

City of Ruston

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Ruston, WA 98407
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March 2019

Open M-F 9am-5pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Council meeting of Tuesday, April 2, 2019 and Tuesday, April 16, 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's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 10AM

Refreshments of muffins, juice and coffee will be available immediately following at the Mary Joyce Community Center.

For Bunny Patrol or to donate to the Easter Egg Fund or to donate individually wrapped candy please contact Lynette at 253-759-3544 or stop by City Hall



Mayors Corner

The City of Ruston provides its own garbage, recycle, and yard waste services and are faced with the same issues most municipalities are having. In January 2018, China stopped buying recyclable materials from the United States because there was too much trash mixed in with the recyclables. China was the major importer of recyclables and we were actually receiving a little income from recycling. The City is now faced with being charged for recycling and if our recycled materials are deemed "contaminated" we will be charged an even higher cost. The New York Times ran an article on this issue titled "As Costs Skyrocket, More U.S. Cities Stop Recycling" (3/16/19). The single stream recycling approach has led to the contamination issues; however, the separation of the recyclable materials would involve multiple bins and currently there is no automated way to handle multiple bins and keep recyclable materials separated. The article talks about having to accept the economic impracticality of recycling.

We are currently evaluating what the future of our solid waste utility will look like and how we can continue to offer the services you expect. Having curb side service every week is a service very few municipalities still offer – and we remain proud to be one of them.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Clerk's Office

Ruston Fire Chief Don Torbet will officially retire on March 31, 2019. Let's celebrate Chief Torbet's 35 years of dedication and exemplary service with the Ruston Fire Department and our community. We will host an open house at City Hall on Friday, March 29, 2019, from 3-5PM. Come by to wish Chief Torbet the best on his well-deserved retirement!

From the Police Department

Greetings to all,

The St. Patrick's Day half-marathon was successful, but we remain open to suggestions you may have for future marathon events. We are anticipating one or two more such events before end of summer, with limited incursion into our City. So, if you have any suggestions we

might consider while we conduct our planning please send them to us at police@rustonwa.org.

As I prepare this newsletter, we are expecting to exceed the temperature on record for this day of the season. This perfect weather reminds me that your officers and I will have more opportunities to visit with you as we drive or walk past, and we look forward to this. My directive to them is to know or be familiar with as many of our neighbors as possible, so I promise we are not trying to be intrusive.

As always, we are here for your service! Don't hesitate to call us if you think we may be helpful.

Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

Tips for Fire Safety:

- 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. Never go back inside for anything or anyone.

As mentioned last month by the Mayor, I will be retiring at the end of March from the Fire Department. Thank you for the honor of serving for 35 years; the last 25 as your Chief. Please stay safe and continue to lookout for one another.

Thank you. Chief Torbet

From the Public Works Department

RECYCLE Reminder - Pick up day is every WEDNESDAY

The City of Ruston accepts #1, #2, and #5 plastic. These numbers can be found on bottom of the clean container. The City does not accept plastic bags, bubble foil wrap, Styrofoam, glass or packing peanuts. Please place those items in your garbage. We accept tin and aluminum cans and clean aluminum foil. The City does not accept pizza boxes or other food contaminated materials. Do not put tied plastic bags of recycling into the cart - it must be loose recycling material in the cart. The City of Ruston needs to make sure we deliver only acceptable recycle to the Recycle Facility. Also, place carts 2 ft away from car bumpers, from each other and from fences.

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		
City Planner	253-759-3544	Rob White