

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Town Council Meets: October 6th & October 20th 7:00 pm at the Ruston School
- Meter Reading: October 21st , November 20th & December 23rd.
- Seniors will meet on October 4th at 1:00 pm at Ruston Town Hall.
- Planning Commission: September 24, October 8, October 22, November 12 & November 26.
- Civil Service Commission: October 9, November 13 & December 11.

COUNCIL NEWS
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008
Ordinance No. 1263

The Ruston Town Council passed Ordinance No. 1263 relating to Floodplain Management and updating the provisions to qualify for the National Flood Insurance Program.

Ordinance No. 1264

Ordinance No. 1264 was passed by the Ruston Town Council adopting the Planning Commission findings and recommendations relating to the Pt. Ruston Master Development Plan, repealing Ordinance No. 1002.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

Ordinance No. 1265

On September 15, the Council passed Ordinance No. 1265 adopting the Ruston Municipal Code as revised in August 2008. Many thanks to Sally Everding for taking on this task.

COLUMBUS DAY CLOSURE

Ruston Town Hall and Ruston Municipal Court will be closed Monday, October 13th in observance of Columbus Day. Regular garbage pick-ups scheduled for Monday, October 13th will be done on Tuesday, October 14, 2008.



CALLING ALL CANDIDATES

Applications are being accepted to fill the position of Mayor for the Town of Ruston. Please submit a letter of interest and background information to Ruston Town Hall for consideration.



INVITING OUR SENIORS

The Ruston Seniors will be recruiting and hosting an open house on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 1:00 pm with coffee and desserts.

Please stop by and visit and get to know our seniors. They would be glad to have you and share some goodies.

SMALL TOWN LIVIN'

"It was small town livin' in the U.S.A. before our country started to grow And the flag had a full forty-eight stars An livin' was gentle and slow."

A Ruston Senior

Yes, most of us remember that time. Now in the year 2008 with computers, jumbo jets and clogged freeways...we are the lucky ones.....

We live in Ruston.

In today's world, most folks don't know their neighbors.

We Do!

Most folks can't go and talk to their Mayor.

We Can!

Most folks can expect at least a 15 minute response time to any emergency.

NOT US.... 3 minutes ! Thanks to our fire and police departments.

In the middle of it all, we are delighted to be able to enjoy "Small Town Livin' everyday right here in **RUSTON.**

This was written and submitted by one of our seniors back in 2000.

Enhanced Driver License and Identification Card

Recent federal legislation requires people traveling into the U.S. by air, to present a valid passport. For land and sea border crossing, the passport requirement started in early 2008.

To preserve travel, trade, and cultural ties with British Columbia and increase security at the border, the Washington State Department of Licensing will offer an Enhanced Driver License and Identification Card.

The EDL/ID meets federal requirements and best practices for travel documents. It is an approved alternative travel document, to a U.S. Passport, for re-entry into the U.S. at land and sea borders between the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean.

For more information contact www.dol.wa.gov or your local licensing office.

EASY HELP FOR THE TOWN COFFERS

When you buy anything from companies that bring it to your door – give them our sales tax user ID #2713. This could be anything from beauty bark to furnaces. We get the local portion of sales tax – instead of our neighbor to the south.

YARD CLEANUP

It's that time of year when everyone is cleaning up their yards and gardens after enjoying the beautiful blooms of summer.

The maintenance department requests that yard waste cans be placed at the edge of the ally or street, depending on your pick-up location, once emptied cans should be returned to their storage location. To ensure pick-up of yard waste, clearly mark cans as "yard waste" to keep them from being confused with recycling or garbage.

YARD WASTE CONSISTS OF ALL VEGETATION MATERIAL GROWN IN YOUR YARD WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOD. The public works department thanks you for your cooperation.



Electric Meter Disconnections

The Town has been receiving many questions regarding our utility shut-off procedure. In an attempt to clarify I am providing a timeline and detailed information regarding the disconnection of electric meters.

- Utility Bills are sent around the 20th of the month.
- These bills are due the 15th of the following month.
- Accounts not paid on the 15th will be mailed a delinquency notice showing that a late fee charge of \$15.00 will be added to the account and could be subject to disconnect.
- According to Ruston Municipal Code, meters can be pulled after the 1st of the next month with 24 hours notice.

In an attempt to give additional time, pink door hangers are delivered the week prior to the disconnection date. These notices clearly indicate when the bill must be paid to avoid having the meter pulled. Payment arrangements can be made before the meter is pulled by coming to Town Hall upon

receipt of the **delinquency notice.**

During the period between the delinquency notices and the door hangers another bill is issued. Ruston Municipal Code 18.01.030 sections b and c state "If service is cut off for nonpayment, a fee of \$50.00, shall be paid to the Town in addition to all sums due for current service before service is renewed.... current (service) shall not be turned on until said delinquent account, together with any other charges which may be due, shall have been paid". Therefore, in order to have the electric meter reinstalled, the Town must receive the entire account balance and a \$50.00 reconnection fee.

Your Officials

Mayor

Bradley Huson 759-6391

Council

Dan Albertson 549-3612
Jim Hedrick 759-0944
Jane Hunt 759-2364
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 reasons.

Police Department 761-0272

Police Chief Sharon Reese
Sergeant Jeremy Kunkel

Municipal Court 759-8545
Court Clerk Diane Turner

Town Hall 759-3544
Town Clerk Karen Carlisle
Utility Clerk Myriah Mesa
Office Assistant vacant
Fire Chief Don Torbet
Public Works Steve Taylor
Steve Tucker

Building Official Frank Mellas
Building Inspector Joe Tedder
Planner Rob White