

City of Ruston

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

August 2020

Open M-F 9am–5pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 and Tuesday, September 15, 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

On Saturday August 22,2020, our former Fire Chief and Ruston resident Don Torbet lost his battle with cancer. I hope most of you had the opportunity to meet and know Don because it was an experience. Don served Ruston Fire for 35 years in various capacities and was Chief for over 30 years - which is remarkable in its own right. Don and his wife Beth owned Don's Ruston Market and Deli for 35 years until they decided to retire and close the store in 2018. Not much later Don retired from leading our Fire Department in 2019. Don could come across as rough sometimes but beneath that exterior was one of the biggest hearts you would ever meet. The dedication to the job left me in awe – he was always around, always on call, and above all – always ready. I cannot tell you all the lives Don touched in 35 years or the ones that Don saved serving our City but its significant. Don was always at the forefront of our Christmas Tree Lighting and Easter Egg hunts with his boisterous instructions and always a joke or two – the events will forever be different.

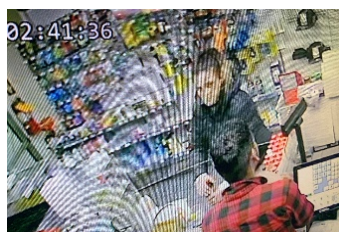
Our City is rapidly changing and losing Don we have lost a part of our history. On behalf of the City I extend our condolences to his wife Beth and thank her for sharing him with us for 35 years.

Rest in Peace my Friend.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

Please take a look at the following pictures. The woman is a suspect in a car prowl, identity theft, and retail theft inside our City. If you recognize her or see the car in town, please call 911 immediately. We want to talk to her. For better quality photos see the Ruston website.



Ruston Police Officer Sergei Andres received the Award of Merit from the Tacoma Police Department for his response to a fatal apartment fire on North 26th Street in March. He and other officers called out and carried residents from the building preventing further deaths.

Please remember to remove all valuables from your vehicles and lock all your doors day and night.

Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

We currently have three recruits going through the Brown's Point-Dash Point Fire Academy and they are all doing very well so far. They are three weeks in and have a long way to go.

School is going to look different this year. Though we won't have bus traffic to deal with, we may see kids at all times during the day depending upon their classes. Please be careful and watch out for the little ones.

When doing home or yard repair, please call Tacoma Public Utilities number at 811 or 1-800-424-555. They will come out to your house and mark where the gas lines are, so you don't accidentally cut an important line.

As always, please call 911 for any emergencies. Much appreciated - Sara Anderson - MSO Ruston Fire

From the Public Works Department

There is quite a lot of construction work going on in our little City these days. Please observe the road closed signs.

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	Judy Grams
City Attorney	253-759-3544	Jennifer Robertson
Assist Fire Chief	253-330-7755	Bruce Allen
Assist Fire Chief	253-330-7755	Michael Anderson
Public Works	253-759-3544	Ray Johnson
Building Services Code Pros	253-759-3544	Mike Barth
	http://www.rustonwa.org/services/community-development/code-enforcement	
City Planner	253-759-3544	Rob White