

City of Ruston

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**5117 N Winnifred Street
Ruston, WA 98407
www.rustonwa.org**

August 2018

Open M-F 9am-5pm

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Council meeting of Tuesday, September 4, 2018 and Tuesday, September 18, 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 all will be closed the following holiday: Labor Day – September 3, 2018.**

Mayors Corner

The City was awarded a Complete Streets grant in 2017 that will fund changes to the intersection at 51st Street and Winnifred. We will be looking to install pedestrian activated crossings that will provide pedestrians with a more secure method of crossing that intersection. This is currently in the design phase, but we anticipate this will move along quickly. With the increased traffic we need to provide pedestrians and cyclists with safe travel through our city.

The City has been dedicated to modernizing its utility infrastructure. Our automated radio reads were implemented in October of 2015 and it was a significant undertaking yet has yielded positive results.

We are now turning our attention back to our undergrounding projects. We will be working to have all our utilities undergrounded and less susceptible to inclement weather events. With winter around the corner we are always concerned with wind and ice and what impact they might have on our lives.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

So far this month I've had the pleasure of meeting our neighbors at Court and Highland Streets during their block parties, as well as our neighbors at The Commencement during their monthly meeting. To those I could not visit with individually, I look forward to knowing you and ask you to not be shy about contacting me at any time.

I am pleased to tell you that we have hired an officer who previously served at the Gig Harbor and Puyallup Police Departments. His name is Shawn Hoey and I am certain that you will find him eager to engage with our community and serve with distinction. You may not have heard, but upon taking office I directed our officers to become involved with you in manner that will establish mutual familiarity and personal rapport. This is an essential component of being a servant leader in the community.

As a reminder to all, our police officers spend most of their time in our neighborhood. As a consequence, our police office is not staffed, and you may not be able to reach us immediately unless you call 911. Do not hesitate to use this line if you need to be in contact with the on-duty officer, even if the nature of your need is not an immediate emergency. Additionally, I am reachable 24 hours a day via email at nestor.bautista@rustonwa.org or at a phone number that you may obtain from the City Hall.

See you all later! Chief Bautista

From the Fire Department

We would like to take a moment to thank Captain Jeff Wherrett for his service. Jeff has been with us for 9 years and has left due to job requirements. Captain Wherrett has done so much for the department and will be greatly missed.

We have three of our recruits that will be testing next month for their 1403 qualifications at JBLM which will allow them to fight fire. Wish them luck!

School is starting up soon which means we will be seeing school busses again. Please be cautious of the busses and the kids at the bus stops and those who walk.

Thank you. 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

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
Nestor Bautista	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
http://www.rustonwa.org/services/community-development/code-enforcement	
City Planner	Rob White