

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Town Council meets**—April 3rd and April 17th (Note, April 17 meeting at the school)
- **Meter reading**—April 20
- **Seniors**—April 1 at the Town Hall
- **Emergency response**— April 26 (South) at Town Hall 6:30 pm
- **Planning Commission**—is not scheduled to meet in April
- **Volunteer work party, community cleanup**—March 25/26, see page 2
- **Easter Egg Hunt & (free) Pancake Breakfast**—April 15th
- **Study Session, Fire Department**—March 27th at the Town Hall, 7 pm

From the Council:

February 21 Council Meeting:

The Council Passed Resolution No. 386-Proclamation Designating March as “National Women’s History Month.”

March 6 Council Meeting: The Council discussed sign code regulations pertaining to signs on and around sidewalks.

Resolution No. 388, a resolution supporting the 2nd annual “Point Defiance Music Fest and Ruston Art Walk” was passed by the council.

Thanks to Brad Huson and Lucy Davis for underwriting this year’s flags for Pearl Street.

The Town of Ruston would like to conduct a traffic survey. It will be included with this month’s utility bill. Please give the Town your input and return this questionnaire with your electric payment.

March 20 Council Meeting, MC Construction introduced itself to the Town. Based upon this meeting, details on MC’s progress with redevelopment of the ASARCO site will appear in the next Ruston Newsletter.

April 17 Council Meeting will be held at the Ruston School. Representatives from Tacoma

will give a presentation on the City of Tacoma’s regulations for development of the Asarco property that is located within their boundaries.

Tree Committee, held a very productive study session on March 13. The committee will be formulating several ordinances to go before the Council in regards to Town trees. If you would like to be a part of this committee contact, Chair, Lucy Davis @ 756-5392

Ruston Fire Training a Success:

The Ruston Fire Department, in conjunction with Bates College, conducted a live fire training exercised on Sat. March 11. Members from McCord AFB Fire Dept. and Bates’ Fire Training School also participated in the all day training event. This type of training is invaluable to your volunteer fire fighters. We would like to thank the home owner, Kasia Konieczny, for the donation of the house. Thank you also to the neighbors in the surrounding area for accepting any inconvenience this exercise may have caused. The Ruston

Fire Department is always looking for training opportunities. If you have a structure you would like to donate, please contact Town Hall.

Pet License Reminder:

All pet license renewals are due on March 31, payable at Town Hall. License fees help finance animal control needs of the town. Let’s keep Fluffy and Fido legal. We thank you.

YOUR OFFICIALS

Mayor:

Michael Transue 756-8943

Council:

Mary Joyce 759-0536

Del Brewer 752-5902

Robert Pudlo 759-7539

Bob Everding 761-8455

Wayne Stebner 752-2041

Police Department 761-0272

Municipal Court 759-8545

Town Hall 759-3544

EMERGENCY—DIAL 911

Town Clerk: Karen Murphy

Utility Billing Clerk: Jennie Barton

Municipal Judge: Sandra Allen

Court Clerk: Diane Turner

Police Chief: Jim Reinhold

Fire Chief: Don Torbet

Public Works: Steve Taylor

Steve Tucker

Building Official: Frank Mellas

Town of Ruston

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TOWN OF RUSTON

Centennial Report

Our Centennial Spring cleanup will feature two work parties on **Saturday, March 25th.**

Paint and repair party:

Several picnic tables need willing hands to repair, paint, and place at selected locations for our community's use and enjoyment. Wood, paint, and nails will be provided. Call Greg Devenny (759-6091) to volunteer. Meet at Marty Hines' garage at 9 am, 5030 N. Highland, in the alley.

'Spruce Up Ruston' party: Lots of fresh healthy donated plants long to be placed in selected spots around Town. Bring your shovel and gloves; we will prepare garden spots for planting. Call Bradley to volunteer (761-7709) Meet at Bradley Huson's driveway, 9 am, 5003 N. Highland St.

Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast, will be held Saturday, April 15th on Winnifred St. at North 51st. We will assemble at Town Hall. Grandparents are especially encouraged to bring their little ones. Ribbon cutting at 9:30 am, toddlers to start first, then preschoolers, then *all* start. Participating homeowners' yards will be identified with balloons and huge Easter rabbits. Prizes and fun for all, especially those of us who watch. Pancake breakfast at 10:30 am at the Ruston School. Centennial Committee hosts will serve pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausages. The breakfast is

free to all. We *will* accept donations.

Please bring your favorite recipes to the Breakfast, as the Centennial Committee is planning to create a Ruston Centennial cookbook this year.

We will have a table set up for *history sharing.* Bring your stories and/or photos of "old Ruston" to share for posterity. Questions, please contact Karen Pickett at 228-8529.

Pancakes will be served from 10:30 to noon. Volunteers most welcome. Contact Bradley at 761-7709.

JULY 2nd-Sunday: following Taste of Tacoma: 8 pm, Street Clean-up. Residents are invited to "grab a garbage bag" and walk the block they live on picking up the '*Taste*' litter. Bring it to Town Hall for disposal and join in a *pie* potluck after the clean-up.

July 4th: Kids' Independence Day Parade. Kids to include all those *young at heart.* More details to follow.

July 4th, family picnic at Rust Park, on Commercial St. Entertainment, games, and fun for all ages. Come and meet your neighbors. Committee volunteers welcome, call Sherri at 759-3424.

Town of Ruston Labor Day Festival: will span two days, Sept. 3rd and 4th. Our theme will be the celebration of Ruston's Centennial. Period costumes are encouraged. The festival will feature live music and a parade on

Monday. Route TBA. Chair, Lyle Hardin, (752-8815)

More Ruston News

PCNET (Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams)-Barbara Nelson, the PCNET representative for our area, led a team walk on Sat., March 18, with eight Ruston community members participating. The purpose was to inform attendees of potential hazards that might occur during an emergency and how members of our community can respond to such emergencies by helping ourselves and our neighbors. PCNET is a volunteer organization. The next meeting is Thursday, May 18, 6 pm at Ruston Town Hall. Please join us at the meeting or feel free to call

From your Police Department:

The Ruston Police Dept. has been selected to sponsor a child as "Chief for a Day". We are one of twelve agencies in the state chosen for this program. Police Chief Reinhold will host the selected child at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission in Burien, Washington, on May 11.

The police chief, the Town attorney and the Town prosecutor will be reviewing the Ruston Municipal Code to make sure it reflects current state law.

Planning Commission: Mayor Transue is taking applications for the Planning Commission. If you are interested in being a Planning Commissioner for The Town of Ruston please submit a letter to Town Hall by March 31.