

City of Ruston

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July 2018

Open M-F 9am-5pm

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Council meeting of Tuesday, August 7, 2018 is cancelled for National Night Out. Next meeting is Tuesday August 21, 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.
- **National Night Out – Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 7PM.**

Mayors Corner

The summer months in Ruston continue to get busier and busier. While the construction season is in full swing many residents have complained that contractors are not adhering to the cities noise ordinances. I encourage you to notify the police department if you are experiencing noise issues before 7:00 AM which is the time construction activities can commence.

I am happy to report that our council meetings are seeing increased attendance from Ruston residents. I think it is very important for residents to be involved and participate in the decisions that council is having to make. We are faced with significant challenges and your input and participation in the discussions is very valuable.

The city is currently undergoing a website redesign. This will help us modernize our current offerings to make them more user friendly. The new website will provide us with a better forum for providing content to our residents. Our goal is to have the full site online by the end of the year.

Hope you all are enjoying your summer.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

Greetings friends! I am your new chief of police, so it is a pleasure to communicate with you in my first newsletter. My name is Nestor Bautista. I am here to be a partner with a purpose to serve our community and to impart a positive influence on your quality of life. As I pondered the position to be your chief one of the compelling realizations was that this community, surrounded by a much larger government, is determined to maintain local control and govern themselves. This is an admirable feature that is uniquely American, and totally Ruston! I am so honored and proud to be part of your community.

I started my law enforcement career with the Washington State Patrol in 1991 and retired in 2016. I was a trooper until 1998, became a detective until 2002, and then promoted to sergeant. In 2012, I was selected to be a detective sergeant and lead WSP detectives at the regional auto theft task force. In 2013 was assigned to be the task force supervisor. Upon retiring from WSP, I accepted an officer position with the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board.

It is no surprise to any Ruston resident that many changes are occurring, and whether I am your chief for one more day or many days to come, I vow to leave it better than I found it. I am pleased to report that you have officers who care in the same way that I care about Ruston, and part of my job will be to develop them into the finest officers they are capable of becoming. I owe it to you as much as I owe it to them. As beneficiaries to this plan, it is my hope that you have an outstanding relationship with each of them in the time to come.

I'll continue to report the things we are doing in the monthly newsletter, but I want to close with telling you that I believe close-knit communities can enhance your life span. There was once a mystery in a community in Pennsylvania; they could not figure out why its' residents were living so long beyond those living in nearby communities. They ate a lot of bad foods (according to what they say to avoid

these days), drank lots of wine (please don't do that and drive, lest you meet one of our officers in an awkward way), didn't exercise (who does?), and rarely showed signs of heart disease (as was the most common life-ending event in those days).

A medical doctor and a sociologist studied the town and were of the opinion that it was their town culture and high quality of life they had practiced for generations. While eating lunch today with one of our officers in town, I met a wonderful lady who lived in Ruston until recently. She is 101 years-young, as mentally sharp as we come, and I thought about giving her an application for one of our vacancies at the police department. I think she is living proof of what Ruston has to offer to each of us. May we all live to be 101 and beyond!!!

See you all later! Chief Bautista

From the Fire Department

Many of you have alarms in your homes and businesses. However, some of the important information has not been updated. When we are called to your address, the information supplied on the alarm permit, can be very useful helping us manage your situation. Please take the time to help us – help you by updating your permit.

With wildfires running rampant in the west, please be sure to keep yard and plants in good order with brush close to your structures trimmed and watered. Keep yourself personally hydrated as well.

Thank you. Chief Torbet

From the Public Works Department

RECYCLE- Pick up day is every WEDNESDAY

The City of Ruston accepts plastics that are #1, #2, and #5. Numbers can be found on bottom of the clean container. The City does not accept bubble foil wrap, Styrofoam, glass or Packing peanuts. Place those items in your garbage. We accept tin and aluminum cans and clean aluminum foil. The City does not accept pizza boxes or other food contaminated materials. Please do not put plastic bags in recycle they will only interfere with the recycling process by wrapping around gears and other moving parts.

The City of Ruston needs to make sure we deliver only acceptable recycle to the Recycle Facility.

Thank you. The Public Works Department

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If you need assistance to attend a Council meeting please contact City Hall at 253-759-3544.

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