



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
MARCH 2016**

WABA Board Meeting	1 st Thursday	7:00pm	March 3 rd	Donoghue
Town Council	2 nd Tuesday	7:00pm	March 8 th	Leider
Planning Commission	3 rd Thursday	7:00pm	March 17 th	J. Johnston
WABA Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday	9:00am	March 19 th	Beach

Town WEBSITE: <http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/>

SALES TAX NUMBER: #1703, E-MAIL ADDRESSES:

Town Hall: townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov Building Department: bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov
Mayor: mayor@beauxarts-wa.gov Town Council: council@beauxarts-wa.gov

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

- Had a conversation with King County Councilwoman Claudia Balducci about the County Council's priorities for 2016, including transportation issues, solid waste, biennial budgeting, and Metro sewage treatment.
- Passed Ordinance No. 421 creating a Golf Cart Zone for the Town that allows residents to use golf carts as transportation within Town boundaries, including regulations of use and cart registration.
- Adopted Resolution No. 299 approving the ARCH Budget and Work Program for 2016. ARCH, A Regional Coalition for Housing, works to develop affordable housing throughout the Eastside. Due to our small size, Beaux Arts has few options for directly providing the affordable housing options required by the state Growth Management Act. Our participation in ARCH serves as a means of indirectly providing it.
- Discussed budget vs. actual expenditure performance for 2015.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at 7:00pm on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016** at Richard Leider's house.

BACKFLOW DEVICE TESTING: Each year, residents with lawn irrigation, fire sprinklers, and other systems with a direct connection to the Town's water supply are required to have the backflow-prevention device (BFD) in that system tested for operability. The Town gives residents the option of either making arrangements for testing themselves OR having a certified tester hired by the Town do the testing. Households participating in the Town's testing program are billed for the actual cost of testing; usually about \$38 per device, after all testing is complete – usually in the Fall.

NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR TESTING ARRANGEMENTS:

- If you participated in the Town's testing program last year, you do NOT need to do anything UNLESS you prefer to arrange for your own testing this year. (If you want to be removed from the Town list, please email Clerk-Treasurer Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov as soon as possible.)
- If you have NOT participated in the Town's program in the past and want to be included this year, please email Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov and ask to be added to the list. **Your email should include your name, address, and the number and type(s) of systems**

to be tested, e.g. fire sprinkler, lawn irrigation, etc., and the location(s) of the BFD to be tested, if known.

- If you prefer to arrange your own testing, please be sure that your certified tester forwards your test results to Clerk-Treasurer Spens as soon as they become available.

BALD EAGLES AND CONSTRUCTION: Property owners are reminded on our website (http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/bldg_dept.htm) that they must also comply with state and Federal regulations that affect their proposed project and/or property. Because Beaux Arts is home to at least one pair of nesting bald eagles, many construction projects will be subject to Federal and state rules that protect the eagles' habitat. Please visit http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/bald_eagle/ for current rules, regulations and contacts. To view a map depicting the nest locations overlaid with 400- and 800-foot circles, [click here](#).

BELLEVUE WAY SE, HOV: Bellevue is exploring ways to widen Bellevue Way SE in order to add a Southbound HOV lane. Bellevue is looking for resident involvement on design analysis and they are planning community open houses for this spring and fall. You should have received a flyer in the mail with details, or you may go to www.bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-way-hov-lane.htm where details should be available soon.

FLOATING BRIDGE OPENING: There will be a [Grand Opening celebration](#) of the new SR 520 floating bridge this April 2–3, 2016. SR 520 is the longest floating bridge in the world!

- **Website:** Please check out 520GoLong.com
- **Run the bridge before you drive it!** *Saturday, April 2 | 7:30 AM start*
Register for the 5K or 10K run/walk on the new floating bridge presented by the Virginia Mason Heart Institute.
- **Grand Opening Celebration!** *Saturday, April 2 | 10 AM – 5 PM*
Free, fun, and accessible activities for all ages. Did we mention food trucks?
- **Ride the Emerald City Bike Ride!** *Sunday, April 3 | 7 AM – 12:30 PM*
Join a unique 20-mile bike ride through Seattle, with route options for all ages produced by Cascade Bicycle Club.

