

5117 N Winnifred Street
Ruston, WA 98407
(253) 759-3544
Open M-F: 9am – 5 pm

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Council Meets: June 2nd and June 16th.

Meter Reading for 2008: June 19th, July 22nd & August 21st.

Study Sessions will be held on April 27th at 7:00 pm.

Seniors will meet on Saturday, June 7th at 1:00 pm at Ruston Town Hall

Ruston Town Hall and Ruston Municipal Court will be closed Monday, May 26, 2008

COUNCIL NEWS

May 5, 2008

Council Meeting

Council voted to terminate the services of Huitt-Zollars.

Resolution No. 414

Council passed Resolution No. 414 declaring the desire to change the form of government from a Mayor-Council to Council-Manager. The proclamation was signed May 15, 2008 and forwarded to the Pierce County Auditor's office for public vote on August 19th.

Resolution No. 416

Council passed Resolution No. 416 declaring its intention to work cooperatively with Pt. Ruston LLC.

Resolution No. 417

Council passed Resolution No. 417 approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with Pt. Ruston LLC.

Ordinance No. 1253

Ordinance No. 1253 - Rescheduling the Town's Gambling Tax rate on punch boards and pull tabs, and social card games and amending the RMC section 5.02.020 was tabled to a future Study Session.

Ordinance No. 1254

Ordinance No. 1254 authorizing the correction of minor scrivener's errors which may be discovered during the update of the Town's Municipal code upon review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Resolution No. 418

Council passed Resolution No. 418 declaring its desire to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Tacoma for Planning and Building Permit services.

May 12, 2008

Study Session

Items discussed at the study session were: Pt. Ruston update; Rules of procedure #'s 18 & 29 & Ruston School remodel/lease;

May 19, 2008

Council Meeting

Council Rules of Procedures rule #29 was discussed and amended to allow 2 minutes of speaking time per person during "general public comments".

Resolution 419

Rules of Procedure #18 appointing Council Liaisons was approved by Ruston Council.

1. Budget – Councilmember Albertson
2. Public Safety and Courts – Councilmember Hedrick
3. Infrastructure – Councilmember Hunt
4. Public Works and Parks – Councilmember Stebner
5. Land Use and Development – Councilmember Huson

Resolution No. 420

Declaring Council's desire to establish a citizen's advisory committee for the purpose of reviewing all possible real estate uses and /or disposition of the Town of Ruston's real estate properties was passed by the Council.

RUSTON TOWN HALL

Will be closed Monday, May 26, 2008 in observance of Memorial Day. Garbage will be picked up on Tuesday.



Is Ruston's Waterfront important to you?

The Town of Ruston's Shoreline Master Program (SMP) regulates land uses along the shoreline of Commencement Bay. Ruston's current SMP is 15 years old, and needs to be updated to help guide future decision making about development, recreation, and natural resources. A public meeting to inform Ruston residents about the SMP update will be held:

May 27, 2008

6:30 to 8:30 PM

Ruston School Building
5219 N Shirley St.
Ruston, WA

We are also seeking citizens to serve on a committee assisting the planning commission in reviewing and developing an update to the SMP. If you are interested in serving, please contact us or attend the meeting. For more information about the meeting, call the Ruston's Clerk/Treasurer's office at (253) 759-3544.

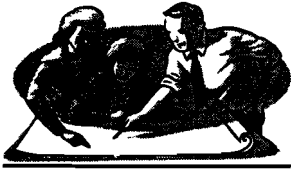
COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEMBERS NEEDED

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Mayor Transue is still accepting applications for three positions that will comprise the Civil Service Commission. Please submit letters of interest to Ruston Town Hall.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission currently has several vacancies. If you would like to be considered to fill one of these seats, please submit a letter of interest to Ruston Town Hall.



SEWER RATE INCREASES

You may have noticed a change in the amount of your sewer bill. The annual update of all residential sewer charges has been completed and your accounts were updated. The changes are based on the average of your winter water consumption.

Reminders from the Maintenance Dept.

- 1 Garbage cans must be no larger than 32 gallons and have a secure lid. Lids should not be tethered to the cans, and must not weigh more than 70 lbs.
- 2 For health reasons, animal waste must be put in a container or plastic bag before it is put in the garbage.
- 3 Yard waste cans must be no larger than 32 gallons and marked "Yard Waste".
- 4 Ruston does not pick up glass for recycling. We do not pick up Styrofoam or plastic bags. These items may be taken to the recycling center at the Tacoma Landfill for no charge. Do not put "take-out" pizza boxes in recycling.
- 5 If plastic bags are used to

hold recycling items or yard waste, please do not tie the bags shut. This just means an extra step as the bags must be emptied into the truck.

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.

FROM THE RUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

As you all know the construction time is upon us and additional construction traffic in Town will congest our streets even more. To make the day to day driving manageable for everyone I would like to remind everyone of the rules and laws that apply to vehicle traffic.

Title 16 of the Ruston Municipal Code (RMC), defines the rules of the road in regards to parking standing and licensing requirements. The following are a few of the laws that are most commonly violated:

- 1 Parking on the wrong side of the road.
 - 2 Parking within - 15 feet of a hydrant
- Parking within:
- 1 20 feet of a crosswalk
 - 2 30 feet of an intersection
 - 3 30 feet of traffic control
 - 4 Parking in the alleys
 - 5 Parking an unlicensed vehicle on the street.
 - 6 Allowing a stationary vehicle to park in excess of 72 hours (unless in front of

residence).

- 7 No trailers shall park on public streets.



STRAY ANIMALS

If you have picked up an animal during regular business hours (M-F, (9am-5pm) please take it to the Humane Society located at 2608 Center St in Tacoma. Hrs of operation are:

- Monday 9am – 6pm
- Tues/Wed/Fri 9am – 6pm
- Thursday 11am – 6pm
- Saturday 9am – 5 pm
- 253-383-2733



**Emergency – Dial 911
Non Emergency 798-4721**

<u>Mayor</u>	
Michael Transue	759-3544
<u>Council</u>	
Dan Albertson(1)	549-3612
Wayne Stebner(2)	752-2041
Jim Hedrick(3)	759-0944
Jane Hunt (4)	759-2364
Bradley Huson(5)	759-6391
Police Department	761-0272
Municipal Court	759-8545
Town Hall	759-3544
Town Clerk	Karen Carlisle
Utility Clerk	Jennie Barton
Office Assistant	Janice Case
Court Clerk	Diane Turner
Interim Police Chief	Sharon Reese
Fire Chief	Don Torbet
Public Works	Steve Taylor
	Steve Tucker
Bldg. Official	Frank Mellas
Bldg. Inspector	Joe Tedder