

# Town of Ruston

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Open M-F: 9 am—6 pm

# May 06

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETS:** JUNE 5TH AND 19TH, AT 7 PM AT TOWN HALL
- **METER READING:** JUNE 20
- **SENIORS:** JUNE 3RD AT THE TOWN HALL
- **STACK HILL DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC MEETING:** MAY 31ST AT RUSTON SCHOOL, 6 TO 8 PM
- **W.R.RUST PLAYFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE:** JUNE 1ST AT THE RUSTON SCHOOL AT 7 PM
- **RUSTON COMMUNITY YARD SALE:** MAY 29TH, WINNIFRED ST. MEDIAN 9 AM-4 PM

### FIREWORKS PERMIT

Beginning this year, the use of fireworks within Town limits is allowed **only by permit**. Ordinance No. 1175, which amended RMC 9.06.020, permits fireworks discharge on the 4th of July only and is strictly limited to the hours of 12:00 PM (Noon) and 12:01 AM (Midnight). Permits for a fee of \$10.00 are available at Town Hall and must be **applied for 30 days in advance of the 4th** from the Town Clerk. A permit form is enclosed with this month's utility bill or can be obtained at Town Hall. Most importantly, only Town residents for their personal and private use, with a permit, on their private property can discharge legal fireworks. Fireworks may not be discharged from public property such as sidewalks, streets or the Playfield. A listing of which fireworks are allowed is enclosed with this month's utility bill. Please bear in mind that non-residents (even though they are your 4th of July guests) are not permitted to ignite fireworks.

### **FROM THE RUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Summer is here, and some old and new problems arise. Here are some of the issues that face our Police Department.

### PARKING:

It is a violation of RCW46.61.570 to park in the following areas:

- In front of a private driveway or within 5 ft. of the radius of the curb
- Within 15 ft. of a fire hydrant
- Within 20 ft. of a crosswalk; ( any street between 2 sidewalks)
- Within 30 ft. of an intersection that has a flashing light or lighted traffic sign
- Within 20 ft of a fire station driveway.

### ANIMALS:

It is a violation of RMC 7.01 to allow your animals to do the following:

- To run off leash (leash no longer than 8 ft.)
- Allow your dog to frequently howl or bark.
- To harbor or maintain a dog with vicious propensities toward the public that frequently or habitually snarls or growls or snaps or jumps upon or threatens persons lawfully upon the public sidewalks, streets, alleys or public places.
- You may not maintain a dog or cat without a Town or Ruston animal license. We all love our pets.

As pet owners it is our responsibility to make sure our pets are good members of the Community.

**The Ruston Police Department is a 24 hour service.** The follow-

ing numbers are:

- Business Days Monday to Friday, phone 761-0272
- Fax 756-8024.
- 24 Hour non emergency phone 798-4721, ( officer will contact you)
- EMERGENCY 911

**STACK HILL DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC MEETING;** ESM Consulting Engineers, LLC, will hold a public meeting for MC Construction on May 31st from 6 PM to 8 PM at Ruston School. While they have not submitted a development application they hope to obtain comments from residents to address them in future development applications.

### 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

#### **Emergency—Dial 911**

Police Department 761-0272

Municipal Court 759-8545

Town Hall 759-3544

Town Clerk Karen Murphy

Utility Billing Clerk Jennie Barton

Office Assistant Jen Carter

Court Clerk Diane Turner

Police Chief Jim Reinhold

Fire Chief Don Torbet

Public Works Steve Taylor

Steve Tucker

Building Official Frank Melias

## CENTENNIAL REPORT:

**The Centennial Committee** invites bargain shoppers to the Ruston Community Yard Sale Monday, Memorial Day from 9 AM to 4 PM, to be held in the Winnifred St. Median between N 51st and N 52nd. All proceeds to the Centennial fund for events scheduled later in the year.

**JULY 2ND SUNDAY:** Following the Taste of Tacoma, we will again entertain a clean up the Town party. The Ruston Seniors will host a dessert party. Grab a garbage bag, pick up the taste remains, deliver them to Town Hall for disposal. Have dessert with us beginning after 8 PM.

