

**City of Ruston**

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**5219 N Shirley Street  
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**June 2023**

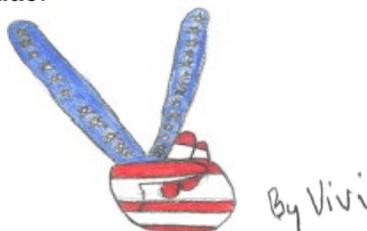
**Open M-F 9am-5pm**

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- City Council Meets: **Tuesday, July 4, 2023 (meeting is cancelled)**. Next meeting is Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 7PM.
- Please refer to the Ruston website at [www.rustonwa.org](http://www.rustonwa.org) for updates on the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting.
- Planning Commission: Watch the bulletin board and the website for scheduled meetings.
- American Red Cross Community Blood Drive: Thursday July 6th, 9am – 3pm, Totem Yacht Club. Stop by for a cookie and chat on the back deck even if you can't donate! Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Ruston; Contact Jennifer Jensen ([jenniferj@rustonwa.org](mailto:jenniferj@rustonwa.org)) with questions or to volunteer.



- Ruston Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bicycle Parade will be held on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at 12 Noon. Parade starts at 51<sup>st</sup> and Winnifred St. Bring your decorated bikes, scooters, Radio Flyer, or anything you love in Red, White and Blue. Everyone is in the Parade!



**Mayors Corner**

The annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bike Parade starts at 12pm outside of Ruston Fire Station. Even if you don't ride a bike, I would encourage you to come down and see all the bikers, young and old, that participate. It's a great event and thanks to Councilmember Hedrick and the Hedrick family for their continued commitment to making this event happen.

The Tacoma Summer Blast on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be a traffic and parking challenge. There will be several street closures with local access only signs displayed. Our Police and Fire departments will be out in full force to assist in any way they can. You can find a map of street closures on the City's website [www.rustonwa.org](http://www.rustonwa.org).

With the summer months upon us we are seeing traffic increase dramatically. Dealing with traffic is one thing, however this sometimes brings other challenges in our direction. In our last Council meeting our Police Chief's report advised us of a shooting that occurred in the early hours of May 20<sup>th</sup> at the corner of 51<sup>st</sup> and Pearl in which a young man was shot. The report also advised that on June 17<sup>th</sup> Police responded to a shooting at Point Ruston – no victims – but 40 shell casings were retrieved from the site. These are reminders that we need to remain vigilant. Do not hesitate to contact our police if you see anything suspicious. They are here to protect and serve you.

Hope you have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins.

## **From the Police Department**

As reported by us last month, traffic management planning was underway for Summer Fest/July 4th celebration. Please make note of the following road closures and traffic diversions so you may plan yourselves accordingly:

- N. Baltimore (Stack Hill) between Ruston Way and N. 49th will be closed from approximately 10am until the end of the fireworks display.
- No parking on the streets of N. Commercial and N. Winnifred.
- Several streets will be restricted with "Local Access" or "Road Closed" signage.
- At the conclusion of the fireworks display, temporary traffic revisions will be made on N. 51st and on N. Baltimore to ease the traffic congestion during the egress.

The Department will be placing traffic updates as they happen on the Ruston Police Twitter page. All of our officers will be on duty during this event to conduct traffic control, parking enforcement, and to protect our residents and businesses.

Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

## **From the Fire Department**

As a reminder to all our residents, we do not allow any outdoor burning. All recreational fires require a permit. Permits can be acquired from City Hall.

Thank you. Fire Chief Bruce Allen

## **From the Public Works Department**

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 concerned about their condition.

Have a Safe Fourth of July! Thank you for your time in reading this newsletter. 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	
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City Attorney	253-759-3544	Jennifer Robertson
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