



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

WABA Board Mtg.	Thursday	7:00pm	October 8 th	remotely
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	7:00pm	October 13 th	remotely
Planning Commission	Thursday	7:30pm	October 15 th	remotely

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

BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTING BEGAN IN AUGUST: Residents who have lawn irrigation systems, fire sprinklers, or other systems that connect directly to the Town’s water supply are required to have a backflow-prevention device (BFD) installed in the water lines that supply the system and to have that device tested annually. The Town’s bulk-testing program has completed for the year, and invoices for this service will be mailed to participating residents in early October. If you do not participate in this Town-organized program, you will need to make your own arrangements for testing and have the results sent to the Town before the end of the year. If you have questions, please contact Clerk/Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

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

- Held a public hearing to review and approve the Town’s Capital Improvement Plan and Transportation Improvement Program for 2021 – 2026. Ordinance No. 445 adopting that plan passes unanimously.
- Adopted Resolution No. 317 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with King County for Road Maintenance Services. The agreement gives the Town access to the County’s road-construction crews for minor street projects, which is particularly important when the projects are too small to be of interest to commercial contractors.
- Discussed the status of the SE 27th Stormwater Upgrade project. The project is essentially complete, and Councilmember Stowe and Clerk/Treasurer Spens are working to submit paperwork so that the Town will be reimbursed for the bulk of the work. As part of this discussion, representatives of the Western Academy outlined concerns, including delays in the construction schedule, the design of the new speed bumps, the need for signage warning of the bumps, and restoration of the north parking area. Councilmember Stowe explained that most of the construction delays were caused by rainy weather, that reconfiguring the shape of the speed bumps is in review to determine the best short-term fix until the street is completely repaved, and that the parking area will be included in that repaving project. It is important to note that this project cost nearly \$300,000 to complete, and that, thanks to the diligent work of Councilmember Stowe, 94% of that cost is being paid for with grants.

- The regional Great Shake Out emergency-preparedness drill will be held in October. This has become an annual drill, and Councilmember Howes is developing plans for the Town's participation.

COUNCIL, NEXT MEETING: The Council's next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, October 13th** and will include a public hearing to discuss a preliminary budget for 2021 and proposed regulations for 5G and other small wireless facilities. It is highly likely that this meeting will be conducted remotely; instructions for participating will be included on the agenda for this meeting. 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.

ELECTIONS, GENERAL: The 2020 general election is November 3rd. Ballots are mailed 3 weeks prior to the election, but all ballot measures and candidates are listed now on King County's election website. The county is expecting record turn-out this election, and you can help make sure your ballot is received and processed on time by returning your ballot as early as possible. King County also allows you to track your ballot. Ballots must be:

- Dropped off at any county library *ballot drop box by 8pm election day* OR
- Mailed and *postmarked by election day*; no postage is required

Every state has different rules and the mailed USPS flyers were not accurate. So, if you need to register to vote, vote in person, or have election questions, please check out our county and state:

- County: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections.aspx>
- State: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/>.

The deadline to register online or by mail must be received 8 days prior to any election, but registration is available in person through election day. Teens 16 & 17 years old can now pre-register to vote, which goes into effect when they turn 18.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: King County is still in Phase 2 of COVID-19's pandemic's Phased Re-opening, called "Safe Start", www.kingcounty.gov/Safe-Start. Please #MaskUpWA, for the sake of everyone's health so we can all get through this together. More information on what's open in each phase: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need...>

- A reminder of what counties are in each phase: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need...>
- King county or city data: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/daily-summary.aspx> .

Fall is an excellent time to re-assess your family's emergency preparedness plans for any disaster. There are some excellent tips at: <https://www.ready.gov/>. October 15th is the **Great Shake-Out** for earthquake preparedness. Please see <https://www.shakeout.org/> for general details if you want to participate at home, work or school.

FACE MASKS: King County obtained reusable cloth facemasks and sent them to cities for distribution to all residents. These masks are made of white cotton t-shirt material and have ear loops to secure them. The Town still has a large number of these masks available. If you want any for you or your family, Councilmember Howes has a basket of masks available for contact-free pickup on her porch.

HALLOWEEN: Please consider the attached public health safety tips from Seattle/King County for any Halloween plans: <https://publichealthinsider.com/2020/09/23/halloween-tips-from-public-health/>. The CDC has also put out safety guidelines for Halloween based upon risk at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>.

HANGING BASKETS: Thank you to Councilmember Paula Dix, her volunteers, and their hard work for another lovely season of beautiful hanging flower baskets throughout the village, getting them planted and keeping them watered. Contact Paula if you can help her next season!

