

City of Ruston

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**5219 N Shirley Street
Ruston, WA 98407
www.rustonwa.org**

August 2023

Open M-F 9am-5pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: **Tuesday, September 5, 2023 and Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7PM.**
- **Please refer to the Ruston website at www.rustonwa.org for updates on the September 5, 2023 Council Meeting.**
- Planning Commission: Watch the bulletin board and the website for scheduled meetings.

Mayors Corner

The City was awarded grant funds for crack sealing all our roadways. The work commenced on August 21st and is scheduled to be completed by August 28th. Sealing pavement cracks is very important in that it prevents water from penetrating beneath the asphalt and prolongs the roadways life expectancy. A copy of the Crack Seal schedule has been posted on the City website. The City continues to be extremely successful in securing new grants and staff should be commended for their work.

City staff has also begun working on securing a grant from EPA for remedial work that still needs to occur within the city. Most of the work is centered around Rust Park and the hillside leading from the park over to Baltimore Street. We have also entered discussion with BNSF railway about doing a land exchange. Currently the railroad tracks run through the City right of way while Rust Park encompasses some BNSF property which we pay rent for every year. We are looking to vacate the right of way in exchange for the BNSF property that helps form Rust Park. These discussions have been going on for years and we have made significant progress in working with BNSF. The City remains hopeful in getting this done.

EPA brought in a large crane for the shoreline armoring. The crane is located near Dunes Park and will remain in place until work is complete in February 2024

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins.

From the Police Department

In the spring of each year, Ruston Police Department officers emphasize the use of high-volume traffic stops in an attempt to discourage racer-inspired vehicles from violating our anti-racing ordinance. Year-to-date-from January through June, your Ruston Police Department was among the highest performing small agencies in Pierce County for misdemeanor and traffic cases presented to its court of jurisdiction.

Additionally, Sergeant Clayton Grubb is being recognized by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for his efforts in traffic enforcement. Sergeant Grubb is within the top 5 performers of all police and sheriff deputies in Pierce County and has been invited to receive his award at the NHTSA annual conference in Wenatchee next month.

Thank you. Nestor Bautista, Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

Here we are at the end of summer already! It has been a dry summer and people are worried about fires. We are ready to handle all emergencies for our city and its residents. Your Fire and Police Departments are working together to keep our city safe and secure.

Please be careful now that school is starting again, remember the kids will be outside early and the school zones are expensive!

Thank you. Fire Chief Bruce Allen

From the Public Works Department

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 are still 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.

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	
City Clerk	253-759-3544	Judy Grams
City Attorney	253-759-3544	Jennifer Robertson
Fire Chief	253-330-7755	Bruce Allen
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