

City of Ruston

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

October 2019

Open M-F 9am–5pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 and Tuesday, November 19, 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 the following holidays: Veterans Day, November 11th and Thanksgiving, November 28th and November 29th.**



Come to an Old-Fashioned Tree Lighting at 51st & Winnifred on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 6PM.

Mayors Corner

I wanted to remind everyone that construction will begin next month on the pedestrian improvements for the intersection at 51st and Winnifred. This is geared toward making our crossings of those two streets much safer. Once this grant work is completed, we will be applying for our next complete street project.

Our Planning Commission is hard at work to simplify and update our current zoning. We currently have some very antiquated zoning that needs to better reflect the City we are evolving into. I would encourage those interested to attend the planning commission meetings as the Commissioners would appreciate hearing from residents on helping guide our City's development direction.

Budget time is always a difficult time of year. Last year I was overly optimistic with my projections and believed that the Point Ruston development would be further along than it is. The permit for the Point Ruston Market was issued over a year ago and has yet to establish an opening date. However, the Silver Cloud Hotel is expected to open in Spring 2020. With relatively slow development, my expectation for the 2020 budget forecast will remain as challenging as in previous years.

We look forward to welcoming North End on Pearl to Ruston, opening later this year.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

I am pleased, but cautious to report that we have not had a dispatched call for residential property theft since mid-summer. This is an outstanding outcome of several factors: your diligence in securing your possessions and property, constant reporting of suspicious activity and pro-active/community-centered policing by your officers.

As I have reported in the past, the suggested timeframe of planning survival provisions for sheltering in place is 72 hours. Some preparedness authorities are now suggesting a 2-week survival plan in case of disasters. Please consider this especially as we are at the start of our cold and wet season. Additionally, I want you to have the confidence that plans are in place with the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management and the State's Emergency Management Division if any long-term disaster occurs.

Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

Daylight savings is approaching and that means it's time to check your batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If you need assistance with this, please call us on our non-emergency line at 253-330-7755. And of course turn your clocks back one hour at midnight on November 3.

If you are deep frying your turkey this Thanksgiving, please remember if done incorrectly, it can be dangerous. Please be prepared for safety.

The annual tree lighting will be on Saturday, December 7th at 6pm and our Santa Run, where we drive around and stop at City Hall to give kids the chance to visit Santa, will be Saturday, December 21st at 10am.

Happy Holidays to you all. Sara Anderson-MSO Ruston Fire

From the Public Works Department

There is quite a lot of yard work going on in our little City these days. Everything is still growing! A reminder to all – your yard waste must be placed in your City-issued cart or it will not be picked up. If you are generating more yard waste than your cart will hold, you can request another yard waste cart for an additional fee. Information is available at Ruston City Hall.

Who owns what?

Tacoma Water owns the pipes from the water main to the water meter, so when the utility replaces a service, it is done up to the water meter. The pipe from the meter to the home is owned by the property owner. Tacoma Water recommends that the pipes be inspected by a plumbing professional if you're concern about its condition.

Please keep your garbage lid flat to avoid birds and other animals from creating a mess around your tote. You will be charged extra for garbage totes that are not in compliance. 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
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