



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

WABA	November 6 th	Bray
TOWN COUNCIL	November 11 th	Rose
PLANNING COMMISSION	November 20 th	Scott

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IN MEMORIAM: Irene Adolphson, previous longtime resident, died October 16, 2008. Irene was the ever-supportive wife of late Ron Adolphson, a previous mayor here, who preceded her in death last spring. Irene did attend the Centennial parade here this summer. The Adolphson's lived in the Miller-Cowan home from 1961-1985. Irene epitomized volunteerism in the village during her time here and was always willing to lend a hand. One of her well-known endeavors was decorating mailboxes. She and Ron enjoyed boating and traveling and lived most recently in Gig Harbor; our sympathies go out to her sons Jeffery and Tim as well as their families.

COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the October 7th Council meeting:

- The Council heard a synopsis of the findings of the consultant retained by the Town to study what the Town needs to do to upgrade our existing storm water system.
- The Council discussed a request from Jeff and Marji Jochums to allow them to retain pavers they have placed for parking on the Town ROW west of their house. The Council deferred a final decision until October 12th so they could review the existing conditions on site, particularly the path that currently exists on that ROW.
- The Council discussed the Planning Commission's work to date on an ordinance regulating the use of the Town ROW. It was the consensus of the Council that the Planning Commission is on track.
- The Council discussed whether to open the unused street ROW between 107th Ave SE and 108th Ave SE to foot traffic. After hearing from residents who live near this ROW, it was the consensus of the Council to forgo improving the ROW at this time.
- The Council held a public hearing to review the preliminary 2009 budget, including anticipated revenues and expenditures, and the proposed property-tax levy for 2009. The Council will hold a second public hearing on these issues at their November meeting and will pass an ordinance setting the levy. The Council will pass a final budget for 2009 at their December meeting.
- The Council sent proposed amendments of the recently enacted Tree Ordinance to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation. The proposed amendments clarify language in the original ordinance that was unclear or ambiguous.
- The Council discussed a proposed joint venture with WABA to construct a records storage building on WABA property that would be large enough to house both the Town's central records and WABA's historical records. Councilmember Leider will review the proposal and make recommendations to the Council for further review.

At the October 12th Continuation of the Council meeting:

- The Council visited the site of the Jochums construction to review the encroachment of a parking area constructed of pavers into the Town ROW. After a lengthy discussion, the Council decided to grant full approval of those pavers needed for safe ingress/egress to the driveway and conditional approval of all other pavers, which will be used for parking. With that conditional approval, the Town can ask at some future time that the homeowner remove some or all of the "parking pavers" at the homeowner's expense within 30 days.
- In addition, Council members Clemett and Eulau will work with the Jochums to develop a plan for re-landscaping the ROW to restore the plantings on it with at least 75% native foliage.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday, November 11, 2008** at John Rose's house. This meeting will include a discussion about a proposed ordinance to repeal the Town's Green River ordinance that prohibits door-to-door solicitation for profit. Similar ordinances have been tested in court recently and found to be unconstitutional.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION: Several no-solicitation ordinances, similar to our Green River ordinance, have been tested recently in court and the resulting decisions have ruled such ordinances are unconstitutional. In light of this result, the Council plans to repeal our Green River ordinance in its entirety. Residents do have options however. If you do NOT want solicitors to come on your property, please post a "No Soliciting" sign somewhere near your property line, e.g. in your driveway or the path to your front door, and another near your front door, perhaps near your door bell. (No Soliciting signs are readily available at hardware stores.) If a solicitor comes to your door despite the posted signs and you answer your door, please inform them that your property is posted "No Soliciting" and ask them to leave. If they do not leave promptly, you should call the police at 911 to report them as trespassers. If you have any questions, please contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov for more information.

COUNCIL POSITION OPENING: Town Council member Bruce Young has told the Council that he wishes to step down so that he can spend more time on other pursuits. A successor will be appointed by the Mayor (and confirmed by the Council) to fill out Bruce's unexpired two-year term. If you would be interested in this important assignment, please call Mayor John Rose by November 5th to let him know of your interest.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OPENING: Board of Adjustment member Steven Hauck has stepped down leaving a vacancy on this Board. A successor will be appointed by the Mayor (and confirmed by the Council) to fill out Steven's unexpired two-year term. The Board of Adjustment meets to hear variance requests as needed. If you would be interested in this important assignment, please call Mayor John Rose to let him know of your interest.

WATER DEPT. TIP: Did you know our well water is high in iron and manganese but not chlorinated or fluoridated? According to Bob Durr, our Water Dept. Supervisor, iron and manganese feed naturally occurring bacteria like Gallianella, which can create foul odors and may plug water filters. Gallianella does not pose a health hazard though the odor it creates can be objectionable. It is possible for the odor to occur only in one part of your home (e.g. a single faucet or an outdoor hose) and not the entire house. So, if you ever experience an odor in your water, try flushing a lot of water through the smelly faucet, which should flush away the bacteria. If flushing does not work, please contact a water company like Culligan to discuss other options. On those occasions when the Beaux Arts water system is down and we are switched over to Bellevue's chlorinated water supply, the chlorine tends to kill the bacteria and eliminate the odor problem. Also, remember that our water is not fluoridated -- if you have children, you should discuss the benefits of adding fluoride to their diet with your pediatrician or dentist.

