

City of Ruston

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

July 2019

Open M-F 9am-5pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Council meeting of Tuesday, August 6, 2019 is cancelled for National Night Out. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 20, 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.



- **Annual National Night Out - Tuesday, August 6, 2019, from 6-9PM. National Night Out will be held at two locations: 49th and Baltimore and 52nd and Highland. ALL ARE WELCOME. Join your neighbors to celebrate the 36th NNO - A community partnership with law enforcement to raise awareness about crime in our neighborhoods.**

Mayors Corner

Many residents have attended recent council meetings asking questions surrounding the Point Ruston parking garage assessment I wrote about last month. Councilmembers Hardin, Hedrick and I will be meeting with the Pierce County Assessor in an attempt to better understand their position. Our meeting will have passed by the time this reaches you. I will provide an update in next month's newsletter.

The other Point Ruston item we get asked about is the Market. The permit that was issued is for the work as it stands today – no other work has been permitted – just the frame of the building.

I hope everyone has had an opportunity to explore the new Point Defiance Dune Peninsula along with the trail that links the two parks together. The views from the bridge are spectacular and it makes for a wonderful walking experience. While this is a welcome addition and very tastefully done, we will need to constantly monitor Phase II of the project which will undoubtedly include the land at the end of Winnifred Street. More to come on that front.

Hope everyone attends your neighborhood Block parties – National Night Out Against Crime, Tuesday August 6th. It is great chance to get together with your neighbors – new and old – and enjoy a BBQ and summer weather.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

The Department has hired a new reserve police officer. His name is Jason Vela and is currently a senior enlisted member and veteran of the US Navy. You will see Officer Vela training with our officers for the next few months and he will be eager to meet you.

All major summer events have passed. But as we enjoy the rest of summer I wanted to remind you that car prowls and property thefts are still prevalent around us. When enjoying Pt Defiance or the park areas around us please either take with you or leave your purses/wallets out if view from the outside. Thefts are occurring every day. When you see suspicious activity do not hesitate to call us by dialing 911. It is still the quickest way for your officers to respond to prevent problems.

Tuesday, August 6th is National Night Out and we would like to provide a static display of the City's police cars at each block party for all to tour. You can email me at police@rustonwa.org to request the display.

Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

Join us and the Ruston Police Department for National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 6th from 6-9PM at 49th and Baltimore or 52nd and Highland. Everyone is welcome and it is a great chance to meet your neighbors and to meet the people that help you in an emergency.

We are proud to announce that we have promoted Chad Wilder to the level of Lieutenant. Chad is in charge of fire training and for planning drill nights. Say hi when you see him. We are sending five of our recruits to the fire academy at Browns Point starting in August. Wish them well. They will come back trained and ready to help.

Thank you. Sara Anderson-MSO Ruston Fire

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 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

MAYOR

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Council

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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
http://www.rustonwa.org/services/community-development/code-enforcement		
City Planner	253-759-3544	Rob White