

City of Ruston

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

September 2020

Open M-F 9am–5pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 and Tuesday, October 20, 2020
- The City Council Meeting of Tuesday, October 6, 2020 will be held virtually
- Please refer to the Ruston website at www.rustonwa.org for updates on the October 20, 2020 Council Meeting
- Planning Commission: Watch the bulletin board and the website for meetings scheduled.

Mayor's Corner

Many of you are aware that the 52nd Street project stalled and there was little activity for some time. The contractor is back on the job after working through some field issues with the City Engineer. We expect to have this project wrapped up within the next two weeks and want to thank those affected for your patience as we worked through the issues. The final product should be worth the wait.

We had several other projects slated for this year which have been pushed to 2021 due to the pandemic. Hopefully, things will begin to improve by then.

The Silver Cloud Hotel continues their push to obtain a certificate of occupancy by the end of the year with an opening next spring. The opening of the hotel is one of the questions I get asked the most as people are very excited to have a hotel in our neighborhood.

As the pandemic wears on we continue to work to ensure that we can provide you with the best service possible. City Hall remains closed but with our ability to work remotely and having such small staffing – we have been able to maintain service levels while adhering to the governor's requirements.

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

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

Officer Andy Estes has resigned from his position with the Ruston Police Department. He collected over 35 years of law enforcement experience deputy-sheriff/sergeant at Pierce County Sheriff's office, detective sergeant at Lakewood Police Department and served Ruston as a sergeant and police chief before retiring in June 2018. He agreed to a temporary part-time officer position to assist me when I reported as your new chief in July 2018, which he agreed to extend because he loved working within our community. We thank and wish him the best with his retirement...version 2.0!

We have conducted two emphasis patrol shifts to address the car club racing/noise nuisance problem that the entire Puget Sound region is experiencing. It was successful in that once the clubs recognized the targeted enforcement

effort they moved on to other jurisdictions. The change in weather will hopefully cause this problem to hibernate for a while.

As always, please call 911 for the quickest response from your on-duty officer even if it is not a serious emergency. Any issue that impedes Ruston's high quality-of-life is worthy of our officers' immediate response.

Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

We have been so blessed by the outpouring of support and the wonderful stories you have all shared about Chief Don Torbet. He truly was a mentor, teacher and hero to so many. While it is difficult to get through this hard time, it certainly has been a little easier with all of your support.

The Torbet family is asking that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Ruston Fire Department; Don's home for 25+ years. Karen Pickett is leading the effort in gathering the donations. You can reach her through Facebook. Donations may also be delivered to City Hall with the notation "Fire Department Donation".

While Halloween is fast approaching, we are holding off at this time on making any plans to host trick-or-treating until we know more about what COVID-19 and the Governor will do. We certainly hope that things will lift by then and we can carry on with our tradition. Please follow the Ruston Fire Department on Facebook for updates.

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

From the Public Works Department

Fall is upon us so now is the time to prepare for winter. Disconnect garden hoses, drain irrigation systems, and shut off and drain water leading to outside faucets. Insulate exposed pipes, valves and faucets, cover footing or foundation vents. Shut off your water before you leave home for any extended period of time. Make a list of equipment that needs to be turned off during an outage such as computers, TVs, and security systems. Stock up on batteries, flashlights and non-perishable food and water. Have a list of emergency contacts readily available. Keep cell phone charged.

Stay safe and be prepared .

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 x 102.

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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