Annual Sidewalk Maintenance Program

In 2013, the City implemented the sidewalk maintenance program to address deteriorating sidewalks throughout town. For this program, the City is divided up according to the boundaries shown on the Marion County Tax Maps.

During November 2018, City staff inspected sidewalks in the area bound by Regis Street to the south, Gardner Street to the west, Shaff Road to the north, and First Avenue to the east. The inspections performed in the area by Public Works staff identified dozens of trip hazards, excessive cracks, and deteriorating concrete sections. Repairs and/or replacement of these sidewalks will create safe paths for pedestrians.

Stayton’s Municipal Code Title 12.04.260 states that (1) each property owner is responsible for maintenance of the curb, sidewalk, and landscape strip, including street trees, abutting the owner’s property. The curb, sidewalk, and landscape strip shall be kept clean and in good repair; and (2) if any curb, sidewalk, street tree or landscape strip between the curb and the property line becomes unsafe, out of repair, and/or poses an unreasonable risk of danger to person or property, the Public Works Director will notify the affected property owner to repair, maintain or clean the curb, sidewalk, street tree or landscape strip as conditions may require.

The Public Works department met with property owners to discuss the repairs needed to come into compliance.

If you have questions about the sidewalk maintenance program, please contact the Public Works department at (503) 769-2919.
**Neighborhood Improvement Grants Awarded**

At their January 7, 2019 meeting, the City Council awarded two Neighborhood Improvement Grants. This is a new program established this budget year to provide an opportunity for groups of neighbors to come together and propose a project that promotes livability of neighborhoods within the City. A total of $5,000 was made available for the grants this year.

A group of residents in Sylvan Springs were awarded $2,500 for improvements to the pedestrian trail system in their neighborhood. They will be clearing vegetation, installing benches and solar lights. The grant will be matched through in-kind contribution of equipment and labor, and $350 in cash.

Another group of residents in the Westown neighborhood were awarded $2,500 for a new wood chip surface in the playground at Westown Park. The City’s Public Works department will carry out the project using Neighborhood Grant Funds.

For more information on the grant program, contact Dan Fleishman, Planning and Development Director at (503) 769-2998 or via email at dfleishman@ci.stayton.or.us.

**Stayton Winner in 5-City Contamination Contest**

The City of Stayton was named as the community with the least contaminated recycling as part of the 5-City Contamination Contest. A representative from Republic Services presented the Stayton Public Library with a check for $2,500 at the City Council meeting on February 4th.

Republic Services indicated they chose the Library as the award recipient because they are a great example in the community of reusing and recycling books, information, and more.

**Got Overdue Book Fines? Join us for Food for Fines!**

The Stayton Public Library will be accepting food for fines the week of April 1st through April 6th.

Library patrons can reduce their overdue fines and help hungry neighbors at the same time. Library fines will be reduced by $1 for each food item contributed. Food cannot be used to reduce fines by more than $20, or to cover other charges such as lost or damaged items or special fees.

All food items must be commercially processed, factory sealed, and be free of dents, rust, and not expired. All donations will be given to the Stayton Community Food Bank.

**Pioneer Park Merry-Go-Round**

Last summer, the merry-go-round at Pioneer Park was retired due to its condition and many were sad to see it go. We are excited to share the City has ordered a replacement merry-go-round which is scheduled for installation in the spring. Families will be able to create lasting memories for years to come!

**City Meeting Calendar**

- **City Council**
  7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
  March 4 and 18 / April 1 and 15

- **Planning Commission**
  7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
  March 25 / April 29

- **Parks & Recreation Board**
  6:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
  March 5 / April 2

- **Library Board**
  6:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
  March 20 / April 17

- **Commissioner’s Breakfast**
  7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
  March 12 / April 9

**Library Calendar**

**Read Across America on Dr. Seuss’ Birthday**

Saturday, March 2 at 3:00 p.m.
Join us at the Stayton Public Library as we celebrate a nation of diverse readers and honor a classic children’s author with fun stories and activities to encourage a life-long love of reading. This program is intended for children of all ages.

**Maker Challenge: UWOs**

Thursday, March 28 at 4:00 p.m.
Come build your own UWO (Unidentified Wobbling Object) to take home. This challenge is geared towards school aged children.

**DIY Squishies**

Wednesday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m.
Make your own squishie! This activity is for teens in grades 6 to 12 and will be held in the E.G. Siegmund Meeting Room at the Library.

**Free Tax Help from AARP**

Every Saturday from March 2 to April 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
An AARP Tax Aide will be available for walk-in appointments in the E.G. Siegmund Meeting Room at the Stayton Public Library.

**Author Visit—John Larison**

Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.
John Larison is the author of “Whiskey When We’re Dry.” There will be a reception following the talk. Free, no registration necessary.

**Author Visit—Cathy Lamb**

Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m.
Cathy Lamb is the author of twelve novels including “Julia’s Chocolates” and her latest, “The Man She Married.” There will be a reception following the talk. Free, no registration necessary.

**Santiam Senior Center Activities**

For more upcoming activities visit www.SantiamSeniorCenter.com or call (503) 767-2009