



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE  
TOWN BULLETIN  
MAY 2004**

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<b>TOWN COUNCIL</b>	June 8	Hickey
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**SALES TAX NUMBER:** #1703

***ALL APPROVED TOWN MEETING MINUTES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.***

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**MARSHAL'S REPORT:** Villagers, believe it or not, it's Spring again in the Village, which, for the purposes of my report, means increased nighttime activity down at the beach. In order to curb any improper or unlawful activity, please be prompt in reporting any suspicious activity. If possible, let's all do our best to introduce ourselves to strangers and ask them to leave if they are not Village residents or accompanied by a Villager. Also, I have noticed a few of the Village teenagers exceeding the speed limit in the Village. Please take note that I will be contacting parents and/or King County Sheriff if this activity continues. As always, please call with any questions or concerns.

**Block Watch Captains, please email me your email addresses so we can better communicate in the event of an emergency. My email address is [kbranum@perkinscoie.com](mailto:kbranum@perkinscoie.com).**

Your friendly neighborhood Marshall.

### **WATER DEPARTMENT NOTICE - BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES:**

Town ordinances require that a back-flow prevention device be installed in all lawn irrigation systems to prevent contamination of the Town's water supply and that this device be tested annually to ensure proper operation. If you have a lawn irrigation system, the Water Department needs your help with a little housekeeping:

- If you have not already done so, please verify that your system has a backflow-prevention device. The McAndrews Group can help you with this for a nominal fee.
- If you have arranged for the annual testing of this device, please be sure to forward your test results to the Town Clerk.
- If you have not arranged for annual testing and would like to be included in testing arranged by the Town for an approx. \$40 fee (to be billed to you after the test), please contact the Town Clerk at [townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov) or (425) 454-8580 with your name and address so that arrangements can be made.

### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**LOCKING MAILBOX UPDATE:** As mentioned in previous bulletins, the Council wants to purchase locking mailboxes in bulk and pass the savings on to residents who authorize such a purchase on their behalf, and I've now heard from about 25 families who are interested in participating. To simplify the purchasing process, we are asking that any family wanting to purchase a mailbox send a check written to Security Safe & Lock for the amount of \$127.30 to Town of Beaux Arts Village, 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004. If you prefer, you may leave your check in the water payment box. All payments must be received by June 1, 2004 to be included in this bulk purchase.

**VILLAGER EMAIL LIST:** Another reminder: We still 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](mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov).

**TREE CUTTING MORATORIUM:** At the May Council meeting, the Council heard comments from a number of residents regarding the tree moratorium and whether it should be extended beyond the original 30 days. After hearing your comments and discussing the moratorium, the Council decided to allow the moratorium to expire as originally scheduled at midnight on May 20, 2004.

## 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](mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov), by phone at (425) 454-8580, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov), by phone at (425) 453-0235, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Did you lose a set of keys during the May 15<sup>th</sup> Spring Cleanup? If so, please contact Linda Matsudaira to identify and claim them.

**VILLAGE FLOWER BASKETS:** Village flower baskets were hung May 22. A big “thank you” goes to the volunteers who helped with the baskets, with special thanks again this year to **BLAIR CARLETON, JENS MOLBAK & MOLBAK’S** for their generous donation of plants, soil, and moss.

Planting and/or hanging: Carol and Tom Graham, Kristy Briggs, Del Lewis, Robin Stefan, Barbara Welsh

Watering (all summer long): Gerri Armbruster, Ann Boynton, Heidi Chihak, Ruth Cowan, Carol Graham, Susan Hill, Susan Kennedy, Helen and Del Lewis, Holly Rogge, Al and Donna Smallman, Robin Stefan, Barbara Welsh

Plant Donation: **Blair Carleton, Jens Molbak, and Molbak’s**

Thanks, also, to Anne Marie Simonsen, Dini Mari, and the Hickeys who plant and water baskets of their own on Town right-of-way. What a nice contribution! You are encouraged to add a basket to the street right-of-way near your house, which would further enhance the colorful and festive look in the Village this summer.

