

City of Ruston

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

April 2020

Open M-F 9am-5pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 and Tuesday, May 19, 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

With Governor Inslee's COVID-19 Stay Home, Stay Healthy State Order still in place we remain in unprecedented territory. We are doing everything in our power to make sure that City personnel are protected while still serving our resident's needs. We held our first virtual council meeting two weeks ago and it proved to be an effective solution. The City's services remain intact however public contact with City staff has been suspended until further notice.

For those of you using our on-line utility payment processing service and are not on "autopay" you may have experienced issues accessing the Xpress Bill Pay website. Xpress Bill Pay is diligently working to solve these issues. Due to COVID 19 and the heavy volume of remote users trying to login during business hours Xpress Bill Pay has suggested logging in during the evening hours. For those that are set up on the autopay feature there have been no reported issues. If you are not currently on autopay you may want to explore this feature.

We continue to receive inquiry on why Point Ruston is continuing to build during this shut down. The State has deemed their project essential given that it is a Superfund cleanup site.

Hope you and your family are healthy – and remain safe.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

The virus response has changed all of our day-to-day lives and the officers and I hope everyone is well. We are very grateful for the donations of masks and hand sanitizers to the Department, truly a mark of a great community.

We welcome a new part-time officer to the Department, John Weinzierl. He has nearly 32 years of service, having been an officer with the Los Angeles Police Department and Tacoma Police Department. He retired in January and contacted us because he was eager to serve as a part-officer in Ruston. You will likely see him on foot patrols or on our motorcycle during the clear weather.

Please stay healthy and we are always a short phone call away when you need us.

Thank you.

Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

Help us to welcome new recruit Michael Lundy. Michael is currently a teacher and has no fire experience, but he will be attending the next fire academy. Our three recruits who are currently in fire academy are doing very well and have passed their midterms.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new aid van. We were able to purchase it from Browns Point/Dash Point Fire Department. We have a couple of things to install to get it in service, but it shouldn't be long until she is on the road.

Thank you all for your continued support and 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. Please limit your weight in the totes, if it's too heavy it won't be emptied. Information is available at Ruston City Hall.

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 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. If you are generating more garbage than your cart will hold, you can request another size up for an additional fee.

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

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| 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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| Public Works | 253-759-3544 |
| Building Services Code Pros | 253-759-3544 |
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