

**City of Ruston**

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Ruston, WA 98407  
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**May 2019**

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

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- City Council Meets: Council meeting of Tuesday, June 4, 2019 and Tuesday, June 18, 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**

May 17<sup>th</sup> was the filing deadline for two of our council positions that will be on the November ballot. Current council members Hedrick and Syler have again offered their services to the City. Public service is a thankless job for the most part, but I wanted to extend our appreciation to them for their willingness to continue their roles.

There are studies being done on the feasibility of a fast ferry service between Tacoma and Seattle which would provide both cities with much easier access. One of the possible terminal sites is the current Point Defiance ferry terminal with the others being in the Port of Tacoma vicinity. While this is currently just conceptual, I know many Ruston residents would enjoy the ability to walk to this new ferry. Glad to see this being considered and hope that they have Point Defiance on their route – much more to come on this one.

The Point Ruston Public Market has is starting to take shape with the building shell to be completed this fall. Two tenants have been announced - Cheesery & Owens Meats – to occupy the 34,000+ square foot building. With the building now under construction we hope they can bring more businesses to Ruston, and, with the roof now going on the top of the hotel we look forward to their Spring 2020 opening.

Staff continues to be very busy with projects throughout the city with a number of new commercial projects getting ready to begin development – redevelopment - in many cases.

Reminder to keep an eye out for your neighbors and report suspicious people or activities to our police right away. Have a safe and enjoyable beginning to your summer season.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

**From the Police Department**

Hello Friends,

We are currently planning for the Taste of Tacoma, June 21-23, and we ask for your input on how best to mitigate any adverse circumstance you may have experienced from this event in past years. Please email us at [police@rustonwa.org](mailto:police@rustonwa.org). There will be an increased presence of law enforcement officers from other departments in our area to augment our own members, and I will be present throughout the event should you need to contact me.

Recently, I directed our officers to vigorously enforce our parking laws throughout the city. The focus will be on vehicles parked facing the wrong direction or parked in zones where it is prohibited by signage and curb paint. My own observation is that our residents comply with these rules, but I wanted to ask you to ensure your visitors to town are aware of this warning.

When visiting Point Defiance Park, please do not leave any valuables inside your vehicle.

Lastly, I wanted to share that Officer Shawn Hoey received the Life Saving Award from the Tacoma School District Board. Officer Hoey recognized a life-threatening injury on a man who was attempting to unlawfully enter a school and acted quickly to save him by applying a tourniquet to a femoral artery bleed.

Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

## **From the Fire Department**

We have two new members who have joined the Ruston Fire Department. Help us to welcome Kevin Fowler and Jeremiah Melson. We are looking forward to working with these gentlemen.

If you are interested in having an outside recreational fire pit in your yard you will need a permit. You can pick up the permit at Ruston City Hall and request your inspection by calling the On-Duty Fire Officer phone at 253-330-7755.

The weather is finally starting to get warmer which means vegetation is growing as well. Please try to keep yards in good shape by trimming bushes and shrubs, keeping weeds to a minimum and cutting grass regularly, especially if it comes in contact with your home or garage.

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. This is a safety concern for walkers and small children using our sidewalks.

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 is more than its capacity. This is an invitation to critters and crows who are always looking for their next meal and they do not clean up after themselves. Remember, overfilled carts set out for pick-up, are subject to an extra charge on your utility bill.

The Taste of Tacoma is coming, June 21-23!

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
Assist Fire Chief	253-330-7755	Bruce Allen
Assist Fire Chief	253-330-7755	Michael Anderson
Public Works	253-759-3544	Ray Johnson
Permit Coordinator	253-759-3544	Chrissanda Walker
Building Services Code Pros	253-759-3544	Mike Barth
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