**4th of July:** will feature a parade for Kids of all sizes and ages. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated bike, wagon and/or scooter. We will stage in the Winnifred median at N. 51st and parade to W.R. Rust Playfield at 11 AM. Family picnic to follow at the park. Bring your lunch, we will arrange BBQ's to cook your hot dogs and burgers. We will attempt some circa 1906 games, take another Town picture (around 1 PM) and finish with a grand old softball game. Bring your mitt and your best swing. Contact Sherri Forch (759-3424) for information. Volunteers very welcome.

**Sally Everding** has Centennial mugs, buttons, and other commemorative items for sale. Call 761-8455.

**LABOR DAY : 2nd ANNUAL Ruston-PT Defiance Art Walk and Music Festival.** Vendors, food and music .A Centennial Parade will be highlighted on Monday, Contact Patti Hardin for information (752-8815)

**NOVEMBER 10TH:** Mark this date. Join us for a free spaghetti dinner to celebrate our 100th birthday, This is the final event in our Centennial celebration. Place and time to be announced.

## MUSICAL THEATER IN THE

**PARK:** again this year Ruston will host a Tacoma Little Theater musical presentation of "Cinderella" on July 29th at 7 PM in Rust Park. Parents and/or an adult are to accompany children.

**TRAFFIC STUDY REPORT:** in March the Mayor and the Town Council initiated a survey of opinion regarding traffic flow. Seventy one surveys were returned. The responses were as follows:

- 1.Should N. 54th St between Pearl and Highland be two way traffic? Yes-43 No-26.
- 2.Should a right turn be permitted off N. 54th? Yes- 46 No- 21
3. Should N. Shirley St. be limited to parking on one side only? Yes-21 No-35.
- 4.Would you like traffic north of N. 51 St. to be one-way streets (Bennett north, Shirley St. south ) ? Yes-9 No 57
- 5.Should N. Bennett St. be one way off N. 51 St. Yes- 24 No- 32.
- 6.Would you like parking on both sides of N 49th? Yes- 17 No-41
- 7.Should Court St. remain one-way? Yes-24 No- 31
- 8.Should the eastbound stop sign on N. Court and Bennett be removed? Yes-30 no-24

### RESULTS of traffic survey:

- #1 change to two way traffic.
- #2 Change to allow right turn.
- #3. No change.
- #4 No change.
- #5 No change.
- #6 No change
- #7 Change to two way. Stop sign on Court at Bennett. Stop sign on Bennett at Court
- #8 Remove Stop sign.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION; Pearl St., reinstate ORD #740 (11/16/81) no parking on East side of street on SUNDAY or LEGAL HOLIDAY between the hours of 1 PM and 6 PM (this Ord was repealed, date unknown).

**RECYCLING REVIEW:** Plastics. We accept #1 and #2 plastic bottles and jugs with necks including milk jugs, pop bottles, many sham-

poo bottles, and detergent and cleaning bottles. The numbers can be found on the bottom or side. Preparation throw lid in garbage. Flatten to save space in your bins. Rinse and let drain overnight. Place in bin with cans. Ruston does not recycle glass.

## FROM THE COUNCIL:

**May 1st** the Council confirmed the following Planning Commission appointments. Bradley Hudson, Richard Peterson, Larry Upton, and Martin Hines. The Mayor is accepting applications for the remaining two vacancies..

**May 10th.** Special meeting called to authorize the Mayor to discuss a Professional Service Agreement with Robert Casey, an attorney with Eisenhower & Carlson Law Firm of Tacoma. He will advise us on real estate development on the ASARCO site. These discussions were authorized to occur.

**May 15th:** The Council passed Ordinance # 1190 regarding scattering debris from a vehicle. Ordinance # 1192 was then passed amending Ruston Municipal code Title 9 Public Peace and Safety." Complete copies of these Ordinances are on file at Town Hall for public review.

## Pt Defiance Flower and Garden

**Show: June 2-4,2006.** Dream of colorful gardens and displays created to inspire, inform and entertain. Go beyond the black- and -white of everyday to a dream world of flowers and foliage in rainbow colors! Whether you're a wonder in the garden or just dream of radiant-hued havens, The Point Defiance Garden Show will inspire you to follow your dreams.

Hours:

Fri. June 2	10 AM to 6 PM
Sat. June 3	10 AM to 6 PM
Sun. June 4	10 AM to 5 PM

