

**City of Ruston**

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**5117 N Winnifred Street  
Ruston, WA 98407  
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**April 2019**

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

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- City Council Meets: Council meeting of Tuesday, May 7, 2019 and Tuesday, May 21, 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: Memorial Day, May 27, 2019.**

**Mayors Corner**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt continues to grow every year. The kids scooped up over 3,000 eggs in under 10 minutes – quite a sight to see. I want to thank all the volunteers who worked countless hours putting the event on. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the residents that supplied all the wonderful treats to help raise funds for next year's Easter event. Last but not least I want to thank the Fire and Police departments. Its truly a community event. During the event I was approached by a woman who was visiting from North Carolina and she wanted to express her gratitude and tell me how much they appreciated our community – piece of Americana.

I mentioned in our last Council meeting that so often I field comments or complaints that are negative in nature – it's part of the job but when I hear the positive ones it's all worthwhile. I had a resident tell me that they were awakened at 2:30 AM one morning by a Ruston police officer ringing their doorbell. He awoke them to inform them that they had left their garage door open. Needless to say, they did not contact me to complain but to reiterate why they love living in Ruston.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

**From the Clerk's Office**

The City has completed the annual reset of sewer rates. Your rates decreased, remained the same, or increased based on your household consumption usage. This will be reflected in your utility bill due May 15, 2019.

**From the Police Department**

Hello Friends,

The Police Department hosted a "Gold Star Family" member for a brief visit. A Gold Star Family is a distinction bestowed out of deference to those whose family member has been killed in military action. Miss Cassie Caron's brother, Joseph Caron grew up in the Tacoma area and was killed in Afghanistan in April 2011. Cassie was 10 years-old when she lost her brother and is now set to graduate high school in June. She requested a few hours of job shadowing for the research of her senior project; she intends to become a law enforcement officer and hopes to become a police chief someday.

On the mornings of May 4th and 5th, two marathon events will have a short impact on our streets. Both will start at Pointe Ruston, up the hill on 51st, north on Shirley Street, and west on Park (formerly 54th). It will then enter the Point Defiance Park and not re-enter the City. Our police officers will be staffing the event and I predict the duration of any inconveniences will be approximately 1-2 hours.

The Police Department will be participating in the National Prescription Drug Take Back on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Participants may bring their unwanted prescription medications to our drop of site at Town Hall, 5117 N. Winnifred Street. These medications will then be disposed of in a safe manner.

On the morning of April 17th, one of our residents was enjoying the Point Defiance Park when her car's window was broken, and personal belongings stolen. Our officers were able to obtain video and still photos of the possible suspect when he used a stolen credit card to purchase merchandise within hours after the theft in Point Defiance. He is described as a white male in his late 20's to early 30's and his picture is provided below. Also shown is the car he was driving at the time of the credit card fraud. If you recognize this vehicle (believed to be a Toyota Echo) or person in our town, please notify our officers by calling 911.



Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

### **From the Fire Department**

After 35 years, Chief Torbet has retired from the Ruston Fire Department. We wish him the best and he will be greatly missed. For now, we have Assistant Chief Allen and Captain Anderson splitting the chief duties until a permanent replacement is selected.

We would like to welcome aboard Jeff Larson and Derrick Koegelenberg to the department. We are looking forward to working with these two gentleman.

Thank you. Assistant Chief Bruce Allen

### **From the Public Works Department**

Please keep an eye on trees and bushes growing around the perimeter of your property. Trim or cut branches that are growing into or overhead of sidewalk, alley and street. A notice letter will be sent out to those in violation of these encroachments.

Do not set out overfilled garbage carts. An overfilled cart is one where the lid does not lie flat on the cart when closed, because the contents of the cart are more than its capacity. Garbage that is out in the open because the lid will not close is an invitation to critters and crows that are always looking for their next meal and do not clean up after themselves. Remember, overfilled carts, set out for pick-up, are subject to an extra charge on your utility bill.

Thank you. 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
City Hall	253-759-3544	
City Clerk	253-759-3544	Judy Grams
City Attorney	253-759-3544	Jennifer Robertson
Assist Fire Chief	253-330-7755	Bruce Allen
Assist Fire Chief	253-330-7755	Michael Anderson
Public Works	253-759-3544	Ray Johnson
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