 and up. In addition, Public Health's sites in Kent and Auburn will begin offering up to a thousand walk-in vaccinations per day, with no appointment needed. Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will be offered at the Kent site. At Auburn, people will be able to choose either Pfizer/Moderna or the Johnson & Johnson vaccines. For people ages 16-17, Pfizer is the only authorized vaccine at this time and minors will need a parent present to provide consent. The COVID-19 vaccine is provided for free, regardless of insurance, citizenship, or immigration status. The Kent and Auburn sites are ADA accessible and have ASL and language interpretation on site.

Those with Special needs or are unable to get to a vaccination site can schedule an in-home appointment by calling 206.477.3977 (8am-7pm) or going to <https://covidvaccine.kingcounty.gov>.

To register for an appointment: www.kingcounty.gov/covid/registration

Locations:

Auburn Outlet Mall
1101 Supermall Way, Suite 1333
Auburn, WA 98001

Kent accesso ShoWare
625 W James St.
Kent, WA 98032

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: All necessary permits were issued last month for:
2808 107th Ave. SE. Gas pipping for two fireplaces

MARSHAL REPORT: A house and car on 107th Ave SE were egged. Anyone who may have seen something suspicious is encouraged to contact Steve or Linda Matsudaira. If you need to report any crime, contact the King County Sheriff and then Town Marshal Jeff & Marji Jochums.

SPRING CLEAN-UP: MAY 15 - 16

8:30 am to 1:00 pm (or longer would be great)

Dumpsters will arrive Friday, May 14th and be collected on Monday, May 17th

Debris from private property may be placed in them, but please, NOT until Sunday.

Projects include:

Clear the road rights-of-way both overhead and underfoot for pedestrian safety

Pull ivy – especially growing up trees

FOCUS: along 105th at south entrance to the Village

- Remove the dead knotweed north of SE 29th and along 105th
 - Remove ivy growing up trees at SE 29th and along 105th
 - Remove dead plants & weeds in beds south of SE 29th on both sides of 105th
 - Dig up cedar at 10530 SE 29th & plant the bed near 10415 105th Ave SE – water well
 - Once the bed near 10415 105th Ave SE is weeded, spread wood chips stored at the south end of Angle Path (next to the dumpster)
 - Install plants in bare patch on east side of 105th. Follow up with a good watering!
- Contact Paula Dix for details and to make suggestions.

SALAL DIE-OFF: Perhaps you've noticed sick looking salal throughout the Village. It seems our milder winters are allowing pests to survive and wreak havoc to this native ground cover. While little research has been conducted, our Town arborist recommends cutting the spotted and/or brown-leafed plants to the ground and completely removing the trimmings (stuff for the dumpsters!) The area should then be mulched with a 4-inch thick layer of coarse wood chips. The chips protect the root systems and help to produce new growth.

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WABA / Western Academy of Beaux Arts NEWS:

WABA Board Meeting – Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Details will be posted on the agendas.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the various beach clean up projects! There is always something to do, and the clean up will continue through Sunday, May 2nd.

Lifeguards Needed

Know anyone who would like to be a lifeguard this summer? WABA is in need of applicants.

- Please contact [Erin Moro](mailto:erinmoro@gmail.com) (erinmoro@gmail.com) for more details and to provide contact information.

Summer Picnic – Saturday, July 24th

Washington State has entered Phase 3 of COVID restrictions. It is extremely likely we will be able to celebrate our annual Summer Picnic as a community.

Looking for a **volunteer** to help plan this great event. Ideas:

- Food trucks
- Events - Fishing Derby, Cake Contest, Pet Parade - and more!
- Please contact [Gina Pijker](mailto:ginapijker@live.com) (ginapijker@live.com) for more details and to provide contact information.

Beach Greeter Program

WABA is implementing a new program to build community with members and redirect people who are not members or guests of members from using WABA resources.

First and foremost, **VOLUNTEER** to be a greeter. Login to the [WABA website](#) to **VOLUNTEER**. Required training class and online scheduling will be available.

- This program results from concerns of members regarding non-members usage of WABA resources as well as reports of theft and damage.
- Greeters, partnered in teams of two, will have the opportunity to get to know neighbors and will also introduce themselves to people they do not know and nicely request them to leave if they are not guests.

This program came to fruition after recruiting WABA members to join a beach security committee and finding Board approval for the program.

Diamond Parking Program

Parking is scarce at the beach parking lots and resources are tapped. Due to community concern, WABA has partnered with Diamond Parking.

Important FAQ's:

- WABA sticker, approved pass or hanging tag must be visible
- Violations will be assessed a \$50 fine
- Need a new tag or pass? – contact the WABA Clerk

Tennis/Pickleball/Basketball Court Reservations

A [new online reservation system](#) for the court has been added to the website.

- Reserve tennis court, basketball court or one of two pickleball courts. A second Pickleball court is coming May 7!!
- One hour time slots available.
- Please contact [Elizabeth Leider](#) for more details and questions.

