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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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The Front Porch

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Pioneer Park Rehabilitation Project — Help Raise Funds!

We invite you to join us as we gear up for the Pioneer Park Rehabilitation Project! In 2013, the City of Stayton received a \$387,900 grant from the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Program to make improvements to Pioneer Park. The rehabilitation project will be a total improvement of \$800,000. The project will include renovations to the restrooms, picnic shelter, and a natural play area.



As part of the funding package, the Stayton Parks and Recreation Board is committed to raising funds to complete the project. The City was awarded a \$100,000 challenge grant from the Ford Family Foundation. For each dollar you donate, the Ford Family Foundation will match it up to \$100,000. Our goal is to meet that challenge, and we are getting very close!

Sponsorship of the project is an opportunity for your organization to collaborate with the Ford Family Foundation in matching the challenge grant we have received. As citizens and business owners, you have a great opportunity to join this city-wide effort and give something back to your community. We encourage you to consider helping us reach our goal!

If you would like to contribute or have questions, please contact Kelli Stevens the Public Works Department at (503) 769-2919.



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Stayton Police Receives Grant for Body Cameras

Due to a generous grant provided by City County Insurance Services, the Stayton Police Department was able to purchase Body Cameras for each of our Police Officers. The cameras purchased are known as Axon Body Cameras, a product of Taser International and each camera costs \$399.00, and they are worn on the officer's uniform.

The objective of utilizing the cameras is to increase police transparency in our community. Additionally, cameras will help capture critical evidence during investigations. Studies have shown agencies using body worn cameras have experienced a decrease in the number of complaints they have received and the number of hours needed to investigate those complaints.

Nothing will change in how our officers' conduct day to day business, with the exception of the officer recording the incident.

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.



Door to Door Solicitors Need a Permit

Were you aware that door to door solicitors are required to have a Solicitors Permit per the Stayton Municipal Code?

As the weather begins to improve, you may see an increase in door to door solicitors in your neighborhood. Any person wishing to go door to door within Stayton city limits must first obtain a Solicitors Permit from the City of Stayton. This City issued identification, which you can see pictured on the right, is only issued after a criminal background has been completed on the individual(s) requesting a permit. If you believe a solicitor is selling without a permit, please contact the Stayton Police Department immediately at (503) 769-3423.

It's important to note that while the City may issue the permit, we do not verify quality of the product or endorse any of the products being offered. If you have any questions or you know of a solicitor selling without a permit, please contact the Stayton Police Department at (503) 769-3423.



City Meeting Calendar

City Council

Special Work Session (Goal Setting)
May 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library

Regular Sessions

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
May 18 / June 1 / June 15

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
May 26 / June 29

Parks & Recreation Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
May 5 / June 2

Library Board

6:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
May 20 / June 15

Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
May 12 / June 9

Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
May 8 / June 12

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—First Monday at 3:30 p.m.
Random Readers—Last Monday at 3:30 p.m.

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.

2015 Oregon Authors Series

Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m.—Jane Kirkpatrick
Thursday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m.—Tina Connolly

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

