



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
MAY 2012**

<u>TOWN COUNCIL MTG.</u>	7:00pm	Tuesday	May 8 th	Hillberg
<u>WABA BOARD MTG.</u>	7:00pm	Thursday	May 17 th	Dix
<u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u>	7:00pm	Thursday	May 17 th	Johnston
TOWN ROW Clean-up	9am-Noon	Saturday	May 19 th	Town ROW

Town WEBSITE: www.beauxarts-wa.gov SALES TAX NUMBER: #1703

E-MAIL ADDRESSES:

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Mayor: mayor@beauxarts-wa.gov Town Council: council@beauxarts-wa.gov

COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the April 3, 2012 meeting, the Council:

- Continued their review of the draft Shoreline Master Program (SMP) focusing on Appendices A and C with the help of Town Planner Mona Green. The Council is now waiting for the Department of Ecology (DOE) to complete an informal review of the draft and provide feedback. The Council hopes to hold a public hearing on proposed Shoreline Master Program at their June meeting, currently slated for June 12th, but their ability to do so will depend on receiving DOE's comments in time to review and discuss them prior to the formal hearing.

A copy of the current draft (as submitted to DOE) is available on the Town's website at http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/whats_new.htm. Interested residents should review the document online and be prepared to attend the public hearing to ask questions, offer comments, etc.

- Confirmed the appointment of Hank Heckendorn to a vacant position on the Planning Commission. Mr. Heckendorn will serve the remainder of a six-year term that expires on December 31, 2017. Thanks, Hank, for your willingness to serve!

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday, May 8, 2012** at Mike Hillberg's house.

TOWN MARSHAL REPORT: Spring is here and the weather is improving. That brings people out of the woodwork, so solicitors as well as scammers are busy. Here are some reminders:

- If you don't want solicitors, place a "no soliciting" sign at your door or driveway. This will not stop them, but it will give you extra rights to dismiss them from your property when they ring or knock at your door.
- Ask for ID to confirm they are who they say they are. This "ID" thing is VERY unpopular with illegitimate solicitors and scammers who will almost never allow you to see their drivers' license. Please write down their full name; the illegitimate scammers really hate that even though it is your right.
- Think twice before you agree to give anyone money as it could be a scam. At the minimum, the fewer successes they have in the BAV, the better our reputation as a "tough place to bilk residents". Thieves do trade information, so let's be a "tough sell" and have a "tight" reputation.

- Teens with “spring fever” out, mostly innocent, just hanging with their pals; but, if you become apprehensive due to aggressive actions or in any way, feel threatened, call 911. Some people think they are “burdening the system” by calling 911 for “non-emergencies”. This is not true; 911 operators are adept at sliding non-emergency calls to the right status and responder.
- Remember to close your garage doors, and lock your house and your car – even if you’re out back gardening.
- If you have an alarm, use it - especially when you leave; our houses do get cased.

Already reported here, last weekend two young Caucasian men were soliciting for money. Their description and story match similar situations in Enatai where burglaries have occurred. A Bellevue house on 30th, west of 108th was also broken into last Sunday (April 22nd) between the hours of 2-7pm, which may or may not be connected to this same ruse. If you saw anything suspicious during these hours in this area, please contact Bellevue Police. Please stay alert and remember, “Lock it or lose it”.

THE DOOR TO DOOR CASING CONTINUES: Have you ever wondered how our houses get cased for absent homeowners without being noticed or arousing suspicion? As reported in the past, BAV and adjoining areas are regularly cased for theft opportunities by home canvassers in groups of 2 – 3 people on foot supported by a vehicle parked in the area. They knock & ring at the front door; if no one answers, one stands watch, while the other(s) go around back to confirm that no one is home while trying the windows & doors. When they are in your house, they call for the vehicle that pulls up, to your driveway, they all hop in, along with your stuff, and history repeats.

Suggestions: Unless it’s your neighbor’s kid who you know, please do not donate. Either way, please ask for their ID and in the unlikely event they show you a real driver’s license, write down their names. If you see an unknown car parked on your street, write down the plates and save the number for a while. Easy, non-confrontational stuff like that benefits all of us. No doubt, some of these people are legitimate, but not as many as it would seem. In all events, avoid confrontation and call 911 if you feel unsafe.

