



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
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Centennial Year for the Western Academy of Beaux Arts, 1908-2008

WABA	March 6 th	Bridges
TOWN COUNCIL	March 11 th	Leider
PLANNING COMMISSION	March 20 th	Donoghue

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TREE ORDINANCE – RECENT UPDATE: The Planning Commission held another public hearing February 13th for residents to comment on the final draft of the proposed tree ordinance. The Commissioners will discuss and make their recommendations to The Town Council in their March meeting. Find the final proposed Ordinance posted on the Town website under “What’s New”; copies are also available through the Deputy Clerk. http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/pdf_files/prop_tree_code_pcfinal.pdf

TOWN MARSHAL REPORT: As reported in the past, our community is cased regularly by petty criminals looking for easy, unlocked, property theft targets; Car prowlers are the most common. Until 2 weeks ago, all such thefts were from unlocked garages and unlocked vehicles but that changed 2 weeks ago when a villager in the lower village awoke at 5 AM to her car alarm. The thief did \$2,000 in damage to the car to steal a \$40 cell phone. Therefore, here is the latest advice: “LEAVE NOTHING OF ANY VALUE VISIBLE IN YOUR VEHICLEAND LOCK IT” (Even better to Lock your car inside your locked garage) - Walter Scott.

COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the February Council meeting:

- John Rose chaired his first meeting of the Council as the Town’s new Mayor.
- Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that the Town received a final payment from FEMA reimbursing us for emergency expenditures related to the December 2006 Windstorm. Thanks to the efforts of Ms. Spens, Councilmember Sharp and former Councilmember Robinson, the Town successfully applied for and received funds reimbursing the Town for almost 88% of the money the Town spent for repairs and clean up after that historic storm.
- Clerk-Treasurer Spens also reported that the audit of the Town’s financial records for 2005 and 2006 is complete, and the Town received a clean bill of financial health.
- The Council adopted a resolution authorizing the 2008 ARCH Work Program and Budget. ARCH, A Regional Coalition for Housing, is an Eastside non-profit organization funded by the cities of the Eastside that works to create affordable housing on the Eastside. For more information on the organization, visit <http://www.archhousing.org/>.
- The Council discussed their various areas of responsibility and decided that Councilmember Eulau will take over the Town’s Emergency Management and Response efforts. Councilmember Sharp will continue to maintain the Town’s streets and rights of way (except

for trees). Councilmember Young will continue with managing the Town's urban forest on the rights of way. Councilmember Clemett will continue to manage Town Clean Ups and direct efforts to develop and preserve the Town open "park-like" spaces. Councilmember Leider will continue to monitor the Town's finances. Villagers can and should be proud of the efforts that these volunteers invest in Beaux Arts' present and future.

- Councilmember Clemett gave a brief report on the Planning Commission's work to review and make recommendations to the Council on the proposed Tree Ordinance. The Council anticipates starting its work on this legislation very soon.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be at 7:00pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at Rick Leider's house.

WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

ALTERNATE METER READER NEEDED: Every two months, two of our younger Villagers (accompanied by a parent) complete a circuit of the Town to read each water meter, record the readings, and provide those readings to the Town Clerk. The readings are used to determine each household's water bill for usage during the prior two months. It is a very important job – currently performed by Cole Wydrowski and Nate Clemett. The water department would like to hire an alternate meter reader, who would be trained in the duties and would be available on call to fill in if one of the regular meter readers is unable to perform their duties. If you have a son or daughter at least 10 years old who is interested in this position, please contact Clerk-Treasurer Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov or call (425) 454-8580 to obtain application materials.

BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTING: Residents with outdoor water features connected by permanent piping to the Town's water distribution system (e.g. lawn sprinklers, hot tubs, fountains) must have the backflow-prevention device (BFD) in their water service line tested annually. This important device prevents contamination of the Town's water supply and distribution system and ensures that the water delivered to your home is safe to drink. If you have installed an outdoor water feature recently, please contact Town Hall by email at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov or by phone at 425.454.8580 and let us know. Each spring, the Town hires a certified tester to test resident's BFDs at a cost of about \$40 per device; residents reimburse the Town for the cost of the test. Residents are not required to participate in the Town testing program, but if you choose not to participate, you must arrange for your own testing and submit test results to the Town by August 1, 2008.

TOWN CLEANUP: Please save March 29th from 9:00 am to noon for our annual spring cleanup! Greet neighbors old and new, chat and munch on donuts, all while clearing the clutter of winter. You will soon receive a call from your block captain requesting help on specific projects. Everyone's assistance is especially needed to prepare for the Architectural Tour in June.

WELCOME and THANK YOU: Welcome, Paula Dix as the new Town Clean up Organizer! Paula begins this spring continuing in Robin Stefan's footsteps. Thank you, Robin, for your service to the town! During Robin's six years in this self-invented position, she organized and supervised 12 work parties (two annually) and 14 special projects for the Town Council. The special projects Robin found especially rewarding as the projects involved primarily removing ivy and other invasives in the spring, then planting natives in the fall. She documented all the projects with photos and maps, and files on each for the town. Robin's focus also involved an adopt-a-tree program, which has been quite successful in the last three years with village volunteers. Thank you, Robin!