MARSHAL REPORT: Last month, two separate incidents were reported of young people driving recklessly on golf carts. Please talk to the drivers in your household about obeying the Golf Cart Code: <https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/BeauxArts/#!/BeauxArts10/BeauxArts1015.html>. Empty beer cans were also reported littered on upper SE 27th St. around Labor Day. Mail theft continues to be a problem in Enatai around us, so please make sure your mail, paper and packages are picked up promptly. If you need to report any crime, contact the King County Sheriff and then Town Marshal Jeff & Marji Jochums.

NAME SIGNS: The Town of Beaux Arts Village has a legacy of last names of property owners on corner road signposts throughout the village. The sign is usually replaced when a property is sold. The requesting property owner reimburses the town for the signage expense, and the Town pays for the installation cost. The minimum order from the sign company is \$50, but bulk orders bring the individual sign cost down. If you need a new sign, please contact Deputy Clerk Kulp by mid-October for the next order.

PAINT RECYCLING: The Paint Stewardship Program in King County is anticipated to become operational in March 2021. Once it launches, drop-off locations throughout the state will accept unwanted paints and stains, both oil and water based, from households and businesses. [Read more about the paint stewardship program.](#)

PARKING: The Town reminds all villagers we have a responsibility to keep our roads clear for passage of traffic and emergency vehicles. Please remind all your contractors and visitors not to park in or block the street! If road blockage is unavoidable for a short time, please contact the Deputy Clerk to notify all impacted residents 24-48 hours in advance. Parking is encouraged on your private property for residents and visitors, and for anyone contracted out for work at your property. Where on-site parking is not possible, temporary ROW parking can be used, provided vehicles are completely OFF the roadway and not blocking traffic. Please try to talk with your neighbors first if there is a problem to solve. For more information, check out our Parking and Traffic codes in Chapter 10 of our Municipal codes, linked on our Town's website at: <https://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/building-department-permit-center>. Thank you!

SALMON: It's Salmon SEEson! View salmon safely near Beaux Arts Village
Beaux Arts Village residents, it's Salmon SEEson! Adult salmon are currently swimming upstream to reach their spawning grounds, after spending a few years out in the ocean. Look for returning salmon at self-guided sites along the Cedar River in Renton in October or in creeks near Lake Sammamish from November through January. Visit safely with members of your household, making sure to [recreate responsibly](#). A map of sites (including virtual viewing opportunities!) and more information can be found at: <http://bit.ly/salmonseeson>

SIGNAGE: During this political campaign season, please remember any political signs are considered advertising, and shall be permitted within the town on private property *only*. All signs shall be removed after their reason for being has expired.

TOWN SERVICES REMAIN IN 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. Due to recent proclamations from the Governor, it is not known when this will change.

Please remember that most work here in Beaux Arts requires a permit or zoning review. See <https://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/building-department-permit-center> or contact the Deputy Clerk.

WATER CUSTOMERS: We LOVE that our customers are conscientious about saving paper and postage by delivering payments by hand to the Town box. A lot of mail is delivered to this box, so when you do hand-deliver your payment, ***PLEASE PUT YOUR CHECK AND PAYMENT COUPON IN AN ENVELOPE*** before placing it in the box– you can even reuse the envelope it came to you in.

WABA / Western Academy of Beaux Arts NEWS:

BOARD MEETING: The next meeting of the Western Academy Board of Trustees will be Thursday, October 8th at 7:00pm, virtual via Zoom; meeting details will be posted on the agendas.

HANDRAIL ON SOUTH LOT STAIRS: After many member requests for a handrail on the stairs leading from the south parking lot to the swim beach, one has been installed and is ready to use! Many, many thanks to Paul Driftmeyer for volunteering his time, and the hours it took to complete this project!

HELP WANTED: The Woodlands Manager needs volunteers to help with many tasks. Please contact Julia Morse.

PLAYGROUND PROJECT TESTING: The next round of playground testing will be on Saturday, October 3rd from 1:00-4:00pm. Please check the Sign-Up Genius link in your email to sign up for a time slot; there are a few still available.

TIME CAPSULE TREASURE HUNT: Midi Moro was the winner in the time capsule treasure. It was found under the old structure. Congratulations Midi!

WABA HISTORY COMMITTEE: Are you interested in the history of Beaux Arts? Do you know more than the average Villager? Would you be willing to join a virtual planning session to restart the compilation and documentation of the historical treasures that WABA currently holds? We would like to meet in October to start this project. Please contact Julia Morse or Bruce Agnew.

WELCOME: Gail Knowles, n e Armbruster, and Bill Knowles have purchased Gerri Armbruster’s house, and have been approved as members of WABA. They have some remodeling plans and will be moving in once those are completed. Gail grew up in Beaux Arts, and both her parents were long-time residents.

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/Marji Jochums 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