

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- COUNCIL MEETS: MAY 7TH AND MAY 21ST AT 7 P.M. AT RUSTON SCHOOL
- METER READING: MAY 22ND
- SENIORS MEET: SATURDAY MAY 5TH AT 1P.M. AT TOWN HALL
- PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING: STACK HILL PLAT MAY 15 AT 7P.M. AT RUSTON SCHOOL
- RUSTON PERMIT TASK FORCE : SATURDAY MAY 9TH AND MAY 16TH 7P.M. AT RUSTON SCHOOL
- W.R RUST PARK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETS: MAY 12TH AND 26TH 11A.M AT TOWN HALL
- FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE MEETS: MAY 14 7P.M.AT TOWN HALL
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- TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION: APRIL 26TH 6 P.M. AT RUSTON SCHOOL( PROPOSED PEARL ST. REZONE)
- TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION: MAY 1ST 7 P.M. AT RUSTON SCHOOL (PROPOSED MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN CHANGES)

From the Planning Commission:  
The Planning Commission has recommended to the Town Council a zoning text change for Pearl Street. This Zoning will apply to all properties with frontage along Pearl Street or within 120 feet of the current Com and Res zoning districts .The Planning Commission and the public have been discussing these proposed changes since mid 2004.The proposed changes are intended to encourage a range of small retail and commercial facilities along Pearl Street and also encourage small scale residential uses on upper floors. Approximately 108 off-street parking spaces will be created by the redevelopment of this area. The Town Council will be discussing this at a Study Session April 26th.  
At a Public Hearing on April 5th, the Planning Commission considered an Amendment to the Asarco Master Development Plan, relative to the Point Ruston development on Stack Hill. Items discussed included: setbacks, height, minimum lot width, maximum lot coverage, right of way width, pavement width, roadway slopes, bicycle lanes on Balti-

more, reopening Baltimore, sidewalks, utilities, street lighting and street trees. The Planning Commission's recommendation will be discussed by the Town Council at a Study Session on May 1st .  
The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be a Public Hearing on May 15, at 7P.M. at the Ruston School, to consider an application by Point Ruston LLC for Stack Hill Preliminary Plat an alteration of the existing Bay View Addition Plat.

Ruston Permit Task Force Will meet on May 9th and 16th at 7P.M at the Ruston School. The Permit Task Force was created by the Town Council in June 2006. The first meeting of the Task Force was in August 2006.The charge of the Permit Fee Task Force is to study the current Town Administrative fees and policy for possible changes. The members of the Task Force

have compiled information relevant to the permit fees. There will be two final public meetings, May 9th and 16th. Any person with comments or recommendations is urged to attend one of these meetings or contact Chair Jane Hunt at 253 759 2364 or Jalco0724@comcast.net. All comments are welcome.



**Your Officials**

- Mayor:  
Michael Transue 7593544
- 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 Council:

**April 2nd.** The Council adjourned for an executive session to discuss with counsel 1) potential litigation, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i); and 2) property acquisition, RCW 42.30.110.(1)(b).

The Mayor discussed the Pearl Street Zoning Changes coming soon from the Planning Commission. A study session will be held on April 26th at Ruston School at 7P.M to prepare for a Public Hearing. This is open to the Public, but comment is limited, as the council considers information in front of it.

The Council reviewed Proposals for contracting Electrical Engineering Services. The bid was awarded to Westgate Engineering and Construction. This work will include: 1)review of plans for residential and commercial developments, to determine the impact on the Town's electrical system and provide electrical design to supply such loads; 2) advise the Mayor and Council on system expansion and review current ordinances relating to the electrical system;3) survey the Town's aging street light system, make recommendations for upgrades, and provide design and specifications for same; 4) work with Tacoma Power to determine the feasibility of providing a second source of power to the Town from the Tacoma Power grid and 5) work with Tacoma Power to update current support services agreement.

The Council passed Resolution 402– to surplus police department equipment.

The Council will consider extending parking restrictions on North 49th Street from Baltimore Street east to Orchard Street.

The Council also voted to amend the contract with McGavick Graves to increase the number of hours the Town can utilize the services of our Town Attorney,

Christie Todd.

The original contract provided 20 hours a month, the change authorized up to 40 hours.

**.April 19th.**

The Council passed Ordinance No.1209- Relating to Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

The Council tabled Ordinance No. 1210– Amending RMC 25.01.130 and 25.01.140 - Relating to RMC rezones, site plans, appeals and amendments

The Council passed Ordinance No. 1211-Amending RMC Title 19-Project Applications

The Council tabled Ordinance No. 1214-Amending RMC Title 16.03.050 Parking Restrictions

The Council passed Resolution No.405-a Resolution pursuing FEMA funds for disaster recovery costs relating to the” December 2006 Severe Storms Event. Chief Reinhold has filed for disaster relief. The request is for \$3,004.00 for a new chain saw and debris removal.

Thank you Heidi Kress for the wonderful pictures of the Town's activities. If you and your children participated in events this winter/spring, prints are available at the Town Hall. Stop by and pick up your pictures.

Thanks to those who organized and participated in our Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast. After a soggy, threatening start, the party was on. Little ones poured in-3000 eggs were plentiful and easy to find. Thanks to the Ruston Volunteer firefighters for sharing their big red fire ENGINE with all of us. Thank you Bradley Huson and Patti Hardin for the elegant fare at our breakfast. Homemade blueberry syrup-wow! Many hands

make light work. Please join us in planning our next events. Contact Sherri (7593424) or Bradley (7596391) to volunteer.

**PART TIME VACATION RELIEF WORKER WANTED.**

The Maintenance Department is seeking someone to fill in on the garbage truck while current staff take vacation. Someone will be needed occasionally, during the next few months. If you are interested, please fill out an application at the Town hall.

**Ruston Recycles:** Earth Day reminds us to recycle. Usable goods should be donated to a thrift store for resale, or to a charity such as Holy Cross Catholic Church for their community outreach programs. A schedule of Ruston Recycling is available at Town Hall.

**W.R .Rust Park Committee** will hold public meetings Saturday May 12th and May 26th at Town Hall at 11A.M. This group will consider short term and long range improvements to our park. Volunteers and ideas are most welcome.

**Ruston Fire Committee** scheduled to hold a public meeting Monday May 14th at 7 P.M. at Town Hall.

Many thanks to the volunteers who dug tree holes on the wettest Saturday in memory. And to those who turned out to plant the new flowering cherry trees on Winnifred. Our Tree Committee expects they will bloom this year, as they have been held in cold storage.