

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TOWN COUNCIL MEETS: APRIL 2ND AND APRIL 16TH, AT RUSTON SCHOOL
METER READING: APRIL 19TH
- W.R.RUST PARK CLEANUP COMMITTEE MEETS MARCH 31ST AT 11A.M. AT TOWN HALL
- RUSTON SENIORS MEET: MARCH 31ST AT 1PM AT THE TOWN HALL

- PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS: MARCH 27TH AND APRIL 5TH 7P.M. AT RUSTON SCHOOL
- FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE MEETS: APRIL 9TH 7 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL

- PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING: POINT RUSTON: APRIL 19TH 7P.M. AT RUSTON SCHOOL

- EASTER EGG HUNT AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST: SATURDAY APRIL 8TH HUNT AT 9:30 AT TOWN HALL
BREAKFAST AT 10A.M. AT TOTEM YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

The Town of Ruston Planning Commission Notice of Public Hearing is hereby given. Point Ruston LLC has filed an application requesting approval to amend the Asarco Master Development Plan. A Public Hearing will be reopened to allow continued public comment on new information received at the previous Public Hearing. This meeting will be April 5th at 7 P.M. at Ruston School. Testimony is invited at the Public Hearing. To review or request copies of the complete application, the staff report, other studies/reports please contact Town Hall at 5117 N Winnifred St, Clerk Karen Murphy at 759 3544.

The W.R. Rust Playfield cleanup committee will meet Saturday March 31st at 11A.M. This group is looking at long range improvements to our city park. Volunteers are welcome, Contact Greg Devenny (759-6098).

Ruston Seniors will meet March 31st at 1P.M. to finish stuffing the 1400 eggs for the Easter egg hunt. Volunteers most welcome.

Calling all children and their parents : Its time for the Easter egg hunt and pancake breakfast. The Easter Bunny has promised to litter the Winnifred Street median strip with goodies on Saturday April 7th. The Hunt will begin at 9:30 in front of the Town Hall. Winnifred Street will be closed to traffic at 9A.M. The pancake breakfast will begin serving at 10A.M. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, milk, juice and coffee This is a free event for Ruston residents, and of course, their kids and grandkids. Volunteers are always welcome. This is a fun event. Call Sherri Forch (759 3424) or Bradley Huson (759 6391) for information.

Pet licenses expire March 31st. There is a \$5.00 penalty for renewals after this date. Please keep your furry friends legal. It's the law.

Ruston Police Non-Emergency Dispatcher: call 798 4721(24 hour) Use dispatcher number to request a Ruston police officer contact you for *urgent* non emergency reasons.

Once again, we remind our drivers to ***Please slow down!*** Speeding traffic continues to be a complaint at Town Council meetings. Solutions discussed include speed bumps and speed limit reductions to 20 MPH on our streets. Please be a caring driver and respect our speed limits and safety. Thank you.

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Your Officials

Mayor:

Michael Transue	759-3544
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	Tara Evans
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:

March 5th. The Council met in Executive Session, after which the Mayor directed a letter to the Ruston Landing Group, instructing them to remove their model house from the school building by March 25th.

"Taste of Tacoma" dates for this year were announced, June 29th to July 1st.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the following Ordinances:

Ordinance No 1209-An Ordinance to amend Title 29, Planning, and to create an annual review process for comprehensive plan updates. The Council referred the Ordinance to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations.

Ordinance No. 1210-an Ordinance to amend Title 25, Zoning, to require that site-specific rezones must be considered during the annual comprehensive plan amendment to occur outside the annual comprehensive plan amendment process. This was also referred to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations.

Ordinance No. 1211-an Ordinance to amend Title 19, Project Permit applications to clarify the various projects/amendments that are subject to the procedures of Title 19. This was also referred to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations.

Fire Chief Don Torbet reported the Centers for Disease Control is revising first aid call protocol in the face of an anticipated "Bird Flu" epidemic. Residents are encouraged to prepare three days worth of supplies at home.

March 19th. The Council discussed a SEPA (State Environ-

mental Policy Act) Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tacoma. This would make Tacoma the Co- Lead Agency with Ruston in the SEPA permitting process for the Point Ruston development. The Council voted not to endorse this proposal.

The Tree Committee reports that the new trees for Winnifred Street are here. The old trees are gone, stumps ground away and the new flowering cherry trees will be planted Saturday, March 31st.. Volunteers with shovels are requested to meet at 9A.M. Saturday March 31st at the Town hall to plant the new trees.

Councilman Stebner mentioned the possibility of having our Council meetings broadcast on Cable T.V. through Rainier Communication Commission. Be sure to give him your feedback.

The Seattle P.I. reports the nominees for "Local Hero" will be published on March 23rd. Ruston's nominee is Bradley Huson. The State winner will be announced two weeks after that.

Point Ruston Meeting: April 19th at Ruston School at 7 P.M. These informative slide programs share research in mixed use communities, and invite our comments and opinions pro and con. A welcome opportunity for input into our future.

From the Planning Commission: At the March 13 Public Hearing regarding Pearl Street zoning the Commission recommended to change the zoning on all of Pearl Street to commercial (Com-P.) This will come before the Council for their review.

Resolution No 401: Whereas: Heart disease is the number one killer of American men and women today;

A factor that contributes to the risk of heart disease is physical inactivity, yet 70% of Americans fail to get enough exercise;

Heart disease cannot be cured, it can only be prevented;

Regular physical activity reduces a person's likelihood of suffering from other risk factors related to physical inactivity, such as high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes;

Walking is a way to work physical activity into a person's daily exercise routine and costs little;

The Town of Ruston is uniquely suited for walking, with paved and lighted sidewalks, and proximity to Point Defiance Park and the Schuster Parkway Walking Trail.

THEREFORE: The Town Council supports the goals of the American Heart Association's Start! Walking Program and thus encourages all residents of the Town to make exercise, including walking, a part of their daily lives.

Residents of the Town are encouraged to learn more about the American Heart Association and the Start! Walking campaign at www.americanheart.org/start