

City of Ruston

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5117 N Winnifred Street

Ruston, WA 98407

www.rustonwa.org

253-759-3544

Open M-F 9am–5pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 and Tuesday, April 21, 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.

Ruston's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Cancelled

As a precaution and because of the restrictions on large gatherings of people the City of Ruston is announcing the cancellation of its Annual Easter Egg Hunt this year.



Happy Easter

Mayors Corner

The impact that COVID-19 virus is having on some people's health has dramatically affected everyone's lives. The disruption to everyone's daily lives is unprecedented and with no clear path to normalcy we all need to remain as positive as possible. The cities services remain intact however public contact with city staff has been suspended until further notice. If you need to speak to city staff please contact City Hall leave a message and your call will be returned.

For those of you that have visited City Hall, once you step in its like stepping back in time. Don't let the facade fool you. Over the years we have invested heavily into automating our services. From garbage collection to our radio read electric metering system the city is prepared. All of our processes internally are digitized which allows city staff the ability to work remotely from home. Each department has worked on their disaster response protocol, but this scenario presents some unusual challenges that they are all navigating extremely well. I want to thank our city staff for their response to this crisis.

On a positive note, Wren and Willow broke ground last week on their new mixed-use building on Pearl Street. The site was previously home to the Washing Well Laundromat. Their new building is special and will offer some unique amenities to your Ruston neighborhood. We are excited to have them join the Ruston business community and thank them for their investment.

Thanks again to city staff for your response to this crisis and all of you for your patience and understanding.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

The St. Paddy's day marathon was cancelled this year and our next anticipated event in town is the Taste of Tacoma in June. The Department is actively planning for the impact of the new 4th of July event. We are considering the implementation of "local access only" restrictions to encourage out-of-town event goers to use shuttles and maintain quality of life in our neighborhoods. Please send us any input you may have to police@rustonwa.org.

Our patrol shifts and responses to calls during this COVID-19 situation are not altered in any way, though the officers may be practicing

the social-distancing recommendations. If called to your residence they may ask you to contact them outside and may stand further away than normal. As always, the quickest way we can respond to your needs is to call 911 even for non-emergencies

Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

We would like to congratulate Recruit Tyler Grover. He just finished EMT school and will be officially able to practice soon.

Amid the Corona Virus outbreak, please try and stay prepared as much as you can with food, supplies and medicine for at least 14 days. The CDC and Washington State Governor Inslee are asking us all to practice social distancing which means not going out to public places where people may gather such as restaurants. No one is sure how long this will continue but we will all do the best we can to make it through.

Thank you for reading.
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

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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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Building Services Code Pros	253-759-3544
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