

City of Ruston

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

February 2020

Open M-F 9am-5pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 and Tuesday, March 17, 2020.
- 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.

Mayors Corner

This week we have had beautiful sunny winter days.

What does nice weather mean to us in Ruston? Traffic. The increase in traffic on nice days is very noticeable and I am proud that we live in an area that people want to come visit. Your council and planning commissioners have worked hard to make sure we plan for the weeks and months that our traffic count spikes. Long range planning is essential. We try to anticipate as many issues as we can before they become a problem. Our biggest concern is that 51st Street has serious limitations from a capacity standpoint. There is the possibility to widen it to better accommodate pedestrian traffic, but vehicle traffic will remain a challenge. Also, in the works is a vision for pedestrian traffic that is tentatively being called the Ruston Loop Trail. The plans are to have a walking trail that starts at 51st and Winnifred and will be located to the west of the Winnifred Street Bridge. The trail would then cross Winnifred at the south end of the bridge and travel across the bluff on the south side of the railroad tracks. The path would then cross Baltimore Street and wind down the hill to Ruston Way with access Point Ruston. This is a massive project with many moving parts and players but has the potential to be stunning. Adding pedestrian access throughout the City without walking alongside a busy street is exciting.

This is just one of the many projects being worked on by your City Representatives. I appreciate everyone's hard work in making Ruston the best place to live.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

Clerk's Office

All dogs and cats must be licensed in the City of Ruston, annually, by March 31st of each year. Making sure that your pet's license is current is important for their safety.

If your home or business has an alarm system the City of Ruston requires you to have an alarm permit.

You may complete the permit application for your pet and/or alarm by going to the Ruston website at www.rustonwa.org. When completed please send or bring to the City of Ruston, 5117 N. Winnifred Street, Ruston, WA 98407 on or before March 31, 2020.

From the Police Department

Marathon season is again upon us. The Saint Patrick's Day marathon will occur on Saturday, March 14th. This year we will communicate traffic detours and duration of the event through the use of the Ruston Police Department's Twitter account.

The Department is attending planning meetings for the Fourth of July Celebration which will affect our town. For the first time ever, we

will be the closest community to the event and our priority is to mitigate the unwanted impacts caused by the potential high volume of event goers. If you would like to express any thoughts and concerns, please send them to us at police@rustonwa.org so we may keep them in mind during our planning.

Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

Please help us to welcome on board Michael Perkins and Abigail Luck. They are both experienced EMT's and they currently attending the fire academy along with fellow recruit Geraldo Ceballos. We also have recruit Tyler Grover in EMT school.

It's never too late to be prepared for a fire in your home. Practice EDITH which stands for Exit Drills in The Home. Get together a plan and an escape route and then practice especially if you have children. It's a good idea to have more than one escape route in case fire prevents you from your primary exit. Set up a meeting point outside the home where you can all gather for safety and accountability.

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.

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.

Who owns what? When it is water related.

Tacoma water owns the pipes from the water main to the water meter, so when the utility replaces a service, it's 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.

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
City Attorney	253-759-3544
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Permit Coordinator	253-759-3544
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	Jennifer Robertson
	Bruce Allen
	Michael Anderson
	Ray Johnson
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