



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
DECEMBER 2015

WABA Board Meeting	1 st Thursday	7:00pm	December 3 rd	Nassisi
Solibakke Open House/Remembrance	Saturday	12-6pm/3pm	December 5 th	Solibakke
Town Council	2 nd Tuesday	7:00pm	December 8 th	Gillem
Ladies Christmas Cookie Social	-Tuesday	6:00-8:00pm	December 15 th	Gillem
WABA Christmas Ship/Bonfire	Sunday	8:40pm	December 20 th	Beach
WABA Christmas Ship/Bonfire	Tuesday	4:00pm	December 22 nd	Beach

Town WEBSITE: <http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/> SALES TAX NUMBER: #1703

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the November Council meeting, the Council:

- Held its second of two public hearings to discuss the proposed budget for 2016. The final budget will be adopted by ordinance at the December Council meeting. The Council noted that if there is a need to amend the 2015 Budget, a public hearing will be held prior to adoption of those amendments.
- Passed Ordinance No. 419 setting the property-tax levy for 2016. Prior to passage, the Council discussed at length its desire to keep property taxes as low as possible and the need to balance that desire against upcoming budgetary needs driven by:
 0. Inflation-based increases in the cost of services, primarily police and fire protection,
 1. Needed infrastructure improvements, e.g. the Angle Path improvements, and
 2. Other necessary expenditures, e.g. for the Stormwater Comprehensive Master Plan.
- Reviewed a proposal for implementing a GIS database for infrastructure and other map-based information and decided to table further discussion until the need for such a database balances the cost to produce it.
- Learned that planned paving along a portion of SE 29th Street may be delayed until next year due to wet and cold weather.
- Learned that Medina, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point and Yarrow Point are investigating ways to calm the cut-through traffic associated with SR-520 and that their findings may prove useful to Beaux Arts during Bellevue’s prolonged construction along Bellevue Way.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at 7:00pm on **Tuesday, December 8, 2015** at John Gillem’s house.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS: Stay informed! RPIN (King County Regional Public Information & Notification) can help you stay informed about potential hazards and threats that impact your area. Register your email and phone device(s) to receive important safety information during an emergency. You choose the types of notifications you receive and which contact methods are used.

Upgraded features include voice messages to landlines, added geographical filters for areas of King County, and targeted types of alerts (e.g. safety information and/or emergency notifications). Sign-up is free and you can update your profile anytime! <http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/prepare/RPIN.aspx>. If you have questions about how to prepare for an emergency, or how the town is prepared, please contact Councilmember Cynthia Hudson.

LADIES CHRISTMAS SOCIAL/COOKIE EXCHANGE: The annual Beaux Arts Ladies Christmas Social/Cookie Exchange is Tuesday, December 15th, from 6pm-8pm at the home of Trisha Gillem. *New this year*, invitations are extended to all young ladies in the village 8 years old and up to attend with their mothers & enjoy some fun of their own. Bringing cookies is completely optional!! If baking does not fit into your busy December schedule, no stress/don't bake but please do come share some holiday cheer! If you would like to participate in the cookie exchange, please bring a platter of 2-3 dozen cookies. Extra containers for bringing cookies home will be available. It would be helpful for an accurate headcount if you would RSVP to Trisha Gillem by Friday, December 11th.

MAILBOX STANDS: LAST Chance! The Town is planning to have some gravel added to the base of each mailbox stand later this fall or early winter. There are some mailbox stands deteriorating rapidly. If yours is in need of replacement, please do it soon, before gravel delivery, being scheduled now. If you need assistance for replacement, please contact Deputy Clerk Kulp for suggestions.

MARSHAL REPORT: The *holidays bring targets for thieves* with packages on doorsteps, vacations, and alerts to what's inside when you leave boxes visible with your recycling. So do yourself a favor and don't be a target by making appropriate delivery arrangements (office, signature required...), flatten your boxes inside your recycling bin, or fold them inside out, and wait to put them out until pick up day. If you have to be gone a while, arrange with a friend or neighbor to watch your home, have lights on *different* timers, and have your mail and newspapers picked up.

November activity in the Beaux Arts / Enatai area includes the following:

- King County Sheriff's office reports the following crimes occurred per their map: <https://www.crimereports.com/>
- Bellevue Police department reports the following crimes occurred in per Bellevue's Crime map: <http://spotcrime.com/wa/bellevue> or <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/wa/bellevue>
- NextDoor Enatai members reported several incidents nearby this last month, mostly car prowls. For complete details, residents in the area may log in with a password to the local blog at: <https://enataisurreydowns.nextdoor.com/login/>.

PLANNING COMMISSION, CLG UPDATE: The Planning Commission sent out a letter to all residents early November that requested feedback on a state Certified Local Government (CLG) program, which is currently under consideration for voluntary historic preservation. Commissioners thank the villagers that took the time to respond and share their thoughts. There were questions raised by residents regarding town administration of a CLG and how the property tax exemption is actually calculated. Commissioners are currently researching these issues for their next meeting in January, and will report back in an upcoming newsletter.

