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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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Understanding Your Monthly Utility Bill

The Stayton Utility Bill that you receive each month funds many essential services for our community. Below you can see a charge by charge breakdown of a standard household's utility bill:

Water Base Fee	\$11.71
Meter Equivalent Charge for a 3/4" meter	\$6.79
Fire Standby Charge	\$4.96
Standard Residential Base Fee:	\$23.46
Residential Sewer Rate	\$56.99 per unit
Transportation Maintenance Fee	\$2.00
Storm Drainage Maintenance Fee	\$4.00

Standard Household Base Rate: \$86.45 + commodity charge of \$1.15 per 1,000 gallons of water used



Stayton's drinking water comes from the North Santiam River, the water is sand filtered and treated at our water plant near the river. The water is then pumped to a large storage facility on Pine Street, and from there it is gravity fed into the distribution system. An annual water quality report can be found on the City's website at www.StaytonOregon.gov. The City also provides fire hydrants for fire the fire protection of our citizens. Annually the fire hydrant valves are tested, repaired, and replaced as needed to be sure they remain ready in the event of a fire.

The City sewer treatment plant is located just outside city-limits, on the southwest edge of town. Wastewater is treated at our plant and then discharged into the North Santiam River. The North Santiam River is one of five protected, pristine rivers in the State of Oregon. Discharge into the river is monitored by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and must meet high environmental standards. Two years ago many upgrades were made to the treatment plant to meet those standards.

The monthly Transportation Maintenance fee is dedicated to be used toward the maintenance and repair of City streets. Recent projects completed using these funds were repairs on Fourth Avenue and High Street near the post office.

Storm Drainage Maintenance Fee funds are used to manage and maintain the quality and quantity of stormwater runoff.

Coming in Your April Utility Bill — City Survey!



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Support Stayton Police's K9 Program!

Registration is open for the annual Stayton Police Department & Where to Start Fitness K9 Run and Health Fair event, which will be held on April 4, 2015 in Stayton. Humans and their four-legged friends are welcome!



This is a walk / run supporting the Stayton Police Department's K9 Program. You can choose to register for either a 5k or 9k run (or walk if you prefer). The course is beginner / intermediate and includes both street and trail running. While it's encouraged that you bring your dog along with you for the event, it is definitely not a requirement.

Cost to register is \$20 and can be done online at www.wheretostartfitness.com/k9run. Come out and support your local K9 Program!

Stayton Police Will Host Coffee with a Cop

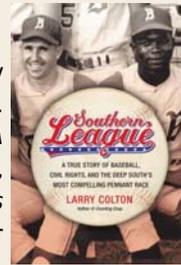
On March 12, 2015, officers from Stayton Police Department and community members will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee.

All community members are invited to attend. The event begins at 8:00 a.m. on March 12, 2015 at McDonalds, 1988 Shaff Road. Please contact Sgt. Charlie Button with questions at (503) 769-3421 or cbutton@staytonpd.org.



Oregon Author Series—Larry Colton

Please join the Stayton Public Library in welcoming Oregon author Larry Colton on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the E.G. Sigmund Room. Colton is the acclaimed journalist and author of the books *Counting Coup: A True Story of Basketball and Honor on the Little Big Horn* and his latest book, *Southern League: A True Story of Baseball, Civil Rights, and the Deep South's Most Compelling Pennant Race*. There will be a reception before and after the author's talk. This event is free.



Economic Vitality Summit

The public is invited to attend a North Santiam Economic Vitality (EV) Summit, delivered by GROW EDC and facilitated by Rural Development Initiatives (RDI) in partnership with the Ford Family Foundation on April 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Foothills Church in Stayton. The goal of the EV Summit is to increase economic vitality by sharing resources and generating new ideas to invigorate our string of rural community from Aumsville to Idanha. For more information, contact Allison McKenzie at (503) 871-5188 or allison@growsantiam.org.

Do You Have a Thief in Your House?

Do you have a thief in your house? If your faucet drips or a toilet runs, then you are paying for a robber to live with you. A dripping faucet can use 100 gallons per month and a leaking toilet can use over 75,000 gallons of clean water each month. You could save over \$1,000 in one year by simply repairing these two fixtures. If you know or suspect you have a leak, call City Hall at (503) 769-3425 and ask for help, they are ready to help you reduce your water bill each month.



Other ways to reduce your bill include checking your pond fill valve, turning off soaker hoses in between uses, not overfilling your swimming pool, using garden hose nozzles while washing vehicles, and using a broom to clean your driveway instead of a hose. Each household can do their part in keeping the clean water in the tap and out of the sewer.

City Meeting Calendar

City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
March 2 / March 16 / April 6 / April 20

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
March 30 / April 27

Parks & Recreation Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
March 3 / April 7

Library Board

6:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
March 18 / April 15

Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
March 10 / April 14

Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
March 13 / April 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.

Lego Club

Third Thursday of the Month at 3:00 p.m.

Book Clubs

Book Bobs—First Monday at 3:30 p.m.
Random Readers—Last Monday at 3:30 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.

Dr. Seuss Celebration!

"Grab your Hat and Read with the Cat!" Celebrate the great Dr. Seuss with us. Wear your craziest hats, enjoy guest readers, and a Dr. Seuss treat.
Tuesday, March 3 at 3:30 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