

**Town of Ruston**

**Est. 1906**

**April 2009**

**5117 N Winnifred Street**

**Ruston, WA 98407**

**253-759-3544**

**www.rustonwa.org**

**Open M-F 9am – 5 pm**

**PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Town Council Meets: May 6, May 18, June 1, June 15 **Ruston Town Hall**
- Meter Reading: May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Seniors will meet on: Saturday, May 2 at 1:00 pm. **Ruston Town Hall**
- Planning commission: May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM at the **Ruston Town Hall**
- Civil Service Commission: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month until further notice at **Ruston Town Hall**

**RUSTON TOWN HALL CLERKS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

**On Wednesday afternoons from noon to 5:00 pm for in-house record management**

**Mayors Corner**

On April 3, 2009 as requested by council, Council Members Hedrick and Hunt accompanied our town attorney and me to our first meeting with Tacoma city officials. We met with Mayor Baarsma, city manager Eric Anderson, and several staff members to discuss a variety of topics. We opened with talks of contracting for certain services and whether they would entertain providing us line item costs for services. We are in the process of presenting them with a list of services so we can evaluate the costs. We will also be requesting the same estimates from Pierce County. This is all purely research and fact finding at this point.

We also had dialogue on the possibility of annexation of Ruston by Tacoma. This was a discussion point that council had requested we present to Tacoma. Tacoma city officials said they would entertain talking to Ruston if that was what the citizens of Ruston wanted. We asked if they would be willing to come and discuss all options with the Ruston citizens and both the Mayor and city manager agreed. Look for an announcement in the coming weeks.

We have just completed our application for funding Phase I of our sewer project through USDA. If approved we could see our sewer improvement project underway this summer!

Thanks for reading – Mayor – Bruce Hopkins

**COUNCIL NEWS**

**April 6, 2009**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** - Council approved:

**Resolution No. 438** - Utility Extension Agreement with Point Ruston;

**Resolution No. 439** – Consenting to the city of Tacoma's Formation of LID.

**Resolution No. 441** - 2008 Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan.

**April 20, 2009**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** - Council approved:

**Ordinance No. 1283** - New Sewer Utility Rates

**Resolution No. 442** – Recycling Contract

**Resolution No. 443** – Settlement Agreement



*A big "thank you" for all of those who contributed money, candy, and time for yet another very successful Easter Egg Hunt for the Town of Ruston, especially those of you who helped to stuff 3,000 plastic*

*Easter eggs. It's not too late to make monetary donations for this yearly event. If you have any plastic Easter eggs to contribute back to next year's hunt, please bring them by Town Hall. Special "thank you" to Sherri Forch for all her hard work in putting this event together and Bradley Huson, for supplying the funds.*

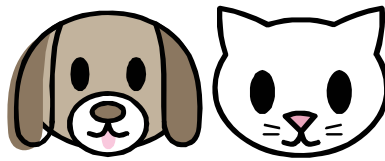
**Donations can still be made to Bradley Huson.**

**NOTES FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Just as a reminder that Tacoma Marathon will be coming through Ruston on May 3, 2009. The tunnel and a portion of 51<sup>st</sup> Street will be closed from 7:00 am to noon.

Keep in mind "Universal Safety Precautions". Now that the weather is turning nice, be sure and keep your doors and windows of your home and vehicles secure. Remember! Don't leave valuables in the car.

For animal issues please contact Animal Control at: 253-627-PETS



Ruston Municipal Code, Chapter 7.01.020 (b) (4) states specifically that “owners must pick up and dispose of the dog’s waste in an appropriate receptacle”. Please do your part and keep our sidewalks, right of ways, and streets free of this waste. Please remember that although our pets are not allowed to roam free around the Town, there are some that do. So please be sure that they can’t get into anything that will hurt them. Be sure you have all substances contained ie: anti-freeze, rodent poison etc.

**FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
OVERGROWN TREES AND BUSHES**

The Town of Ruston Maintenance Department is asking Ruston residents to check for “overgrowth” from their property. Overgrowth includes trees, shrubs and brush that grow out into sidewalk areas, or overhang onto and into 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 any questions.

The Maintenance Dept. would like to thank the residents of Ruston for your cooperation.

**SHOT WEED**

There seems to be a new “resident” in Ruston named “shotweed”. No! it’s not a blogger it’s a weed. This plant grows in a rosette of leaves to less than five inches tall and then sends out a stem that ranges from 2 to 12 inches. Reports say that when the *Cardamine oligosperma* flowers transform into seed pods, they burst when you touch them and send seedlings everywhere. So, if you get out there now, and remove your **shotweed**, you’ll have a better chance of reducing its numbers.

**PRIVATE ALARM SYSTEMS**

The Town of Ruston will be implementing new rules and regulations pertaining to the licensing and regulation of private alarm systems. The Council wishes to encourage owners and operators of private alarm systems, and alarm monitoring companies, to properly use and maintain alarm systems and to reduce or eliminate false alarms.



**FOURTH OF JULY**

**Is fast approaching, as a reminder, in order to shoot off any type of fireworks that are legal in Ruston, you need a Fireworks Permit.**

- **Permits need to be applied for at least thirty (30) days prior to the Fourth of July.**
- **Application fee is \$10.00**
- **Hours of use 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight ONLY.**

**Any person who violates RMC 9.06.020 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not to exceed \$500.00 or imprisoned not more than 30 days, or both.**

***ELECTION FILING WITH THE PIERCE COUNTY AUDITOR’S OFFICE WILL BE HELD JUNE 1 – 5, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM***



To all local business owners. The Town of Ruston Fire Department will be gathering information on businesses for pre-incident plans and yearly fire inspections. We look forward to helping to protect your lives and property. We appreciate your cooperation.  
Ruston Volunteer Fire Department

**Mayor**

Bruce Hopkins 752-5071

**Council**

Dan Albertson 549-3612  
Jim Hedrick 759-0944  
Jane Hunt 759-2364  
Bradley Huson 759-6391  
Wayne Stebner 752-2041

**Emergency – Dial 911**

Non-Emergency Dispatcher  
798-4721

*(24 hour) Use dispatcher number to request a Ruston police officer contact you for urgent non-emergency responses*

**Town of Ruston Personnel**

<b>Police Department</b>		
Acting Police Chief	Jeremy Kunkel	761-0272
<b>Municipal Court</b>		
Town Clerk	Diane Turner	759-8545
Utility Clerk	Karen Carlisle	759-3544
Fire Chief	Myriah Mesa	
Public Works	Don Torbet	
	Steve Taylor	
	Steve Tucker	
Building Official	Frank Mellas	
Building Inspector	Joe Tedder	
Planner	Rob White	