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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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Stayton Annexations Placed on May Ballot

The City Council has approved a resolution forwarding local election measures to the voters for their approval of seven City-initiated annexations. The measures will be included on the ballot for the May 20 election. The City Charter requires that any annexation of more than one acre be approved by the voters of the City.



Four of the territories to be annexed are portions of street rights-of-way. They include a portion of Shaff Road west of Cascade Highway; a portion of Cascade Highway north of Shaff Road; a portion of Fern Ridge Road west of Kent Avenue; and a portion of E. Jefferson Street.

The other three territories are portions of parcels that are owned by governmental agencies. Two of these three parcels are today partially in the City limits. The south portion of the Stayton Middle School campus is in the City today. The City Council has proposed annexation of about 37 acres of the Middle School property that is north of Mill Creek. The North Santiam School District has consented to the annexation. The City leases the Wilderness Park property from the Santiam Water Control District. Only the west portion of the Park is in the City today. The City Council has proposed annexation of the remaining 26 acres of Wilderness Park.

The seventh ballot measure is in regards to the annexation of the City's property on E. Pine Street that is the location of the City's 5 million gallon water reservoir. The City Council has proposed annexation of this 4.4 acre parcel.

Each of these properties is presented in a separate question to the voters. A "yes" vote on the May 20 ballot would bring the territory into the City. For more information, contact Planning and Development Director Dan Fleishman at (503) 769-2998.

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Low Interest Home Loans Available for Residential Home Improvements

Is your home in need of repair? New furnace, insulation, or safety improvements? The City of Stayton Housing Rehabilitation Program has funding available for home improvements for income-qualified homeowners. Properties must be owner-occupied. The owners must meet the guidelines as low or moderate income households and have enough equity in their homes to meet the loan guidelines.



The loans may be used to repair or replace roofing, plumbing and electrical problems, carpet or linoleum, painting, dry-rot, foundation repairs. The maximum loan amount is \$25,000. No monthly payments are required — the loan is repaid from proceeds of the sale. An interest rate of 4% is charged for the first four years and following that no interest accrues.

The funds for the program come from a Community Development Block Grant from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. For additional information contact Director of Planning and Development Dan Fleishman at (503) 769-2998 or via email at dfleishman@ci.stayton.or.us.

Lawn Maintenance Reminder

Summer is almost here and the grass is growing, which means it's also lawn mowing season. The City's Municipal Code states it's the property owners' responsibility to keep grass, weeds, and other non-woody vegetation mowed. Weeds and 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.



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.

Proper Disposal of Yard Waste

As per Stayton Municipal Code, the City of Stayton is asking all residents to refrain from depositing yard waste of any kind into the street, curbs, gutter, or waterways.

Yard waste is vegetative waste resulting from the care and maintenance of lawns and gardens, and includes leaves, grass clippings, brush, garden wastes, and pruning from trees or shrubs. When yard waste is discharged or dumped onto the street, curb, or gutter prevents proper storm water drainage. During a rainstorm a blocked storm water drain can cause localized flooding of streets and property. It can also flow through our storm water drainage system directly into our local bodies of water, where it decomposes. Decomposing yard waste can lead to bacterial growth which can be harmful to humans and pets, and fatal to fish.

Stayton residents can contact Republic Services at (503) 363-8890 to request a Yard Waste and Landscape Debris Cart. Please contact the Public Works department at (503) 769-2919 or CityofStayton@ci.stayton.or.us with any questions, comments, or concerns.



City Meeting Calendar

City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
May 5 / May 19 / June 2 / June 16

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
May 26 / June 30

Parks & Recreation Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
June 3

Library Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
May 21 / June 18

Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
May 13 / June 10

Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
May 9 / June 13

Library Calendar

Motion Monday

Mondays at 10:15 a.m.

Story Time

Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.

Thumpin' Thursday

Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

Bedtime Story Time

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Author Roland Smith Visits

Don't miss a chance to meet this Oregon author of many great books for kids! Free Roland Smith books for the first 80 kids that show up.

May 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"Fizz, Boom, Read!"

Summer Reading Program

Sign ups for the 2014 Summer Reading Program "Fizz, Boom, Read!" begin the week of June 16. All kids are welcome to join us for a summer of reading, rewards, performers, science experiments, and fun!

Science / Craft Activities on Tuesday's at 3:30 p.m.

Performers on Thursday's at 4:00 p.m.

Santiam Senior Center Activities

Bridge & Bridge Lessons, Bunco

Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

Cribbage

Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.

Tai Chi

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Veterans Group

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Bingo

1st & 5th Monday of the Month at 1:00 p.m.

For more upcoming activities visit

www.SantiamSeniorCenter.com

or call (503) 767-2009