



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

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| WABA | 7:00pm Thursday | February 5 th | Leber |
| TOWN COUNCIL | 7:00pm Tuesday | February 10 th | Eulau |
| PLANNING COMMISSION | 7:00pm Thursday | February 19 th | Donoghue |

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COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the January 13th Council meeting:

- The Council appointed Dick Stratton to a term on the Planning Commission replacing Dennis Casey, who completed his term in December 2008. Please take the time to thank Dick for his willingness to serve and Dennis for his service to the Town!
- The Council also reappointed Peggie Bates to a second term on the Board of Adjustment. Please take time to thank Peggie for her continued service to the Town!
- The Council learned about the various locations proposed for Sound Transit’s light rail project that will serve the Eastside, particularly Beaux Arts and the south Bellevue area from guest speaker, Sue Comis. Council members Sharp and Hillberg will work on language for a proposed resolution in support of locations that best serve our community.
- The Council began their review of Thalweg’s report regarding the Town’s existing storm water system and possible improvements and will continue the process of completing a needs assessment and determining how to fund any proposed improvements over the next several months. Council members Sharp and Leider will be reviewing the consultant’s recommendations in depth and reporting their ideas to the Council in March.
- The Council discussed the safety of Town streets during the December snow storms and icy conditions and how best to improve safety, particularly for pedestrians. The Council will consider whether to purchase sand and/or deicing agents and where to store these materials to make deployment feasible.
- The Council adopted a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a proposed contract for arborist services with Tina Cohen pending final revisions.
- Councilmember Clemett reported that the 104th Ave ROW has been cleaned and will be replanted in February, after residents along the path have a chance to provide their ideas. She also reported that she would like to form a committee to discuss and plan improvements for the various paths throughout Town and will develop a scope of work for this committee that the Council will review in February or March.
- Councilmember Eulau reported that the Beaux Arts Emergency Response team was activated when the weather forecast predicted snow and high winds. Once activated, team members located radios, distributed receivers, and formed a working chain of command. He noted that the drill was successful and was enthusiastically received.
- Councilmember Leider reported that he is planning a new study of cottage housing in Beaux Arts and will present ideas for the development of a study committee in February.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday, February 10, 2009** at Steve Eulau’s house.

FIRE CONCERN: Please remember if you have outdoor burning to do, that our **Ordinance 102** limits outdoor burning to the months of October, November, April and May and only after obtaining a fire permit with the Bellevue Fire Marshall. Our **Ordinance 36** prohibits the burning of garbage anytime and of course campfires should be limited to beach fire pits to be doused upon your departure. Suspicious fires have been discovered twice in the last few months in unauthorized secluded, wooded areas, west of 104th Avenue. Based upon the evidence left behind, it is most likely juveniles involved. With all our pathways, woods and homes in close proximity of one another, any fire anywhere could become deadly all too soon. To report any unauthorized fire burning, please call 911 and then Marshal Scott or Deputy Marshal Harpster. Thank you.

TOWN PATH RESTORATION: The 104th path from 28th to 29th (which is the undeveloped ROW extension of 104th Avenue SE) had some laurels and blackberries removed by the Town in the end of December. It's now time to determine what to plant to restore the path with native species. The plan is to keep the path green, private, narrow, and to restore the canopy. If you are interested in participating with feedback or planting assistance, join us:
February 10th – Town Arborist on the Path for Plant Discussion
February 21st – Meeting to Finalize the Planting Plan
February 28th – Planting Work Party
See Carol Clemett or Paula Dix for more information.

NATURAL YARD CARE: The Seattle Public Utilities and King County Solid Waste have generously donated time and resources to help the State Dept. of Ecology develop a great Natural Yard Care brochure that is now available as a download-able publication at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0807064.html>. It now reflects yard care conditions west *and* east of the Cascades. The Natural Yard Care (NYC) brochure tells a tale of making simple changes to save money, save time, protect our families' health and protect the environment. With five easy steps, you can put nature to work in your yard:

- Build healthy soil
- Plant right for your site
- Practice smart watering
- Think twice before using pesticides
- Practice natural lawn care

WILD ANIMAL ISSUES? Raccoons are known to nest in the upper and lower village. They have been more active than usual destroying landscaping and property, getting into garbage and houses, and even attacking a neighbor, so they can be very dangerous. Raccoon trapping and their scat or nest cleanup should be dealt with by professionals. Coyotes have also been spotted nearby and are especially a danger to cats at night. Please keep your pets and pet food indoors at night, and keep your garbage lids and pet doors secured. For more information on these issues, please see these Dept. of Fish and Wildlife websites: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/living/raccoons.htm> or <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/living/coyotes.htm>

NEXT WABA MEETING: The next regular meeting of the WABA Board of Trustees will be held at **7:00pm on Thursday, February 5, 2009** at Leslie Leber's house.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dan Bridges and Becky Ryals, who were elected to the WABA Board of Trustees at the Winter Dinner on January 24th.

WINTER DINNER: THANK YOU Cyndy Morlock and Cindy Davis Crerand for co-chairing the 2009 Winter Dinner at St. Thomas on January 24th. Thank you Leslie Leber and Rich Bray for co-chairing the annual WABA meeting. The budget was passed and new board members elected. Rich had a wonderful slide show of all last year's Centennial events, and a harpist played for us during the social hour. Thank you to Peggie Bates and Elizabeth Leider that orchestrated all the food so we didn't even have to bring a potluck dish this year, and thanks to all their kitchen helpers. Thanks to the A-Team for table & chair set up which this year included Charlie Ferree, Gordon Roberts, Andrea Nassisi, Jeff Jochums, Brian Kemp- and Forrest Kulp for recruitment. Thanks to Amy and Bella Nassisi for decorations, who were assisted by the Kulp's, Andrea Sharp, and Nancy Burlingame. Thanks to Julia Morse for bringing archive scrapbooks to see and to our social hour bartenders Wade Morlock and Ray Crerand. Thanks to Sue Eulau and Rae Ann Ferree for checking us in at the door. Thanks to everyone for an efficient clean-up! Thanks to all those that signed up on the 2009 volunteer sheets. There are still volunteer openings available – if you would like to still sign up, see Leslie Leber.

BEAUX ARTS SKI CLUB ANNUAL OUTING! Due to weather, this trip was rescheduled from January 17th to February 15th on Presidents' Holiday weekend! There is still room, and everyone is invited to join this annual trip to Wenatchee and Mission Ridge! 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!

BUILDING NEWS- The Building Department recently issued permits as follows:
10521 SE 29th St. Mechanical Permit to replace a gas line

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

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- 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:

Town Marshal Walter Scott: (425) 454-2573

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