



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
JANUARY 2009**

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	7:00pm Wednesday	January 7 th (training)	Bates
WABA	7:00pm Thursday	January 8 th	Bridges
TOWN COUNCIL	7:00pm Tuesday	January 13 th	Clemett
PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00pm Thursday	January 15 th (public hearing)	Harpster

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IN MEMORIAM: We mourn the loss of our neighbor, Corinne Danielson, who died on December 11, 2008. Corinne will be remembered for her beautiful warm smile, and she will be greatly missed by those who knew her best. Our sympathies go out to her daughter Isabella, and her family.

A BIG THANK YOU: The Council wants to thank all of the residents who have worked to clear fall debris from our roadways and storm drains. Thanks to your diligent and conscientious efforts, the Town looks wonderful without having to pay a professional street sweeper to collect debris from our roads and dispose of it.

COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the December 9th Council meeting:

- The Council swore in Mike Hillberg as the newest Councilmember. Mike will continue Bruce Young’s work managing that portion of our urban forest that sits on Town rights of way.
- The Council adopted a budget setting forth anticipated revenues and operating expenses for 2009. Because of recent declines in the overall economy, the Council forecasted very conservative revenues and worked to limit expenditures while ensuring that essential Town services will continue. This is the first year in recent memory where the adopted budget draws slightly on reserves (less than 9%) instead of being balanced. The Council believes that with careful monitoring and better than expected revenues, this reduction of reserves will be minimized or eliminated.
- The Council passed Ordinance No. 365, which replaces the Town’s previous no-wake ordinance. The changes in this ordinance from its previous version are (1) that in addition to not creating a wake, no vessel may exceed 7 knots (8mph) in the speed-control zone and (2) the speed control zone is moved from the end of the docks, to 300 feet. These changes were prompted by concerns among residents, the King County Marine Patrol (KCMP), and members of the Council that the previous placement of the speed control zone, which was to the center of the East Channel, was confusing to many boaters, was difficult to enforce because of this confusion, and was difficult to mark since the buoys were run into or over on a regular basis. In the next few months, the Town will purchase new buoys, including several lighted ones, and KCMP will install them well before the beginning of the 2009 boating season.
- Councilmember Sharp reported that the consultant’s report on the state of the Town’s Storm Water System is complete. In January, the Council will begin its discussions on a strategy for improvements to this system.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday, January 13, 2009** at Carol Clemett’s house.

A REMINDER ABOUT USING ZIP+4: Several Federal and state laws regarding sales tax have changed the way sales taxes are collected and distributed in our state. 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 codes. We share 98004 with Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Yarrow Point and Hunts Point, but your ZIP+4 zip codes uniquely identifies your address as being in Beaux Arts. You probably already receive 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 at www.usps.com or by calling 1-800-ASK-USPS.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – by Steve Eulau

Thanks to those of you who volunteered to check on neighbors and be available to help during the predicted wind storm the week before Christmas. With the low temperatures, a prolonged power outage would have been a challenge for those families who do not have alternative heat sources. It was both comforting and rewarding to see the individuals in our community are so willing to pull together and watch out for each other. Several families with wood stoves offered their homes, if there was a need.

We have purchased nine radios, which have been distributed among the village. Some families already own a 2 way radio, and for those of you who do, the following channels have been chosen for use during an emergency:
Upper Village—10.7 Mid Village—6.6 Lower Village—3.3 Command Center—19.8

In terms of personal preparedness, there is a free course available on January 27, at 7:00 p.m. in Bellevue. Sue and I are planning to attend, and if anyone else is interested, please let us know and we will get you registered. We are continuing to “map” our village, and volunteer neighborhood coordinators have been chosen. If you have not been contacted about mapping, please let me know, and I will put you in touch with your coordinator. If you are interested in becoming more involved in Emergency Preparedness for our village, please call me.

NEXT WABA MEETING: The next regular meeting of the WABA Board of Trustees will be held at **7:00pm on Thursday, January 8, 2009** at Dan Bridges' house.

PLEASE WELCOME! Two guest/renter memberships were approved at the December WABA Board meeting: Stacy Saal and Brian Moco are renting the McKean home by the water tower, with their toddler, Abigail, and dog, PJ. Also, Kathy Youde (rhymes with food) is renting part of the Rose's home and is a good friend of theirs. Welcome Stacy, Brian, Abigail, PJ, and Kathy! If you need to contact them, please see Gail D'Alessio or Angela Kulp. Gail will be updating the Green Book directory again in the spring.

BEACHMASTER REPORT: Unfortunately, due to the weight of the past snow, many tree branches broke. Some made it harmlessly to the ground, while others still remain in the trees. I would like some help spotting these 'widow makers' on the beach grounds. If you see a widow maker, please call or email me with the location.

At the WABA Winter Dinner in January, sign up boards for the spring beach cleanup will be passed around. I am looking for help with the morning snacks and the afternoon lunch. Additionally, I have a large bench at the end of its life needing a talented craftsman to recreate something similar and the playhouse needs a small roof repair. Of course, these tasks can be performed at your leisure before the spring cleanup in late April. Please let me know if you are interested in assisting with one of these tasks. I had a great year as Beach Master, and really appreciated your help, ideas and inspiration in 2008! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you next year. –Forrest Kulp

WOODLANDS MANAGER REPORT: WABA is performing some scheduled tree pruning on January 7th, so please do not panic if you hear chainsaws at the beach around that time! –Sheila Justus

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.

BEAUX ARTS SKI CLUB ANNUAL OUTING! Everyone is invited to join the annual trip to Wenatchee and Mission Ridge! This is a very informal and kid-friendly event set this year for Saturday, January 17th, which is on Martin Luther King Weekend. We take a run together at Mission Ridge (the "Mayors Cup") and then meet for dinner in Wenatchee (the "Awards Banquet"). Many of us stay overnight at the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel <http://www.wenatcheecenter.com/>. For more information or to RSVP, please call John Rose; he needs some idea of who is coming so that there will be enough seats at the Banquet!

WINTER DINNER: The Annual Winter Dinner will be held in the evening on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at St. Thomas Church. All members will soon receive in the mail all you need for the upcoming vote on the budget and new Trustees, as well as your proxy. If you are unable to attend, please make sure your proxy is submitted in your absence. Remember to please RSVP by mid-January. We hope to see you all there!

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:
10505 SE 29th St. Fire Sprinklers

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