

City of Ruston

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Ruston, WA 98407
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June 2018

Open M-F 9am-5pm

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Next meeting is Tuesday, July 3, 2018 and Tuesday July 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.
- **Ruston City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 in observance of Independence Day.**
- **4th of July Annual Children's Bicycle Parade will be held Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at 12PM. Bring your decorated bikes.**



by Charlotte Hedrick

Mayors Corner

With the Taste of Tacoma behind us I would like to think we will have a break from all the traffic but 4th of July is here. We have our annual 4th of July parade being held on Winnifred Street at noon. If you haven't attended before I would encourage you to come and watch everyone on their bicycles ride around Winnifred Street. Always a fun event.

Police Chief Andy Estes retired at the end of May but stayed on to help transition our newest chief Nestor Bautista into his new role. Nestor comes to us with 25 years' experience with Washington State patrol. I am very pleased that he accepted the position and welcome his perspective on neighborhood policing. Don't be surprised to see our officers on foot patrol and interacting with Ruston residents.

The Market at Point Ruston is still in the permit review stage. We are hoping that all issues are cleared shortly, and construction begins. Looking forward to having a local source for grocery needs.

Have a safe fourth of July. Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather. As I patrol the city I have seen plenty of folks using the picnic tables on Winnifred and at the park. Lots of people are out walking their dogs and just staying home and enjoying the breeze that goes through the house when all the windows are open. Let's just remember that this is also the time of year when we forget to close windows at night when we go to bed, or when we head off to work. This is a golden opportunity for those bent on theft to enter your house through an open window and take what does not belong to them. Please remember to have some kind of block in your window so that it only opens a small amount so that the breeze can get in, but the crooks can't. If you sleep upstairs, make sure that your downstairs windows are closed. When you leave the house just do a short check of your windows to make sure that they are closed and locked. Please also remember to watch out for your neighbors. If you see someone walking around your neighbor's house that you don't recognize please call. We would rather get called for a false alarm than not be called and find out that your neighbor has been victimized. Enjoy the weather and keep those BBQ grills going. We love the smell as we patrol the city.

Thanks, Chief Estes

From the Fire Department

I am writing this before the Taste of Tacoma. Hopefully we have all survived another year. We can now focus on the next big event. The 4th of July. Celebrating the independence of our nation. Every year we send out information about fireworks being illegal in the City of Ruston. We site cases of injuries to people who choose to ignore the warnings. It won't happen to me! Every year we talk about fires started by fireworks and about pets that hide in terror from the explosions in the neighborhood.

Every year while you're watching the displays over the waterfront, the members of your Ruston Fire Department drive around asking our neighbors to stop lighting off fireworks. We are certainly met with challenges. Can we make this year different? If you must blow things up, can you go someplace where it is legal because it is not legal in Ruston.

Thank you for your consideration. Chief Torbet

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

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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
Anders Estes	Police Chief
Municipal Court	253-759-8545
City Hall	253-759-3544
City Clerk	Judy Grams
City Attorney	Jennifer Robertson
Fire Chief	Don Torbet
Public Works	Ray Johnson
Permit Coordinator	Chrissanda Walker
Building Services Code Pros	Mike Barth
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City Planner	Rob White