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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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Covered Bridge Café Offers Free Thanksgiving Community Dinner



On Wednesday, November 27 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Covered Bridge Café is once again hosting its annual Community Dinner. This event is open to everyone in the community, no questions asked!

The dinner is a traditional Thanksgiving feast plus dessert. The cost is **FREE** and is open to anyone in the community!

Please call (503) 767-3945 to make your reservations, whether you prefer to dine in or have your meal delivered. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Don't Forget — Stayton's Annual Clean-Up Days!

The City of Stayton is offering disposal of yard debris, including leaves and brush, on Saturday, November 2nd from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The collection site is at the City of Stayton Shops located at 1820 N. 1st Avenue, Stayton. The only cost to you is a donation of canned food to be given to the Stayton Food Bank.

Seniors who need assistance raking, bagging, or having their yard debris picked up and delivered to the drop-off site are asked to sign up by contacting Stayton Public Works at (503) 769-2919.



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Domestic Violence Awareness

The month of October was declared nationally and locally to be Domestic Violence Awareness month. Did you know that in 2012, there were 1,100 Domestic Violence incidents in Marion County? The Stayton Police Department responded to 143 of these incidents, resulting in 26 arrests in our city during 2012. Nationally, 1 in 4 women are the victims of domestic violence and 1 in 7 men are victims. It is time we as a community put a stop to these staggering statistics.



There are many myths surrounding Domestic Violence. Contrary to some beliefs, it is very difficult and dangerous for a victim to get away from the offender. There are a lot of barriers to victims leaving. It is also a myth that victims seek out people who are prone to offend. In actuality, offenders are not easily recognizable and can come across as wonderful people as they establish a new relationship or interact with people in public, but behind closed doors they can be very violent. Victims are often very embarrassed about what has happened to them and afraid or embarrassed to ask for help. Very often family members and friends don't know how to help, but you can make a difference if you offer judgment-free support and help the victim connect with assistance.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence there are people who can help — you don't have to go through this alone. Please call 911 if it is occurring at the time or the Stayton Police Department at (503) 769-3421. In addition, the Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service has a 24-hour hotline at (503) 399-7722 or toll-free in Oregon (866) 399-7722. They always have advocates available to speak with you. Despite its name, the organization also serves men; and it can provide advice for family members, friends, employers, and others concerned about domestic violence and sexual assaults.

Disc Golf Makes a Debut in Stayton

In September 2012, the Ford Leadership Foundation, began working with 20 community leaders to develop leadership capacity in individuals. The Foundation is committed to the community for a 5 year period to train skills in effective organizations, productive collaborating and together completing a community project.



Out of 70 potential projects, the Stayton-Sublimity group chose an 18 hole disc golf course with 9 holes in Sublimity Church Park and 9 holes in Pioneer Park in Stayton. Our challenge was to meet the criteria for a matching grant from the Ford Foundation while using our social capital and newly learned leadership skills to complete the project. With generous donations from businesses and many volunteer hours, the t-boxes are poured and baskets are installed.

While you can utilize the course now, the grand opening day will be May 15, 2014. At that time, all signage will be in place and ready to host tournaments and casual play.

City Meeting Calendar

City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
Nov 4 / Nov 18 / Dec 2 / Dec 16

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
November 25

Parks & Recreation Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
November 5 / December 3

Library Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
November 20 / December 18

Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
November 12 / December 10

Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
November 8 / December 13

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.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck Book Release Party

November 5 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
in the E.G. Siegmund Room

Catching Fire

(2nd Annual Library Hunger Games)

November 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
in the E.G. Siegmund Room

Loitering in the E.G. Siegmund Room

Unwind, visit with friends, do homework, read books, play games (ages 10-18)
Nov 6, 13, & 20 / Dec 4, 11, & 18
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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