



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
FEBRUARY 2020**

WABA Board Mtg.	Monday	7:00pm	February 3 rd	Yen
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	7:00pm	February 11 th	Howes
Planning Commission	Thursday	7:00pm	February 13 th	Moloney

Town WEBSITE: <http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/> SALES TAX NUMBER: #1703
 Town Hall: townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov Building Dept: bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov
 Mayor: mayor@beauxarts-wa.gov Town Council: council@beauxarts-wa.gov

COUNCIL BUSINESS: The Council held discussion and took action as follows at its most recent Council meeting:

- Administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Dix, who was recently re-elected to Council Position No. 4. The Council has one vacancy; any resident interested in helping guide the policy decisions of the Town should contact Mayor Gillem for more information.
- Heard from Mike Lasecki with King Conservation District regarding the condition of the Town’s urban forest and strategies for continued stewardship of this important Town resource.
- Heard a status update from Councilmember Stowe on the Stormwater System Upgrade Project along SE 27th Street from 104th Ave SE to the North Beach parking area. Councilmember Stowe, Town Engineer Schroeder, and Mayor Gillem conducted an Open House in mid-January, which several residents attended. Ms. Schroeder is working to complete design documents so that a bid package can be released.
- Elected Councilmember Aletha Howes to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The Mayor Pro Tem acts on behalf of the Mayor in his or her absence, including running Council meetings, executing documents, and other duties as needed.

COUNCIL, NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, **February 11, 2020**, at Aletha Howes’ house. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOREST SURVEY RESULTS: Last spring, the Town partnered with King Conservation District. Through this partnership, funds were granted to conduct a thorough assessment of our urban forest as a whole – including WABA’s portion. We recently received the completed report and it is packed with useful, relevant information. The full report will soon be available on the Town’s website. One of the most exciting parts is the interactive map! Through this tool, you can hover over a particular property (they are identified by house number), click on the colored “forest unit” and up pops information specific to that area. Wondering what is said about your area? What to remove? What to plant? Go to: <http://arcg.is/OfPf8u>. The good news: we have a healthy forest and an optimal canopy cover of 41%!

Our setting is unique. Where cities throughout the world are on active, costly campaigns to re-plant trees, we already have them! Our goal is and must continue to be: *To grow and maintain a resilient, structurally complex, and biodiverse native forest as the Village founders envisioned for now and the future of Beaux Arts Village.*

IN MEMORIAM: It is with deep sadness we say goodbye to long-time villager Gerri Armbruster. She passed away mid-January; her memorial service will be in February. Gerri lived in two houses in the village over the last 43 years, and was a well-known cook, hiker and bicyclist. She co-founded Gilman Village and The Boarding House Restaurant and was active as a volunteer here in Beaux Arts. Gerri was a kind neighbor and friend to many and will be missed. Our deepest condolences go out to her family and close friends. Gerri is survived by her children Kurt, Gail and Grant, and 4 grandchildren.

LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES: In response to numerous, similar questions over the years, the Building Department has now developed **Landscape Guidelines** to help residents with **considerations of outdoor projects.** *Please review these guidelines before your next project* on our Town's website at: <https://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/permits-and-inspections> or direct link: https://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/documents/153/Landscaping_Project_Guidelines_20200107.pdf

MARSHAL REPORT: A car prowler was reported mid-month with items stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Please remember to lock your doors and do not leave anything of value! See Town Marshal Jeff or Marji Jochums to report any concerns, either through email at townmarshal@beauxarts-wa.gov or through their cell phones; the green book directory is being updated and can be found on the WABA website.

NOISE: As a reminder per recent inquiries, the Town does not have any local noise regulations as found in the county and state. We control the hours for permitted construction activity, but the rules are not codified- they've been established as Building Department policy. We rely instead on people being neighborly to manage noise. In that neighborly spirit, the Town *encourages* residents to keep all noise-related activity to the Town's construction hours of:

Monday through Friday	7 am – 6 pm
Saturday	8 am – 5 pm
Sunday and Holidays	No Work Allowed

King County's residential noise ordinance can be found on their website at: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/environmental-health/healthy-communities/noise-guidelines.aspx> and can be enforced through the King County Sheriff.

TOWN BUILDING DEPT. NEWS: Permits were issued in the last month for the following:

2713 – 107 th Ave. SE	Tree Removal
10528 SE 29 th St.	Deck Railing Replacement
2721 – 105 th Ave. SE	Basement Addition

REMINDERS:

Most construction projects need a permit of some type, so it is important to consult the [Beaux Arts Village Municipal Code](#) before beginning any construction work. *Any person who starts a construction project without the needed permits will be charged a penalty in addition to the normal permit fees.*

TREES PLANTED ON TOWN PROPERTY: The Town has recently planted:

- 3 grand firs along 106th Pl SE replacing the 3 big leaf maples that were snagged last year
- 1 incense cedar in the triangle of land to the south of SE 27th - replacing a fir too close to the road edge
- 1 grand fir at the foot of SE 28th (one of the little blue spruce trees planted a few years ago appears to be failing)

VOTE! There are a couple of upcoming elections; February 11th and March 10th. The special election February 11th is for Bellevue Schools, and March 10th is the presidential primary. If you are not already registered, register at: <https://voter.votewa.gov/>.

WABA / Western Academy of Beaux Arts NEWS:

BOARD MEETING: The next meeting of the Western Academy of Beaux Arts (WABA) Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, **February 3rd**, at 7:00pm at the Yen residence. Other reminders:

- Check back for March newsletter when we'll have lots to report!
- Please contact Gina Pijpker if you're interested in helping with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The date is still TBD but will likely be on Saturday, April 4th.
- Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 25th for the Summer Picnic!

COMMONS REPORTS: Thanks to our tireless volunteers that oversee our "Commons", or community waterfront, please see the following reports or masters for any questions you have:

- **BEACH:** See Beach Master Mark Schaadt
- **DOCKS:** We have a new Dock Master, Chuck Lowry! Thank you, Jay Jacobsen, for all your years of service! **Reminder: Moorage payments are now due!**
- **WOODLANDS:** See Woodlands Master Julia Morse

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF? Town Website: <http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/>

- Contact **Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens** about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Dept.:

Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov (425) 454-8580.

- Contact **Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp** 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 Jeff or Marji Jochums or townmarshal@beauxarts-wa.gov

Deputy Marshal Robert Heintz **KCSO Non-Emergency Line (206) 296-3311**

NEED TO CONTACT WABA? WABA Members may contact **WABA Clerk Kristin Mange** about the Western Academy of Beaux Arts, regarding the private beach or its use (including reservations and parking stickers), the Green Book Directory, WABA social events or issues before the WABA Board of Trustees:

WABA Clerk Kristin Mange wabaclerk@gmail.com (425) 502-7382

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

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