GOLF CARTS IN BEAUX ARTS: The Council recently enacted Ordinance No. 421 allowing the use of golf carts within Town boundaries. The ordinance takes effect in mid-March, and golf-cart owners will need to register their carts with the Town Clerk. In the meantime, Candice Soderquist is working to find a group deal for anyone interested in purchasing a golf cart. If you would like to know about the deal or want to add your name to the list of interested families, please contact Candice directly.

IN MEMORIAM: Following up on last month's notice, services for long-time villager **Hank Heckendorn** were held on February 13, 2016. If you missed attending, the online guestbook is still available at www.Legacy.com. Our deepest sympathies go out to Betty Heckendorn and family. Hank's complete obituary is now available at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/seattletimes/obituary-print.aspx?n=c-henry-heckendorn&pid=177633553>.

We also extend our sympathies to the Van Nortwick family. Previous villager **Gale Van Nortwick Doty**, aged 44, recently lost her battle to cancer. She is survived by brothers John and Bob, three young children, and her husband. A celebration of life was in early February. Gale was a village

child; she was the daughter of the late Ken and Betsy Van Nortwick. The Van Nortwick's raised their family here from 1974 to 2010 in what is now the Nathe Sangha home.

MARSHAL REPORT: Don't be a target for thieves! Please remember to arrange for your deliveries if you plan to be away, and keep your home looking occupied instead of vacant.

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

- King County Sheriff's office reports 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 report incidents around us every month. This month, mail and package theft is on the rise due especially to the school vacation breaks and tax season. 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: The Commission has condensed answers to all questions received by residents early November for the requested feedback on a state Certified Local Government (CLG) program. The CLG is one idea currently under consideration for voluntary historic preservation. See the attachment for all questions submitted, and answers from the state about this program. For more information about the State's CLG program, check out: <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/programs/certified-local-government-program>. The State's "Special Tax Valuation" brochure referenced can be found at: http://www.dahp.wa.gov/sites/default/files/Special%20Valuation%20Pamphlet%202012_0.pdf. Please contact the Deputy Clerk if you have further feedback on this idea.

The Planning Commission is also currently exploring various tools to encourage the thoughtful design of new homes in the village. They are studying the adopted architectural guidelines of other jurisdictions and are working towards developing a set of criteria for zoning to assure future development within the Town is complementary to the historic built and natural landscape of Beaux Arts. Please join the conversation at the next Planning Commission meeting, March 17, 2016, 7:00 pm, at Jan Johnston's home.

PROJECT UPDATE: East Link Extension. Washington State Department of Transportation and Sound Transit construction crews will reduce I-90 traffic to one lane near Rainier Avenue South to install a large piece of equipment in the tunnel ceilings called a Saccardo Nozzle during the weekend closures. The nozzles improve ventilation and are part of the continued effort to upgrade the operations and safety systems in the Mount Baker and Mercer Island tunnels as crews continue in preparation for East Link light rail. Drivers will be re-routed to the express lanes from 11 p.m. on Friday through 5 a.m. on Monday on the following weekend closures:

All eastbound lanes: February 19 – 22 and March 11 - 14

All westbound lanes: May 20 – 23 and June 3 – 5

For more information about the East Link Extension project, please contact the project team at 206-398-LINK or eastlink@soundtransit.org. You can also visit the East Link Extension web page, <http://www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/East-Link-Extension>, where you can find lots of links and documents, such as the *Bellevue Tunnel presentation* if any of you missed attending their January presentation, at: http://www.soundtransit.org/sites/default/files/project-documents/Kickoff%20meeting_final_webteam.pdf.

SEWER WORK- BELLEVUE: Beaux Arts has just learned more timing details on Bellevue's 112th Sewer line in preparation for light rail, as follows:

- East CBD Sewer Trunk Line (this is the work on 112th) - They anticipate finishing the sewer trunk line project in mid- to late- February, depending on the weather and soil conditions.
- Wilburton Sewer Capacity Improvements – Contractors will be mobilizing to the Lexus dealership site beginning Tuesday, February 16. The traveling public really won't be affected until March 1 when sewer work begins in 114th Ave SE. Motorists, cyclists and pedestrians can expect work in 114th Ave SE from SE 8th Street to the Hilton Hotel to last until Fall 2016. Sewer work in SE 8th St is planned to begin in late May 2016 and wrap up in late Fall 2016.

