

City of Ruston

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5117 N Winnifred Street

Ruston, WA 98407

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253-759-3544

Open M-F 9am–5pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Council meeting of Tuesday, August 4, 2020 is canceled for National Night Out. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 18, 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.



- **Due to COVID-19 the annual National Night Out scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2020 has been moved to Tuesday, October 6, 2020 – more to come.**

Mayors Corner

It's great to see the Public Market has opened its doors and I hope you have all had the opportunity to visit the stores. With Owens Meats serving as the anchor tenant we are looking forward to more vendors setting up shop in Ruston.

We recently met with the management team for the Silver Cloud Hotel as they prepare for the completion of their project. The goal is to have the project completed by December and ready for guests in early 2021. We are excited to have them join the Ruston community and look forward to all the amenities they will offer

Vehicle noise remains the number one complaint residents are reporting. We are actively looking at ways to deal with some of the issues, however quite a bit of the vehicle noise is coming from private property.

In last night's council meeting we had public comment surrounding one of our residents who was viciously attacked in Pt Defiance Park. While the park appears very tranquil please be aware that there has been increased illegal activity occurring there. Your safety is paramount, and I would like to caution you not to go into the park at any time by yourself. We send our best to the resident who was attacked and wish them a speedy recovery.

August will be the first month that Murrey's Disposal will be collecting garbage, recycle, and yard waste. Murrey's will be following our current collection schedule, however the collection days may change once they have time to evaluate the routes. I trust everyone has received Murrey's welcome packet which outlines the services they provide, and the costs associated with those services. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this transition period.

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

From the Police Department

The Department continues to receive an abundant outpouring of support from you towards our officers and I want to express my heartfelt gratitude once again. It is noticed and appreciated.

I have been receiving traffic complaints, specifically loud vehicles uphill on 51st from Yacht Club Road. The matter of loud exhaust is not easily enforced because municipal code and state laws are not currently written in a manner that allows law enforcement to easily enforce it. I am currently researching other municipal statutes for suggestions to the Council, but this type of nuisance has been a long-standing problem everywhere. In the case of state law, it is too vague and does not stand challenges in court.

Lastly, I wanted to comment on a commonly asked question as to why you might encounter our locked patrol cars with engines running. In doing so, we are attempting to preserve our in-car computers. They are essential to our daily operations and even outdoor temperatures in the 70's builds up excessive heat very quickly inside the vehicles, which is detrimental to computer hard drives. Our current computers (which are secondhand) are donated free of cost, but replenishment is difficult, and the replacement cost is in the thousands of dollars each. Luckily, our cars cannot be stolen unless the key fob is nearby.

Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

We would like to congratulate recruit Geraldo Cabellos for graduating fire academy with the honor of winning the Chiefs Company award. We are happy to have him back from academy. We are sending three new members to the next academy that begins in August. We wish them well and know they will do amazing things. We also have two recruits who just finished EMT school. Tyler Grover and Jeremiah Melson are both new EMT's for us and we look forward to seeing their new skills.

The weather is starting to heat up for the summer so please remember to stay hydrated. Heat related illnesses can come on suddenly so be cautious of the warning signs such as dizziness, headache and nausea. If you are experiencing these symptoms while out in the sun, find shade or go inside where it's cooler quickly and if you aren't nauseous, take small sips of cool water or a sports drink.

As always, please call 911 for any emergencies. Much appreciated - 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.

We welcome Murrey's Disposal. The City of Ruston Service Company on garbage, recycle and yard waste Disposal.

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. Spacing of carts is critical for safe service from our Disposal service company. Watch overhead clearance and keep away from structures that can prohibit service of your cart. Please contact Murrey's Disposal for any of your future services.

Thank you. The Public Works Department

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253-798-4721(24 hour) Use dispatcher number to request a Ruston
Police officer contact you for urgent non-emergency responses

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