

City of Ruston

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Ruston, WA 98407
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July 2023

Open M-F 9am-5pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: **Tuesday, August 1, 2023 (meeting is canceled)**. Next meeting is Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7PM.
- Please refer to the Ruston website at www.rustonwa.org for updates on the August 15, 2023 Council Meeting.
- Planning Commission: Watch the bulletin board and the website for scheduled meetings.



- **Annual National Night Out Against Crime - Tuesday, August 1, 2023.** If you are interested in organizing a National Night Out in your neighborhood, please contact Charles McKenna at 253-759-3544 x105 or email at charlesm@rustonwa.org for additional information. This is a great time for neighbors to celebrate National Night Out and join a community partnership with law enforcement to raise awareness about crime in our neighborhoods. There are two block parties: 49th and Baltimore and 52nd and Highland. Come out and join one.

Mayors Corner

The EPA has notified us that they will be working on the shoreline surrounding Dune Park from July 28th through February of 2024. The work will occur entirely in the water using barges and cranes. The work will be done at low tides therefore some of the work will happen in the evening hours as well as the early morning. Even though I am being told that noise shouldn't be an issue, the last time they did armoring it was. Should any of you have any concerns you can reach out directly to Kristine Koch with EPA Koch.kristine@epa.gov or by phone 206-553-6705.

The Pierce County Superior Court has appointed a receiver for six Point Ruston properties. Point Ruston has until July 24th to pay the \$73.8 million dollar debt owed to Terra Cotta Real Estate Services in order to avert the foreclosure sale scheduled for August 4th and Sept 8th. Most of the properties being foreclosed are within the City of Ruston. What this means is an extended timeline for the parcels we had hoped to see developed within our City. We have had lengthy discussions with EPA regarding how this whole remedial action plan has unfolded and the conditions we are facing. The fact that all the contaminants wound up in the City of Ruston with very little development continues to financially burden our City. More to come on that front.

The August 1st Council meeting is cancelled in lieu of National Night Out Against Crime. There are several block parties within the City, one on 49th and Baltimore and another at 52nd and Highland, and if there isn't one close to you, I would encourage you to form one. It is a great opportunity to meet with your neighbors and have some one-on-one time with our Police and Fire Department personnel as they visit each location.

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins.

From the Police Department

We wanted to remind everyone never to leave any attractive items for theft and garage door openers inside your vehicles. The garage door opener is a simple way for thieves to gain access to your house. Car prowlers are prevalent throughout the region, and access through the garage door opener has been used by thieves since the openers were invented.

The National Night Out Against Crime event is Tuesday, August 1st. We hope you'll have an opportunity to visit with us at these gatherings. Ruston is an awesome community, and we enjoy our relationship with each of you!

Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

Your Fire department is moving along with the new classroom and finishing up our new digs. We have lots of new faces and some old ones too! Our call volume is ever increasing and by the time you read this we will have passed 100 calls for service this year. Last year we made 130+ calls just for reference. We look forward to serving our community!

Thank you. Fire Chief Bruce Allen

From the Public Works Department

Summer has arrived! 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 now are in the dry season so tall grass is fuel for a fire, keep grass cut to prevent a fuel source.

Painting the City red! The curbs are getting a fresh coat of paint, especially in front of the fire hydrant and at STOP signs.

I want to extend an invitation to all regarding the National Neighborhood Night Out on August 1st at 6:00 –8:30PM. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors.

Thank you for your time in reading this newsletter. The Public Works Department

MAYOR

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Council

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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
Fire Chief	253-330-7755	Bruce Allen
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
Associate Planner	253-759-3544	Charles McKenna