

City of Ruston

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

December 2020

Open M-F 9am-5pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 and Tuesday, January 19, 2021
- **The City Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 5, 2021 will be held virtually**
- **Please refer to the Ruston website at www.rustonwa.org for updates on the January 5, 2021 Council Meeting**
- Planning Commission: Watch the bulletin board and the website for meetings scheduled.
- **Ruston City Hall will be closed the following holiday: January 18, 2021 Martin Luther King Day**

Mayors Corner

Here's to hoping 2021 is a better year for everyone. With the COVID vaccine soon to be released and vaccinations occurring we can only hope that we begin to see positive results. City Hall will remain closed to the public in an effort to protect our city personnel. We are exploring solutions that will better serve our residents by offering better website resources. We have made a significant investment in our online permitting system which we hope to have live by the end of January. We want to make it easier for residents to connect to services we have available so I would encourage you to visit our website for new and improved features we will be adding. Murrey's Disposal has approached us about providing an interactive experience from our website as opposed to having you visit theirs. We are well aware there is a need to improve our communication with all of you and are committed to that in 2021.

We are sad to hear of the passing of Mike Cohen. On behalf of the City I would like to extend our condolences to the Cohen family. Mike was the visionary behind the Point Ruston development and responsible for the transformation we are seeing on the former Asarco site. Our best to his family during these difficult times.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Holiday season and my best to you and yours for a better 2021.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

We have seen a marked increase in coyote sightings during day and night and a corresponding disappearance of our wild rabbit population. It may not be unlikely you could see a coyote walking down the middle of the street in the daytime or watching traffic on 51st Street. The Department has consulted with the Washington Fish and Wildlife Department and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (which monitors and controls wildlife population) and we have some recommendations to share.

- Do not feed them; do not toss or leave food for them to consume later.
- Yell loudly and shoo them away from the area so they do not become comfortable around people, and do not approach them out of curiosity.
- Do not allow your pets to roam and have them leashed when out for walks.
- Do not put your unattended pets in your yard even if your property is fenced.

- Call 911 if you have any sort of concerns with coyote activity. Our officers will respond.

Please have a plan to secure your delivered packages to prevent a visit from "porch pirates." As always, do not leave valuables in your cars and LOCK your car and house doors. The majority of our reported thefts occurred from unlocked car doors.

The officers and I wish everyone Happy Holidays. It is a pleasure to serve the Ruston community!

Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

We are happy to announce that all three of our recruits, that were in the fire academy, have passed their tests and are now trained and ready to fight fire. They all worked very hard. These recruits also earned their Hazmat Awareness and Operations certificates.

Thank you all for the toy and food drive donations. We were able to make quite a difference for families in need this year. Thank you for your generosity.

Have a safe and healthy New Year - 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.

Be prepared if it snows stay home and Stay healthy and safe. Happy New Year! The Public Works Department

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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	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