NEW BEAUX ARTS SIGNS IN THE VILLAGE: The Beaux Arts Town Council has approved the purchase and placement of two large Beaux Arts signs and one smaller Beaux Arts sign along the new 108th path. A large Beaux Arts sign will be moved from its current position on SE 29th St to be placed on the path. Two smaller Beaux Arts signs will also be purchased and will be placed at the two entrances to Beaux Arts from the Pit Park on the northwest corner of the Village.

TOWN SPRING CLEAN-UP: The beach has been beautified, now let’s show the rest of the town some green colored love! The annual spring town cleanup is **Saturday, May 19th**. Dumpsters and donuts will be on hand in their usual places. The heart of the cleanup is Saturday, 9-12:00, but the dumpsters will be here all weekend, and no time is a bad time to help out. The cleanup is a great time to clear streets, repair paths, and install new plants. But as important, it’s a great time to meet and re-meet your neighbors, and renourish our sense of community. For suggestions or to help with a project, please contact Mike Hillberg.

IN MEMORIAM: Word comes of the passing of Mary Morrill Spens, a resident of the Village for 40+ years who recently moved to Covenant Shores. Mary first lived in what is now the Stefan’s house. In 1974, she moved to a cottage on the property now occupied by two houses, the Carlson’s and the Lu’s, and then in 1996 moved next door into the house near the park where she lived until last year. Born into Seattle society, she attended Lakeside School, Smith College, and eventually Seattle U. Intellectually curious, an art lover, always involved, she was just as likely to be found enjoying a NW lifestyle of camping, boating, or hunting as she was to be seen serving in church or other community efforts. She was a deeply spiritual but private person, prudent, remarkably consistent, and independent, with a

servant's heart. Mary served the community in various capacities, including on the WABA Board and the Town's Architectural Review Board. Just shy of her 93rd birthday she left too soon, taking unexplored history, her example, and a host of unfinished lessons with her. She leaves behind three sons and their wives: Crawford and Lyn Spens, Conrad and Sue Ann Spens, and Chris and Holly Spens as well as grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Our deepest sympathies go out to the Spens' family. Donations in Mary's memory can be made to Lifespring.

WHOOPING COUGH: Pertussis, also known as "whooping cough," is a disease caused by the bacteria *Bordetella pertussis*. It is spread through droplets from the mouth and nose when a person with pertussis coughs, sneezes, or talks. The disease is of particular concern in infants because they have higher rates of pneumonia, hospitalization, and death compared with older children and adults. Pertussis vaccination protects young children against severe disease. However, *the protective effects of natural pertussis infection and pertussis vaccine wane with time and are reaching epidemic levels.*

Unrecognized infections in older children and adults are thought to be the most common source of pertussis transmission to infants in the community. Pharmacies can be convenient locations for older children and adults to get pertussis vaccine. Check with your local pharmacy to see if they offer pertussis vaccine, and if so, if there is age restrictions on whom they vaccinate. Young children should receive pertussis vaccine through their healthcare provider as part of their routine childhood immunizations.

Please note the following correction regarding pertussis vaccination guidelines:

Fully immunize all children against pertussis, and provide a single dose of Tdap to:

- Children 7-10 years who are not fully vaccinated against pertussis
- Adolescents 11-18 years who have completed the DTP/DTaP series
- Pregnant and post-partum women (preferably during the third trimester or late second trimester (after 20 weeks gestation).
- All adults aged 19 years and older (especially adults who have or anticipate having close contact with infants less than 12 months old)
- Prioritize vaccinating household members and other close contacts of infants

Additional information for public health and healthcare providers is available on the Public Health – Seattle & King County Website at:

[http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/diseases/whoopingcough.aspx.](http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/diseases/whoopingcough.aspx)

PHONE BOOK OPT-OUT: Residents who no longer wish to receive printed phone books are encouraged to opt out by visiting <https://kingcounty.catalogchoice.org/> and following the online instructions. You may also use this site to opt out of catalogs and other junk mail. From that website: "Because of the costs involved in providing this service other ways, this program is only available online. If you do not have a computer at home, you can get on the Internet at the library and sign up, or ask someone with a computer to help you sign up. This service won't necessarily eliminate all your unwanted mail. Political mailings, for example, are considered protected speech and you can't opt out from those. And some companies and organizations still do not honor opt-out requests, although King County and Catalog Choice are trying to put pressure on those mailers." The deadline to opt out of the Seattle Metro phone book is May 22nd, so please act quickly.

