



## TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE TOWN BULLETIN APRIL 2009

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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	7:30pm	Wednesday	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bates
WABA	7:00pm	TBD	April TBD	Ryals
Easter Egg Hunt	9:30am	Saturday	April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Beach
TOWN COUNCIL	7:00pm	Tuesday	April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Leider
PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00pm	Thursday	April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Roberts
Beach Clean-Up	9:00am	Saturday	April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Beach

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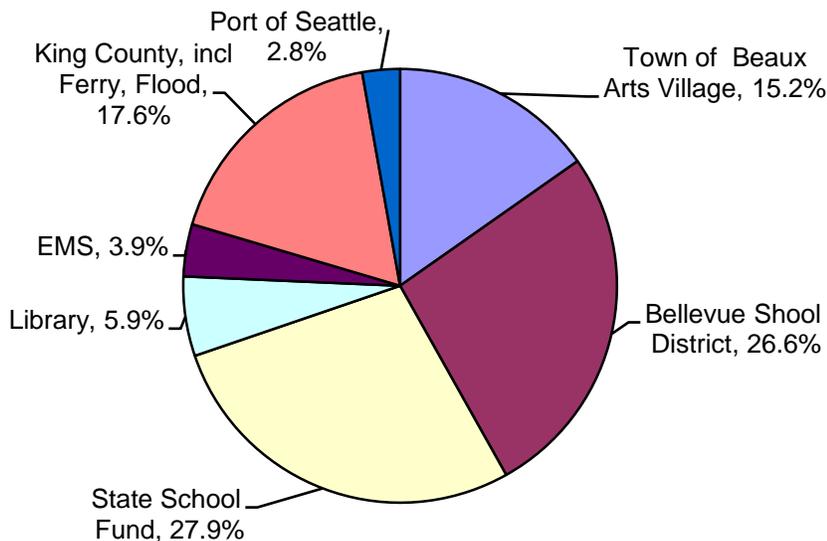
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 SALES TAX NUMBER: #1703

**A PROPERTY TAX PRIMER:** As the due date for property taxes approaches, some residents may wonder why their property tax bills seem to go up each year by more than the 1% maximum increase allowed by state statute. We hope that this primer will answer some of your questions.

First, it is important to know that the 1% increase limit applies to the town's base property tax, i.e. the Town may not increase its total property-tax levy (in dollars) by more than 1% of the prior year's levy. However, if the values of some properties in Town increase more than others, the owners of the properties experiencing greater increases may see their property-tax bills increase by more than the 1% limit (while properties with lesser increases will increase by less than 1%). Property values are set by the King County Department of Assessments.

Second, only 15.2% of the total property-tax bill for an average home in the Beaux Arts is levied by the Town. The remaining 84.8% is levied by other agencies outside of the Town's control. This pie chart shows the relative amounts levied by all agencies.

**Breakdown of 2009 Levy Components**



**BOA VACANCY:** Robin Stefan has resigned from the Board of Adjustment, leaving a vacancy. Thank you, Robin, for your service to the Town. If you are interested in the vacancy on this Board, please contact Mayor Rose.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:** At the March 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting:

- The Council continued reviewing and discussing an ordinance regulating the use and development of Town rights of way. The Planning Commission has been working on this ordinance for several months.
- The Council also continued its discussions about the Town's Stormwater System and authorized Councilmember Sharp and resident Tom Stowe to write a Request for Proposals seeking firms to complete a survey of our existing system.
- The Council appointed Councilmember Leider to chair a committee to investigate and make recommendations regarding the construction of a limited amount of higher density housing, limited to "cottage housing" or its equivalent.
- The Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Patrol Auto Theft Task Force.
- **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday April 14, 2009** at Rick Leider's house.

**THANK YOU:** To all those that assisted in the Town ROW Clean up and 104<sup>th</sup> Path Planting on March 21<sup>st</sup>. **COMMUNITY SPIRIT *reigned*** at the 2009 Spring Clean-up! There was a terrific turn-out by young and old alike. Throughout our Town bushes were trimmed away from street borders, weeds and ivy were pulled. Special credit goes Tom Stowe and the dedicated team who worked to remove the blackberry/ivy jungle along the eastern border of the Village along 108<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Forrest Kulp and his tireless, cheerful hauling of debris to the dumpsters; it was hard work and not much fun. Thanks also to Tim McGrath who pitched in with his truck, too! The 5-star feature event was the 104<sup>th</sup> path planting between SE 28<sup>th</sup> to SE 29<sup>th</sup>! The meandering trail is now embellished with fir trees, cedar trees, salal, currant and snowberry bushes, mahonia and other native plants. The MVP award and thanks goes to Carol Clemett for her planning, research, selection and delivery of plants for this whole project that made it all possible. Also, a huge thank you goes to Gordon Roberts for all his work clearing the path of roots and overhanging laurels in order to prepare for the plantings on this path. Thank you as well to Jackie Wydrowski, Sylvia Hobbs, Robin Stefan, Paula Dix, Gordon Roberts, Bob Durr and John Rose for laying out the winding path with chips. Thank you!