TOWN FALL CLEAN UP: Thanks to everyone who turned out Saturday, October 25th for the Town clean up. The north beach hill and 5-corners look the best they have in a long time! Special thanks to: Forrest Kulp and his truck & trailer, assistant Andrea Nassisi, and their muscles; Carol and John Clemett for trimming, blowing and pulling ivy/weeds etc. the entire length of the north beach hill & above the parking area; and to William Bond for providing humor in using his "all-terrain vehicle" hauling debris to the dumpster.

NEXT WABA MEETING: The next regular meeting of the WABA Board of Trustees will be held at **7:00pm on Thursday, November 6, 2008** at Rich Bray's house.

WELCOME: Welcome new WABA Members Lisa and Isaac Molitch! Lisa and Isaac bought the Secret property in October and have already been busy working on their yard, and participating in village activities. As they plan to build, we will be bidding the little green cottage a fond farewell. They have two daughters in college and a little white dog named Herschel. Isaac and Lisa walk the Village often so if you see them about, stop and say hello!

WABA WOODLANDS FALL WORK PARTY: Reminder, please join us **Saturday, November 1st, from 9am-Noon** for the Woodlands Fall Work Party. Maintaining the large, recently cleared and replanted areas is a big job, so we need many volunteers to help! Please bring your tools with you to help us. Our sweat equity will save money for WABA and build camaraderie with fellow villagers! Refreshments will be provided.

WOODLANDS OPENING: The Woodlands Committee is looking for one more member to work on and plan for development of the WABA Woodlands. Members: Kris Moore, Julia Morse, Jan Johnston and Manager Sheila Justus. Call Sheila if you are interested.

ANNOUNCING WABA WEBSITE: WABA1908.com!

In the next week, all WABA members will receive an email with a link to our new WABA website (www.waba1908.com) as well as instructions for how to log in to a 'members only' section. The website includes an online calendar, document and photo libraries, discussion forums, classified ad capabilities, and other areas to help members stay more connected to the people, events, and initiatives in our WABA community. The WABA

Board would like to thank David Dempster, Jens & Blair Molbak, Sue Ann Spens, Julia Morse, and Forrest & Angela Kulp for their active participation in our beta program!

Regarding the website, we are looking for pictures/albums from WABA events of the past year to include in the photo library. We have a good set of pictures from the Centennial parade and picnic, but would love to have shots from the Winter Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Picnic/Triathlon, BARF Races, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, and other WABA events. If you have pictures, you would be willing to share, please send an email to our current webmaster (Rich Bray) at webmaster@waba1908.com.

BEACHMASTER REPORT: What great weather it has been to get out and enjoy the autumn colors! Max Bates will be helping me this fall to control the fallen tree debris on and around the beach. Now that we are into November, it is time to prepare for freezing weather. The beach and dock water will be turned off at the end of the month to prevent their water pipes from breaking in freezing temperatures. Thanks. – Forrest Kulp

DOCKMASTER REPORT: We have had a full marina this year, with some boats not used as much as others. If any boaters are thinking they might want to vacate their slip in 2009, please contact me and talk further so I can alert those next on our waiting lists and save you from getting an unnecessary bill in January. Thanks. -David Dempster

CHRISTMAS SHIPS: Save the date! The Christmas Ships will visit the Beaux Arts Village beach on Tuesday, December 2nd, from 8:45-9:05pm. More information will follow later about the bonfire and this annual tradition.

HOLIDAY SOCIAL AND COOKIE EXCHANGE – SAVE THE DATE

This year's holiday social for all Village women will be held at Carol Clemett's home on Monday, December 8th, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Please mark your calendars. Details will be provided in the December newsletter, on mailbox flyers, and via phone calls during the end of November.

WABA CENTENNIAL: The Winter Dinner in January 2009 will bring the Centennial celebration year to a close. **ARCHIVAL TEA:** Thank you Barbara Welsh, Angela Kulp, Helen Lewis and especially Sylvia Hobbs, for hosting the archival tea at Sylvia's home last month. Several village residents enjoyed viewing some of our community's fascinating history over the past 100 years along with some updated scrapbooks recently completed by Angela. Barbara, Helen and Sylvia have dedicated the last five years to organize these archives and safely secure them for the future. We especially owe Helen much gratitude for her immense work protecting and adding to these archives over the last five decades. Together these ladies represent over 140 years of combined village residency and are ready to retire. If you have an interest in working with the archives and joining our History Committee, please see Joann Bromberg for more details.

CENTENNIAL PHOTOS: If you took photos during a Centennial event that you would like to share, or donate to the WABA archives, please get your photos to Angela Kulp. We would like to use them for the Winter Dinner slide show, and later put some in the Centennial scrapbook. Thank you.

BUILDING NEWS- The Building Department recently issued the following permits:
10544 SE 28th St. Building Permit for Chimney Repair
2726 – 106th Pl. SE Street Opening Permit for Electrical Overhead Transformer

PHONE BOOKS: The new US West Dex telephone books are sitting at the mailbox stands. If you have not yet picked up your copy, please do so right away!

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