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY: Commissioner Jeff Jochums' Planning Commission term is ending December 2015, creating a vacancy to fill. The Planning Commission is the Town's advisory body on land-use issues and meets 9-12 times per year on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month. If

you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Deputy Clerk Kulp or Mayor Leider. If you have questions, please check out http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/pln_comm.htm for more information. Remember to thank Mr. Jochums for his service to the Town!

SOUND TRANSIT UPDATE: Construction is right around the corner! East Link is gradually transitioning from final design into construction. The project will be built in segments, and to maximize efficiency, construction start dates for the different segments will vary across the project. As the project continues toward construction, alerts and updates will also be available on an area-specific basis. The current construction schedule is below and is subject to change as construction contracts are awarded.

- Downtown Bellevue: early 2016
 - Tunnel construction is scheduled to begin in early 2016 while the remainder of downtown Bellevue construction will begin in mid-2017
- Overlake: mid-2016
- South Bellevue: late 2016
- Bel-Red: early 2017
- I-90: mid-2017

STORM DRAINS: Please clean out the Storm Drains near your house. In this tiny community where we've always done everything ourselves, please remember to help clean out any storm water drains you see plugged. It's a big help to the Town as leaves fall and storms come, which otherwise clog the drains and flood the streets. If you see a clogged storm drain and you are unable to assist cleaning it out, please alert the Town's Clerk or Deputy Clerk to its whereabouts. Thank you!

THANK YOU, TOWN ROW FALL CLEANUP: "Thank You" to the many Beaux Arts residents who braved the uninspiring weather over the first weekend last month to clean up the Town! Our family moved to Beaux Arts just over a year ago and I feel fortunate to be here. You set the bar high for community and hard work. There are many people to thank for all their work, but I want to send out a specific "Thank You" to Kathy Corra. Kathy spent many hours over the last several months transforming the Water Tower lot; "Goodbye" blackberries, "Hello" woodland grove - Wow!
–Councilmember Cynthia

TOWN BUILDING NEWS: All necessary permits were issued by the Building Dept. in November:
10210 SE 28th Place Furnace
2828 – 103rd Ave. SE Furnace
Please contact Deputy Clerk Kulp if you have any building concerns or questions. Thank you.

WSDOT UPDATE: With the holidays and winter fast approaching, we want to remind drivers to be prepared for snow and ice before the first storm hits. Even mild winters can have sudden, severe storms so it's always better to be plan ahead and "know before you go." We have several tools to help with winter conditions and to allow you to make safe travel choices:

- Check our [best times to travel charts](#) for the upcoming holiday
- Download our [mobile app](#) visit [our website](#) for travel alerts
- Follow us on [Twitter](#) / [Facebook](#) or sign up for [email alerts](#) about traffic, road and pass conditions
- Pre-program your vehicle radio to 530 AM & 1610 AM or call 511 for highway advisory radio alerts
- Get prepared for your trip with [winter driving tips](#) and by [packing your car kit](#)

We expect heavier than normal traffic for holidays, so leave extra, drive safely and keep warm. For more information about winter driving and holiday traffic, [visit our blog](#).

IN MEMORIAM: Robert W. Solibakke 1924-2015. We are deeply saddened to report that long-time villager “Bob” Solibakke has been lost to the relentlessness of time; Bob passed away peacefully at 11 pm November 17 at the ripe old age of 91. He will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife Nancy, and is preceded in death by his sister Betty, and by their parents. Bob was born on August 31, 1924 in Bellingham, WA to William and Francis Solibakke. William, whose family had come to Washington from Minnesota, died tragically in 1935 and Bob was raised through his teens by his school principal mother and an aunt.

Bob lived a full and varied life with many different vocations, avocations, and interests. He loved the back country and was an avid climber, skier, and member of the Mountaineers for many years. He crewed for Pete Lovely’s sports car racing team in the mid-fifties, operated a service station, worked exploratory expeditions on the north slope of Alaska, was a logger and forest fire fighter, worked at Boeing on and off, and could make just about anything out of metal.

In 1966 he married Nancy Bell Smithson, a fellow skier, climber, and member of the Mountaineers, and took on the task of helping to raise her three teenage boys, Michael, Jeremy, and Brian. Having survived that, he and Nancy went on to enjoy many happy years together continuing to pursue their interests in the outdoors, cats, travelling, and spending time at their cabin near Lake Wenatchee.

There will be a gathering to celebrate his life on December 5th at his home of 49 years in Beaux Arts Village. It will be an open-house from 12 pm to 6 pm, with remembrances at 3 pm. Our deepest sympathies go out to Nancy and their family. Please stop by to see them if you can, and remember some of the past 50 years together.

WABA / Western Academy of Beaux Arts NEWS:

BOARD MEETING: The next meeting of the WABA Trustees will be at 7:00pm on **Thursday, December 3rd** at the Nassisi residence.

BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The time has come to form a nominating committee to find a replacement for our outgoing WABA Trustee Amy Nassisi, which means we are in need of a new Membership Chair – this position is responsible in part for helping to coordinate WABA activities. Our current WABA secretary Susan Bogert has agreed to serve an additional term as trustee if nominated. If you’re interested in serving on the committee or becoming a Trustee please contact the WABA Clerk, or any Board member.

BEACHMASTER REPORT: Thank you to the Sharps for preparing the bonfire early! Please respect the hard work involved, and leave the pile alone for lighting on the 20th. Bathrooms will be closed for the winter after the bonfires, or as soon as freezing temperatures create problems. -Beachmaster Forrest

CHRISTMAS SHIP & HOLIDAY BONFIRE – SUNDAY, 12/20: This year the traditional WABA Holiday Bonfire will take place on Sunday, December 20th. The ships will be performing off of Covenant Shores on Mercer Island that evening, starting at 8:50pm. Thank you to Aaron Sharp for

coordinating the bonfire that night! If you would like to help with the fire or have burnable wood to contribute, please contact Aaron.

Due to a schedule change, the usual Christmas Ship performance for our own beach is set for Tuesday, December 22nd, from 4:05pm-4:25pm. Although this is not a good time-frame for a bonfire or those who work full-time, if you are available, please come down to the beach for that Christmas Ship performance as well to let them know how much they are appreciated! Chandler Sharp is coordinating a bonfire for this afternoon, and S'mores and hot chocolate will be on hand for kids.

DOCKMASTER REPORT: The recent windstorm is a good reminder that it is time to get your moored boat ready for winter. Double check your mooring lines and that your boat covers are secured. Make sure you have rubber snubbers on all 4 "corners" and it is good practice to have spring lines installed as well. If you have a boat lift make sure your lift is locked and that your boat has at least one line securing it to the dock. All C 15s should have retainer straps to secure them. Taking these steps ahead of time will save you worry, possible damage to your boat and dock, and a trip down to secure your boat some very windy, cold and rainy night this winter. If you are going to use electrical power make sure your electrical cord & plug are secure and can't get in the water. Unless you have 30 amp power (36' and larger slips only) please limit your electrical load to no more than 200 watts. The circuits on A & B docks have limited capacity (15 amp breakers). If a circuit gets overloaded the breaker will trip and the dock won't have power. – Dockmaster Jay

GREENBOOK UPDATES: The residents' directory is always available to download and print from the WABA website (www.waba1908.com) in 'Member Resources' in the Greenbook section after you've logged into the website. The directory and residence map are updated regularly. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the WABA Clerk.

HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT: Are any of your photos this year taken in Beaux Arts at our annual events or at the beach? As you take photos, or go through them for year-end or holiday photos, please send digital copies to Janet Griswold for the annual WABA Winter Dinner Slideshow! Anything received by early January can be included. Our digital slideshows have replaced our traditional scrapbooks over the last 15 years, and are a wonderful way to become a permanent part of village history. If you would like to work with the History committee on upcoming projects, please contact Julia Morse, Paula Dix or Eugenia Yen with questions or further information.

SAVE THE DATES: The Winter Dinner and Annual WABA Business Meeting will be on Saturday, January 23rd, 2016 in the Great Hall at St. Thomas. If you would like to help out with planning the Winter Dinner, table decorations, entertainment, or etc., please contact Amy Nassisi or the WABA Clerk.

The Summer Picnic will be on Saturday, July 23rd, 2016 with fun activities all day for the whole family.

SHORELINE RESTORATION: Good progress has been made on Phase 3 of the Shoreline Restoration Project; please do not disturb any of the new plantings.

WABA WEBSITE: To log into the WABA website your email address must be on file with the WABA Clerk. Your email address is your username. To login, enter your email address and password. If you

do not have a password or have forgotten yours, click on the 'forgot password' link and a new one will be emailed to you.

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact **Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens** if you have questions or concerns about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Dept.:
townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov or (425) 454-8580.
- Contact **Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp** if you have questions about the building department (including permits and variances), issues before the Planning Commission or Hearing Examiner, or this newsletter:
bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov or (425) 269-6985.
- To report **Block Watch** concerns, contact:

Town Marshal Walter Scott	(425) 454-2573
Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster	(425) 746-0757
KCSO Non-Emergency Line	(206) 296-3311
KCSO Capt. Greg Thomas	greg.thomas@kingcounty.gov (206) 423-1485
KCSO Deputy Bryan Hill	bryan.hill@kingcounty.gov (206) 423-6130

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 use (including reservations and parking stickers), the Green Book, WABA social events or issues before the WABA Board of Trustees:

wabaclerk@gmail.com, (425) 502-7382

(Mailing address: 10010 SE 28th Place, Beaux Arts, WA 98004. Web address: <http://waba1908.com/>)