



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE  
TOWN BULLETIN  
APRIL 2007**

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<b>BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>	
<b>WABA</b>	April 5	Morse Christoffersen
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	April 19	TBD
<b>TOWN COUNCIL</b>	April 24	A. Sharp

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**FROM THE TOWN MARSHAL:** On March 8, 2007, a **HOME BURGLARY** took place on 106<sup>th</sup> Pl. SE during daylight hours. If you have any information on this incident, please contact Town Marshal Walter Scott or the King County Sheriff. Residents are encouraged to keep their homes locked, even when they are home, as a precaution.  
**SHERIFF’S RECOMMENDATIONS TO RESIDENTS:** The King County Sheriff’s Office has the following recommendations to residents to enhance their personal safety:

1. **IF YOU CALL 911, use a “land line” telephone**, if possible. Land lines are tied directly into the local 911 Call Center. Land lines also provide Caller ID and physical-location information to the 911 operator answering your call, which speeds your location information to the dispatcher. Cell phones cannot provide the same location data and may not connect to the appropriate 911 Call Center for fastest handling and response. VOIP (voice over internet phone) lines provide even less feedback to the 911 operator and may route your call to another part of the country.
2. **When in doubt about the level of “emergency”, call 911.** The 911 operator answering your call will ask some basic questions to determine whether your call is an emergency or non-emergency, and route your call appropriately. Do not worry about “bothering” the 911 operators – they are happy to serve you!
3. Provide the best exterior lighting possible -- **use bright motion-activated lighting around your home** to startle intruders and warn you of their approach.
4. **Make sure your address is highly visible.** Ask a neighbor or a visitor to help you assess whether your address is easy to find and read. Difficulty finding the address is top cause for delay for emergency responders.
5. **Keep an eye out for suspicious activity** (e.g. unknown pedestrians or vehicles that appear “lost” or abandoned vehicles).
6. **Consider installing an intruder alarm.** These have become less expensive over time and may help you sleep better whether you are at home or travelling. The most important feature is a loud siren; monitored service is better, but also costs \$25– 40/month.
7. **When you will be away from home**, consider using one or more of these tips: install timers on some interior lights, stop your newspaper and mail delivery, or ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your newspapers and mail and keep an eye on your place.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:** Highlights from the March 13th Council meeting include:

- The Council met with Major Dave Germani of the King County Sheriff’s Office (KCSO) and Kathy Pompeo, a Supervisor with the 911 Call Center, for a general discussion of issues relating to the contract

police services provided by KCSO and recent incidents occurring in the Town. From that discussion came the above list of recommendations for residents to follow.

- The Council reviewed Councilmember Clemett's ideas for studying the need for a tree management plan for the Village. In addition to recommendations about forming an ad hoc committee to accomplish the needed work, she also presented several guiding principles for the committee.
- The Council adopted Resolution No. 236 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Kolke Consulting Group for building-department services. Mayor Wells plans to complete a thorough review of the contract before signing it later this month.
- Mayor Wells announced that she has hired Angela Kulp, the new Deputy Clerk. Clerk-Treasurer Spens and Deputy Clerk Kulp will work closely together during the training period.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** The next regular Council meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 24th at Aaron Sharp's house. The Council meeting has been delayed due to lack of quorum during the School Spring Break period.

### **WABA NEWS**

WABA meeting will be held this Thursday, April 5th at the Morse Christoffersen home from 7:30-9:30pm. The Dock Master reports that there are two C-15 slips, two 40 foot and one 30 foot slips available. For more information, contact David Dempster.

**FREE WOOD CHIPS FOR SPRING MULCHING AND UNSPLIT FIREWOOD IS AVAILABLE AT THE BARBEQUE PIT AREA AND AT THE SOUTH BEACH PARKING LOT. PLEASE HELP YOURSELF!**

WABA would like to thank all those who attended the informational meeting on the proposed updates for the WABA bylaws. We are busy incorporating your feedback, and look forward to presenting a revised document soon.

**Please mark your calendars: Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.** WABA will hold another special meeting; this time to review the Proposed Woodlands Management Plan, developed over the last year by the Woodlands Planning Committee. Copies of the plan will be available at the meeting, or you may request one electronically, or by mail following the meeting by contacting Julia Morse. This set of documents is a result of a long year and hundreds of hours on the part of the committee. If approved by the board, it will represent the first comprehensive document which addresses the health and maintenance of the shared resource of the wooded part of the commons. All members who have questions, concerns or ideas are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend this special meeting at Bellevue Christian Church, 10808 SE 28th St., from 7:30 PM, or to send their comments or questions to any board member.

A big THANK YOU to Kerry Mahrer and Bo Harpster who were responsible for our Village Egg Hunt this year!

