

## PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TOWN COUNCIL MEETS: JULY 2ND AND 16TH 7:P.M. AT RUSTON SCHOOL
- METER READING: JULY 19TH
- SENIORS WILL NOT MEET IN JULY
- PERMIT TASK FORCE STUDY SESSION JULY 23RD 7P.M.. AT RUSTON SCHOOL
- W.R. RUST PLAYFIELD COMMITTEE MEETS JULY 14TH AND 28TH 11A.M. AT TOWN HALL

From Ruston's Maintenance Department: Overgrown trees and bushes. Ruston residents are being asked to check for "overgrowth" from your property. Overgrowth includes trees shrubs and brush that grow out into sidewalk areas, or overhang onto streets and alleys. Overgrowth is not only a nuisance but is also a safety hazard. Please do your part to keep Ruston streets, sidewalks and alleys "user friendly". Call the Ruston maintenance Department if you have questions.

Also, please remember Ruston has a leash-law. Pets being walked must be on a leash. Please pick up after your pet, carry a plastic bag for pet droppings.

School is out this month. Watch for children. Kids frequently forget to watch for cars, when running after balls or toys, or when on their bicycles. This is a residential area. Speed limits are 25mph on most of our streets. Please slow down on Ruston streets.

The Ruston Seniors will again sponsor an "After the Taste Clean Up" event on Sunday July 1st at twilight. This event usually starts around 8:30 ish. Beginning at your end of town, start with a plastic garbage bag, rubber gloves and a willing spirit, gather the trash left behind and bring it to the Town Hall. We can deposit this in the Town dumpster. We will share a cookie potluck at Town Hall after the cleanup. Many hands make the Town cleaner than before the event.

The Ruston-Point Defiance Business District is planning it's Third Annual Art Walk and Music Festival September 2nd and 3rd. This is a Labor Day two day event with vendors and music and varied entertainment and food. This event is Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend. Lots of fun if staying home for the holiday is on the agenda.

From the Ruston Police Department: The National Night Out Against Crime is August 7th. The National Night Out Against Crime is to promote crime prevention, police-community partnerships and neighborhood unity. Residents are encouraged to organize a block party and register it with the Police Department. Your street can be closed for safety. Contact the Ruston Police Department for more information at 761-0272.

The Taste of Tacoma dates this year are June 29th,30th and July 1st. Our Town is on major display this weekend as hundreds of visitors pass by en route to Point Defiance Park. Dust off your curb appeal and show the world how pleasant Ruston is.

Remember, fireworks are allowed in Ruston only on July 4th and only if you've obtained a Town of Ruston fireworks permit. Ordinance No.1175 permits fireworks discharge on July 4th only and is strictly limited to the hours between noon and midnight, by permit only. 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 4th of July guests) are not permitted to ignite fireworks. Violation of Ordinance No.1175 is a criminal offense and court is mandatory. Penalties include a \$500.00 fine and or 30 days in jail.

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<b>Your Officials</b>	
<u>Mayor:</u>	
Michael Transue	759-3544
<u>Council:</u>	
Mary Joyce	759-0536
Del Brewer	752-5902
Robert Pudlo	759-7539
Bob Everding	761-8455
Wayne Stebner	752-2041
<b>Emergency—Dial 911</b>	
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 June 4th:

Mayor Transue announced the Town has issued a request for proposals for specialists in evaluating the Town's growth potential and planning review.

Mayor Transue advised the Council that the rental rate from Burlington Northern for the playfield will be increasing from \$575.00 to \$800.00 per year.

Ordinance 1216 Amendments to the Master Development Plan. With changes to reflect the view corridor from Court Street and Commercial Street, this Ordinance did not pass.

The Council discussed a proposed Draft Settlement Agreement regarding a settlement between the Town of Ruston and Ruston Landing Group LLC, and to approve property acquisition. A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to move forward with the agreement and direct the attorney to draft the necessary paperwork. This meeting was recessed until 5:00 P.M. Friday June 6th.

From the Council June 8th: The Mayor and the Council have approved a settlement with the Ruston landing Group LLC. The Town regained title to the Winnifred Street properties. The Town received the \$100,000 held in escrow. It was also announced the Ruston Landing Group, LLC was relieved of their responsibility to remodel the School and to construct a Public Safety Building. The Town received the remaining \$1,200,000.00 portion of the purchase price of the property, plus interest. The original signators to the purchase agreement have re-grouped as the Commencement Group LLC. They will begin construction of the condominium soon. They anticipate occupancy by 2009.

From the Council June 18th.

A special presentation from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). The Town must join FEMA to allow it's residents to qualify for federal flood insurance. Homeowners insurance rarely pays for water damage. The Town must participate in the flood insurance program to allow residents to purchase flood insurance. The Council will consider joining the program, to provide the residents access to this insurance.

The Council voted to have the Sign Ordinance considered by the Planning Commission for it's recommendations.

The Council voted to pay the increased rental for the W. R. Rust Playfield area

leased from Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad.

The Council is discussing the advisability of permitting Tacoma Public Utilities to develop and assume the electrical service for the Point Ruston development. The cost of maintenance is a concern, as the developers bear the cost of the initial construction. Ruston's electrical service is a profitable utility to the Town. All proceeds are returned to the Utility for upgrades and maintenance.

Ordinance 1220: Adopting the 2006 Building Codes. The Council voted to pass this Ordinance.

The Permit Task Force Committee Chair Jane Hunt gave the Council an overview of the findings of this Committee. A Study Session was scheduled for July 23rd at Ruston School to consider staff's analysis of the report and it's specific recommendations.

**The Ruston Police Department is a 24 hour service.** The phone numbers are

- Business days Monday to Friday 761-0272
- Fax 756-8024
- 24 Hour non emergency dispatch 796-4721 ( officer will contact you)
- Emergency Dial 911