



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

WABA Board Meeting	1 st Thursday	7:00pm	November 3 rd	Bowen
Fall Town Clean-up	Saturday	9am-Noon	November 5 th	Town ROW & paths
Town Council	2 nd Tuesday	7:00pm	November 8 th	Hudson: P.H. Budget
Planning Commission	3 rd Thursday	7:00pm	November 17 th	Dix: Public Hearing CLG

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BOATS: It's that time of year when many boat owners pull their boats out of the water for winter storage. Please remember the Codes in Beaux Arts allow for boats coming and going by limiting their visibility to two weeks once per year and otherwise they must be screened from view. For specific details, please consult our codes or contact one of the Town Clerks for further information.

- Parking Code, Chapter 10.10.20 Parking Provisions and 10.10.40 on Enforcement and Penalties: <http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/BeauxArts/#!/BeauxArts10/BeauxArts1010.html>
- Zoning Code, Chapter 18.10.90: <http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/BeauxArts/#!/BeauxArts18/BeauxArts1810.html>

COUNCIL BUSINESS: The following discussions took place at the Council's October meeting:

- 2017 Budget: The Council conducted its first of two statutory public hearings regarding the budget for 2017. The October discussion focused on a preliminary budget, including anticipated revenues and expenditures. The Council will hold its second public hearing in November to discuss a proposed budget and to act on an ordinance setting the 2017 property-tax levy.
- Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation: The Council continued its discussion of measures proposed by City of Bellevue to minimize and/or mitigate cut-through traffic that is expected to increase during Sound Transit's construction along Bellevue Way SE.
- AWC Risk Management Service Agency agreement: The Council discussed proposed amendments to our amended Interlocal Agreement with AWC RMSA. The agreement sets out the rules, responsibilities, and assessments for cities participating in the AWC insurance pool. For timing reasons, the Council has tabled a final decision until Town Attorney Wayne Stewart provides his recommendation on the appropriate action.
- SE 29th Repaving Project: Councilmember Stowe reported that the project is complete.
- Angle Path Improvements: Councilmember Hillberg reported that he hopes to complete this work by the end of this year.
- Visibility Concerns: The Council discussed concerns about visibility along Town streets, particularly at street corners. The main problem is plantings in the ROW. Councilmember Hillberg will be working with Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder to develop standards to apply throughout the Town that will maintain critical visibility for vehicles and pedestrians while continuing to allow homeowners to enhance the ROW adjacent to their property.

COUNCIL- NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at 7:00pm on **Tuesday, November 8, 2016** at Cynthia Hudson's house. At that meeting, the Council will hold the second of two public hearings to discuss the budget for 2017 and to discuss and act upon the property-tax levy for 2017. Interested residents are encouraged to attend.

EAST LINK UPDATE: Sound Transit will kick-off East Link construction in south Bellevue as early as January 2017. One of the first activities in the area will be closing the South Bellevue Park-and-Ride on Bellevue Way SE for up to five years. Sound Transit's contractor will use the park-and-ride site to stage equipment and materials for building the light rail track, South Bellevue Station and a parking garage. Sound Transit has developed a multifaceted plan to help users of the South Bellevue Park-and-Ride get around during the closure. Our program involves leasing new park-and-ride facilities, using existing park-and-ride facilities with capacity, enhancing transit mobility and offering new travel programs, options and incentives. See the separate attachment for a folio with information on available park-and-ride options during construction. Before construction begins in south Bellevue, Sound Transit will host a construction open house as an opportunity for the community to meet the contractor and learn more about the construction process, which will include information regarding schedule, traffic impacts, work hours and sequencing of activities. During construction, Sound Transit staff will provide the community with advance notice of construction activities through our website and construction alerts. Visit our site at <http://www.soundtransit.org/eastlink> and sign-up for alerts at <http://www.soundtransit.org/Subscribe-to-alerts> or check the East Link online events calendar for notice of upcoming participation.

For more information about the East Link project:

- Visit soundtransit.org/eastlink
- Sign up for East Link alerts at soundtransit.org/subscribe
- Call Sound Transit Community Outreach at 206-398-LINK
- Email Sound Transit Community Outreach at eastlink@soundtransit.org
- For information in alternative formats, call 1-800-201-4900/ TTY Relay: 711 or email accessibility@soundtransit.org.

FALL TOWN CLEAN-UP: Reminder, please join us this Saturday, November 5th! The bi-annual volunteer clean-up day is the first Saturday in November, to clean-up our Town streets, Rights of Way adjacent to homes, and our paths. Trucks and donuts with coffee will be circulating 9am-Noon on Saturday. The Town will have dumpsters here throughout the village all weekend. Once the work is done, any room left in the dumpsters may be used for resident yard-waste. This is also a great way for your teenagers to log in some required volunteer community service hours! We have a lot of fun, rain or shine, so come join us! If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Hudson at chudson@beauxarts-wa.gov.

