

City of Ruston

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Ruston, WA 98407
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Open M-F 9am-5pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Council meeting of Tuesday, March 5, 2019 and Tuesday, March 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.

Mayors Corner

For over twenty-five years Don Torbet has served as the City of Ruston's Fire Chief. On March 31st, 2019 his tenure with our department will come to end with his retirement. Don's service to our community has gone above and beyond what was expected. He was on call 24/7 and honored that commitment that presented restrictions from travel and socializing, and he did it with pride. Don is irreplaceable and I wanted everyone to recognize the commitment and dedication he gave to our City for so many years – thank you Don.

It was with great sadness that I learned former Councilmember and Mayor, Bob Everding passed away on February 13th, 2019. Bob will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences to his wife Sarah and family. We appreciate the time Bob gave in leading Ruston and providing his vision for the future.

The snow we experienced has led to many comments from residents regarding how the City dealt with it. In the past the snow has been fleeting and we have typically taken the position to plow only as needed for emergency service vehicle requirements. Our equipment is not designed as true road maintenance equipment and is intended for emergencies. I want to thank City Staff for all their efforts. Our Police Department reported that our streets were the best in the North End. We have been having discussions internally about how we better address this situation in the future and whether that means additional equipment or not. Just wanted everyone to know that we will take each experience we encounter and learn from it to see how we can best serve you in the future.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

On Saturday, March 16th, the St. Paddy's Day Marathon will route through our City for a duration of approximately 2-3 hours (depending on the fastest and slowest runner). We are anticipating the fastest runner will enter town at about 8:30-9:00 a.m., and we hope to see the event signs gone by noon. You may be able to cross the marathon route when clear of runners, but you will not be able to drive on the streets designated as closed for the event. The most effective way out of town will be to head west to Pearl or south via Orchard. The runners will have the right-of-way while on the marathon route, and nine of our police officers (as well as marathon volunteers) will be at various locations to assist with traffic control.

Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

The Ruston Fire Department would like you consider electrical safety in your home. As a society we are becoming more dependent on electrical power. We simplify have more items to plug into outlets than in the past. So how do we plug in 6 things to a single outlet? There are many items commercially available and I'm sure most of us have these items in our homes. Please be certain the device you use has overload protection. A circuit breaker that stops the flow of power should it become overloaded. Also, these devices are only safe when plugged directly into an outlet. The same is true for portable heating units. Should they be used, only plug them directly into an outlet. If anything feels warm, unplug the device. Let's stop the fire before it starts. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact us.

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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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
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
http://www.rustonwa.org/services/community-development/code-enforcement		
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