WABA is still looking to fill positions for beach mother, lifeguard, and Summer Picnic chair. Please contact Julia if you can help!

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### ***CENTENNIAL UPDATE:***

*We are counting down to our 100 year anniversary of the Western Academy of Beaux Arts, formed in 1908. We have a few committees planning many exciting events throughout 2008! We could still use a few more of you- veteran and new alike. We are especially in need of assistance with the oldtimer's picnic and parade, as well as some fundraising plans. If you are interested, please contact Angela Kulp.*

*We want to invite all previous villagers to our oldtimer's picnic next summer, and let them know about the BAV Stories Project as well as other centennial events. Please help us compile a database, by passing on contact information you may have with previous neighbors- including children that grew up here. Any information will help us start: name & address, phone, or email. Which house they lived in, and/or when is also helpful. Sylvia Hobbs and Barbara Welsh will be collecting this information so you may contact them with any questions.*

### **SPRING TOWN CLEAN-UP - APRIL 28 2007 – Save the Date!**

Please mark your calendars for this spring's Town Clean-Up: Saturday, April 28 from 9AM to noon. Your participation, by either working on the Town property adjacent to your property or by helping with this year's special project, would be very much appreciated. Mid-April you will receive a call from your Block Captain who will remind you of the details, and may ask for help on a few tasks. If you have questions, or do not receive a call, please contact Robin Stefan, 453-1133.

April 28 Special Project – Water Tower Lot: This is the lot next to Whatmore's and across from Elston's. In the spring we will remove invasive species (ivy, blackberry, laurel and holly) and spread a thick layer of wood chips, in preparation for planting at the fall Town Clean-Up.

If you can help out on the Water Tower Lot, please meet there at 9AM, April 28. Bring gloves, weeding tools, clippers, shovels, wheelbarrows. The more volunteers, the more fun we'll have and the more we can accomplish on the path.

Two refreshment cars will circulate from 9AM to noon on the 28th. Please participate and help maintain our Town rights-of-way, while enjoying refreshments and the company of your neighbors. Thank you! All efforts are appreciated.

#### A few Town Clean-Up reminders:

- \* Dumpster locations will be posted on the mailbox stands, and are noted by stars on the right.
- \* Dumpsters are only for compostable material from Town rights-of-way.
- \* If you can not haul your material and need special assistance, call ahead to schedule a reservation for pick up help, by calling Robin Stefan, 453-1133, no later than April 26. Do not leave debris out on the street for pick up without a reservation.
- \* You are encouraged to work on the rights-of-way between 9AM and noon, so as to enjoy refreshments and the company of fellow Villagers. However, if these hours don't work for you, the dumpsters will be available all weekend, so you can work other times.
- \* Please trim back foliage from; street signs, house numbers, mail box stands, and corners to provide for safe visibility.
- \* Please remove ivy, everywhere, but especially from tree trunks.
- \* We suggest you encourage your kids to participate and feel the pride and satisfaction of contributing to their Town.

Special Project – Water Tower Lot

### **STILL TIME TO ORDER BAV BOOK**

Talking About Beaux Arts, the coffee table book that made its debut at the Winter Dinner, will now be available for distribution in May, rather than April. The book features historical information and stories of Village life told from the perspective of many residents past and present, as well as photos, maps, and a record of owners of each house from the very first owners to 2005.

Signed copies are \$35, and unsigned are \$30. The extra \$5 will generate funds for future projects of this type. You may place your order for copies of this unique book by contacting Robin. In order to receive a book from the first printing in May, your check (payable to BAV Stories Project) must be mailed or delivered to Robin, prior to April 20<sup>th</sup>. More books may be purchased at a later date, when a second printing is made.

For those people who ordered copies at the Winter Dinner, please confirm your order by delivering your check to Robin as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. As indicated by the Centennial committee, if you have names and addresses and/or e-mail addresses of prior Villagers, please let Robin (or Sylvia) know. We would like to contact these folks and offer them an opportunity to purchase the book.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEPUTY CLERK ANGELA KULP:** Mayor Wells announced the hiring of our new Deputy Clerk, Angela Kulp. Angela and her family moved into the Village about three years ago when they purchased her husband Forrest's boyhood home from his mother. Since then they have become active members of the community in tasks as varied as helping out neighbors to volunteering for WABA. The Mayor and Council are thrilled that Angela's talents for organization and customer service will more than meet the needs of the Building Department, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Adjustment.

#### **NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?**

- Contact **Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens** if you have questions 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 Angela Kulp** if you have questions about the building department, permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment. You can reach her by email at [bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov), by phone at (425) 269-6985, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact **Town Marshal Walter Scott** or **Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster** to report Blockwatch concerns.