LADIES HOLIDAY SOCIAL & COOKIE EXCHANGE: The annual Beaux Arts Ladies Holiday Social/Cookie Exchange needs a hostess and location! Please see Angela Kulp if you are interested. Typically this event is a weekday evening in early to mid December. It began as a Christmas Cookie Exchange for Beaux Arts women decades ago and has evolved with a rotating location to become more of a holiday social for all our village ladies. It is not an official Town or WABA event but continues on as a cherished community event with interested volunteers. Bringing cookies has become optional if baking does not fit into one's busy December schedule. For those that want to participate in the cookie exchange, please plan to bring a platter of 2-3 dozen cookies.

MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: (Thank you, CityVision Magazine for this excerpt) Map Your Neighborhood, also known as MYN, is a citizen-driven emergency response plan developed by the state's Emergency Management Division that's been adopted by 78 Washington cities and 29 counties, as well as more than 30 states across the country. The plan works much like a traditional neighborhood watch program, only instead of keeping an eye on one another's property, "MYN" (pronounced *mine*) neighbors focus on how they'll help one another in the aftermath of a disaster.

How does this work? It starts with a party. A host invites neighbors – typically 15 to 25 nearby households – over for a potluck dinner or BYOB get-together that culminates with a 90-minute training. After introductions, neighbors catalog the skills and equipment each possesses that could be useful in a disaster response:

- learn how to build an emergency preparedness kit with enough food, water, and essentials to sustain a household for seven to 10 days
- identify and map the locations of gas meters and propane tanks in every home
- identify and map households that may need extra help due to the age or physical disabilities of the occupants
- designate a location as a neighborhood gathering site
- adopt a set of emergency protocols that everyone agrees to follow immediately after a disaster.

Mercer Island adopted MYN in 2014 and 21 Mercer Island neighborhoods have since joined the program.

CityVision Magazine has a brief article about how MYN is being implemented in Mercer Island:

www.awcnet.org/portals/0/documents/publications/cityvision/2016/Cityvision0316CityBeatGoodNeighbors.pdf. MYN is also similar to Seattle's previous "Block Watch" *Emergency Preparedness Program*, for anyone familiar with that experience. Please contact Councilmember Cynthia Hudson at chudson@beauxarts-wa.gov with any questions.

MARSHAL REPORT: We are not immune from crime and can still be just as much of a target as other neighborhoods. Remember: an alert, communicative neighborhood becomes less of a target!

- A blue Honda Prelude was stolen from a village driveway on upper 28th on the night of October 15, but returned hours later after being found abandoned in Renton with the engine still running.
- Suspicious behavior of visitors was noted and reported by residents on 107th last Monday.

Thieves are deterred by locks, and most crimes currently remain local property thefts of opportunity. Law enforcement estimates at least half of all cars parked in BAV outside overnight have their doors checked **at least once per night**. Unlocked vehicles become targets for theft; some thieves will even use their own make-shift aluminum key. Don't be complacent or tempt fate; please remember to use the following preventative measures that can eliminate a good amount of property theft from happening to you:

- Use all your locks and alarms
- Use your garage, close your garage doors, lock your doors and windows
- Do not "hide" a key inside an unlocked car.
- Remove valuables from your vehicles whenever possible. If you can't, then keep valuables out of sight and lock your valuables and use your alarm.

The following article: <http://www.king5.com/news/investigations/we-asked-86-burglars-how-they-broke-into-homes/344367382> may prove to be especially helpful for becoming a victim as we've seen the same techniques be mentioned on Nextdoor Enatai. Thank you for staying "Villigent" = (Vigilant + diligent or "villagers being diligent") and reporting all suspicious activity. Consider pulling out that cell phone; remember, license plate numbers, descriptions and photos are especially helpful to law enforcement!

October activity in Beaux Arts/Enatai area included:

- 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, including theft, vandalism, etc. Next Door Enatai now has a private sub-group just for Beaux Arts residents. For complete details, residents may log in with a password to the local blog, <https://enataisurreydowns.nextdoor.com/login/>.

TOWN BUILDING NEWS: The following permits were issued by the Building Dept. in October.
2804 – 107th Ave. SE Landscape Sprinklers

Please know:

- The Town now has a *Complaint Form* available to fill out for any complaints received.
- Most work planned usually needs a permit of some sort.
- Check the town's website: http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/bldg_dept.htm
- Check the town's municipal codes: <http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/BeauxArts/>
- Contact Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp if you have any permit concerns or questions.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: You may have heard of a growing interest in a public building for Beaux Arts Village. At the Town Council's request, a committee was formed to explore the idea - to identify needs, gather possible options, and to assess what level of support may exist in the community. As shared previously in our Village newsletter, our committee includes representatives from Town Council, Planning Commission, WABA, and citizens. The concept is to provide a place within the Village all residents can use, that will support a variety of activities including public and personal meetings, official Town business, record storage, and community gatherings. The Committee wishes to thank the residents who attended the first two *Listening Tour* Meetings. We have one more small-group conversation planned on Sunday, November 6, 2016, 6:30pm-7:30pm. Contact Councilmember Cynthia Hudson at chudson@beauxarts-wa.gov for any questions, or to RSVP.

