



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

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Planning Commission	Thursday	7:00pm	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	remotely
WABA Board Mtg.	Thursday	7:00pm	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	remotely
Village Talking Circles	Sunday	2:00pm	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	mid-beach
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	7:00pm	July 14 <sup>th</sup>	remotely

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**COUNCIL BUSINESS:** The Council’s regular June meeting was held remotely via zoom again – in compliance with Governor Inslee’s Stay-Home Order. The Council conducted the following business:

- The Council discussed ongoing complaints about parking throughout the Village, particularly by large vehicles (sometimes with trailers) that park on the paved roadway without leaving the required 10 feet of clearance. Many of these trucks are owned by landscapers. Automobiles are usually able to pass, but another large truck or an emergency vehicle would never be able to squeeze by. The Council is considering asking the King County Sheriff to assist with enforcement.
  - In the meantime, Villagers are asked to speak with their landscapers, contractors, guests, and teens to be sure they understand and comply with the Town’s parking regulations. Our narrow roads make this compliance imperative!
  - Any resident who encounters a parked vehicle that is preventing the passage of large vehicles should contact Clerk/Treasurer Spens at [townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov) or 425.454.8580. If the vehicle is marked with a company name, please provide that information, where it is parked, etc. so that she can contact the company.
- Councilmember Howes presented the final draft of the Town’s updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. The final plan will be adopted by resolution in July.
- Councilmember Stowe provided several updates regarding the Stormwater Upgrade Project along SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street:
  - Bonner Brothers Construction has been given a Notice to Proceed dated 6/8/2020.
  - Councilmember Stowe has submitted approx. \$30,000 in expenditures to the State for reimbursement.
  - The project will need some traffic mitigation, including a stop sign on Southbound 104<sup>th</sup> Ave SE just before the SE 27<sup>th</sup> intersection.
  - The project is expected to encompass three weeks of work spread over a six-week window. The target start date is now June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Council approved a recommendation to the King County Council in support of James McCarthy’s appointment to Town Council Position No. 2. This position was left vacant

when no one ran for the open seat. When the Town did not complete an appointment within 90 days, the County Council intervened, as required by state statute, to ensure that the position was filled. Mayor Gillem has been working with County Councilwoman Claudia Balducci to complete this task. Mayor Gillem also noted that he has a replacement for the now vacant position on the Planning Commission in the works.

**UPDATE:** James McCarthy's appointment to the Council was confirmed by the King County Council last week. Please take a moment to thank James for his ongoing service to the Town and its residents!

- The Council discussed complaints about political postings on the mail stands. Villagers are reminded that our municipal code allows the posting of advertising, which includes political postings, on *private* property only.
- The Council wishes to thank everyone for participating in the Town Clean Up, and send special kudos to Tom Garvey, Paul Driftmeyer, Fritz Johnston, and Aaron Sharp for installing a handrail on the stairs leading from 103<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE to SE 28<sup>th</sup> Street (the south beach road).

**COUNCIL, NEXT MEETING:** Because King County just entered Phase 2 of Governor Inslee's Four-Phase Approach to Re-opening, the Council expects to conduct its July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting remotely. Call in numbers and instructions for connecting will be listed on the meeting agenda; any resident may participate in the meeting by calling in. 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>. Please contact Clerk/Treasurer Spens if you have questions.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** King County is currently in Phase 2 of the Phased Re-opening, called "Safe Start", [www.kingcounty.gov/Safe-Start](http://www.kingcounty.gov/Safe-Start). See the updated phases of reopening in one chart at: <https://www.coronavirus.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-05/PhasedReopeningChart.pdf>. "Safe Start" includes guidance and requirements for face coverings. For more resources on COVID-19, see: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>.

**FACE MASKS:** Due to the governor's statewide mandate of wearing masks in public when indoors or when 6 feet of distance cannot be managed outdoors, King County has supplied towns with free reusable cloth facemasks. These masks are made of white cotton t-shirt material are machine washable and have ear loops to secure them. If you would like one or two for each member of your household please contact Councilmember Aletha Howes at [ahowes@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:ahowes@beauxarts-wa.gov). She is offering to deliver them to your home or mailbox. You may also feel free to drop by her home, at your convenience, where you can find a bin on the porch with pre-packaged masks to pick-up.

**FIREWORKS:** Residents are reminded that Chapter 9.05.010 of the Beaux Arts Village Municipal Code **prohibits the discharge of fireworks** (this includes the beach!) <https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/BeauxArts/#!/BeauxArts09/BeauxArts0905.html#9.05>. Please follow these tips from Bellevue's Fire Marshal for a safe celebration:

- Please also respect Bellevue's **ban on fireworks** (this includes the parks!); they are illegal and may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor or civil violation. Bellevue Police and Fire will conduct fireworks safety patrols and enforcement of "Respect the Ban", \$1,000 fine.

- Practice fire safety; each year Washington State reports hundreds of injuries from fireworks and fires caused by fireworks:  
[https://fire.bellevuewa.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_4779004/File/pdf/Fire/F-63\\_Fireworks.pdf](https://fire.bellevuewa.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_4779004/File/pdf/Fire/F-63_Fireworks.pdf)
- Keep your pets safely indoors distracted or in a quiet place. Use a leash if you must be outside with your pet and have proper ID tags.
- All major July 4th fireworks shows including Downtown Bellevue's are Cancelled for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Inslee's "Safe Start" Phased Re-Opening. However, there are some Fourth of July celebratory events in the area, some virtual and some drive-thru: <https://www.greaterseattleonthecheap.com/fireworks-july-4th/>.

