Back to School—Keeping Students Safe

Back to school is right around the corner, and while an exciting time, it’s also a busy transition time for families. The Stayton Police Department will be working hard to ensure it is also a safe transition. Our dedicated officers will be monitoring school zones to enhance vehicle and pedestrian safety, and taking a zero tolerance stance for motorists who jeopardize the safety of our students. Drivers failing to obey traffic laws around our schools will be cited. Officers will specifically be watching for motorists:

- Failing to stop and remain stopped at crosswalks
- Failing to obey posted speed limits
- Using a mobile device

Additionally, our School Resource Officer will be working to educate school staff, students, and parents regarding the North Santiam School District’s (NSSD) Standard Response Protocol (SRP) which has been adapted from a program by the “I Love U Guys” Foundation.

It is critical for all staff, parents, and students to become familiar with the language associated with the SRP. To assist in this public education, the Stayton Police Department will be hosting an educational night at Stayton High School on Wednesday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. The presentation will educate you on what to expect in our community when responding to critical incidents taking place in or around schools. If you are unable to attend, please take a few minutes to visit the I Love U Guys Foundation’s website at iluvugys.org.
Transportation System Plan Update—Open House

The City of Stayton is updating our Transportation System Plan (TSP). The current TSP was written over 15 years ago. The update project will identify a long-term vision for Stayton’s transportation system as well as near-term solutions to address community concerns and support city needs. You are invited to the first of several scheduled open houses about the update process.

The first open house will be held on Wednesday, October 17th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library E.G. Siegmund Room. The Open House will provide participants with an introduction to the project and an overview of the planning process. Participants will be free to ask questions and share their thoughts and concerns on transportation-related issues with City staff and consultants Kittelson & Associates. A series of poster boards will be used to illustrate the existing conditions and future needs associated with each of the major travel modes (pedestrian, bike, transit, and motor vehicle) and to facilitate the discussion.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, a Virtual Open House will be available online starting Wednesday, October 17th, continuing through Sunday, October 28th. The Virtual Open House will offer the same opportunities to provide input as the in-person meeting. Please plan on attending either the Open House or Virtual Open House and help guide the City’s future transportation system.

If you have questions, please contact the Public Works office at (503) 769-2919. To learn more about the project including draft memos and upcoming meeting dates, please visit [http://sites.kittelson.com/StaytonTSP](http://sites.kittelson.com/StaytonTSP).

New Cultural Pass Available—Oregon State Parks

The Stayton Public Library is excited to be offering a new Cultural Pass to the Oregon State Parks. The Parks Pass is a Day-Use Parking Permit that can be checked out with your Stayton Library Card. Cultural Passes check out for two days and can be reserved by calling (503) 769-3313.

The Library currently offers Cultural Passes to nine different venues thanks to help from the Stayton Friends of the Library. For a complete list of passes, visit [http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/library_services](http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/library_services).

2018 Public Works Projects Update

It’s likely you’ve seen different street improvement and maintenance projects happening around Stayton this spring and summer. These were made possible by the recently enacted 3-cent motor vehicle fuel tax. Streets in the Village Creek and Quail Run neighborhoods were crack and slurry sealed in July. Additionally, an overlay was applied to E. Virginia Street, from W. Burnett Street to N. 4th Avenue. Gravel portions of thirteen streets were also graded and had dust control applied.

On July 16th, K&E Excavating began construction of the Mill Creek Park Regional Stormwater Facility, east of Kindle Way. Approximately 55,000 cubic yards of material was excavated to create the detention pond and swales. The contractor is currently installing approximately 1,300 feet of stormwater pipe and manholes. A stormwater diversion structure on Shaff Road and landscaping of the detention area are yet to be completed. The project is expected to be complete by late September.

If you have any questions about the above mentioned projects, please contact Public Works at (503) 769-2919.