

City of Ruston

253-759-3544

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

December 2018

Open M-F 9am-5pm

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Council meeting of Tuesday, January 2, 2019 and Tuesday, January 15, 2019.
- 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 the following holiday: Martin Luther King, Monday, January 21, 2019.**



Mayors Corner

Hope you are all enjoying the holiday season and looking forward to the New Year.

2019 marks the first year in decades that our city budget forecast does not include drawing from our reserves to balance the budget. For many of you who are new to the city we have struggled for years since the smelting plant closed years ago. Many didn't believe the city would remain viable much less experience the growth we have seen in recent years. While the Point Ruston development and business are a contributor to our success, we have seen businesses in town – outside of the Point Ruston development thrive and flourish. Staff continues to field inquiries from parties interested in redeveloping properties in the city. The growth is a double-edged sword. While growth brings in new revenue, we also experience increased demand on our services – from garbage and electricity to Police and Fire – the demand for services increases as well. I applaud our council for being proactive and investing heavily in public safety and infrastructure.

We have several projects slated for 2019 centered around pedestrian traffic. Winnifred and 51st and Pearl Street are the two areas slated for improvements. We want to encourage and protect those that want to walk the neighborhood.

Wishing you a Happy New Year.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

All members of your police department wish everyone a happy and peaceful holiday season. We also express our heartfelt gratitude to the many who provided us with Christmas and holiday treats.

As we close 2018, I personally want to thank all of you for welcoming me as your police chief. I am starting my 28th year in the law enforcement profession and can truthfully report that this is a wonderful community to serve.

Thank you.

Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

Thank you to all that donated to the annual food and toy drive. The Fire Department collected over 900 pounds of food and many, many toys to be distributed locally.

Please make sure your address is visible from the street, so we can locate your home if you should call on us for help.

If you still have a natural tree in your home, add water each day to lessen the fire danger. Every year we read about tragedies caused by holiday tree fires in homes. Don't let this happen to you.

Thank you. Chief Torbet

From the Public Works Department

Christmas Tree Recycling: Christmas trees will be picked up with regular yard waste. Trees must be free of any decoration or flocking or anything else not part of the tree. Please cut the tree up in 3 feet sections and put them in your yard waste cart (do not jam them in) or place them 2 feet away from your yard waste cart it and it will be collected.

Remember to protect your plumbing by disconnecting your garden hose, drain irrigation systems and shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets. Insulate exposed pipes, valves and faucets. Report a water emergency by contacting Tacoma Public Utilities water division at 253-502-8384.

Thank you and Happy New Year. 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
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
Public Works	253-759-3544
Permit Coordinator	253-759-3544
Building Services Code Pros	253-759-3544
http://www.rustonwa.org/services/community-development/code-enforcement	
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