RACCOON WARNING: Residents are reminded that raccoons in our area have become acclimated to living among humans and have been found inside residents' homes and garages. Raccoons are wild animals and can be extremely vicious when trapped or cornered. The main human attraction for raccoons is the persistent presence of and easy access to pet food. Just keeping it indoors may not be enough if you have a pet door. If you leave food available for your pet on a routine basis, please consider moving the food dish away from your pet door and keeping your pet door closed at night or when you are away for several days. More information about dealing with urban raccoons, can be found at the Washington State Dept of Fish and Wildlife website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/living/raccoons.htm>

WABA BUSINESS: The next regular meeting of WABA will be at 7:30pm on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at Dan Bridges' house. The new officers are as follows:

President: Joann Bromberg	Vice President: Dan Bridges
Secretary: Andy Stefan	Treasurer: Rich Bray
Membership Chair: Leslie Leber	

LIFEGUARD NEEDED: WABA is now accepting applications for lifeguard this summer on our beach. Please submit résumés and suggestions to Leslie Leber, Membership Chair.

WELCOME: WABA welcomes baby Blake Lund to the Village! He was born January 31, 2008 weighing 8# and joins parents Ron and Diane Lund, as well as proud, big brother Max.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The Beaux Arts Annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, March 22nd. We will have two egg hunts- one at 10am Saturday, and one by flashlight on Saturday night. For the Saturday morning hunt: Please meet at the north end of the beach just before 10am, weather permitting. The week prior, please drop off 12-18 wrapped candy or toy-filled plastic eggs per child in boxes outside the Harpster's doors. Questions? See Kerry Mahrer/ Bo Harpster. For the Saturday night hunt: Watch your mailboxes; it will be similar to the day hunt. See Carol Clemett or Karen Scott for more information.

BEACH CLEANUP: Please save Saturday, April 26th for the annual beach cleanup starting at 9 am. For those of you who would like to warm up with refreshments, join Beach Master Forrest Kulp for a 'pre work' party starting at 8:40am. The beach needs some weeding and planting in preparation of the centennial events this summer. Don't forget your opportunity to catch up with your neighbors during the hot dog lunch served at noon- see you there!

BEACHMASTER REPORT: Reminder to all villagers- A faucet froze and cracked during the cold weather. If you use beach water during the cold winter months, PLEASE remember to turn the water OFF when finished. This will save our valuable plumbing facilities from breaking during a freeze. - Forrest Kulp

CENTENNIAL UPDATES & REMINDERS: An early edition of the Centennial Calendar of Events was mailed to all WABA members in February with your annual assessment.

- The Western Academy will be hosting an Architectural Walking Tour with Historic Seattle on June 14th. WABA Members: Remember to **Order tickets by April 30th!** The order form is in Historic Seattle's mailer, or: <https://www.historicseattle.org/events/eventdetail.aspx?id=310>
- Committees are meeting now for the Parade, Picnic and Arts & Crafts Fair! Volunteers are still needed for all events, especially the picnic; please contact Angela Kulp if you can assist in any way, or if you have any questions about the Centennial.

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

•CONTACT INFO NEEDED FOR PAST VILLAGERS: We welcome and appreciate any contact information on previous villagers. We are particularly searching for contact info on the list below. Please review the list and check to see if you might have an address, telephone number and/or *especially* an email address for these past Beaux Art Village residents (the year listed is the year that the resident(s) moved into the Village). Barbara Welsh and Sylvia Hobbs are creating a database to send out Centennial invitations by early April. All information collected is for our records only and will not be available to the public. Please send information to Sylvia Hobbs at sylviahobbs7@comcast.net or you can put the information into Sylvia Hobbs' mailbox: 2815 105th Ave SE. Thank you!

Steve Cohen/Pauline Kenney 1993	Charles De Pue/Mary Fesler 1994	Wm. Dixon/Philip Robinson 1984
David and Tandy Ford 1985	Michael and Beanie Foster 1962	WE and Gerda Foust 1975
Patrick and Sarah Foy 1995	Travis and Donna Fullerton 1996	Mark Gibson 1989
Neal and Rebecca Goldstein 1989	Donald Grubb/Mary Shwetz 2003	David Grant 1977
Joan Harder 1973	Marianne Hawks 1975	Norm and Peggy Heffron 1970
Harvey and Barbara Hoff 1968	Jon and Chris Holbrook 1983	Rick Jamieson
Jerry and Sally Jerome 1993	Brian and JoAnne Johnson 1985	Any Kamphenborg children 1949
Kevin Kay 2002	Kenneth and Donna Kinner 1985	Any Lawrence children 1965
Gaye Lombardi 1998	Phyllis MacFarland & children 1965	Wayne and Kiki Martin 1986
Rex and Rita McDowell 1971	Austin and Sara McGhie 1993	Paula Meyn 1976
Nick Milham/Kimberly Brangwine 1986	Joe and Kay Moran 1985	Robert & Maureen Morford 1971
Anton and Susan Mueller 1961	Charlotte Mullan 1983 & 1987	Mark and Liz Murdoch 2000
Carolyn Myers 1985	DanOwens/Carolyn Leeds 1989	Gene and Judy Philips 1975
Lana Rogers/Fanchon Blake 1986	Marnie Ross 1997	Tina Bodkins 1979
Roger and Judy Stouder 1970	Rjerome Taylor/Margaret Pillow 1996	Toby and Lucy White 1970
Jim and Loree Widman 1986	Hugh and Martha Williams 1970	Laura Williams 1970
D. Thomson/D. Wylie 1992		

BUILDING NEWS- the Building Department recently issued the following permits:
2726 -106th Pl. SE All permits needed for a major rebuild of an existing residence.

LOST AND FOUND- Found after the Winter Dinner: One large, black velvet button, and one square microwave tray. Please contact Angela Kulp if either one of these belongs to you.

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