

**City of Ruston**

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**September 2018**

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

**PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- City Council Meets: Council meeting of Tuesday, October 2, 2018 and Tuesday, October 16, 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: Columbus Day – October 8, 2018.**

**Mayors Corner**

The construction in and around our city seems to be non-stop. We are seeing continued progress at Point Ruston with the Silver Cloud Hotel moving forward and the Ruston Market will soon break ground. The Metro Parks expansion project is winding down, for now. There are more projects slated for the park pending funding. With those two large developments going on at our borders we also continue to have new construction happening throughout our City. Construction season appears to be all year long. Our streets are taking a pounding and we will need to address them shortly. Typically, when your infrastructure is overburdened you have a silver lining in the form of increased tax base. Most of the work being done at the Point Ruston project has been focused on Phase 1 in Tacoma and the Metro Parks project also being in Tacoma. Left with having to repair or replace infrastructure without the benefit of increased tax revenue we will be seeking grants from the state to assist us in addressing this issue. For now, it is a major concern moving forward.

For those new to the City of Ruston, Karen Pickett a long-time resident wrote a book on the history of Ruston. You can find it at the Ace Hardware store, Westgate, if you are interested in our City's history.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

**From the City Clerk's Office**

Edith Marie Tallman, 80, a long time Ruston resident, passed away Sunday, September 9, 2018. Edie, as she was affectionately known, lived right next door to City Hall for 56 years and would always come in with delicious treats for the Ruston staff.

Edie's hands were rarely still. If she wasn't working in her garden, or baking in the kitchen, Edie would be sewing handmade. sweet Easter Bunnies in bright spring dresses and bonnets for the Easter Egg Hunt-Auction each year. We celebrate her life and will miss our friend dearly.

**From the Police Department**

September is National Preparedness Month and I have reviewed several suggested resources provided from FEMA and the Pierce County Emergency Management Division (EMD). Of these, the one I would like to suggest for your consideration is the Pierce County ALERT service. It allows you to receive important local notifications via text message to your smart phone.

You can sign up by texting the phrase "PCALERT" to the number "888-777." When I signed up I was concerned about receiving too many non-essential text messages. But so far, I've only received confirmation that I was included in the warning system. Our contacts at EMD promise they are sensitive to over-messaging and will use it only for pertinent/real-time emergencies. If you choose to cancel future notifications, you can text the word "STOP" to "888-777."

With school now in session, I have asked our dayshift officers to visit with our town students while they wait at their bus stops. Please do not be alarmed by this. It is part of our desire that the youngest members of our community are comfortable with their

protectors. Additionally, we have been trying to spread the word that we are sponsoring a non-tackle football event at Rust Park for those in town under the age of 16. We hope to have this arranged in the coming weeks, and parents must approve by contacting us via email (to [shawn.hoey@rustonwa.org](mailto:shawn.hoey@rustonwa.org)).

As always, you may reach me at [nestor.bautista@rustonwa.org](mailto:nestor.bautista@rustonwa.org). I am also available for a call from our residents 24/7, but I regret that I must refrain from publishing it. To obtain my number you may ask any officer or city employee, or when you see me around town driving the streets and the alleys, waive me down. I look forward to meeting you!

Nestor Bautista  
Chief of Police

## **From the Fire Department**

Your Ruston Fire Fighters had a wonderful opportunity to train at JBLM fire training facility and get Recruits 1403 certified. They are now able to enter a burning building. Congratulations to our recruits and thank you for the hard work.

Halloween is quickly approaching. Please make sure costumes are easily visible. Use glow sticks or flashlights and face masks must provide clear vision. Please swing by the Fire Station for candy and a chance to sit in the fire engine or ambulance.

Thank you. Chief Torbet

## **From the Public Works Department**

Please keep an eye on trees and bushes growing around the perimeter of your property. Trim or cut branches that are growing into or overhead of sidewalk, alley and street. A notice letter will be sent out to those in violation of these encroachments.

Do not set out overfilled garbage carts. An overfilled cart is one where the lid does not lie flat on the cart when closed, because the contents of the cart are more than its capacity. Garbage that is out in the open because the lid will not close is an invitation to critters and crows that are always looking for their next meal and do not clean up after themselves. Remember, overfilled carts, set out for pick-up, are subject to an extra charge on your utility bill

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
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
<a href="http://www.rustonwa.org/services/community-development/code-enforcement">http://www.rustonwa.org/services/community-development/code-enforcement</a>	
City Planner	Rob White