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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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A Letter from the City Administrator

Greetings Stayton Citizens,

My name is Don Eubank and I am the current City Administrator for the City of Stayton. On June 30, 2013, I will be retiring after working for over 41 years in the public sector, and 3 years in the Army serving in Europe and Vietnam. For nearly 27 years I worked for the Woodburn Police Department and was Police Chief for the Stayton Police Department for 10 years. I am now ending my tenure after 5 years as the City Administrator for the City of Stayton. I am looking forward to spending more time with my entire family including my 8 grandchildren.

During my tenure, our Mayor's and Councilors have provided me the guidance for the direction the City is moving in. As with any elected person or body, changing times and finances caused our direction to change now and then. However, we have continued to work toward the same goal which is doing the right thing for the right reason for our city. While there has been a mixture of both trying times and good times during my career, the accomplishments and progress made over the past 14 years in Stayton have been positive.

The City's entire staff works daily to do improve our delivery of service and do what is best for our citizens and community. While there are codes and ordinances to follow, I believe over the last few years we have taken a more common sense approach to what really needs to be done and why.

I have enjoyed working with citizens from all walks of life and you all make a difference in our community. I have a feeling that Stayton is on the verge of growing once again and this can only happen with good leadership in City government and even stronger leadership from our citizens.

In July, I will be 65 and look forward to traveling, spending more time with family, friends and more than my share of golf. My wife Linda and I will continue to live in Stayton and volunteer whenever possible. Change has always been something I have looked forward to.

Thank you to everyone for the opportunity to serve this community and its citizens. By continually working together, the city of Stayton will continue to be a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Don Eubank

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Community Advocate Award — Now Accepting Nominations

The City of Stayton is pleased to announce the Stayton Community Advocate Award. The citizens of Stayton do great things: we have a lot of volunteerism, citizens that are proud of the community, and citizens that ultimately improve the quality of life in Stayton and they should be officially recognized!

Community Spirit



During Stayton's 2013 National Night Out event on August 6, 2013, **four awards** will be presented (1 award per park). Nominees can be individuals or groups who have made a difference in our community. The recipients **MUST** be Stayton residents.

Please nominate a deserving citizen(s) by filling out the a nomination form available at www.StaytonOregon.gov or pick one a form up at City Hall, located at 362 N. Third Avenue in downtown Stayton.

Lawn Maintenance Reminder

Now that summer is almost here and the grass is growing, that means it's also lawn mowing season. Under Title 8 of the City's Municipal Code, it is property owners' responsibility to keep grass and weeds and other non-woody vegetation mowed. The City Code declares that weeds more than 10 inches in height, grass more than 10 inches in height, and blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line are noxious vegetation and constitute a nuisance. Property owners are required to maintain grass and weeds at a height of less than 10 inches.

The Code further requires a property owner to cut down or destroy grass, shrubbery, brush, bushes, weeds, or other noxious vegetation as often as needed to prevent them from becoming unsightly, from becoming a fire hazard, or in the case of weeds, from maturing or going to seed.

The City will take action when notified of violations. Action will result in the City mowing the property to bring into compliance with the Code and charging the costs, plus administrative fees, to the property owner.

If you have any questions or to report problem properties, contact Planning and Development Director Dan Fleishman at (503) 769-2998.



Comprehensive Plan Update and Zoning Map Enacted

After more than two years of effort by the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee, public hearings by the Planning Commission and City Council, in mid-March, the City Council enacted the updated Stayton Comprehensive Plan. This is the first time there has been a wholesale review of the entire Comprehensive Plan since its adoption in the mid-1970s. The new Comprehensive Plan can be found in the Planning and Development Department's portion of the City's website.

City Meeting Calendar

City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
May 6 / May 20 / June 3 / June 17

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
May 28 / June 24

Parks & Recreation Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
May 7 / June 4

Library Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
May 15 / June 19

Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
May 14 / June 11

Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
May 10 / June 14

Library Calendar

Motion Monday

Mondays at 10:15 a.m.

Story Time

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

After School Story Time

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Bedtime Story Time

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Loitering in the E.G. Siegmund Room

Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Open to ages 10 to 18

Anime+

First and Third Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.
Open to ages 10 to 18

Grow into Reading Literacy Day

Saturday, June 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FREE Computer Classes

First Friday of each month
Please contact Library to register

Santiam Senior Center Activities

Game Day

Mondays at 11:00 a.m.

Cribbage

Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.

Crafts & Hobbies

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Veterans Group

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Bingo

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

For more upcoming activities visit

www.SantiamSeniorCenter.com
or call (503) 767-2009

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at www.StaytonOregon.gov

