



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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	December 3 rd	Bates
WABA	December 4 th	Stefan
TOWN COUNCIL	December 9 th	Sharp
PLANNING COMMISSION	No Meeting	

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SALES TAX NUMBER: #1703

IN MEMORIAM: On November 3, 2008 Willodene "Willie" Fisher passed away. Willie and Ray lived in Beaux Arts for 27 years (in Aaron and Andrea Sharp's home) where they raised their three children. They moved near Bellevue Downtown Park in 1979 and those who saw her out walking would still recognize her by her beautiful red hair. She will be remembered fondly and our sympathies are warmly extended to Ray (married 61 years) and their children LaRae, Ted and Sue.

COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the November 11th Council meeting:

- The Council confirmed two appointments: Francine Johnson to the Board of Adjustment replacing Steve Hauck, and Mike Hillberg to the Town Council replacing Bruce Young. Steve Hauck and Bruce Young both recently resigned after several years of service to the Town. Welcome Francine and Mike! And thank you Steve and Bruce!
- The Council discussed the next steps needed in the review of the Town's existing storm water system.
- The Council held its second public hearing on the proposed 2009 budget and passed Ordinance No. 360 setting the 2009 property-tax levy. Councilmember Leider gave a thorough presentation of the anticipated effects of the economic downturn and the steps the Town should take to trim any unnecessary expenses for next year. The Town will balance next year's budget by using about 10% of the reserves the Council has set aside for this purpose.
- The Council passed Ordinance No. 361, which amends several parts of the Town's original Tree Ordinance, No. 358, mostly by clarifying language rather than changing much substance. Ordinance No. 361 replaces and repeals Ordinance No. 358.
- The Council discussed a proposal to change the location of the boundaries of the Town's No-Wake zone so that the location is more consistent with what is used in other jurisdictions with Lake Washington waterfront. After a detailed review and discussion, the Council decided to table the motion until other alternatives can be discussed with the King County Marine Patrol.
- The Council passed Ordinance No. 362 repealing the Town's No-Soliciting Ordinance (aka the Green River Ordinance) after learning that recent court cases have found similar ordinances to be unconstitutional.
- Councilmember Clemett reported that the Fall Clean Up was very successful.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Town Council will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday December 9, 2008 at Aaron Sharp's house. The Council will pass a final budget for 2009 at this meeting and may hold a public hearing to amend the 2008 budget, if needed.

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 has repealed 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 and another near your front door. If a solicitor comes to your door despite the posted signs, please inform them that your property is posted "No Soliciting" and ask them to leave. If they do not leave promptly, call the police at 911 to report them as trespassers.

STREAMLINED SALES TAX: Several Federal and state laws regarding sales tax have changed the way sales taxes are collected and distributed in our state. Some of these changes include sales tax on internet purchases. Others include a change in the point of sale for certain purchases that involve deliveries, e.g. appliances and pizzas. Thanks to these changes, Beaux Arts will receive a larger percentage of the state's sales-tax collections IF residents are diligent about using their ZIP+4 zip code. We share 98004 with Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Yarrow Point and Hunts Point, but the ZIP+4 system provides enough additional detail to pinpoint your address as being in Beaux Arts. You probably already receive some mail with your ZIP+4 on it. Future water bills will also include it. If you don't already know your ZIP+4, you can look it up quickly based on your address at www.usps.com or by calling 1-800-ASK-USPS.

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY: Dennis Casey will step down from the Planning Commission, December 31st, when his term expires. Dennis has served a term and a half, for a total of nine years. Dennis's departure will leave us with a vacancy so if you are interested in serving on this Commission, please contact Mayor Rose for further information; it is a six-year term. Thank you, Dennis, for your service!

NEXT WABA MEETING: The next regular meeting of the WABA Board of Trustees will be held at **7:00pm on Thursday, December 4, 2008** at Andy Stefan's house.

CHRISTMAS SHIPS: The Christmas Ships are coming! Please join your neighbors at the beach on **Tuesday, December 2nd from 8:45 to 9:05pm** to greet the Argosy Christmas Ships as they visit the Beaux Arts Beach. Please feel free to bring your guests, and favorite holiday beverages! Many thanks to several resident elves that pitched in to prepare for the bonfires over this weekend, including the Sharp's, Harpster's, Peecher's, and Beach master Kulp. This kind of community commitment and your presence – visible and audible – is critical to show the Ships our gratitude so this precious tradition continues.