**BALD EAGLES:** The next time you take a walk through the village, listen and look for signs of new baby eaglets chirping away as their parents circle above. It seems the nest on 107<sup>th</sup> is active again and the best viewing is near 5 Corners, down 106<sup>th</sup>. If you have any construction or tree cutting planned, we do have some regulations to follow about bald eagles as noted on our website: [http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/whats\\_new.htm](http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/whats_new.htm) or with Fish & Wildlife at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/diversty/soc/baldeagle/>.

**NEXT WABA MEETING:** The next regular meeting of the WABA Board of Trustees will be held at **7:00pm next week during the second week of April, on a date to be determined**, at Becky Ryals' house. The meeting date will be posted with the agenda sometime in the next week. At this meeting a by-law amendment will be discussed regarding the issue of adverse possession. Adverse possession is a constant challenge to WABA. It threatens to take land held in trust for the benefit of all and exposes the members to large financial liabilities. To continue to defend it on a case by case basis will require a comprehensive survey requiring a special assessment of at least \$35,000 to say nothing of potential future legal fees. To avoid that cost, the Board in April will discuss amending the by-laws to make membership in WABA contingent on members waiving any adverse possession right against WABA. The amendment will contain various enforcement and penalty provisions. Those wishing to provide input should attend the April meeting.

**OTHER WABA NEWS:** The member directory and some sections of the green book have been updated and distributed to residents. If you did not receive yours or have questions, please contact WABA Clerk Gail D'Alessio.

A new stone fire pit and circular counter have been built at the north end of the beach, replacing the old brick fireplace and grills. By the middle of April, two freestanding grill units, on pedestal posts set in concrete, will be installed at each end of the counter. The grill units will be 15" x 20" x 10" and are constructed of stainless steel with multi-level grill settings.

The area between the two north docks where the flag post is located has been cleaned up and wood chips will be spread in this area during the April 25th work party at the beach.

**BEACH CLEANUP:** Hello Beaux Arts neighbors! April signals the beginning of more great memories at the beach. April also brings the annual beach cleanup scheduled for **Saturday, April 25th starting at 9am**. Early birds may arrive at 8:30 for coffee and power bars. And don't forget about the fabulous hosted lunch with barbequed hot dogs!

Please bring your gloves and tools of choice. The list of projects are - spreading wood chips on the North parking lot planting area, removing weeds in the North parking lot planting area, split & stack wood for the 2 wood piles, trim bushes along 28th, pressure wash the swim dock, and rake up leaves and other debris, including ivy, from the swim area. There will be a yard waste dumpster in the South parking lot.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you again this year. - Beach Master, Forrest  
P.S. A tall thank you goes to Jim Airy for replacing the beach's speed limit sign post on SE 27<sup>th</sup>. Beautiful job!

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Come one, Come all and HOP HOP HOP! Join us at the beach for the annual Beaux Arts Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, **April 11, 2009 at 9:30am** with your younger children for this yearly tradition. *Please bring 18 stuffed eggs per child to Harpster's front or back porch (coolers available as drop zones) by Friday the 10th.* Contact Bo Harpster with questions.

**THANK YOU** to Andrea Sharp and her family for organizing the Flashlight Egg Hunt for the bigger kids last Saturday night, March 28<sup>th</sup>. They completed their night time hunt with s'mores around the campfire in the new fire pit at the north beach making this a truly memorable "eggsperience".

**FLOWER BASKETS:** Spring is here so it's time for hanging our cheerful flower baskets! The baskets will be limited this year to our main arterials and entrances. If you can volunteer to water, please contact Bo Harpster. Thank you!

**BEACH VACANCIES:** The following summer positions will soon be taking applications:

Beach Maintenance Person: See Beach Master Forrest Kulp for more information.  
Lifeguard: See WABA Board Member Becky Ryals for more information.  
The following summer events still need a Chairperson, committee and date:  
Summer Picnic: See WABA Board Member Becky Ryals for more information.  
Arts & Crafts Fair: See WABA Board Member Becky Ryals for more information.

**WELCOME BEACH MOTHER:** Please welcome Nancy Burlingame as 2009's Beach Mom! Nancy will work with Becky Ryals to hire and supervise the lifeguard, and organize summer activities.

**BUILDING NEWS-** The following permits were issued in March:

10521 SE 29<sup>th</sup> St. Tree Removal permit  
10507 SE 27<sup>th</sup> St. Building, Demo and Tree Removal permits for New Construction  
2808 – 107<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE Building and Mechanical permits for Interior Remodel  
2865 – 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SE Building permit for Roof Replacement

#### **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.  
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Phone: (425) 454-8580  
Mail: 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov)  
Phone: (425) 269-6985  
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- To report Block watch concerns, contact:  
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Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster: (425) 746-0757