Beach Reservations

A beach reservation is required for any party over twelve.

Please see the [WABA website](#) for information and to access the [Beach Reservation form](#).

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 **Temporary Deputy Clerk Addie Tych** about the building department (including permits and variances), issues before the Planning Commission or Hearing Examiner, or this newsletter:

Temporary Deputy Clerk Addie Tych 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



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Landscaping, Driveways, & Hardscape Repairs

Keeping trees alive and healthy during a project is straightforward: protect the roots below ground as well as the canopy above ground. Preserve as much green foliage as possible so the plant can continue producing food for its roots. Keep its roots alive so they can continue pumping water and nutrients back to the leaves. And, since the root system depends directly on the condition of the soil, protect the soil from compaction.

Once a tree's root system is impacted, it is difficult or impossible to repair the damages incurred. To make matters more complicated, the symptoms and consequences of damage may not be visible for months or years after an impact occurs. Roots cut for a utility line may leave a tree vulnerable to failure in a windstorm a decade after the work occurred. Soil compacted by equipment used to pave a driveway might contribute to chronic stress that causes the tree to decline and die three summers later.

Since it is not often feasible to repair past damages, and difficult to calculate whether trees will recover or succumb as a result of damages, the best approach is to protect them from the beginning.

Do

- Discuss tree protection at the beginning of a project, and identify right of way trees.
- Install temporary orange construction fencing and signage.
- Limit parking to paved surfaces.
- Keep contractor parking 15 feet from trees if parking on bare soil.
- Mulch exposed soil.
- Irrigate if irrigation is turned off.
- Re-route trenches away from trees.
- Cut roots cleanly if you encounter them.
- Monitor the tree for changes.

Don't

- Drive or park on bare soil within 15 feet (this compacts the soil).
- Store anything within 15 feet of a tree (no temporary storage of equipment, landscape pavers, or construction supplies).
- Dump waste under the tree (e.g. drywall, cement, or paint).
- Dig trenches near the tree (this cuts roots and decreases water uptake by the tree).
- Rip or tear roots, or leave them exposed.
- Prune the tree unless necessary.

How and Why?

Protect Soils. Driving, parking, storing materials, or even heavy foot traffic can destroy soil structure and compress it which makes it difficult or impossible for roots to grow. This flattening cannot be un-done.

Tree roots rely on the space between grains to hold water and oxygen for them. When these spaces are gone, roots must grow on the soil surface where they are less efficient. They become tripping hazards, and they are easily damaged by mowers, shovels, animals, and extreme temperatures.

If you must remove and replace soils as part of a project, consider amending them with organic matter like well-aged compost before putting the soil back into the hole or trench. If you are raising the grade, use a sandy loam topsoil where possible. A mixture of 60 percent sand and 40 percent compost is far more conducive to root growth than sand alone.

Mulch. Bare soils create harsh conditions for a tree. In most natural settings, trees make use of a layer of decomposing organic matter on the top of the soil near them. This organic matter helps retain soil moisture, moderate soil temperature, and supplies the tree with nutrients as it decomposes.

Trees can often provide what they need for themselves with their leaf litter. When leaf litter is regularly removed, tree owners need to supply the tree with an alternative organic layer in the form of mulch. A well-mulched tree is a happy tree. When it doesn't have to fight for water or oxygen below ground, the tree has more energy to fight off insect pests and pathogens.

Mulch also helps keep soil from compacting. Covering an area with 4 inches of coarse woody mulch to help cushion the impacts from foot traffic and rain. The best mulch is arborist wood chips, not bark. These coarse chips include all wood fibers of a tree and breaks down. Bark is only the waxy outer layer of a tree which repels water and doesn't break down into soil as quickly.

Mulch should be maintained 6-12 inches away from the base of any tree or shrub. Perennials (e.g. hostas, day lilies) do not respond as well to woody mulch and

need a mulch that is further along in its decomposition process.

Irrigation. Trees growing in the right of way often have limited soil volume, or are growing in soil that has already been damaged. Additionally, increasingly hot and dry summers mean that even established trees can suffer from drought stress, which in turn makes them vulnerable to construction impacts.

While exact irrigation schedules will vary based on tree species and soil type, Irrigating trees several times per month May-September is a good general guideline.

Plan ahead. Improving the conditions around your tree by mulching it with coarse woody mulch and irrigating it prior to impacts will set the tree up for success and help it recover. If you have a project planned in proximity to a tree, ask the contractor to create a tree protection plan, and discuss it before work begins to be sure the plan is feasible.

Workers may not realize that a proposed project could have serious impacts to trees. In general, any impacts within 10 feet of a tree greater than 5 inches diameter should not be done without a well thought out tree protection plan.

