



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
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ALL APPROVED TOWN MEETING MINUTES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:



REMINDER - LOCKING MAILBOXES: The Council wants to purchase locking mailboxes in bulk and pass the savings on to residents who authorize such a purchase on their behalf. Eighteen families have let me know that they wish to take advantage of this offer. If at least fifty residents are interested, we can purchase Pinnacle boxes at Security Safe and Lock for \$127, plus tax – a savings of \$17 compared to the regular retail price. One resident who put their name on the list noted “It only takes having your mail stolen once to make you realize how much you need a locking mailbox.” To see what one of these boxes looks like, check out the Justus box at 5 Corners. To add your name to the list, please contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens by email at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov or phone at 425-454-8580.

VILLAGER EMAIL LIST: Another reminder: We need your email address! (And we promise to keep it private!) The Council would like to use email to send out electronic copies of newsletters (saves trees!) and to inform Villagers of urgent news (saves time!). Please send your email address to Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov.

TREE CUTTING MORATORIUM: Recently, the Council asked the Planning Commission to study tree-cutting activity throughout the Village – on public and private property – and decide if Beaux Arts needs to enact legislation that protects our urban forest. The Planning Commission, concerned that any discussion of such legislation might trigger a rash of tree cutting, asked the Council to impose an emergency moratorium prohibiting tree cutting for a short time until the Planning Commission can complete their review of the situation. On April 20, 2004, the Council responded by passing Ordinance No. 323, which imposes a 30-day moratorium on tree topping and/or removal. The Council will hold a public hearing on this moratorium at their regular May meeting, scheduled for 7:30 pm on Tuesday May 11th at the Heckendorn's house. The Council will hear public testimony for and against the moratorium and will decide whether to continue the moratorium for some period or let it expire on May 20th. Copies of the ordinance and the hearing notice are posted on all mailstands. Please plan to attend this important hearing if you have questions, comments, or concerns.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The May Council meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on May 11, 2004 at Betty Heckendorn's house.

EAST CHANNEL BRIDGE NOISE: Walter Scott reported the Sound Transit Board will hold a public hearing 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 20th to hear comments mitigating noise on the East Channel bridge. The following memo is an update on the status of the noise mitigation issue:

East Channel Bridge (I-90) Noise

As part of the I-90 Bridge revisions (RA-8) proposed by Sound Transit, we have requested that ST include with this project:

- a. Sound mitigation measures to the East Channel Bridge
- b. Increase safety to the bike/pedestrian path on the East Channel Bridge from Westbound traffic (increase height of separation wall).

Background: Approximately nine (9) months ago we initiated a petition requesting the measures listed above, and have received signatures from 240 households in the North Mercer

Island/Beaux Arts/Enatai neighborhoods. To date, Sound Transit has agreed to “study and evaluate” alternative pavements for noise attenuation and for the East Channel Bridge bike/pedestrian path safety by adding an extension to the existing 32” concrete base, a wire mesh fence faced with plexi-glass of the same design that has been approved for the main floating bridge (between Mercer Island and Seattle).

Summary: It appears likely that ST and WSDOT will address the safety concerns with the bike path in the final design process for the East Channel Bridge. However, due to the increased costs and/or maintenance of alternative pavements designed for noise reduction we believe that without additional public support and voice to the matter, the bridge noise will simply dissolve in the design process. ST has specifically stated that they are not guaranteeing solutions to either of the above referenced issues of bike/pedestrian path safety or bridge noise. We believe this is inadequate, and are pushing for a guaranteed promise for construction of said remedies. Remember the most expensive piece of interstate ever built in the United States was the Mercer Island/I-90 “lid”. This “lid” was a political solution, not mandated by health, welfare and safety concerns. By comparison, the remedies, which we are requesting, are minimal in cost and significantly improve the quality of life of a much greater number of residents. Accordingly, the following is requested of you; do not rely on your neighbors to accomplish these things for you.

- A. **Further e-mails and/or telephone calls to our elected officials listed below.** To date, Ron Sims has been non-responsive, however Connie Marshall and Rob McKenna have an active interest in representing their constituents, and
- B. **A visit by as many of us as possible to the upcoming Sound Transit Board meeting** on May 20th at Union Station, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle at 1:00 p.m. where public comments are permitted is indicated. This would be high impact.
- C. **In order for this to occur, we will need some volunteers** to call many of the names on the petition since only approximately half of the signatures contained valid e-mail addresses. Please call Walter Scott directly at 425.454.2573 or via e-mail at wscott@legacy-commercial.com to volunteer for this effort, which should require no more than 90 minutes of your time depending on how many people volunteer.

