TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	no meeting	
PLANNING COMMISSION	December 16	Clemett
TOWN COUNCIL	December 14	Wells
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ALL APPROVED TOWN MEETING MINUTES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

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WORD HAS COME OF THE PASSING OF JOHN STRICKLAND ON OCTOBER 24TH. MR. STRICKLAND SERVED AS THE TOWN'S BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR MANY YEARS. OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO HIS FAMILY.

CATCH BASINS: Autumn leaves create problems for the Town's catch bases. You can help the flow of storm water from our streets by adopting the catch basin closest to your home and regularly clearing any accumulations of leaves and debris. You also can help by not taking or blowing leaves and debris into the streets as you clear your own property. Please make sure your gardeners understand the problems this creates for our storm sewers.

CPR CLASSES: The Bellevue Fire Department conducts CPR classes monthly from 7 to 10 pm at the Bellevue Public Safety Training Center. To register, call 425.452.6885 or go to http://parksreg.cityofbellevue.org , click on the "Activities" tab, and choose "Health and Fitness" from the left-side menu. The cost is $25.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 326 ADOPTING THE UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The Council completed its review of the Comprehensive Plan, which was recently updated by the Planning Commission and reviewed by the State of Washington, and adopted it with the passage of Ordinance No. 326. A copy of the new Comprehensive Plan will be available on the Town's website shortly.

PROPOSED 2005 BUDGET AND LEVY: The Council continued discussing the 2005 Budget and Levy at its second of two public hearings held during the November Council meeting. After making some minor adjustments to revenues and expenses in the General Fund, the Council produced a proposed 2005 budget that is balanced, meeting an important self-imposed goal. In its discussions on the levy, the Council voted via Ordinance No. 327 to increase the Town's property-tax levy by the allowed 1% as one of the pieces of balancing the budget. The final budget will be set by ordinance at the December 2004 Council meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 328 EXTENDING THE COMCAST CABLE FRANCHISE: The Council extended the Town's existing cable and high-speed Internet franchise with Comcast by passing Ordinance No. 328. This is a non-exclusive franchise, meaning that if another cable company expressed interest in serving Beaux Arts, the Town would be willing to grant them a franchise also, provided the new firm was able to meet the requirements of the Town's Master Cable Ordinance.

WELLHEAD PUMP REPLACED: Kudos to Water Superintendent Bob Durr in completing a project to replace the wellhead pump on time and UNDER budget! The old wellhead pump had reached the end of its rated life, but Bob reports that it appears to be in good enough shape to serve as a backup.

VILLAGER EMAIL LIST: Another BIG THANK YOU to the 60+ families that have sent me email addresses. If you haven't yet done so, please take a moment to send an email to Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov so that your name can be added to our list. We promise to keep it private! In the near future, **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!)**.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular Council meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on December 14, 2004 at Judee Wells' house. At that meeting, the

Council will review and adopt a final 2005 Budget and hopes to meet with members of the Planning Commission to discuss several zoning-related issues that the Planning Commission is currently reviewing.

NEW HOUSING COMMITTEE: Mayor Lowry has appointed five people to a new committee to study the feasibility of shared-wall housing in the Village. The members are Lynn Hall, Joann Bromberg, John Sharp, John Chihak, and John Rose. This committee was formed at the request of Councilmember Rose, who is concerned that many long-time neighbors are forced to leave the Village when they retire and wish to downsize.

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.

COOKIE EXCHANGE - SAVE THE DATE

This year's holiday social will be on Tuesday, December 14th, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Ann Boynton's home. All village women are invited. Please mark your calendars. This annual event provides a chance to exchange holiday cookies and to socialize with Village women, however cookies are not required. If baking does not fit into your busy December schedule, don't bother with the cookies, but please come share holiday cheer.

If you want to participate in the exchanging of cookies, please bring: 25 baggies of 3 homemade cookies each, in a box labeled with your name. Also bring a second empty box labeled with your name. All women in the Village will be called and reminded of the details. If you have not been contacted by December 7, please call Robin Stefan, 453-1133. Hope to see you on December 14!

