

City of Ruston

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**5117 N Winnifred Street
Ruston, WA 98407
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November 2018

Open M-F 9am-5pm

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Council meeting of Tuesday, December 4, 2018 and Tuesday, December 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 holidays: December 24th and December 25th and New Year's Day, January 1, 2019.**



Come to an Old-Fashioned Tree Lighting at 51st & Winnifred on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 6PM.



Mayors Corner

The holidays always mean different things to many people. For me it means family, friends and community spending time together. This is also the time of year I reflect on our financial performance from our current year and projections for next year. We continue to invest in our future making significant investments into our public safety departments.

For 2019 we have entered into an interlocal agreement with the City of Fircrest that will integrate our two court systems. We will be utilizing Fircrest's court to handle the increased activity our court has seen over the past couple of years. This was a difficult decision to make but the need to improve public safety was the primary factor. On court days City Hall did not have the capacity to house everyone therefore they spilled out onto the adjacent properties. In order to upgrade City Hall to handle the increased capacity and improve our safety features the costs were prohibitive. The interlocal provides us with increased capacity while minimizing our long-term financial ramifications.

In 2019 we will also be transitioning away from our contracted landscaping service and moving the work in-house. While outsourcing this over the years was financially prudent, we have seen the contract costs almost double for next year and it is no longer a viable alternative.

The city's financial health continues to improve every year and our future looks very bright.

Wishing you all a great holiday season.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

Dear friends, I hope your Thanksgiving Day was restful and happy. As we enter into the busy shopping holiday season please remember this is also the time of year, we must especially safeguard our purchases. If you must store your purchases in your car, store them in your trunk. Thieves could be watching you, so be sure to also lock the interior access levers in your vehicles.

At times, the Department becomes aware of convicted individuals who have been paroled into communities. One such person lives just

outside of our town and his/her conviction may have involved identity theft. Identity theft is easy to do and difficult to prosecute. So please help us prevent you from becoming victims by remaining mindful of how you dispose of your unwanted mail, specifically any bearing your name and address. The best possible method for disposal is shredding, and worst possible way is to place it into your recycling bin without modifying it.

The officers are planning another football game with our town youth. All are invited, but please send an email to Officer Shawn Hoey at shawn.hoey@rustonwa.org so we can get a headcount for food and refreshments.

Nestor Bautista
Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

The Holidays are upon us and the Fire Department would like to remind you that if you have a natural tree in your home, add water each day to lessen the fire danger. Also, be careful not to overload electrical cords with your decorations.

The annual City tree lighting will take place on December 1st at 6PM at 51st and Winnifred Street.

Santa will be at City Hall on December 15 at 2 PM until 3:30 PM. Please stop by with the children. This is the same day Fire Fighters will be collecting your donations for both our annual toy and food drives. Place your donations on your front porch and we will pick them up. Please help keep the holidays safe for all.

Thank you. Chief Torbet

From the Public Works Department

Christmas Tree Recycling: Trees will be picked up with regular yard waste and must be free of any decoration, flocking or anything else not part of the tree. Please cut the tree up in three feet sections and place them in your yard waste cart (do not jam them in) or place them two feet away from your yard waste cart and it will be collected.

Thank you and Happy Holidays. The Public Works Department

MAYOR

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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	253-759-3544
City Attorney	253-759-3544
Fire Chief	253-759-3544
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Building Services Code Pros	253-759-3544
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	Jennifer Robertson
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	Chrissanda Walker
	Mike Barth
	Rob White

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