We do still have an opportunity to make something happen opportunities like this occur maybe every 20-30 years. We are on their radar screen, and we only need to make an additional effort to see material changes occur with regards to sound mitigation. There are alternative paving materials in use in the US, which reduce road noise. This is a feasible request. The alternative is guaranteed increasing noise over time as acknowledged by Sound Transit. Your Local Representatives are as follows:

Jim Horn, State Senator (Transportation Committee)
horn_ji@leg.wa.gov Phone: 360.786.7680 or 206.232.2347

Rob McKenna, King County Council Member
Robmckenna@metrokc.gov Phone: 206.275.4762

Ron Sims, King County Executive
Ron.sims@metrokc.gov Phone 206.296.4040

Connie Marshall, Mayor of Bellevue Phone 425.452.7810
cmarshall@ci.bellevue.ws.us

WABA April News

Final Reminder: Beach Clean-Up is April 24th.

Coffee and donuts will be ready for consumption at 8 am, hot dog lunch with sodas, juice, and, yes, BEER at noon. Contact Aaron Sharp or any of the work leaders below to volunteer for the job you really, really want. And if you can't make this year's clean-up, you can still participate in the effort by making a monetary contribution to help meet our operating and maintenance costs for the beach. Make your check payable to WABA and send to Treasurer Gerri Armbruster. Thanks for your support.

Spring Work Party Work Leaders

- Breakfast and Lunch Andrea Sharp and Kirsten Sharp
- Restroom Area Ivy Removal Paula Dix
- Dock Pressure Wash Jim Finnell; John Sharp; John, Nate, and Lauren Clemett
- Flag Pole Planting Area Lynn Hall
- Path Maintenance John, Heidi Chihak and Bron Richards
- Tennis Court Pressure Wash Wolf Dix, Malcolm Hickey, Dennis Casey
- Bulkhead, Grass Area Repair Travis Fullerton
- Chipper Operation Eric Christoffersen
- Lumber: Relocate and Organize Jeff Kendall
- Apply Finish To Picnic Tables Jeff Elston
- Paint Restroom Ceilings Jake, Pam, Hailee, Madeline, and Taylor Donoghue

- Ivy Removal and Weed Control Robin Stefan, Julia Morse, Ann and Peter Bowen
- Repair the Toilets Kyle Branum and Jerry Jerome
- Install Beach Signs Rick Leider and Jim Airy

From the Beachmaster.

I would especially like to thank those of you who are working at the beach on days other than the annual work party. Much has already been accomplished this year, including ivy removal, weeding, gravel spreading, pull-up bar construction, phone calls for the spring clean-up, and many other activities. The list is long and not limited to: Julia Morse, Bill Armbruster, Anne Rutledge, Dick Johnson, Bob and Nancy VanDerHorn, Walter Scott, and Kevin Kay. Thanks again!

From the Dockmaster.

Slips Available: We have a vacant 40-foot slip on C-Dock and a vacant 36-foot slip on D-Dock. For slip rental information, please call Dockmaster David Dempster.

Abandoned Boats? We have a green kayak and a large white kayak on the ground by the canoe rack. I don't know who the owners are, but the boats have not been used for some time. Please call me if you know who owns these boats.

BARF.

The following remarks are from the Beaux Arts Racing Fleet (BARF) Commodore.

“Race season is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2. At that moment, the first ‘10-minutes-to-start’ warning horn of the season will kick off this year’s C-15 racing series. The BARF naval group is always looking to welcome new sailors aboard, so come on down to docks and get in on all the fun. Contact either Bron Richards or Aaron Sharp for registration sheets and more information.”

Summer Picnic.

We need a chairperson for this year’s Summer Picnic on Saturday, July 17th. If you’d be interested in managing this signature Beaux Arts event, please call Sally Jerome.

Reminder: WABA Dues Now Overdue.

If you’ve overlooked paying your WABA dues, please send your payment to Treasurer Gerri Armbruster as soon as possible. All membership dues were payable as of March 31st. Thank you.

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact **Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens** if you need to speak to someone about **issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns**. You can reach her by email at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov, by phone at (425) 454-8580, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact **Deputy Clerk Betsy Donworth** if you need information, applications, or other assistance with **permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment**. She can be reached by email at bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov, by phone at (425) 453-0235, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.

