



A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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Holiday Safety Tips from the Stayton Police Department

As the Holiday season approaches, the Stayton Police Department would like to offer some safety tips as you go about your holiday shopping and other festivities.

- Make sure you park your vehicle in a well lit area of the parking lot when shopping.
- Be aware of your surroundings as you exit your vehicle. When walking to and from your vehicle, listen to your instincts and be watchful of who is around you.
- Keep your vehicle locked at all times, and place any bags or packages out of site or in the trunk.
- If you are uncomfortable walking alone to your vehicle, ask a store employee to escort you.
- While shopping, keep a close eye on your purse and wallet, don't leave them in your cart as you browse.
- If you are driving in inclement weather or heavy traffic, remember to always give yourself plenty of space between vehicles.
- **DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE!** If you are going to consume alcohol, plan ahead and have a designated driver.
- Keep your residence locked and don't post on social media that you are leaving town. While this is an easy way to let your friends and family know, it also may let criminals know you won't be home.

The Stayton Police Department will have enhanced patrols during the holiday season. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at (503) 769-3421. Remember, we can't be everywhere, you are our eyes and ears. Don't hesitate to report suspicious activity.



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Covered Bridge Café Annual Community Dinner



On Wednesday, November 26 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Covered Bridge Café is once again hosting its annual Community Dinner. This event is open to everyone in the community, no questions asked!

The dinner is a traditional Thanksgiving feast plus dessert. The cost is **FREE** and is open to anyone in the community!

Please call (503) 767-3945 to make your reservations, whether you prefer to dine in or have your meal delivered. Donations are greatly appreciated.

What's Okay to Flush Down Your Toilet?

When it comes to worry-free flushability, stick to the basics... human waste and toilet paper only. That's the short list. The list of what NOT to flush is much longer. Even though products are being touted as "flushable," it doesn't mean they are good for the downstream system.



Want to try an interesting "flushability test?" Take two bowls and fill them with water. Place toilet paper in one and a "flushable" item in the other. Swish both items in the water, wait an hour and swish again. The toilet paper should have significantly disintegrated, while the other item will likely remain intact. Unless the item disintegrates at near the same rate as the toilet paper, it should be placed in the garbage and not down the toilet. Otherwise, you risk a blockage in your own pipes as well as clogging up a pump station and causing a sewer blockage for other homes and businesses. (Information from "Len the Plumber")

Don't Forget — Stayton's Annual Clean-Up Days!

The City of Stayton is offering disposal of yard debris, including leaves and brush, on Saturday, November 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



The collection site is at the City of Stayton Shops located at 1820 N. 1st Avenue, Stayton. The only cost to you is a donation of canned food to be given to the Stayton Food Bank.

Seniors who need assistance raking, bagging, or having their yard debris picked up and delivered to the drop-off site are asked to sign up by contacting Stayton Public Works at (503) 769-2919.

Stayton Public Library Hosting a Job Fair

The Stayton Public Library will be hosting a Job Fair on Saturday, November 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the E.G. Siegmund Room. Representatives from local businesses and manufacturers, NORPAC, WorkSource Oregon, and staffing agencies will be on-hand to answer questions and provide information about their organizations. The Library will provide print and online resources. This is a great opportunity to meet employers for both seasonal and long-term employment.



City Meeting Calendar

City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
Nov 3 / Nov 17 / Dec 1 / Dec 15

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
November 24 / December 29

Parks & Recreation Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
November 4 / December 2

Library Board

6:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
November 19 / December 17

Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
November 11 / December 17

Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
November 14 / December 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.

Bedtime Story Time

Wednesdays at 7:00 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.

Game Night Unplugged

A night of games featuring all kinds of board and card games. All ages welcome, families encouraged! Come enjoy old favorites or learn a new game.
Thursday, November 6th—7:00 p.m.

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

