



A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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# The WORD ON THE STREET

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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 5th. 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.



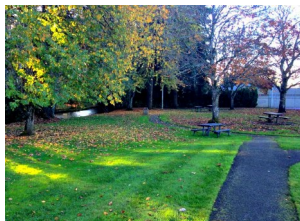
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## Fire Safe and Hazard Free

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!

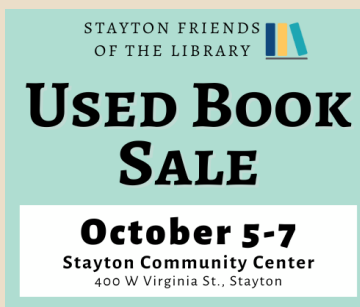


Here is a quick review of some sections from our City Code that are particularly important this time of year.

- **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 5th to 7th, 2023 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.



See you in October to buy some books for the whole family and support the Stayton Library!

## Domestic Violence & Breast Cancer Awareness



During the month of October, you will see Stayton Police Officers wearing pink and purple undershirts and hats in support of both Domestic Violence awareness and Breast Cancer awareness.

Officers will wear purple as their part in bringing awareness and education of domestic violence. Additionally, you will see officers wearing pink in support of survivors and bringing attention to finding a cure for breast cancer.



## 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](http://www.staytonoregon.gov)

- **City Council**
  - ⇒ September 5 at 7:00 p.m.—Cancelled
  - ⇒ September 18 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/xqqosse-n8U>
  - ⇒ October 2 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/BiWS-hc-Gp4>
  - ⇒ October 17 at 7:00 p.m. View online [https://youtu.be/5HXH\\_1nWY60](https://youtu.be/5HXH_1nWY60)
- **Planning Commission**
  - ⇒ September 25 at 7:00 p.m.
  - ⇒ October 30 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Parks & Recreation Board** meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. The September meeting has been cancelled and the October 3rd meeting will be held at Stayton Public Works. For more details email: [lludwick@staytonoregon.gov](mailto: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](mailto:jmoser@staytonlibrary.org)
- **Homeless Task Force** meetings are held monthly on the second Monday at 6:00 p.m. For more details email: [jhajduk@staytonoregon.gov](mailto:jhajduk@staytonoregon.gov)

## Stayton Public Library Updates

### Library's Fall Schedule

Fun for all this fall at Stayton Public Library. You can check out the Library's calendar online at [calendar.staytonlibrary.org](http://calendar.staytonlibrary.org)

### Do You Have a Library Card?

September is National Library Card sign-up month! With a library card you can discover new and exciting worlds. In addition to providing access to over two million books through Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service, you can borrow digital audiobooks and eBooks, stream critically acclaimed films and documentaries through Kanopy, and enjoy fun activities for all ages. Anyone who lives in Marion County is eligible for a free library card at the Stayton Public Library.

You can visit <http://www.staytonlibrary.org> or visit in person to learn more.

Want to share your love for your library card? Pick up an I Love My Library sticker at the Stayton Public Library while supplies last.