## MAY TOWN STREET CLEAN UP

**“IVY ATTACK” PLANTING PROJECT:** At the corner of 104<sup>th</sup> SE & SE 28<sup>th</sup>, where the blue mail collection box and the bus shelter are located, a team of Villagers accomplished an “ivy attack” project as part of the Town street clean up event this month. Ivy had engulfed the fence and the entire ground area, including several landscaping rocks and a few struggling plants. The Villagers removed ivy, spread mulch, and planted 40 small plants. The noxious, invasive ivy is gone and the very

visible corner was transformed. Working together, we enjoyed a great sense of community and satisfaction with the completed project. "Thank you" to these Villagers who made the transformation possible:

Joanne Bromberg	John Leith	Bob Van der Horn
Sheili McGaughey	Dan Bridges	Ann Boynton
Andrea Sharp	Robin Stefan	Julia Christoffersen
Anne Rutledge	Peter Bowen	Barbara Welsh
Carolyn Wyman		

There was also a great group of kids who worked hard along side the adults. It was wonderful to have their help and to see them enthusiastically carrying out the Beaux Arts community spirit tradition.

Victoria Anderson	Parker Anderson	Kayla Anderson
Chandler Sharp	Karey Sharp	Madeline Donoghue
Niels Christoffersen		

A special thanks to Carolyn Wyman for her commitment to watering the area this coming summer, and for providing refreshments for the workers.

**FIVE CORNERS:** Thanks also go to a second group of Villagers, headed by Sheila Justice, who weeded the five corners area:

Wolf Dix	Brook Van Wyk	Peggy Bates
Peter Justice	Chuck Thulin	Judee Wells
Chris Young		

At this corner, there was also a very much appreciated group of kids that contributed to their Town.

Max Bates	Jeremy Hauck	Erik Thulin
Ashley Thulin		

### **Successful Ivy Attack Project at the April Beach Clean Up**

In addition to the wonderful efforts of Villagers on regular beach clean up activities, over 20 volunteers tackled the patch of ivy that was covering about 2700 square feet of ground between the swim beach and the parking lot, from the stairs to just beyond the swing set. Six EarthCorps members worked with Villagers to remove ivy and then Villagers spread donated wood chips in a thick layer over the area to prevent sprouting. (If when at the beach you see ivy shoots peeking through the wood chips, please feel free to pull them!) This project took over 90 man-hours and about 60 cubic yards of wood chips – that is a lot of wheel barrels full! Thank you for the great volunteer effort in this initial step of a multi-year program to eliminate ivy from WABA property.

In October a work party will be organized to plant the area. If you are interested in helping, please call Robin Stefan or Julia Morse.

## **WABA May News**

### **Selling or Renting Your House?**

According to WABA By-Laws, prospective new property owners in Beaux Arts must apply, and be approved, for membership in WABA prior to closing on the purchase. Although this process is something of a formality, it's important to follow it – because failure to do so could conceivably cloud the title and delay closing.

Similarly, new renters in Beaux Arts must apply for guest membership in WABA (no fees involved) prior to occupying the property, regardless of whether they intend to use the beach or not. If you're renting your house, please be sure your renters follow this procedure. In both cases, the contact person at WABA is the Trustee-at-Large, Sally Jerome.

**Easter Egg Hunt.** Our kids had a great time at the recent Easter Egg Hunt on the beach. Thanks to Kirsten Sharp and Karen Scott for planning and managing the hunt for the younger kids, and to Lindsay Elston and Elizabeth Leider for running the nighttime hunt for teenagers.

### **Chairperson Needed for the Summer Picnic.**

We still need a chairperson for this year's Summer Picnic on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to take the lead in managing this event, please call Sally Jerome.

### **From the Beachmaster:**

Thanks to all who attended the Spring work party at the beach, and to those of you who contributed with your financial support. It was a warm and beautiful day, a great social event (one of the largest turnouts in years), and we got a lot done. The beach looks great! If you incurred reimbursable expenses as part of the clean-up effort, be sure to get your receipts to Gerri Armbruster as soon as possible.

### **From the Dockmaster:**

Clean Floats. C-15 sailboaters can thank some great volunteer efforts during the beach clean-up day for their freshly scrubbed floats. Pressure-washing teams cleaned both C-15 floats. Chuck Lowry and John Clemett cleaned the A Dock float, and Jim Finnell and John Sharp the B Dock float. Kudos to the four of them for a great job!

Moorage Availability. Our dock slips are almost full now, but one C-15 sailboat slip is still available. Members interested in making use of our facilities should contact Dockmaster David Dempster and review the dock slip application procedures in Section 11 of the Green Book.

### *IVY FACT FOR THE MONTH*

In support of his \$50 million proposal to save urban forests, Seattle Mayor, Greg Nickels, stated, "If we don't act, ivy and the other invasive species will choke our forests and turn city greenbelts into ecological wastelands." He went on to say, that 60 to 70 percent of city owned forest is infested with invasive species and is likely to die within 20 years unless action is taken.

- April 17, 2004 edition of the Seattle times