FALL TOWN CLEAN UP REPORT:

The November 6 Fall Town Clean Up was very productive because of such a great turn out. Villagers had fun working together to make improvements on Town rights-of-way. The work was made easier by Gail D'Alessio driving the refreshment car, and truck driver pick-up provided by Forest Kulp, John Chihak, Tony Billera, and Tom Taugher. Our block captains who called Villagers, encouraged participation and assigned tasks, also deserve a special thank you: Paula Dix, Linda Mui, Rebecca Saltonstall, Julia Morse, Susan Kennedy, Kerry Mahrer, Pam Cowan, Kristy Briggs, Carol Clemett, Carol Graham, and Julie Finnell. Thanks also to the Schindlers for donating and planting six huge sword ferns on town property.

In addition to the approximately 20 Villagers who removed ivy from trees, trimmed foliage away from signs and mailboxes, and raked leaves, neighbors also worked together on two special projects. 15 Villagers working at 5 Corners pulled weeds and spread countless wheel-barrow loads of mulch on the area. 24 Villagers, including 6 Village kids (*), removed three pick up trucks full of ivy (Jeff Kendall and his truck were such a help) from the SE 29th Village entrance, spread mulch and replanted. Both of these groups had a great time working together and should take pride in their accomplishments! Participants are too numerous to name, but you are all appreciated! Thank you all for a job well done. Thanks in advance to Susan Kennedy who will water the new plantings next summer.

(*) Graeme Stowe, Quintin & Sydney Hillburg, and Hailee, Madeline & Taylor Donoghue

Quintin Hillburg, age 6, deserves special recognition for his diligent work and enthusiasm which truly epitomize the spirit of Beaux Arts volunteerism. Quintin worked hard pulling ivy and planting salal along side his parents, for the entire duration of the work party. When the project was finished and everyone was leaving, Quintin said he wanted to keep working. His Mom, Linda Mui, replied that he could do some yard work at home; but Quintin didn't want to do that. He wanted to keep working with all the neighbors! We promised him an opportunity at the next Town Clean Up. Thanks for the inspiration, Quintin.

ADOPT-A-TREE 2004:

The first year of the Town's Adopt-a-Tree program is complete. The Town purchased four four-foot Douglas Fir trees and under-story shrubs which were

planted on Town property and "adopted" by Villagers this fall. The adopting family will water them over the next two summers.

Tree Location	Adopting Family
Along the path between Casey and Elston (2 trees)	Casey
Next to the path going into Enatai Park from 106th	DeChant
Triangle in front of Branums	Branum

Ivy was pulled, dead shrubs removed, mulch spread, and shrubs and trees planted in five separate work efforts. Our thanks to Village volunteers:

Jerry Jerome	Kyle Branum	Lee DeChant
Nick DeChant	Ann Bowen	Peter Bowen
Gerri Armbruster	Katherine Murray	Julia Morse
Lynn Hall	Dennis Casey	Jake Donoghue
Jeff Elston	Robin Stefan	Jeff Kendall (& his truck!)

Thanks to all, and especially the Casey, DeChant, and Branum adopting families. The Town will provide more trees and shrubs next fall. Please call Judee Wells if you would like to adopt-a-tree.

IVY ATTACK KUDOS OF THE MONTH

Kudos to the Lowry family for removing all of the ivy from their property and the abutting Town property. It was a huge job and the result looks terrific!

WABA November News

WABA BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSITIONS. Two WABA trustees, Rick Leider and Sally Jerome, will conclude their three-year terms this year. A Nominating Committee has been appointed to find their replacements. If you're interested in supporting your community by serving on the WABA Board, please contact any of the members of the Committee – Lynn Hall, John Rose or Pam Cowan – for more information.

HISTORY COMMITTEE. As noted in the last Bulletin, WABA is looking for volunteers to serve on the Beaux Arts History Committee. The Village has a fascinating collection of documents and other materials relating to Beaux Arts, dating back to its founding in 1908. The role of the History Committee is to organize, maintain, and make available to Villagers these records of our

community's past. If you'd like to serve on the Committee, please contact Jim Airy at 425-454-4662 or jaairy@comcast.net.

WINTER DINNER. The winter dinner is on Saturday January 22th. Be sure to mark your calendars. Our theme is "Community". We are looking for pictures of Beaux Arts community activities during the year. Please contact or e-mail Andrea Sharp with digital or traditional photographs (andreamshap@yahoo.com or 453-3285). If you are interested in helping out with the Winter Dinner or have questions please contact Gail D' Alessio (455-0457) or Andrea Sharp (453-3285).