



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

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WABA Board Mtg.	Thursday	7:00pm	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	remotely
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	7:00pm	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	remotely
Stormwater Project	Monday		June 15 <sup>th</sup>	lower SE 27 <sup>th</sup>
Planning Commission	Thursday	7:00pm	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	remotely
Lifeguard Duty Begins	Friday	1:00pm	June 19 <sup>th</sup>	swim beach

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**COUNCIL BUSINESS:** The Council’s regular May meeting was held remotely via zoom again – in compliance with Governor Inslee’s Stay-Home Order. Because the meeting was legally restricted to handling routine and necessary matters, the Council’s actions were limited to the following:

- The Council reviewed a concern from a resident about traffic speeds along the 104<sup>th</sup>/105<sup>th</sup> arterial. This issue has been studied in the past, but the Council did not find a satisfactory solution. Councilmember Stowe will review the concerns with the Town Engineer and bring any ideas they generate to the Council for further discussion.
- Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that the Town’s Annual Report to the State Auditor’s Office is nearly complete and will be submitted online by the May 29, 2020 deadline.
- Councilmember Stowe reported that the contract for upgrading the stormwater line along SE 27<sup>th</sup> has been fully executed, and the Town Engineer is working with the contractor to finalize permits, locate underground utilities, and other last minute details prior to the actual project start. He now estimates that the project will start on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Notices will be emailed to all residents, particularly those directly affected by the project outlining details as they are known.
- Councilmember Howes reported that she is working to incorporate suggested revisions from King County to the Town’s Hazard Mitigation Annex. The final plan will be reviewed by the Council in June and adopted by resolution in July. She has also been working to obtain re-usable masks for staff and contract staff to use, as needed, during the performance of their duties.
- Councilmember Dix reminded everyone that the Town’s Spring Clean Up will be the weekend of May 16-17. Due to the current rules for social distancing, there will be no organized group projects, but there will be a list of suggestions for anyone interested in participating. She also reported on some tree work that will be completed in the coming month.
- The Council confirmed Mayor Gillem’s appointment of Steve Miller to the Planning Commission filling the vacant Position No. 1 for a term that expires in 2024. Steve is a long-time Villager and has served previously on the Commission. The Council greatly appreciates

his willingness to serve Beaux Arts and its residents in helping shape the character of the Village.

Currently, the Council expects to conduct its June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting remotely. Any resident may connect to the meeting using one of the call-in numbers listed on the Council agenda. The Council's monthly meeting agenda is posted on mail stands the Friday before the meeting and on the Town website at <https://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/agendas>. Interested persons are encouraged to contact Clerk/Treasurer Spens with questions.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** Governor Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order should expire by June 1<sup>st</sup>, but right now King County is still in Phase 1 of the Phased opening, called "Safe Start": <https://medium.com/wagovernor/safe-start-washingtons-phased-reopening-1436dfccc908>. "Safe Start" includes guidance and certain requirements for face coverings. For more resources on COVID-19, see: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>.

**MARSHAL REPORT:** Thank you for following WABA rules when on the beach. There were a couple of car prowls early Saturday morning on upper SE 27<sup>th</sup> St. Reports are up around us for unemployment fraud and mail theft with stimulus checks; stay vigilant and do all you can to avoid becoming a victim. If you need to report any crime, contact King County Sheriff and then Town Marshal Jeff & Marji Jochums. Also, Bellevue had a curfew Sunday night due to looters. Remember, 9-1-1 is the best number to call if you ever have an emergency.

**STORMWATER PROJECT:** The stormwater project work will have an impact on residents on SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street going down the hill towards the north beach parking lot. The work is anticipated to start on June 15<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. It will take about three weeks of dry weather. We expect that the road will be under construction and asphalt patches to temporarily cover the worksites when the workers are not there. Boaters who need to transport boats via trailer to the north dock boat ramp are advised to use the Mercer Island boat ramp instead once work begins.

**THANK YOU FOR THE TOWN CLEAN-UP:** Our very full dumpsters were a testament to the fact that a lot of work took place clearing our road rights-of-way and removing accumulated weeds and debris from our common areas. Special thanks to Fritz Johnson for removing ivy; Robin Stefan, Declan & Hunter Howes, and John Avansino for pulling ivy off trees; Paul Driftmeyer & Marc Schaadt for re-exposing the Golf Cart sign at the north entrance to the Village; Brooke Van Wyk for trimming the north side of Academy Path; the Manges for weeding the woods to the south of Academy Path; Tom Stowe, Mike Hillberg & Linda Mui and others for cleaning up the swale along 108<sup>th</sup>; John, Kendall & Alyson Gillem for hauling out a ton of debris from the planted area along 105<sup>th</sup>; and to the Carlson's for removing another ton of storm debris from the end of 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Surely there are others – many thanks to everyone who pitched in! Please see Councilmember Paula Dix if you still need community service hours completed.

**TOWN SERVICES:** Thanks to our small size and staff that have always worked "remotely", the Town did not have to impose many limits on services. In early May, construction projects that were underway BEFORE the stay-home order could restart PROVIDED the contractor certified compliance with specific conditions, including social distancing for on-site workers. The Building Department has resumed accepting permit applications, cautioning applicants that

the start dates for their projects will depend entirely on Governor Inslee's decisions. Applicants are asked to submit all documents online and payments by mail to maintain social distancing. All necessary permits have been issued for the following projects:

Lower SE 27 <sup>th</sup> St.	Stormwater Project
2717 – 104 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SE	Water Heater Replacement
10311 SE 28 <sup>th</sup> St.	Water Heater Replacement

**TREES- PROPER CARE DURING DRY PERIODS:** Here are some tips to help our trees during our drier weather. Proper tree care includes a 2 to 4-inch layer of mulch and watering. Spreading organic mulch, such as wood chips, under the canopy and around the trunk (not against it!) helps the soil retain moisture. Most of a tree's active roots are within the top 12 inches of soil. So, a good way to water is to put a sprinkler beneath the tree, **but in such a way that the spray does not to hit the tree's trunk**. Place a coffee or soup can close by and run the sprinkler slowly until 2 inches of water has collected in the can. Be sure to water the entire root zone beneath the tree canopy.

