

**City of Ruston**

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**February 2023**

Open M-F 9am-5pm

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- City Council Meets: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 and Tuesday, March 21, 2023 – In-Person
- **Please refer to the Ruston website at [www.rustonwa.org](http://www.rustonwa.org) for updates on the March 7 and March 21, 2023 Council Meeting**
- Planning Commission: Watch the bulletin board and the website for scheduled meetings.
- Ruston City Council is planning to hold a Council Retreat & Budget Workshop in May or June. This special meeting will take place in the Mary Joyce Community Center, will be open to the public and will be prior to a council meeting. In preparation for this meeting, we invite you to attend two special presentations that will help set the stage for the May workshop. These presentations will take place during regular City Council Meetings. After the April City Council meeting, we will conduct a brief survey of residents. We look forward to hearing from you as we prepare for our council retreat. Stay tuned for survey information in the April Newsletter!
  - March 7<sup>th</sup>: Budget Training/Explanation by City Finance Director
  - April 4<sup>th</sup>: Comprehensive Plan and Current Vision Presentation by City Planner

**Mayors Corner**

The City received a commitment from the contractor working on the Baltimore Street project that the project will resume on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The contractor and Point Ruston will enter mediation on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to resolve their dispute; however, the City has secured the contractor's commitment that they will be onsite to complete our work regardless of the outcome of the mediation. I appreciate everyone's patience as we work through this issue.

The increase in criminal activity is a problem for every municipality and having a fully staffed professional police department has proven to be an effective deterrent. The commitment our officers have in serving our City is unsurpassed and I hope is appreciated by all of you. -I thank the Council for their willingness to support our public safety departments by providing them with the resources they so desperately need.

The City is seeing heightened interest in the office space we have available in the Ruston School building. We just signed one new tenant this month and have a Letter of Intent from another so hopefully we will see the building completely occupied by the end of the year. Ironically, one of the main selling points the new tenants cite is - public safety.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins.

**From the Police Department**

Earlier this month Officer Jason Vela graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy in Burien. Officer Vela was voted to be his class vice president and represented the City of Ruston very well. He is a retired US Navy NCO and he is a fine addition to our Department.

Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

## From the Fire Department

We completed our first official Basic Life Support (BLS) transport of one of our residents to the hospital! Olympic Ambulance also did their first Advanced Life Support (ALS) transport for us. We look forward to a long and positive association with Olympic Ambulance.

I would like to thank our membership for all their hard work and dedication!

Thank you, Fire Chief Bruce Allen

## From the Public Works Department

Now is the time for pruning, 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, street, and service wires, maintain at least 15ft. from feed lines. The service line to your house is your responsibility. Please make sure to keep the meters clear of branches and obstruction, thank you to those that are doing their part. I have seen the improvement to the safety of our sidewalk users.

Basketball hoops are a concern for our refuse service driver. Please make sure it is not in City right of way including the basketball rim.

Thank you for your time in reading this newsletter and caring about our city.

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 x 102.**

### **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
Fire Chief	253-330-7755
Public Works	253-759-3544
Building Services Code Pros	253-759-3544
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City Planner	253-759-3544
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