SEWER WORK- KING COUNTY: By now you've all received a postcard in the mail from King County's Wastewater Treatment Division about the upcoming North Mercer Island/Enatai Sewer Upgrade Project. Community meetings are as follows for work in that area:

- Bellevue, Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 6pm-8:30pm, at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 – 118th Ave SE, Bellevue WA 98005
- Mercer Island, Thursday, March 10, 2016, 6pm-8:30pm, at the Mercer Island Community Center, Mercer Room.

TOWN BUILDING NEWS: All necessary permits were issued by the Building Dept. in the last month:

2812 – 102 nd Ave. SE	Remodel / Addition
10510 SE 27 th St.	Utilities
2734 – 103 rd Ave. SE	Utilities
10401 SE 27 th St.	New Construction

Please remember contact Deputy Clerk Kulp if you have any building concerns or questions. You can find answers to most your questions at http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/bldg_dept.htm or call the Deputy Clerk 425-269-6985.

WABA / Western Academy of Beaux Arts NEWS:

ASSESSMENTS: The annual WABA 2016 assessment payments of \$600 are due on or before April 15, 2016; they are the same amount as last year, holding steady now for a while. Please be on the lookout for your assessment letters to arrive in via US mail towards the end of the month.

BEACH CLEAN-UP: This year the Beach & Woodlands Cleanup will be on Saturday, April 23, 2016 starting at 8:00am to get everything cleaned up and ready for nicer weather and more beach use. A picnic lunch will be provided.

BOARD MEETING: The next meeting of the WABA Board of Trustees will be on **Thursday, March 3, 2016** at 7:00pm at the Donoghue residence.

DOCKMASTER REPORT: Annual moorage billing was mailed out mid-January and the payment was due by February 28th. If you have not paid your moorage bill, please pay it right away or late fees will be assessed. If you have a boat, kayak, or canoe, either in a slip or stored on the ground or rack at the beach, and have not received a moorage billing, please contact Dock Master Jay Jacobsen.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The WABA Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Saturday, March 19, 2016** starting at 9:00 am. If your children or grandchildren would like to participate please contribute 18-24 filled plastic eggs per child, and drop them off at the Howes residence by 5:00pm on March 17, 2016. Coffee, donuts and juice will be provided.

HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT: The WABA History Committee hosted an open house on February 27, 2016 at member Paula Dix's home for all villagers to thank Sylvia Hobbs for her 50 years of exemplary service and dedication to the Beaux Arts community. Thank you to those that came!

The Committee met last week to clarify projects and goals. The committee members will work in teams and meet quarterly with updates as they pursue updating the house-books, and researching ways to safeguard the archives for the future. The committee reminds members they may contribute to the archives, too! If you have something to donate, or if you are interested in joining the committee, please talk to Julia Morse or Angela Kulp for further information.

Beaux Arts Village will be profiled in Historic Seattle's Event, "*Gardens of Eden*", included as part of Lawrence Kreisman's presentation on Seattle: The City Beautiful. This event will take place at the Mount Baker Community Club, on **Wednesday, March 9, 2016**, beginning at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$35 per person. For registration and more details, see Historic Seattle's webpage at: <http://historicseattle.org/event/gardens-of-eden/>.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual Summer Picnic is on **Saturday, July 23, 2016** with fun activities all day long, followed by a picnic dinner and band in the evening.

SUMMER LIFEGUARDS: The hiring process for summer lifeguards will begin soon. If you or someone you know is over 18 yrs old and are interested, please contact the WABA Clerk.

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:
Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov (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. Dauber, Lance lance.dauber@kingcounty.gov (206) 477-0300
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

Web address: <http://waba1908.com/>

Mailing address: Western Academy of Beaux Arts, 10010 SE 28th Place, Beaux Arts, WA 98004