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** A customer recently reported noticing a strange taste in their water, almost rusty or salty. Beaux Arts water source is a well on the north end of the beach property, and our water is tested regularly to ensure that it meets the health and safety standards set by the state Department of Health. But occasionally customers notice odd smells or discoloration that may be caused by the high mineral content of well water. While these characteristics do not impact the safety of our water, they can be unsettling. In such cases, the Water Department suggests that customers contact a company like Culligan to have them assess your water and make a recommendation. Some customers have installed whole-house systems to "soften" the water by removing some of the mineral content and filter it. The Water Department would love to hear of other solutions customers so we can share them with everyone and asks that you email Clerk/Treasurer Sue Ann Spens at [townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov) with those solutions.

**WATER DEPT. ANNUAL CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT:** The 2020 CCR for the Beaux Arts Water Department is attached to this newsletter and will be posted on the Town's website at <https://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/water-quality-report> soon.

**WABA / Western Academy of Beaux Arts NEWS:**

**BOARD MEETING:** The WABA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, online via Zoom (as currently planned). Please see posted agendas if you wish to join in; agendas will be posted a week in advance on mailbox areas and on the WABA website.

**GRADUATES:** Congratulations to our Class of 2020 Graduates!

- Julia Bray -Bellevue High School.
- Parker Carlson – Bellevue High School
- Oliver Charaf- Bellevue High School
- Niels Christoffersen – The Bush School
- Gordy Harpster - Eastside Academic (BHS)
- Sydney Hillberg – Bellevue High School
- Alex Johnson - Bishop Blanchet HS
- Kaye Kulp – Bellevue High School

- Carter Laws - Bellevue High School
- Macie Soderquist - Bellevue High School
- Keaton Yen, Bellevue College Running Start (BHS)

A socially distanced graduation event is being planned in Beaux Arts and will be made available soon. If there are any graduates missing from our list, please contact Julia Morse.

**PLAYGROUND PROJECT UPDATE:** WABA continues to upgrade and maintain the Beach and Commons for members' enjoyment. Work on replacing the structure in the existing play area is proceeding. We have hired John Barker, the landscape architect who did the WABA Shoreline Restoration Project, as the contractor. He will first assist the project team with refining the concepts presented at the Annual Meeting. The Board has also decided to include planning for the Woodlands play area in this design phase and will discuss the plans for this area with members sometime this summer. Many thanks to our fund-raising team who has done an extraordinary job and to members for their generous contributions. If you have questions or would like to join your neighbors in donating, please contact Deanna Tegeler or Alex Burlingame. Design questions maybe be directed to Robin Stefan or Bron Richards, or Susan Bogert, project manager.

**STORMWATER PROJECT:** Reminder, the stormwater project work on SE 27th Street will have an impact on beach members going down the hill to the north parking lot. Boaters who need to transport boats via trailer to the north dock boat ramp are advised to get their boats in the water before June 15<sup>th</sup> or use the Mercer Island boat ramp.

**SUMMER DOG RULES** are now in effect: NO dogs are allowed in the Swim Beach Area from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to Tom Garvey, Paul Driftmeyer, Aaron Sharp, and Otto & Lars Pijpker for rebuilding the backboards on the basketball hoops! Thank you also to Tom, Paul, Aaron, and Fritz Johnston for the amazing work on the SE 28<sup>th</sup> St. path railing off 103rd!

**WATER SAFETY:** Please see the following water safety reminders below and follow them:

- **Lifeguard:** Our lifeguard will be on duty starting Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>!
  - Lifeguard hours: Sun-Th 1:00-6:00 pm & Friday/Saturday 1:00-7:00 pm
- **Swimming safety/cold water reminders:** From the [King County Swim Safety page](#): Drowning is preventable and can be avoided by taking the necessary precautions and following these safety tips! For more information on how to prevent drowning visit the CDC page on drowning prevention, <https://www.cdc.gov/safechild/drowning/index.html>.
- **Know the water:** What is the temperature? Washington lakes and rivers are cold enough to cause hypothermia, even in the summer. Always check the water conditions prior to swimming, boating, or participating in any water recreational activity. Never dive nor jump into unfamiliar water.
- **Know your limits:** Learn to float, tread water, and swim. Swim in lifeguarded areas. ALWAYS watch children closely when they are in or near any type of water. Avoid swimming during or after drinking alcohol.

- **Wear a life jacket:** It is important to wear life jackets and to make sure that life jackets fit correctly.

**WELCOME:** Please welcome Jordan and Kelsey Reynolds along with their son Jackson who will be moving into David Dempster's former house in the next few weeks. James and Claire Gravell along with their son Jamie have moved into Marjie Peterson's house. Make sure to introduce yourself if you happen to see them.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov) (425) 269-6985

- To report **Block Watch** concerns, contact:

Town Marshal Jeff/Marji Jochums      [townmarshal@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto: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](mailto:wabaclerk@gmail.com)      (425) 502-7382

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

Mailing: Western Academy of Beaux Arts, 10010 SE 28<sup>th</sup> Place, Beaux Arts, WA 98004