

**City of Ruston**

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

**January 2019**

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

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- City Council Meets: Council meeting of Tuesday, February 5, 2019 and Tuesday, February 19, 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: Presidents Day, Monday, February 18, 2019.**

**Short Term Rentals Survey** – Do you have an opinion on whether or not Ruston should allow Short Term Rentals like Airbnb, HomeAway and VRBO? If so, please complete a brief ten-question survey (takes approximately 2 minutes). The link to the survey is located on the Ruston website at **www.Rustonwa.org**.

**Mayors Corner**

I was asked to deliver an update on the Pt Ruston project to the Washington senate committee for local government on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Last February we agreed to allow Tacoma to process permits for the entire Pt Ruston development in an attempt to speed up development. Since February of last year there has been one permit issued. That permit is a shell building permit for the Public Market at Pt Ruston so we should see the construction begin soon. We hope that 2019 produces much more than one permit because the developer has a very tight time line to complete the remediation of the site. EPA has given the developer until 2020 to have all the remedial action complete. If you are interested in what that timeline looks like, please visit our city website at [www.rustonorg.com](http://www.rustonorg.com) and you will be able to view the slide show that was presented to the senate committee.

Last council meeting we heard from the Ruston-Point Defiance Business District and they reported that their first wine walk event was hugely successful. I regret we were out of town and couldn't attend but I heard from those that did that it was an outstanding event. Glad to see the community supporting our local businesses and its leading to heightened interest in businesses wanting to establish themselves in Ruston.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

**From the Police Department**

Happy New Year and it is a pleasure to write my first newsletter to you for 2019.

Please ensure your building number is prominently shown on the front your house facing the street, and if possible, at the rear facing the alley. This will allow first responders to find you without delay.

I also wish to encourage you to lock the doors of your vehicles, garages/outbuildings, and residences. There was an incident within the last few weeks in which one of our police officers spotted a man acting suspiciously; the man was a house/car prowler. When the man realized he was being followed by our officer he fled and attempted to hide inside a nearby house. Luckily, the door to that house was locked and our officer arrested him immediately.

I wish everyone a joyous, safe, and prosperous 2019!

Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

## **From the Fire Department**

Thank you all so much for your holiday donations. As always, we had a large load to drop off and we made someone's holiday a little better. Having working smoke alarms in your home is key in keeping you safe if a fire were to happen. Here are some tips regarding smoke alarms:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms every month. ...
- Talk with all family members about a **fire** escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.
- If a **fire** occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP.

Thank you. Chief Torbet

## **From the Public Works Department**

Christmas Tree Recycling: Christmas trees will be picked up with regular yard waste. The tree must be free of any decoration or flocking or anything else not part of the tree. Please cut the tree up in three (3) feet sections and place them in your yard waste cart (do not jam them in) or place them two (2) feet away from your yard waste cart 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. 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	Police Chief
Nestor Bautista		
City Hall	253-759-3544	
City Clerk	253-759-3544	Judy Grams
City Attorney	253-759-3544	Jennifer Robertson
Fire Chief	253-759-3544	Don Torbet
Public Works	253-759-3544	Ray Johnson
Permit Coordinator	253-759-3544	Chrissanda Walker
Building Services Code Pros	253-759-3544	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	253-759-3544	Rob White