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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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The Front Porch



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Support Pioneer Park — Paint a Tile!

Did you know that Pioneer Park will be getting a facelift?

In 2013, the City of Stayton received a \$387,900 grant from the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Program to make improvements to Pioneer Park. The rehabilitation project will be a total improvement of \$872,400. The project will include renovations to the restrooms, picnic shelter, entryway, plaza and a natural play area.



As part of the funding package, the Stayton Parks and Recreation Board is committed to raising funds to complete the project. The City was awarded a \$100,000 challenge grant from the Ford Family Foundation. For each dollar you donate, the Ford Family Foundation will match it up to \$100,000. Our goal is to meet that challenge!

The Parks and Recreation Board is selling 6x6 tiles for \$35. Your tiles may be painted by anyone in your family and it's a great way to memorialize a family member or create a special memory. The tiles will be incorporated into the seating walls and benches of the newly planned Pioneer Park Plaza.

Tile vouchers are available for purchase at City Hall. Once we have received our first 25 purchases, we will schedule a painting day. Please show your support and purchase one or more tiles today.

If you have questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (503) 769-2919.

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Back to School—Keeping Our Kids Safe

It's time for the Stayton community children to return to school for another exciting year. The Stayton Police Department and North Santiam School District want to remind parents, students, and drivers to practice safe habits as they go about their travels.

For parents, please take time to properly educate your children on safe habits when crossing roadways and walking to school. Instruct children to always take a friend, avoid shortcuts and isolated areas. Additionally, prior to their first day of school, walk the route they will be taking with your child. Point out landmarks and safe places to go if they need help or are being followed. Remind your child not to accept a ride from anyone without your permission. If approached by a stranger, they should run and yell, "This person is not my mother or father!"

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.



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 win 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.

For further information, contact Sgt. Danielle Wetzal or Sgt. Charlie Button at the Stayton Police Department at (503) 769-3421.

City Council Town Hall Forum — System Development Charges

Over the last several months, the City Council and staff has reviewed each of the System Development Charges (SDC) and the proposed changes to each of them. The next step in their review process is to hold a Town Hall Forum to discuss these changes and gather input from the community.

The Council's System Development Charge Town Hall has been scheduled for September 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the E.G. Siegmund room at the Stayton Public Library.



City Meeting Calendar

City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
September 15 / October 6 / October 20

City Council—SDC Town Hall

Monday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m.
in the E.G. Siegmund Meeting Room at the
Stayton Public Library

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
September 29 / October 27

Parks & Recreation Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
September 3 / October 7

Library Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
September 17 / October 15

Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
September 9 / October 10

Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
September 12 / October 10

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.

Random Readers Book Club

Our book club for beginning chapter book readers. In September, this group will be reading Tornado by Betsy Byars.

1st Monday monthly—3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

More Random Readers Book Club

This is a book club for kids who have asked for a bit longer chapter books. In September, they will be reading Sasquatch by Roland Smith.

Come by our children's desk to sign up.
Last Monday monthly—3:30 p.m. to 4:30 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