

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TOWN COUNCIL MEETS JULY 3RD AND 17TH AT 7:00 PM AT RUSTON SCHOOL
- METER READING JULY 20TH
- SENIORS WILL NOT MEET IN JULY
- TASTE CLEAN UP JULY 2ND 8 PM DESSERT AT TOWN HALL
- 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION , PARADE AND PICNIC W. R. RUST PLAYFIELD
- PLANNING COMMISSION TBA

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, allows fireworks to be discharged on the 4th of July by permit 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 were available at Town Hall and must have been applied for 30 days in advance of the 4th from the Town Clerk. 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. Please bear in mind that non residents(even though they are your invited guests) are not permitted to ignite fireworks. From the Ruston Prosecutor, under all circumstances, aerial devices are prohibited. Violation of this ordinance is a **misdemeanor punishable by a \$500.00 fine and/or imprisonment** of not more than 30 days. The same is true for the violation discharging fireworks without a permit.

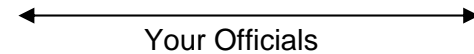
\$35,000 Grant

The Town of Ruston has received a grant of \$35,000 from the Washington State Department of

Community Trade and Economic Development. The grant will be used to study potential revisions to the zoning regulations for the commercial district along Pearl Street. The work under this grant will build on the public meetings held by the Planning Commission at Town Council request, during the Summer of 2005. The study will provide information that was identified as a need at the 2005 hearings and will be structured to present impacts and mitigating measures associated with three development alternative/land use intensity levels ranging from a “no action” option, (leaving zoning as is) to a high intensity “mixed use” multi story option with underground parking. The middle option may have a residential emphasis depending on the results of the economic studies. Topic areas in the study will include: 1) types of uses that will be most successful economically, 2) mitigating measures to protect adjacent land uses from visual, noise, traffic and parking impacts and, 3) public service costs including sewer, storm sewer, road, electric system and a financing plan for those costs.

The project will start with a public meeting at the Planning Commission in mid July to present a scope of work to Town of Ruston citizens. After the technical study

information is available, public meetings will be held before the Planning Commission in the fall to consider land use options. Discussions at the Planning Commission are expected to result in a recommendation to the Town Council by the end of the year on a preferred land use option, mitigation package and financing plan.



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 Mellas

From the Centennial Committee:

July 2nd: We will welcome summer with our after the "Taste" cleanup event. We will walk the Town with garbage bags, clean up litter and bring it to Town Hall for disposal. We will share a dessert potluck, sponsored by the Ruston Seniors. This will all occur after the 8:00 PM closing of the Taste.

July 4th: Kids parade and family picnic. Parade stages on Winnifred at N. 51st at 11:30 AM. We will parade down Winnifred to Commercial St and down to Rust Playfield. Prizes will be given for the best decorated wagon, bike and / or scooter. Family picnic after parade. Bring your lunch, chairs and celebrate America's birthday with us. Barbecues will be provided for cooking dogs, burgers, etc. We will take a Town photo at 1 PM, followed by games and softball. Bring your mitt and best swing.

Labor Day Weekend: 2nd Annual Ruston Point Defiance Art Walk and Music Festival Sunday and Monday. Parade route is as follows; start at VFW on Baltimore, north on Baltimore to 49th St, west on 49th to Winifred, north on Winnifred to N 53rd. Grand Marshall will be announced soon. Vendors, food , music.

Save these dates- Point Ruston LLC Meeting notice:

"Please join us in imaging and shaping the future of Point Ruston." Mike Cohen and his associates invite the community to join them in discussion of formulation of plans for development of the ASARCO site.

Thursday June 22nd 2006
Thursday July 6th, 2006
Thursday July 20, 2006
Thursday August 3, 2006
All meetings will be from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at the Ruston School.

FROM THE COUNCIL:

June 5 Welcome back Mary Joyce from medical leave.

The Council passed Resolution No. 395 to seat an interim Planning Commission, and Ordinance No. 1193, amending the 2006 budget to fund a replacement police car, buy lawnmowers, and to adjust the Police Department budget to fund increasing animal control services.

Public Works report :55,064 pounds of garbage, 10,540 pounds of recycling, and 28,204 pounds of yard waste.

A new hot water heater has been installed at the School.

June 19th The Council passed Ordinance No. 1189, creating a Tree Committee for the oversight of street trees. The Tree Committee members are Mrs. Lucy Davis, Chair, Mrs. Edie Tallman, Mrs. Ruth Campbell, and Bradley Huson. The Council also passed Ordinance No. 1194, eliminating parking on the south end of the Winnifred St. median. The Council passed Ordinance No. 1195 to change traffic per response to the survey, with the exception of the current patterns at N. 54th and Pearl, which were NOT returned to two way traffic and right turn permitted.

The Town Council has initiated a study to search for a new Town Attorney, with emphasis on development knowledge relating to our anticipated growth.

The Mayor and Town Clerk have proposed a long overdue and budgeted upgrade to the Town's computer system. This conversion will be implemented immediately.

Building permit fees. A Council Task Force will be created to examine fees incurred with building permits. Interested parties inquire at Town Hall.

Fire Department; the Council adopted a motion that establishes a committee that will explore upgrading the Fire Department. This committee will include the Mayor

or his designee, the Fire chief, one firefighter, the Police Chief (ex officio chief of the Fire Department Ord. #281) one Council member, two Ruston citizens, one with a medical background.

Areas to explore include increasing membership to 20, appointing a public relations person, inventory of current equipment and future needs, current training, hiring full time personnel to supplement volunteers, EMS levy, preparing a budget estimate for future department, any other areas the committee thinks should be explored. Committee to report back to Mayor and Council no later than September 15, 2006. Interested persons should submit their names ASAP.

Two vacant seats remain on the Planning Commission. Interested Citizens please apply at Town Hall.

The W .R. Rust Playfield did not receive the Starbuck's grant for 2006. Thank you Patti Hardin for your effort.

We Have Guests:

Ruston is being documented by two lady professors from Evergreen State College, Anne Fischel and Lin Nelson, of the Labor Education and Research Center. Their goal is to document the voices, concerns, and lessons of communities as they come to terms with their industrial past and assess the possibilities for a sustainable, healthy and just future. They are interviewing residents with long term backgrounds in Town. They are interested in our transition from an ASARCO legacy to future community development. For information contact: fischela@ evergreen.edu.

