



A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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Swim Lessons Make a Comeback!

Grant funding will cover instructor costs thanks to the dedication of a local citizen and Friends of the Pool

Recently, the Friends of the Pool submitted a grant application to obtain funding for swim lessons at the Stayton Family Memorial Pool. Friends of the Pool member Eric Wiser spearheaded the application process and even offered up a match for the grant, as did the Friends of the Pool. Due to his dedication and efforts, the Doris J. Wipper Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation awarded funding to cover personnel costs for three sessions of swim lessons each year.

Beginning in late 2010, due to budgetary constraints, swim lessons were scaled back to only summer sessions. Prior to the cutbacks, lessons were offered nearly year round with approximately 749 lessons offered a year. In 2012, only 283 lessons were held.

With the award of this grant, additional sessions will be held in 2013 and 2014. The first two sessions will be held this winter, one beginning on February 12th and the second on April 2nd. The third session will be in the spring, beginning on May 7th. There will be scholarships available for those who are unable to afford lessons. These will be available through application to the Friends of the Pool.

As information on lesson registration and scholarship applications become available, we will post it on the City of Stayton's web page, as well as our Facebook and Twitter pages.



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Water Service Line Coverage (HomeServe)

The City of Stayton has been advised that local water customers may receive mail solicitations from a company known as "HomeServe" that offers water service line insurance coverage. While customers are responsible for any required repairs to the section of water line running from the meter to the customer's home, we want to let our community know that the City of Stayton does not recommend or endorse the insurance coverage HomeServe is offering. Questions? Please contact the Public Works Department at (503) 769-2919.



Preventing Frozen Pipes

An average of a quarter-million families have their homes ruined and their lives disrupted each winter due to water pipes that freeze and burst. Recovering from frozen pipes is not as simple as calling a plumber. An 1/8" crack in a pipe can spew up to 250 gallons of water a day. Both plastic (PVC) and copper pipes can burst. Here are tips to protect your pipes prior to cold weather hitting.

Before the Cold Hits

Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces and attic, these exposed pipes are most susceptible to freezing. **Heat tape** or thermostatically-controlled heat cables can be used to wrap pipes. **Seal leaks** that allow cold air inside near where pipes are located. **Disconnect** garden hoses and, if practical, use an indoor valve to shut-off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.

The City of Stayton Public Works personnel can assist you with shutting off your water if you feel you may have a frozen pipe and/or water meter. If you need assistance Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., contact the Stayton Public Works department at (503) 769-2919 or City Hall at (503) 769-3425. If you need assistance after normal business hours, please contact the City's after-hours line at (503) 769-3421.

For more information on Frozen Pipes, visit the "Latest News" section of our website.

Special Events for Teens & Tweens at the Library

Check out the new and improved monthly tween and teen programs being offered at the Stayton Public Library.

Game On!

Hang out with friends and play great games; board, cards, TCP, Wii, and internet games. First and Third Fridays, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Third Fridays are special event nights.)

Anime+

Join us to discuss manga, watch anime, try unique crafts, and play TCG. All TCG games are included. First and Third Saturdays, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Loitering in the E.G. Sigmund Room

Unwind, visit with friends, do homework, read books, and play games. Every Wednesday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Challenge Questions for Kids!

In January we are introducing a new feature at the Library called "Challenge Questions." Each month there will be a new challenge question for kids to answer. Entries are for the drawing of a \$5 gift card to the Friends of the Library bookstore. Four entries will be drawn monthly.

Teens Vote for their Favorite Books!

Starting in January, teens can vote on their favorite books. There will be a new genre each month. For added fun, we will hang objects in the teen area depicting that genre.

Dates to remember

Make it Happen @ Your Library

Friday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Share your favorite (PG) internet videos & watch new Pixar shorts

Anime+ Kick-Off

Sat., Jan. 19, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Help us celebrate our new club while we talk manga, watch anime, & more.

Scrabble-palooza

Friday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Come prepared for a scrabble showdown!



City Office Holiday Closures

New Years Day

January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 21

Presidents Day

February 18

City Meeting Calendar

City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
Jan. 7 / Jan. 20 / Feb. 4 / Feb. 19

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
January 28 / February 25

Parks & Recreation Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
January 2 / February 5

Library Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
January 16 / February 20

Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
January 8 / February 12

Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
January 11 / February 8

Library Calendar

Motion Monday

Mondays at 10:15 a.m.

Story Time

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

After School Story Time

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Bedtime Story Time

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

3rd Annual Free Books at Last!

Monday, January 16, All day!

Chapter Readers Book Club

Monday, February 25 at 3:30 p.m.

FREE Computer Classes

First Friday of each month
Please contact Library to register

Santiam Senior Center Activities

Game Day

Mondays at 11:00 a.m.

Cribbage

Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.

Crafts & Hobbies

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Veterans Group

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Bingo

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

For more upcoming activities visit

www.SantiamSeniorCenter.com

or call (503) 767-2009