



A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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Reminder—Back to School Safety

The Stayton Police Department would like to remind drivers that students are returning to school on September 6th. Please take extra precautions when driving through school zones or following school buses.

Here are some reminders:

- Watch your speed in school zones. A zone begins where the school speed limit sign is posted and continues until you reach an end school zone sign or another posted speed sign.
- Slow down near bus stops, and areas children tend to congregate. Kids may be distracted or act unpredictably, so give yourself time to react.
- Your vehicle should remain stopped when people are using the crosswalk.
- Comply with directions from school crossing guards.
- When the red lights flash on buses, stop before reaching the bus and remain stopped until the driver turns off the flashing lights. A painted median strip or turn lane does not create two separate roads. In this case, all lanes of traffic must stop.
- Remove distractions so you can fully pay attention to all the people and activities in the area. Pullover if you need to text or answer a call.
- Please do not park in bike lanes and along streets marked "No Parking at Any Time," as this forces cyclists and pedestrians into the paths of travel.
- Allow for extra time in your commute. Drivers take more risks when they are late.



The Stayton Police Department will be conducting extra patrols during the times when students are arriving and leaving school to enhance the safety of students, parents, and community members. If you have questions, contact the Police Department at (503) 769-3423.



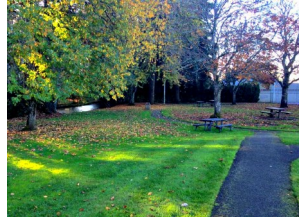
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Fire Safe and Hazard Free

As temperatures increase and everything is dry, it is important to remember to keep your lawns mowed and your yards free of debris. Overgrown vegetation and piles of discarded materials are not only a fire hazard, but a frustration to neighbors and an invitation for pests. Take a quick look around your property to make sure it is fire safe and hazard free!

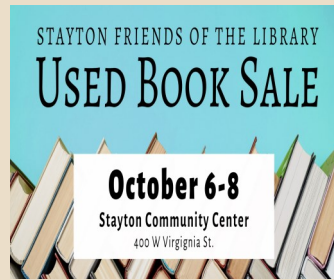


Here is a quick review of some sections from our City Code that are particularly important this time of year.

- **Section 8.04.010** – defines noxious vegetation to include grass/weeds that are over 10 inches high or weeds that have gone to seed.
- **Section 8.04.050** – prohibits the placement on any property of any substance that would create a fire hazard or detract from the cleanliness or safety of the property. (Wood debris, tall grass, junk, etc.)
- **Section 12.04.260** - Each property owner is responsible for maintenance of the curb, sidewalk, and landscape strip, including street trees, abutting the owner's property. The curb, sidewalk and landscape strip shall be kept clean and in good repair.

Stayton Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale

Friends of the Library will be holding their annual Book Sale October 6th-8th, 2022 at the Stayton Community Center. Come shop for thousands of books, CDs, and DVDs for bargain prices and support programs at the Stayton Public Library. By supporting these programs the Library is able to continue providing events such as the Summer Reading Program. Over 700 community members of all ages participated this summer by attending Storytimes in the Parks and being entertained by comedians and dancers. See you in October to buy some books for the whole family and support the Stayton Library.



Storybook Ball

The Stayton Public Library's annual Ball is back on for October 15, 2022. The Storybook Ball will follow in the footsteps of our beloved Father Daughter Ball and be a magical event for all families with young children in our community. The ball will be a dress-up dance and dessert for families benefitting the Stayton Public Library Foundation. Plus, there will be costumes! Save the date! You can visit <http://www.staytonlibrary.org> for more details as they become available.



Reminder: Sign-Up for Emergency Alerts

The City of Stayton uses Everbridge to send out emergency alerts to our community members. There are several ways to sign-up:

- <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736721950#/signup>
- Scan the QR code on the photo to the right, or
- Go to the app store on your cell phone and search "Everbridge" to sign up for emergency alerts on your phone.



City Meeting Calendar

City Council meetings are held at the Stayton Community Center (400 W. Virginia Street) and live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

To learn more about how to provide public comment or public hearing testimony, please visit our website at: www.staytonoregon.gov

- **City Council**
 - ⇒ September 6 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/CWEQV00sass>
 - ⇒ September 19 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/b3TX7i4IhuM>
 - ⇒ October 3 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/q8KlksHpkNg>
 - ⇒ October 17 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/mlkDmvFzVpk>
- **Planning Commission**
 - ⇒ September 26 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/ydlADlxdGc>
 - ⇒ October 31 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/kbnC0ni5a1o>
- **Parks & Recreation Board** meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. For details email lludwick@staytonoregon.gov
- **Library Board** meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. For more details email jmoser@staytonlibrary.org
- **Commissioners Breakfasts** are held monthly and location rotates around area communities. To find the date and location of upcoming meetings, visit: www.staytonoregon.gov/page/admin_calendar

Stayton Public Library Updates

Storytimes

For Storytime and more children's events in September/October check out the Library's calendar online at calendar.staytonlibrary.org

Take and Make Activities for All Ages Tiny Art Show

We're bringing back our Tiny Art Show take and make kit! Kids ages 7-11, teens, and adults can pick up a kit with a tiny canvas, some paint, and endless possibilities for creativity then return their completed canvas to the Library by the end of September to have it displayed in our Tiny Art Show. We will have a modified kit for ages 3-6. Kits will be available Tuesday, September 13th during regular Library hours and are limited to 1 per person while supplies last.

Monthly Book Club

Join us for the return of our monthly book club in the E.G. Siegmund Meeting Room.

- September 28th at 4:00 p.m.: *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah
- October 26th, 4:00 p.m.: *Anxious People* by Frederick Backman