Avoid multiple or compounding impacts to damaged trees. If the roots of a tree were recently impacted, and the tree is heavily pruned that same year, The tree could decline when either impact by itself may not have resulted in that outcome. Deferring impacts across several years can improve the likelihood of recovery.

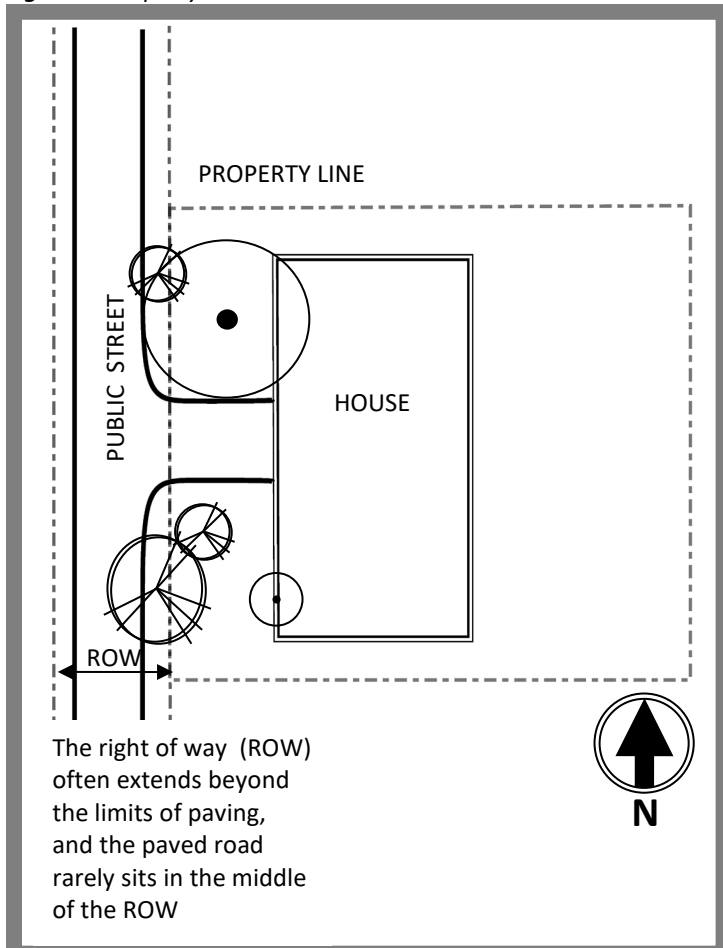
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Tree Solutions Inc.
Consulting Arborists
www.treesolutions.net
206-528-4670

Third Party Consulting Arborists

American Society of Consulting Arborists
www.asca-consultants.org

Plant Amnesty Referral Service

www.plantamnesty.org
206-783-9813



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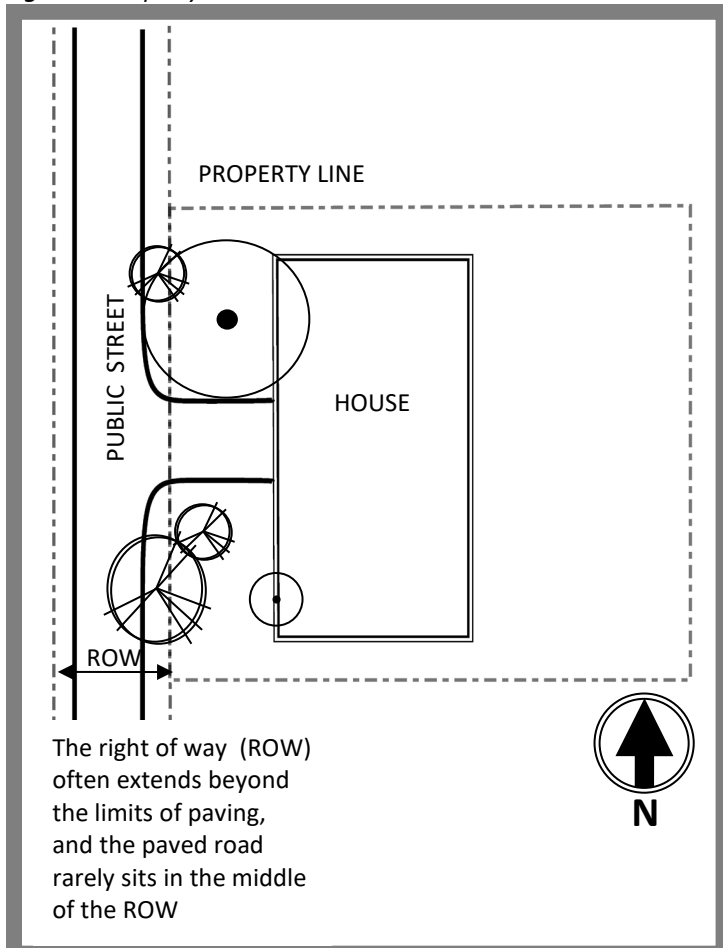
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