**MARSHAL REPORT:** If you need to report any crime, contact King County Sheriff and then Town Marshal Jeff & Marji Jochums. Please remember to use a parking sticker /placard on any vehicle parking at the beach, or you may get towed!

**PET LICENSES:** A BIG shout out to Beaux Arts pet owners who are licensing their pets. Thanks to your purchases, the annual fee for animal services provided by King County has been covered by your purchases. For more information about pet licensing, please visit <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/regional-animal-services/license-your-pet/purchase-renew-license.aspx>.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR WABA SUBSTANTIAL SHORELINE DEVELOPMENT**

**PERMIT CANCELLED:** After further review, the Town has determined that WABA does NOT need a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit for any of the work associated with upgrading their play equipment at the beach. The public hearing originally scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

**TOWN SERVICES:** No permits have been issued in the last month.

**REMINDERS:** In response to recent inquiries, please see the following reminders:

- **Building** – Most work usually needs a review or permit of some kind, and penalties may be assessed for work without the proper permits. For more information, review the Town's website <https://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/building-department-permit-center> and Municipal Codes, or contact Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp.
- **Commercial Business** – Many of us are working from home, but do not have a business operating from home. The Town does regulate commercial activities; see the Zoning Code: <https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/BeauxArts/#!/BeauxArts18/BeauxArts1810.html#18.10.060>.
- **Complaints** – If you wish to register a concern or grievance, please fill out the Complaint form. Please also see the note about code enforcement and the reference to our Fee Schedule on the Town's website at: <https://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/code-enforcement-complaints>.
- **Contacts** - Please call or use email (not text) to contact Town Clerks with questions:
  - Clerk Treasurer: 425-454-8580 [townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov)
  - Deputy Clerk: 425-269-6985 [bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov)
- **Parking** – Please park on your own private property wherever possible. ROW parking should be temporary and *completely* off the roadway. There are also designated paved parking “turn outs” that should always be clear for traffic. Remember to screen your boat

trailers and RV's. For more details, see the Town's Parking Code at:  
<https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/BeauxArts/#!/BeauxArts10/BeauxArts1010.html#10.10> .

**TOWN SERVICES, PHASE 2:** The Building Department continues to accept permit applications; however, for the safety of our staff and residents, no face-to-face submittals are currently allowed. Applicants are asked to submit all documents and payments online or by mail to maintain social distancing. In addition, all contractors must continue to comply with requirements for providing a safe workspace.

**WEED CONTROL:** For all those staying at home and enjoying the natural beauty of our neighborhood gardening, King County has many free classes and webinars for weed control: <https://kingcounty.gov/services/environment/animals-and-plants/noxious-weeds/classes.aspx>.

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

**BEACHMASTER REPORT:** If anyone is looking for volunteer opportunities / community service hours, see Beachmaster Marc Schaadt.

**BOARD MEETING:** The WABA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, via Zoom. Login details will be posted on agendas and online.

**4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY REMINDERS:**

- Use of fireworks is NOT allowed at our beach or on our docks. Northwest Security will be performing extra patrols to be sure everyone stays safe on the night of July 4th.
- We will have lifeguard coverage on Saturday, July 4th.

**FIRE PITS:** Please only burn paper and wood in our firepits. Glass, aluminum cans, and other trash does not burn completely and requires clean-out by others. Trash and recycling cans are in both parking lots for your convenience.

**MANDATORY MASK RULE:** Effective Friday, June 26, Washington State started requiring everyone over the age of 5 to wear a face covering when outdoors when it is difficult to stay more than 6 feet apart from others. There are exceptions when you are eating or recreating alone and for certain handicaps; please read the state documentation for clarification: [Washington State COVID-19 guidelines](#). Thank you for carrying a face covering or mask when you are outdoors. Be prepared to wear it if you will be within 6 feet of others. Please remind all your family members and any guests, of this guideline. All WABA members appreciate your attention to this important new ruling.

**SUMMER DOG RULES:** Dogs are not allowed anywhere in the swim beach or playground/Center BBQ area at any time from Memorial Day-Labor Day. Please clean up after your dogs if they leave any messes behind, and do not allow them to disturb anyone picnicking or sunbathing on the beach.

**VILLAGE TALKING CIRCLES:** Juneteenth last month marked the first Beaux Arts talking circle. The socially distanced gathering was a success as the participants spent time sharing thoughts, questions, and ideas about what is going on in the world right now. We would like to

hold more outdoor circles going forward. Topics are open to anyone to suggest and may lead to more content specific circles. We plan to continue outdoor circles as long as the weather allows. For more information about talking circle methodology please check click here: [https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/aswt/talkingtogether/facilitated\\_talking\\_circle\\_fact\\_sheet.html](https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/aswt/talkingtogether/facilitated_talking_circle_fact_sheet.html). The next circle will be Sunday, July 12th at 2:00pm on the mid-beach lawn near the bathroom. Please bring something to sit on, and a mask. Greater numbers of participants will be accommodated by forming multiple circles.

**WELCOME:** Please welcome Stuart and Rebecca Durr Vesty. They are living in Don Durr's house and Rebecca is very happy to be back home again.

**WOODLANDS REPORT:** Come down and check out the new look in the woodlands. The Ivy League spring term has led to quite a transformation! Ivy has been removed along the road, and there are new plantings there and gracing some of our mature trees at the beach. Newly moved rhododendrons also are adding color to the north beach. Please do not turn off hose bibs or move hoses without consulting the woodlands manager. We still have volunteer opportunities throughout the summer, so contact Julia Morse if you are interested.

**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