

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETS:** OCTOBER 2ND AND 16TH AT 7P.M. AT RUSTON SCHOOL
- **METER READING:** OCTOBER 24TH
- **SENIORS MEET:** OCTOBER 7TH 1P.M. AT RUSTON TOWN HALL
- **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS :** OCTOBER 3RD AND 17TH AT 7P.M. AT RUSTON SCHOOL
- **BUILDING FEE TASK FORCE MEETS:** OCTOBER 11TH AT 7P.M. AT RUSTON SCHOOL
- **TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION RE: POINT RUSTON** SEPTEMBER 27TH AT 7P.M. AT RUSTON SCHOOL
- **TOWN HALL CLOSED OCTOBER 9TH MONDAY:**COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY. REGULAR MONDAY GARBAGE WILL BE PICKED UP ON TUESDAY.

Ruston Seniors Reorganizing:

The Ruston Senior group has devolved into two lovely elderly ladies. It is time to regroup. On October 7th, at 1pm they will host an open house coffee to invite new members. Dr. Ina Opplinger Rheumatologist at Group Health, will talk about the advances in treating arthritis. Senior is defined here as over 55, the age for membership in AARP. Our community is rich with experts in many fields, we hope to draw them out for senior Saturday afternoons. For more information, please contact Sherri Forch at 7593424.

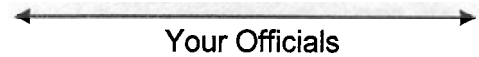
From the EPA:To those who

missed the public meeting regarding the proposed second Consent Decree, you can get on the mailing list for future reference. Please contact Jeanne O'Dell, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at 1-800-424-4372,ext.6919.

The Town of Ruston Newsletter is available by e-mail. Please contact Sherri at Sherri98407@aol.com
Thank you

From the Maintenance Department:

Please be a good neighbor and keep your yard greenery trimmed away from the sidewalks. Many walk about town and swishing wet, and sometimes sharp, shrubbery is not pleasant. Also please remember the doggie bag, to pick up after your leashed pet as you stroll. Thank you. It's the law.



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Michael Transue 756-8943

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Mary Joyce 759-0536
Del Brewer 752-5902
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Bob Everding 761-8455
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Police Department 761-0272
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Town Hall 759-3544
Town Clerk Karen Murphy
Utility Billing Clerk Jennie Barton
Court Clerk Diane Turner
Police Chief Jim Reinhold
Fire Chief Don Torbet
Public Works Steve Taylor
Steve Tucker
Building Official Frank Mellas

From the Council:

September 5th. This meeting featured a presentation from The Commencement Group, representing the proposed buyers of the Ruston Landing Group. This presentation was followed by an extended public comment period. This meeting then went into executive session, then was adjourned until Thursday September 7th at 7pm.

September 7th. The Council reconvened and went back into executive session, continuing to discuss options regarding the default of the Ruston Landing Group and the Commencement project in general.

September 18th. Carl Stixrood, our Town Planner, discussed the review and update of Ruston's Shoreline Management Code and SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act). Our last Shoreline reference was to a smelting operation. This needs updating regarding Pt. Ruston development.

The Council passed Resolution No.399, a Proclamation celebrating the YWCA's 100 years.

Proposed

- **Ordinance No. 1198** would amend Title 9 "Public Peace and Safety" by adding a section requiring helmets on bicycles, roller skates, skateboards and scooters. This ordinance was tabled. For the text, please see Town Hall.

- **Ordinance No.1199** a repeal of Ruston Title 7 "Animals" and the adoption of City of Tacoma Code Title 17 "Animal Control" was also tabled. For the text, please see Town Hall.

The need for imposing a moratorium on building permits was discussed. No action was taken. The Fire Department Task Force

was completed with the nomination of Edie Tallman.

An Executive Session was held mid-meeting for potential litigation issues.

A Point Ruston Study Session was scheduled for September 27th at 7 P.M. The public is invited to sit in and listen but no public comment will be permitted.

From the Planning commis-

sion: The planning commission is hosting a series of meetings to discuss the findings of the study done with the \$35,000 economic development grant. The study done by Huitt-Zollars has produced a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (current zoning text and potential changes dated August 31st, 2006). This document is available at Town Hall for your review. Discussions range from cost per property of upgrades to infrastructure (sewer, electric) to requirements for parking and streetscapes.

On September 19th, the meeting subject was Commercial District Alternatives Discussion. The basic discussion point is "What do the residents of Ruston want to do with their commercial areas?" The area under discussion is all of Pearl Street to Pt. Defiance and North 51st to Schuster Parkway. At the September 19th meeting, it was decided to divide the two areas into separate considerations. The Planning Commission passed the following motion "We move that the Town propose zoning changes with the intent of improving the physical quality of the Commercial District and allowing for and stimulating increased private investment. Changes will address parking, height, building design, signing, landscaping, streetscapes and setbacks. The Town should look for ways to work with the existing business community to promote Ruston's Commercial Districts and to work

with residents to mitigate any impacts to residential neighborhoods."

Residents with concerns about development are especially invited to attend these public meetings.

The next meeting will be held September 26th at 7 P.M. at Ruston School.

From the Centennial Commit-

tee: Congratulations to the Ruston-Point Defiance Business District for their success with the Music Festival and Centennial Parade. Wonderful participants included veterans, churches, kids, politicians, hula hooping exercisers and the Seattle Seafair Pirates. Thank you to Bradley Huson and the LeMay Antique Car collection for the use of their vintage vehicles for our VIP's.

Thank you for this spirited celebration. The Music festival attracted many to the vendor's booths and drew lots of our dollars. Barbeque aroma wafted through Town inviting the salivating neighbors in.

Save this date: November 10th will be the date for the final event in our Centennial calendar. Our free spaghetti dinner will be held at the Totem Yacht Club. Hosted by Bradley Huson and Patti Hardin and the Centennial Committee.. This will feature the drawing for the quilt donated by Dee Raines and more festivities.