

**City of Ruston**

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**5117 N Winnifred Street  
Ruston, WA 98407  
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**March 2018**

**Open M-F 9am-5pm**

**PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- City Council Meets: Next meeting is Tuesday, April 3, 2018 and Tuesday April 17, 2018.
- Regular Council Meetings are held at The Mary Joyce Community Center, 5219 N. Shirley St, at 7:00 PM.
- Planning Commission: Watch the bulletin board and the website for meetings scheduled.

**Mayors Corner**

The City was recently notified that our Pearl Street grant funds have now been restored at the State level. We were awarded a grant a couple years ago to place bulb-outs along Pearl Street that contain storm water rain gardens. The grant was provided to us by Department of Ecology aimed at reducing storm water entering the bay. This project will not remove any parking and will provide a better pedestrian experience when walking down Pearl Street. The funding we received does not cover all the costs, so we are submitting for other grants to cover all our costs. More to come on that issue.

Last year the City also received funding through a new program called Complete Streets. Complete Streets is a program that looks to promote walkability and biking within cities. With the significant increase in traffic on 51<sup>st</sup> Street City staff and Council have identified the intersection at 51<sup>st</sup> & Winnifred as a place to use the grant funds. We will be exploring the signalization of that intersection – going from a four way stop to a traffic signal. The traffic signal will be pedestrian controlled allowing for the safe crossing in all directions. We still have a traffic study to complete and other engineering work however our goal is to continue to strive to have a safe walkable city.

These two projects were on the City's 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan. The Transportation Improvement Plan drives funding opportunities. Anyone interested in reviewing the plan it can be found on the City's website.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

**From the Police Department**

I think everyone that lives in Ruston knows what a great community this is. There are so few problems compared to surrounding areas. We have great residents that look out for one another and keep an eye on things. The only problem with that small town feel that that sometimes we get complacent and do things like leave front doors unlocked, garage doors open, or cars unlocked. Unfortunately, the bad apples know that communities like ours exist and they come from other areas to victimize our residents.

As warmer weather approaches please let me remind you that leaving windows wide open and doors unlocked on your house invite the unwanted guests to come in and help themselves to your possessions. Leaving cars unlocked is a double-edged sword because you may avoid a broken window, but any valuables get taken swiftly and quietly. I just watched a video where a thief walked up to a truck and tried to open the door. When he found the door locked he moved on without doing any damage.

Please remember that thieves operate in all weather, but just like us, they prefer warm dry weather to go out and victimize people. The Ruston PD can't be in all places at once so please watch out for each other and keep your doors and windows locked.

Thanks, Chief Estes

## **From the Fire Department**

We have been focusing on completing our annual commercial fire inspections and we would like to extend that service to you to help keep your home fire safe. At your request, we will come and help change batteries in your smoke detectors, look for overloaded circuits and talk about escape plans. This is a great chance to meet your firefighters, make sure your kids are comfortable with seeing us in all of our gear and most importantly, make sure your home is as safe as possible to prevent a fire from happening. Please contact Chief Torbet to schedule a visit at [dont@rustonwa.org](mailto:dont@rustonwa.org).

For any emergencies, especially medical emergencies, please call 911 even if you aren't sure you need to go to the hospital. We are always ready and willing to help no matter the situation.

Please help us to find your house in an emergency. Please make sure your house numbers are visible from the street.

The Ruston Fire Department

## **From the Public Works Department**

Yard Waste Totes: If you are generating more yard waste than one tote can handle (overstuffing or overweight) you can request an additional yard waste tote. There is an additional \$10.00 per month fee for an additional yard waste tote.

Please remember to place your garbage tote out every Tuesday by 7a.m. and recycle and yard waste totes out every Wednesday by 7 a.m. Or you may put them out the night before.

A reminder please, do not feed the wildlife. Many people are unaware of the issues which can result from feeding wildlife. Feeding is not only potentially harmful to wildlife; it can also lead to significant health and safety risk to humans and domesticated pets as well. As wildlife becomes conditioned by human's beings, many species will actually alter their natural behaviors, resulting in adverse consequences.

Thank you. The Public Works Department

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253-798-4721

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

### **City of Ruston Personnel**

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Municipal Court	253-759-8545
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Fire Chief	Don Torbet
Public Works	Ray Johnson
Permit Coordinator	Chrissanda Walker
Building Services Code Pros	Mike Barth
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