

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, July 7, 2020 and Tuesday, July 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.
- **4th of July Annual Children's Bicycle Parade is cancelled this year. We look forward to 2021.**

Mayors Corner

In our June 16th council meeting Council awarded Murrey's Disposal the contract to become Ruston's new refuse service provider. The decision to privatize this service was one Council labored over for well over a year. The stark reality was that our service was unsustainable in its current capacity with only one dated automated truck and one driver. To procure the equipment and personnel necessary to provide the expanded service that our new development and businesses require would have led to significant rate increases for all. The end result was that we do not have the economies of scale to be able to afford a reliable refuse service. Murrey's is set to begin service on August 1st. Please watch for their welcome packet which you should be receiving shortly.

I would also like to acknowledge the men who have provided our garbage service over the years. Of course, there was Steve and Steve who handled the duties for decades, back then it was a completely manual process. Both Steve's still live in town and have smiles on their faces now that they don't have to sling garbage cans anymore. When we automated the collection service and one of the Steve's retired, we were able to add Ray, another Ruston resident, to the mix. When the second Steve decided to retire it left Ray as our only operator. Ray has limited taking his vacation days around garbage, yard waste and recycle collection and has never missed a collection day - which is incredible. I appreciate these gentlemen and thank them for their dedicated service to the City over the years.

Hope you and your family are well – and remain safe. Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

Your officers and I are committed to serving the citizens of Ruston with humility, professionalism, and wisdom. We, as all should be, were appalled by the video from the Minneapolis tragedy and saddened with the turmoil that has followed. While I am police chief of Ruston, I affirm that your officers shall treat you with respect and I will never hire or retain any officer who does not exhibit these values.

We were extremely humbled by a recent outpouring of support from many of you. Baskets containing notes, fruits, snacks, and other things were included. Your officers and I are extremely thankful to work for such a peaceful town and for great people. I cannot properly express my personal gratitude for your thoughtfulness.

Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

We would like to congratulate and welcome new recruit, Calvin Kraft. He comes to us newly out of the Air Force. He will be attending the next fire academy in August. We also need to congratulate recruit, Geraldo Cabellos, who is very close to graduating the current fire academy. He has done very well this class and we expect nothing but the best from him. We have a new EMT with us as well, Jeremiah Melson just graduated his EMT program at Pierce College. He is now trained as both a firefighter and an EMT.

We have had a few calls with our new ambulance, and all is running very well.

Please remember to call 911 for all emergencies.

Thank you again for all of your unending support.

Sara Anderson-MSO Ruston Fire

From the Public Works Department

Please 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 and street. This is a safety concern for walkers and small children using our sidewalks.

Do not set out overfilled garbage carts. An overfilled cart is one where the lid does not lie flat on the cart when closed, because the contents of the cart are more than its capacity. Garbage that is out in the open because the lid will not close is an invitation to critters and crows that are always looking for their next meal and do not clean up after themselves. Remember, overfilled carts, set out for pick-up, are subject to an extra charge on your utility bill.

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
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City Hall	253-759-3544	
City Clerk	253-759-3544	Judy Grams
City Attorney	253-759-3544	Jennifer Robertson
Assist Fire Chief	253-330-7755	Bruce Allen
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Public Works	253-759-3544	Ray Johnson
Building Services Code Pros	253-759-3544	Mike Barth
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City Planner	253-759-3544	Rob White