



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
JANUARY 2008**

Centennial Year for the Western Academy of Beaux Arts, 1908-2008

TOWN COUNCIL	January 8 th	Eulau
WABA	January TBD	Morse-Christoffersen
PLANNING COMMISSION	January 17 th	Harpster

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SALES TAX NUMBER: #1703

TREE ORDINANCE – RECENT UPDATE: In December’s Planning Commission meeting, the Commissioners discussed the Tree Ordinance, and asked for the Tree Committee to make further changes to the proposed Ordinance. The Commissioners will review those changes and make their recommendation to the Council at their January 17th meeting. The Town Council expects to review the Planning Commissions’ recommendations at another public hearing in February. The current proposed Ordinance is posted on the Town website under “What’s New” and will be updated as revisions are completed; copies are also available through the Deputy Clerk.

COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the December Council meeting:

- Mayor Wells clarified that she is willing to continue serving as Mayor until a replacement can be found and confirmed by the Council.
- Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that the 2005-2006 audit of the Town’s financial records is nearly complete and results should be available in January.
- The Council affirmed its appreciation to Scott Harpster for his willingness to continue serving as Deputy Town Marshal while he sits on the Planning Commission. Town Marshal Walter Scott and Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster have formed an effective team to enhance safety in the Village by improving Blockwatch, instituting Blockwatch notices by email, and finding ways to address speeding in and through the Village. Thanks Walter and Scott!
- The Council held a public hearing to amend the 2007 Budget to account for cost overruns in the overlay of the Town’s arterial last summer. The sudden increase in oil prices this past spring caused the cost of asphalt to shoot up and the project’s cost to exceed its budget estimate.
- The Council adopted a budget for 2008 based on the public hearings held in October and November. Revenues are forecast to decline about 30% as the economy slows, primarily due to decreased sales-tax revenues from construction projects. Where possible, expenditures have been reduced accordingly to maintain a balanced budget.

- The Council passed a new fee resolution that increases water rates. Effective January 1, 2008, the base rate for the first 1400 cf of water used in a two-month period will increase from \$40.00 to \$45.00 and the surcharge for each 100 cf used over the minimum will be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.30. Please see more information on this topic below.
- The Council continued to discuss the increasing number of private encroachments on Town property and to develop goals and guidelines for the Planning Commission to use in studying the issue further.
- Councilmember Clemett reported on the Tree Committee's progress with the Planning Commission. The Council expects to review the Planning Commissions' recommendations at another public hearing in February.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at Steve Eulau's house. At that meeting, former Councilmember John Rose will make a brief presentation to the Council regarding his interest in serving as the next Mayor of Beaux Arts. John enthusiastically invites all residents who may be interested in hearing his thoughts or asking questions to attend.

INTERESTED IN SERVING AS MAYOR?: If there are others who are interested in serving as the next Mayor, please contact Judee Wells or any member of the Council ASAP to express your interest, discuss the duties of the position, and put your name in the hat for consideration.

WATER RATE INCREASES EXPLAINED: Some residents may wonder why water rates are going up again. Didn't they just go up last year? The answer is yes, water rates were raised a modest amount last year for the first time in more than 10 years, but the increase wasn't enough to cover increases in expenses in 2007 and beyond. The Water Department is required by law to be fully self-supporting and may not be subsidized by tax revenues. In addition, it must hold enough money in reserve to pay for emergency repairs and other unanticipated expenditures. As the costs to operate and maintain the system increase, fees to water customers must also increase. Therefore, with the January 1, 2008 billing, rates will change as follows:

	Old Rate	New Rate
base rate for the first 1400 cf of water used in a two-month period	\$40.00 every two months	\$45.00 every two months
surcharge for each 100 cf used over the minimum	1.00	1.30

A comparison to Bellevue rates may be helpful here.

- Beaux Arts customers who use no more than the 1400 cf minimum in a two-month service period will now pay \$45.00. Bellevue customers who use 1400 cf in a two-month service period pay at least \$53.00 every two months and may pay an additional \$40.00 in Capital Recovery Charges.
- Beaux Arts customers who use the average 2700 cf in a two-month service period during the summer months will now pay \$61.90. Bellevue customers who use 2700 cf in a two-month service period pay at least \$89.00, not including Capital Recovery Charges.

The Council remains committed to operating and maintaining our own water department, because it delivers better tasting water at a lower cost to our customers.

WABA BUSINESS: The next WABA meeting will be held at 7:30pm at the Morse-Christoffersen home in January; the date has not yet been determined. Please watch your mailbox stands for the date and agenda.

WABA Winter Dinner: Mark your calendars for Saturday night, January 26th. The annual members meeting, election and dinner will be held again at St. Thomas Church. We have some special things planned as we prepare to kick-off our centennial! Watch your mail for election details, and your invitation.

CENTENNIAL UPDATE: We are planning events for 2008; please contact Angela Kulp.

- Contact info is desperately needed for invitations! Please take a moment to jot down contact information you might have on previous villagers and get them to Sylvia Hobbs. Remember to tell your kids, and previous village neighbors to plan on coming back July 4th for our “Old-Timers” Picnic and Parade!

- Calling all quilters! If you have fabric scraps, ideas, can quilt or sew, please see Elizabeth Leider about assisting in the Centennial Quilt project.

- Volunteers are *especially* needed for the Architectural Tour June 14th, the Picnic and Parade July 4th, the Summer Arts & Crafts Fair, and the BARF Regatta Labor Day Weekend. Please contact Julia Morse if you can assist, or sign up at the Winter Dinner!

BUILDING NEWS- The following permits have been issued from the Building Department:

10524 SE 27th St. Mechanical Permit issued for a new Water Heater.

Upper 28th St. Street Opening Permit issued to replace 3 light poles on upper 28th over 2 days. Residents affected will be notified about the actual dates 24 hours in advance by PSE. It is expected to happen in January; there will be some road closures involved.

BEAUX ARTS BOOK: This is your last opportunity to order the book, Talking About Beaux Arts, as part of a group order with lower shipping costs. Robin Stefan will make one final order, as soon as she receives checks for 10 more books. After this, the book may be ordered on the internet, with higher shipping expenses on individual purchases. Ordering instructions will be provided in a future newsletter. Talking About Beaux Arts is a coffee table book that made its debut at the '06 Winter Dinner. The book features stories of Village life told from the perspective of many residents past and present, as well as historical information, photos, maps, and a record of owners of each house, from the very first owners to 2005. To confirm your order, please deliver a \$35 check, payable to BAV Stories Project, to Robin Stefan. If you have already ordered your book and have not yet received it, please see Robin for pick up soon!

THANK YOU:

To the Jochums and their contractors for rebuilding one of the mailbox stands, lower 28th St.
To Jan Johnston, Carol Clemett and other volunteers for hosting the annual Cookie Social.
To Scott Harpster, Aaron Sharp and other volunteers for taking care of the bonfires during the Christmas Ships' annual December beach stop. All your efforts are much appreciated!

LOST AND FOUND: Found: a girl's necklace with charm dropped during Halloween trick-or-treating. See Charlie Ferree if it may be yours. Lost: Would the current keeper of the Beaux Arts "Neighborhood Plate" please call Lynn Hall at (425)-455-0416.

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.
Email: townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov
Phone: (425) 454-8580 Mail: 10550 SE 27th 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.
Email: bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov
Phone: (425) 269-6985 Mail: 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- To report Block watch concerns, contact:
Town Marshal Walter Scott: (425) 454-2573
Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster: (425) 746-0757