LAWN-IRRIGATION SYSTEMS : Residents with lawn-irrigation systems, fire sprinklers, and similar systems that connect to the Town's water supply lines must test the backflow-prevention devices (BFDs) in those systems annually. The Town contracts with a local tester to perform this testing on behalf of residents who do not wish to arrange for their own contractor and then bills each customer a nominal fee for that testing (usually about \$40 per BFD tested). If the Town tested your BFDs as part of our bulk-testing program and you want to continue using this service, you don't need to do anything.

However, if the Town has not tested your BFDs in the past and you want to be added to the list, please send an email to townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov by May 8th. (If you have been on the Town's list and wish to arrange your own testing, please send an email by May 8th to be removed from the list. If you choose to have an outside firm perform this critical testing, be sure to provide a copy of the test results to Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens by August 31, 2012.)

WABA BOARD MEETING: The Western Academy of Beaux Arts, Board of Trustees will have their monthly meeting on **Thursday, May 17, 2012** at the Dix residence at 7:00pm. Please note this is two weeks later than regularly scheduled.

ASSESSMENTS: Annual WABA Beach Assessments were due on April 15th. We are offering a grace period for payments until May 15, 2012, after which a 1% late fee will be assessed per month. If you have not yet paid your assessment, please do so promptly. Please make your check payable to: **Western Academy of Beaux Arts** and mail to: **WABA, 10010 SE 28th Place, Beaux Arts, WA 98004**

WABA GREENBOOK UPDATES: Updates to the resident directory portion of the *Greenbook* started in March. Please send any changes or additions to the WABA Clerk, Kristin Mange. If you have purchased a new car and need parking stickers or if you need replacement stickers please contact the WABA Clerk at wabaclerk@gmail.com or 502.7382.

NEW MAP MAKER NEEDED: After 20+ years of editing the residence map for the Greenbook, David Dempster's computer has decided it's time for him to let someone else take this on. If you have experience with maps and using a draw program, it's an easy way to help out your neighbors and keep people from getting lost. It would involve making periodic changes to the map when someone moves in or out of the Village. A huge thank you to David for all his hard work over the years!! If you're interested in working on this, please contact Kristin Mange - the WABA Clerk at wabaclerk@gmail.com or 502.7382.

BEACH/WOODLANDS REPORT: Bernard, Sheila and I want to thank the 72 brauny, motivated, happy and hungry soles that turned out for the annual beach cleanup fun party. The weather was extremely conducive to hard work and smiles, and the group managed to dispose of 40 yards of beach debris. Thanks to Sheila Justus and her committee for shopping, providing donuts and coffee for breakfast, and the annual hotdog lunch. Thanks to Nancy and Bob Van der Horn for lunch setup and to Charlie Ferree and Gordon Roberts for cooking hotdogs. Be sure to spend some time enjoying the beach's beauty thanks to your hard work. Thank you everybody, Forrest

MEET THE LIFEGUARDS: Save the Date, Saturday, June 23rd. The beach parents, Kathy Bray and Amy Reller, will have more information to come next month. Lifeguards will be interviewed and hired in the next month, so if you know of someone who would be interested please contact Kathy, Amy, or Kristin (WABA Clerk). Please also let Kathy or Amy know if you want to help by coordinating a kid's craft project this summer!

WABA SUMMER PICNIC: Save the date! The Summer Picnic will be on July 21st, 2012. Activities ALL day & sleep over at the beach! Volunteers are needed to coordinate activities. Thank you to Bruce Young for signing up to run the Fishing Derby and to Alex Burlingame for organizing the sleepover. If you would like to help out, please contact Karen Deitrick at seattlekd@comcast.net, or Alex Burlingame at aburlingame1@hotmail.com.

BEACH RESERVATIONS are starting to come in! You can find the reservation forms on the WABA website in the 'Member Resources' section. Please remember that Sundays are for families only, and no reservations can be made for those days. Please return your completed forms to the WABA mailbox or email them to the WABA Clerk, Kristin Mange.

TOWN BUILDING NEWS- The following permits were issued last month by the Building Dept. for:
10010 SE 27th St. Grading for Shoreline Restoration
10204 SE 27th St. Mechanical for Remodel

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 or submissions for this newsletter, building department, permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Hearing Examiner.

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

NEED TO CONTACT WABA?

WABA Members may contact WABA Clerk Kristin Mange for any concerns or questions you have about the Western Academy of Beaux Arts, regarding the beach or its reservations, parking stickers, green book, WABA social events or issues before the Board of Trustees.

Email: wabaclerk@gmail.com

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