HOLIDAY SOCIAL AND COOKIE EXCHANGE: All Village women are invited to this year's holiday social, which will be on **Monday, December 8th, from 7:00 to 9:00pm** at Carol Clemett's home. 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 in the 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 3, please call or email Leslie Leber or Jackie Wydrowski. Hope to see you on December 8th!

THANK YOU, WABA WOODLANDS FALL WORK PARTY! We give a BIG thank you to those who turned out to help with WABA's second annual Woodlands work party on Nov 1st. The turnout was wonderful. We were finally able to replace trees lost during the last three years, just before the fall rains began. We also removed an entire dumpster of large invasive trees and weeds. Many thanks to the following families who gave their valuable time for this effort: William and Carol Bond, Joann Bromberg, Bill Cooch, the Christoffersen's, the D'Alessio's, Paula Dix, Bob Durr, the Gammill's, the Heckendorn's, the Mui-Hillberg's, Sylvia Hobbs, Jay Jacobsen, Bron Richards, Jan Johnston, the Justus's, the Kemp's, Forrest Kulp, the Leber's, Jens Molbak, the Moore's, Gordon Roberts, the Rose's, the Solaro's, the Tegler's, the Van der horn's, the Vasen's, Brad & Henry Wheeler, and the Wydrowski's! For those we missed, thanks to you too. A special thanks goes to Kris Moore for wonderful refreshments and to Jens Molbak for the trees and blueberry plant donations. A giant thanks goes to Sheila Justus, Woodlands Manager. Come to the beach and see the progress! If you are interested in ongoing projects in the woodlands, or have plants or other donations, please contact Sheila. With the help of a village, we can keep our woodlands healthy for future generations. Thanks again!

WABA WEBSITE: If you haven't logged into the new WABA website, please check it out! www.waba1908.com There is a section for classifieds, a discussion board, WABA meeting information, a calendar of events, and much more! Please see webmaster Rich Bray if you have any questions.

BAHC NEWS: WABA is pleased to announce that Paula Dix has been appointed to the Beaux Arts History Committee (BAHC). Paula will join Julia Morse, also recently appointed, and Angela Kulp, in working with WABA's Archives. WABA Clerk Gail D'Alessio continues to work with the WABA records. Welcome Paula and Julia! We extend a huge thank you to Sylvia Hobbs, Barbara Welsh, and Helen Lewis working with the archives over the years, especially for their hard work in the last five years transforming boxes of WABA records and documents into an inventoried archive from which we can retrieve much-needed information. Thank You!

BEACHMASTER REPORT: Think Snow! In preparation for freezing weather, the beach and dock water have been turned off. Warmest holiday wishes from your Beach Master, Forrest Kulp

DOCKMASTER REPORT: Boat slip bills go out in January. So if you're planning on making any changes with your boat or slip, please contact Dock master Dempster before the end of the year. Our marina is full, and we do have waiting lists. Thanks. -David Dempster

WINTER DINNER: Save The Date! The Annual Winter Dinner will be held in the evening on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at St. Thomas Church. This date has changed to accommodate a conflict at the church. We hope to see you all there! Look for further information on mailbox stands, in your mailboxes, and on the WABA website. This annual meeting and dinner for members will include the usual business for votes, and bring the Centennial celebration year to a close.

WABA 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 permits as follows:
Utility work will be done by mid-December near the intersections of 28th and 104th, 28th and 103rd, and near Five Corners on 106th; neighbors affected have been notified.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING: Boy Scout Troop 600 will conduct its 13th annual Christmas tree recycling drive on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2008 at Clyde Hill Elementary School. Scouts from Troop 600 will collect trees in Beaux Arts as well as surrounding neighborhoods on January 4th. The troop will also accept drop-offs at the school, 9601 NE 24th Street, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Jan. 4. Trees will be chipped and delivered to the Kirkland Parks Department, which will use them at Everest Park. Troop 600 requests a \$10 donation for their service which makes Scouting possible for some boys who otherwise might not be able to afford it. For more information, or to place an order for tree pickup, see their website online at www.recyclemytree.com, or call by phone at (206) 748-1656.

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.
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- To report Block watch concerns, contact:
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