WATER-BILL PAYMENTS: Many residents choose to hand-deliver the payments for their water bills to the Town/Water Department mailbox near the water tower. If you find this service useful, please note the following:

1. If you place your payments directly in the box, **please put your check and the payment stub in an envelope before inserting it in the box.** Loose checks/payment stubs are more likely to become mixed up with other mail and lost. Many customers use envelopes "recycled" from other accounts, and some even reuse the envelope the bill came in – a practice I highly recommend!
2. Payments whether delivered by US mail or by hand are due on the 25th of the month. I always allow a couple of grace days to accommodate payments mailed on the actual due date, but **if your payment is received after the grace period, your account will incur a late fee.**

WATER HARDNESS IN BEAUX ARTS: Recently, the Water Department has been asked about the hardness of our well water. Water hardness is not regulated by the Washington State Department of Health, so we don't regularly test it, but a test report from 2009 listed our hardness, based on CaCO₃, as 140 mg per litre. Residents who need more current information that this are encouraged to purchase a water-hardness test kit. If you want to be able to test your water hardness on a regular basis, Amazon sells a test kit that is re-usable and reliable: <https://www.amazon.com/ss/customer-reviews/B008FM7WLU>. On the other hand, if you just want a rough idea of the hardness (e.g. for your new dishwasher), you can get a free test strip from Morton Salt: <http://www.mortonsalt.com/article/order-a-free-test-strip-to-find-out-if-you-have-hard-water/>.

WABA / Western Academy of Beau Arts NEWS:

BOARD MEETING: The next meeting of the WABA Board of Trustees will be **Thursday, November 3rd** at the Bowen Residence at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS SHIPS: The Christmas Ships and Annual Bonfires will be on **Tuesday, December 20th** with the carolers starting at 7:55pm. If you're interested in helping with the Bonfires, please contact Kristin Mange wabaclerk@gmail.com.

HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT: See [Julia Morse](#) with any questions.

IN MEMORIAM: Previous Villager [Dini Mari Grunseth](#) died early last month from complications of Parkinson's disease. Dini was born in Seattle; she was 67. Dini spent much of her life learning new alternative healing practices and helped many people. Dini moved into the village in 1987 and lived here with her husband until 2008 when they built a new house which is now the Howes' home. Dini is survived by her husband Leif Grunseth, three sons, two brothers and three grand-children. Our deepest sympathies go out to Dini's family and friends. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/seattletimes/obituary.aspx?n=dini-mari-grunseth&pid=182067566>.

The Town has just learned previous Villager [Helen Lewis](#) died this last week; we expect services and an obituary are pending. We share our sincerest condolences to all her friends and family. During her decades here, Helen was instrumental in the preservation and organization of the WABA Village archives for the History Committee. She was well known in the community and involved in many village activities over the years. Helen was pre-deceased by her husband Del, who spearheaded BARF sailing. The Lewis's lived in the village from 1966 to 2012 in what is now known as the Harpster's home. Helen is survived by her two daughters.

MASTERS REPORTS: From the WABA volunteers that tirelessly oversee and manage our community waterfront assets; please enjoy our waterfront and remember we all need to do our part to keep it clean and maintained, just like our homes and yards!

- **BEACHMASTER:** See [Forrest Kulp](#) with any questions.
- **DOCKMASTER REPORT:** See [Jay Jacobsen](#) with any questions. This is a reminder to make sure your moored boat is 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. 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 no one on the dock will have power.
- **WOODLANDS REPORT:** See [Julia Morse](#) with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual WABA Business Meeting and Winter Dinner will be on **Saturday, January 28, 2017** at St Thomas Church. We hope to see everyone there!

TRUSTEE CHANGES: The trustees are currently working on filling Pam Donoghue's vacated position, as well as considering candidates for next year when Steve McKean's term is over. We are very pleased that Cyndy Park has agreed to stay on and stand for a new 3-year term.

Please let Kristin Mange (wabaclerk@gmail.com) or Susan Bogert (wabasecretary@gmail.com) know if you have interest in serving as a trustee or would like to suggest someone else we should consider.

WELCOME: Please welcome our newest WABA members:

- Marc and Cornelia Schaadt purchased the Saal-Moco house.
 - Gina and Otto Pjipker and their two children purchased the Dwyer-Mather house.
 - Jennifer and David Walsey and their three children are renting Marjie Peterson's house.
- Please be sure to introduce yourself if you haven't already had a chance to welcome them.

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

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