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Back to School Safety Reminder

The 2015-16 school year is right around the corner. The Stayton Police Department, in partnership with the North Santiam School District, is dedicated to making the Stayton community a safe place for our youth to travel to and from school. This endeavor is the responsibility of everyone who shares our roads, crosswalks, and bike lanes.

For drivers, please be aware and alert for children who may be walking to and from school. Children tend to become distracted and may walk into the roadway without looking for vehicles.

Parents, please take the time prior to the start of the school year to talk to your children about their route to school and the importance of listening to school staff monitoring crosswalks.

Members of the North Santiam School District will be in the area wearing safety vests, helping children use the crosswalks before and after school. Furthermore, the Stayton Police Department will have an enhanced presence in the school zones during school hours, ensuring drivers and children alike are being safe.

Drivers who are distracted by mobile devices and failing to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks will be subject to enforcement of the current traffic laws.

Both the North Santiam School District and the Stayton Police Department take the responsibility of protecting our children seriously and encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.



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Pioneer Park Rehabilitation Project

Renovations will soon begin at Pioneer Park. Our residents can expect to see a new restroom facility, activity pavilion, various site and landscaping improvements, and a new nature play area.



In order to accomplish these renovations, the existing basketball court will be removed. The City's Parks and Recreation Board would like members of our community to know where other outdoor basketball courts are located in Stayton. Below is a list of local basketball courts:

- Community Center Park
- North Slope Park
- Quail Run Park
- Westown Park
- Stayton Middle School

Interested in the health of our historic downtown?

Are you interested in working with fellow community members to achieve extraordinary things? Creating opportunities for local businesses? Or helping to preserve significant downtown structures?



Join us **Thursday, September 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library**, for a town hall meeting with Sheri Stuart who will be discussing how the Main Street Approach® to Downtown Revitalization can help communities bring vitality to their traditional commercial districts.

This is open to everyone... downtown business and property owners, residents, local government officials, community organizations — anyone who feels passionate about improving downtown!

Crazy Eights Author Tour: An Accidental Oregon Idea

The "Crazy Eights Author Tour," founded in 2012, will hit the road this fall for its second edition. Oregon author Byron Wright said the idea came to him while on a road trip doing research for his next novel. Wright had been considering ways to stimulate more interest in Oregon's writing and publishing communities by connecting them with readers, booksellers and libraries in an invigorating new way.

He tested the waters with fellow writers, the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association, and a selection of local bookstores and received an enthusiastic response. Once the idea jelled, he was able to interest 28 of Oregon's award winning authors, eight independent bookstores, and a number of libraries to participate in an author tour that would bring eight authors at a time to eight separate venues across the state from mid-September to mid-November. "The tour is totally volunteer," says Wright, "The generosity of the authors is what makes the tour work. They are passionate about supporting independent bookstores, libraries, and our communities of readers."

Local libraries will host each of the 2015 Crazy Eights Author Tour events. **The fifth leg of the tour will be held in Stayton on Thursday, October 22, 7:00 p.m., hosted by the Stayton Public Library.** The Friends of the Library Used Bookstore will serve as the event's book vendor.

The event format will be something akin to speed dating, only with authors. Each author will have eight minutes to address the audience about their life as a writer and introduce a featured book. It will be a fast-paced literary slam. A mixer will follow the eight rapid-fire presentations where authors will interact one-on-one with members of the audience to discuss their work and personally sign books.

City Meeting Calendar

City Council Town Hall Meeting *Main Street Approach to Downtown Revitalization*

**Thursday, September 17
from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
at the Stayton Public Library**

City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
Sept 21 / Oct 5 / Oct 19

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
September 28 / October 19

Parks & Recreation Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
September 1 / October 6

Library Board

6:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
September 16 / October 21

Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
September 8 / October 13

Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
September 11 / October 9

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.

Art Club

Second Monday of the Month at 3:30 p.m.

Trivia Night at Ugo's Pizza

Third Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.

Santiam Senior Center Activities

Pinochle

Wednesdays at 12:20 p.m.

Bingo

Mondays and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Cribbage & Cribbage Lessons

Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Hand & Foots Cards

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Birthday Potluck

Last Tuesday of the Month at 12:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner & Live Music

Friday, September 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Open to all members & non-members, 50+; \$5

For more upcoming activities visit

www.SantiamSeniorCenter.com

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