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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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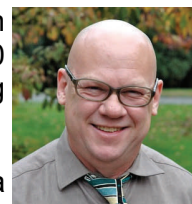
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2015 Oregon Author Series at the Stayton Public Library

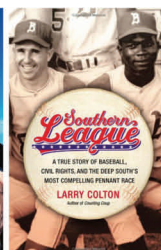
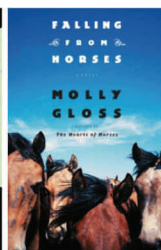
The Stayton Public Library is excited to welcome Oregon Author Stevan Allred on Thursday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Allred is one of several authors who will be visiting the Library as part of its 2015 Oregon Author Series.



Stevan Allred has survived circumcision, a tonsillectomy, a religious upbringing, the '60s, the War on Poverty, the break-up of the Beatles, pneumonia (twice), any number of bad haircuts, years of psychotherapy, the Reagan Revolution, the War on Drugs, the Roaring '90s, plantar fasciitis, an embarrassingly bad goatee, the Lewinsky Affair, the Internet bubble, the Florida recount of 2000, the Bush Oughts, the War on Terror, teenage children, a divorce, hay fever, the real estate bubble, male pattern baldness, and heartburn. His collection of linked short stories, *A Simplified Map of the Real World*, was published in 2013 by Forest Avenue Press. His work has appeared in numerous literary journals, and he teaches creative writing with Joanna Rose at the Pinewood Table.

Upcoming events include visits from authors Molly Gloss, Larry Colton, Oregon Poet Laureate Peter Sears, Jane Kirkpatrick, and Tina Connolly. Please visit www.staytonlibrary.org for the full listing of authors and dates.

For more information on Allred, visit <http://stevenallred.com>.



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REMINDER: Do Not Turn Off Your Own Water

During winter weather that creates frozen or broken pipes, the water customer should call the City to turn off the water at the meter. If the customer shuts off the water using their own tools, it may damage the meter and the customer will be liable for the damages which can be costly. If you have frozen and broken water pipes, do not shut off your own water service. Please call (503) 769-3425 (weekdays) or (503) 769-3421 (after hours). City staff will promptly respond to assist you.



Sign Enforcement Underway

The Planning and Development Department has recently stepped up enforcement of the sign regulations in the City. The City's Land Use Code requires business signs to be kept in good condition and to refer to businesses that are currently operating. In addition, temporary signs such as lawn signs and banners are restricted to no more than 90 days per calendar year.

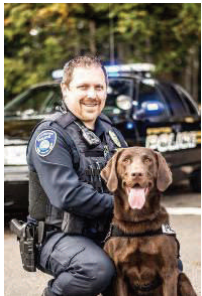


Since late November, the Planning and Development Department has sent out over 40 letters to property owners and businesses informing them of broken signs, illuminated signs not working properly, or temporary signs that have been in place for longer than permitted. The intent of the standards is to improve the visual appearance of the City. The City has received mostly positive feedback from the recipients of the letters and a number of signs have been brought into compliance.

Follow-up inspections will take place in early January with enforcement action to follow, if necessary. For more information, contact the Planning and Development Department at (503) 769-2998.

Support Stayton Police Department's K9 Program Register for Where to Start's Annual K9 Run!

On April 4th, 2015, the Stayton Police Department & Where to Start Fitness would like to invite you to join us for the annual K9 Run and health fair. Humans and their four-legged friends are welcome!

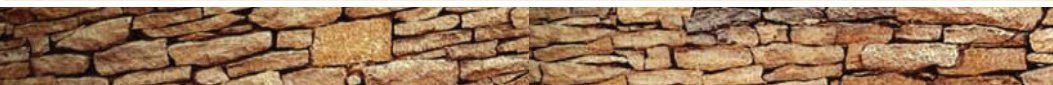


This is a walk / run supporting the Stayton Police Department's K9 Program. You can choose to register for either a 5k or 9k run (or walk if you prefer). The course is beginner / intermediate and includes both street and trail running. While it's encouraged that you bring your dog along with you for the event, it is definitely not a requirement.

Registration is now open! Cost to register is \$20 and can be done online at www.wheretostartfitness.com/k9run. Come out and support your local K9 Program!

Art with Heart for the Park

The Stayton Parks and Recreation Board invites you to join them for Art with Heart for the Park, a family fundraiser being held on February 21, 2015 at the Stayton Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The main feature of this event will be painting tiles to be placed at Pioneer Park. In addition, there will be crafts, games, prizes, and more. Cost to attend is \$35 and includes a tile to be painted during the event. This event benefits the Pioneer Park Rehabilitation Project. For more information, contact Jennifer Russell at (503) 769-2919 or via email at jrussell@ci.stayton.or.us.



City Meeting Calendar

City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
Jan 5 / Jan 20 / Feb 2 / Feb 17

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
January 26 / February 23

Parks & Recreation Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
January 6 / February 3

Library Board

6:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
January 21 / February 18

Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
January 13 / February 10

Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
January 9 / February 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.

Lego Club

Third Thursday of the Month at 3:00 p.m.

Book Clubs

Book Bobs—Jan 5 & Feb 2 at 3:30 p.m.
Random Readers—Jan 5 & Jan 26 at 3:30 pm.

Loitered & Geared Up in the Library

Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Game On!

Second Friday of Every Month at 6:30 p.m.

6th Annual Free Books at Last!

To celebrate Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday the Library will have a free book for every child who comes to the Stayton Public Library.

Monday, January 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 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