

**City of Ruston**

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**May 2018**

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

**PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- City Council Meets: Next meeting is Tuesday, June 5, 2018 and Tuesday June 19, 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**

We continue to see tremendous interest from businesses looking to relocate to Ruston. This is welcome news on several fronts. For Ruston residents to now have more professional services joining our growing restaurant base - all within walking distance for many - is wonderful. We welcome Lovino's Italian restaurant located on the corner of 51<sup>st</sup> & Pearl to the Ruston business community. Under renovation and, soon to open, is the North End on Pearl Pub that is going into the space previously operated by Mitchells Always Cooking - 5037 N. Pearl.

We have seen record permitting activity for projects all over town. Pierce County has offered Ruston their permitting system that will enhance the way we process permits. Their system will allow us to provide residents with access to all permits within the city. We hope to have that up and running within the next 90 days.

Taste of Tacoma is just around the corner and parking will be at a premium this year and our streets will feel even more of an impact this year. Ruston police will be monitoring the situation and if you have any issues don't hesitate to reach out to them. Ruston police will also be taking delivery of their new vehicles which will help modernize their fleet. Three new Dodge Chargers are being added so we can retire the oldest vehicles thus helping us reduce our maintenance costs.

The city has applied for three grants and we are awaiting the results. They are all for roadway improvements, two 51<sup>st</sup> Street and the other is for Pearl Street. These projects are detailed in our 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan if your interested - found on our website.

Thanks for reading - your mayor - Bruce Hopkins

**From the Clerk's Office**

The City has completed the annual reset of sewer rates. Your rates decreased, remained the same, or increased based on your household consumption usage. This will be reflected in your utility bill due June 15, 2018.

**From the Police Department**

Welcome to the warmer weather. Warmer weather brings with it the need to send out a reminder to lock your cars and close the windows. More people are out and about in the later hours as it remains lighter longer and sometimes people forget to close their car windows. Remember to never leave your pets in the car. Even with the windows cracked open temperatures can quickly exceed 100 degrees inside.

June brings on the annual Taste of Tacoma. We should expect a very busy time this year as the daily traffic volume is only increasing. If you need an officer to assist, remember to call the South Sound 911 center, non-emergency number, 253-798-4721/800-562-9800. Officers are rarely in the office and it may take time to return messages that are left on the answering machine.

We are continuing our efforts to become fully staffed. Our goal is to bring on officers that are willing to make a long-term commitment to the City of Ruston and provide excellence in the service to you. Look for a new look in upcoming months with uniforms and new cars. We are proud to be of service to you and want to share that pride. Thanks, Chief Estes

## **From the Fire Department**

Please help to keep your home safe this summer from outside fires that may spread to your house by following these steps:

- CLEAR leaves and other vegetative debris from roofs, gutters, porches and decks. This helps prevent embers from igniting your home.
  - MOVE dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house
  - REMOVE flammable materials (wood piles, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Wildfire can spread to tree tops. PRUNE trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- KEEP your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.

The Ruston Fire Department

## **From the Public Works Department**

The recycling industry is experiencing high level of contamination which is trash in the recycling. This is coming at a time when the requirements for quality (clean recycling) are increasing due to new policies in China. These policies have banned twenty-four types of materials and include strict quality standards. When non-recyclable items (contamination) end up in the recycling load (recycling truck), they have the potential to turn the entire load into trash and increase processing cost resulting and /or additional service charges.

### **Recycling Do's**

Do recycle all **clean** empty Plastic bottles.  
Do keep food and liquids **out** of recycling.  
Do keep plastic bags **out** of recycling.

### **Recycling Don'ts**

Don't bag your recyclables. Plastic bags and film get tangled in the machinery.  
Don't include food- soiled items- they can turn an entire load of recycling into trash.

Thank you. The Public Works Department

### **MAYOR**

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**Emergency – Dial 911 or Non-Emergency Dispatcher**  
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**

Police Department	253-798-4721
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City Attorney	Jennifer Robertson
Fire Chief	Don Torbet
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Permit Coordinator	Chrissanda Walker
Building Services Code Pros	Mike Barth
<a href="http://www.rustonwa.org/services/community-development/code-enforcement">http://www.rustonwa.org/services/community-development/code-enforcement</a>	
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