

City of Ruston

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

Open M-F 9am-5pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 and Tuesday, September 17, 2019
- Regular Council Meetings are held at The Mary Joyce Community Center, 5219 N. Shirley St, at 7:00 PM.
- Individuals who desire special accommodations should contact the City Clerk at (253)759-3544 at least 48 business hours prior to Council Meetings.
- Planning Commission: Watch the bulletin board and the website for meetings scheduled.
- **Ruston City Hall will be closed on Labor Day, September 2, 2019.**

Mayors Corner

I hope everyone had an opportunity to visit with your neighbors at the most recent block parties for National Night Out Against Crime. We saw almost 100 of our neighbors at the block party on 49th Street which was the most ever. It was a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and reacquaint with old ones. The common theme was how proud and happy you all are to live in our small town. Makes my job that much easier – thank you.

The city received a “Complete Streets” grant almost two years ago and we expect the work to begin within the next 90 days for that project. The project will involve providing better pedestrian access throughout our city, like improved sidewalks and ADA ramps. The funding is available to us every two years which we will be eligible for again next year. Our goal is to make your neighborhoods the best walkable communities in the area.

With the start of the school year quickly approaching please be aware that the little ones will be heading to and from the buses each day. Our police will be out encouraging everyone to be extra cautious during those times. Everyone has commented that they are seeing increased speeds on their streets so our police will be addressing the issue.

Hope you all had a great summer.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

I hope everyone's summer has been memorable and safe. As we see our students returning to their bus stops, we will be deploying police officers to conduct speed enforcement throughout town. If there is a particular street you'd like us to include in our speed emphasis please reply to us at police@rustonwa.org.

The Department has seen an increase in recreational vehicles parked illegally. Please note that generally it is a violation to park on the City's right-of-way. The sole exception (for residents only) is to park immediately abutting the lot line of the property upon which the owner or operator of the vehicle resides. The parking must solely be for the purpose of preparing for a planned trip or at the conclusion of a trip. Only 2 days are allowed in any seven-day period and the vehicle may not be used as a dwelling. If you have any questions please contact us.

Please remember that dialing 911 is still the fastest way to reach us for a response by the on-duty police officer. Happy last days of summer!!

Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

It's that time of year for school to be back in session. Please keep an eye out for school buses and kids walking to and from school.

We are pleased to say we have many new faces on the department. Help us to welcome Nathan Nogis, Olysea Baz, Rachel Evanoff and Zach Bainsville. We have five recruits attending the Browns Point Fire Academy and will come back with their Firefighter 1 Certificate, as well as, their Hazmat Ops Certification.

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 is more than its capacity. Garbage that is out in the open, because the lid will not close, is an invitation to critters and crows who 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
City Attorney	253-759-3544
Assist Fire Chief	253-330-7755
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