



A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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The WORD ON THE STREET

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Reminder—Back to School Safety

The Stayton Police Department would like to remind drivers that students are returning to school on September 7th. Please take extra precautions when driving through school zones or following school buses.

Here are some reminders:

- Watch your speed in school zones. A zone begins where the school speed limit sign is posted and continues until you reach an end school zone sign or another posted speed sign.
- Slow down near bus stops, and areas children tend to congregate. Kids may be distracted or act unpredictably, so give yourself time to react.
- Your vehicle should remain stopped when people are using the crosswalk.
- Comply with directions from school crossing guards.
- When the red lights flash on buses, stop before reaching the bus and remain stopped until the driver turns off the flashing lights. A painted median strip or turn lane does not create two separate roads. In this case, all lanes of traffic must stop.
- Remove distractions so you can fully pay attention to all the people and activities in the area. Pullover if you need to text or answer a call.
- Please do not park in bike lanes and along streets marked "No Parking at Any Time," as this forces cyclists and pedestrians into the paths of travel.
- Allow for extra time in your commute. Drivers take more risks when they are late.

The Stayton Police Department will be conducting extra patrols during the times when students are arriving and leaving school to enhance the safety of students, parents, and community members. If you have questions, contact the Police Department at (503) 769-3423.



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Community Water Conservation

On July 7, 2021, the Governor directed State agencies to conserve water in response to drought conditions facing Oregon. The executive order directed agencies to curtail non-essential water use, implement water conservation measures, and encourage drought resiliency. Since the executive order was issued, the Stayton area has received 0.02 inches of rain. The entire Willamette River Basin is suffering from drought-like conditions.

In an effort to do our part, the City of Stayton will be activating our Water Curtailment Plan. We will start our efforts in stage "Mild" which consists of bringing public awareness to the drought-like conditions and reduce water consumption by 5%.

The City will be reducing our irrigation efforts in Stayton parks and limiting water usage where possible while still providing the quality of service our residents have come to expect.

We are also asking our community members to limit irrigating their lawns and eliminate washing vehicles by residential hose. Again, we are trying to reduce our monthly usage by 5%. Your conservation efforts are very much appreciated.

To view the City's Water Management and Conservation Plan go to: www.staytonoregon.gov/page/open/3483/0/Stayton_WMCP_Final.pdf

Do You Have a Library Card?

September is National Library Card sign-up month! With a library card you can discover new and exciting worlds. In addition to providing access to over two million books through Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service, you can borrow digital audiobooks and eBooks, stream critically acclaimed films and documentaries through Kanopy, and enjoy fun activities for all ages.

Anyone who lives in Marion County is eligible for a free library card at the Stayton Public Library. You can visit <http://www.staytonlibrary.org> or visit in person to learn more.

Want to share your love for your library card? Pick up an I Love My Library sticker at the Stayton Public Library while supplies last.



Parking Reminder from the Stayton Police Department

You may have noticed curbs near crosswalks are now painted yellow throughout downtown Stayton. Oregon Revised Statute 811.550(17) prohibits parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection. Parking too close to crosswalks and intersections prevents a clear view of the intersection and is dangerous for both pedestrians and other traffic.



If you have questions, contact the Stayton Police Department at (503) 769-3421.

Reminder: Sign-Up for Emergency Alerts

The City of Stayton uses Everbridge to send out emergency alerts to our community members. There are several ways to sign-up:

- <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736721950#/signup>
- Scan the QR code on the photo to the right, or
- Go to the app store on your cell phone and search "Everbridge" to sign up for emergency alerts on your phone.



City Meeting Calendar

City Council meetings are held at the Stayton Community Center (400 W. Virginia Street) and live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

In-person meeting attendance is subject to applicable regulations from the State of Oregon in place at the time of the meeting and are subject to change. At this time, masks are required in the Community Center building regardless of vaccination status.

To learn more about how to provide public comment or public hearing testimony, please visit our website at: www.staytonoregon.gov

• City Council

- ⇒ September 20 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/SZtBbEJycrM>
- ⇒ October 11 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/uPKrDjf90Dk>
- ⇒ October 18 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/PxPkogOmd6o>

• Planning Commission

- ⇒ September 27 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/E8xrfoesOYE>
- ⇒ October 25 at 7:00 p.m. View online at https://youtu.be/0R_7qzP3kBE

• **Commissioners Breakfasts** are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café.

• **Parks & Recreation Board** will be held on October 5 at 6:00 p.m. For more information email ludwick@ci.stayton.or.us

• **Library Board** will be held on September 15 and October 20 at 6:00 p.m. For more information email jannam@ccrls.org.

Stayton Public Library Updates

The Stayton Public Library is currently open to the public during the following hours:

- Tuesday—Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Friday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday: Curbside services available by appointment

Storytimes

Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.

Join us as we walk into a world where literacy is everywhere! This program is for children and family members of all ages. Space is limited, register in advance at the Library or by visiting: www.staytonoregon.gov/page/library_calendar
Please note—this program takes place outdoors around the Library and Community Center park.

**Take and Make Activities for All Ages
September 14th and October 12th**

Each month we'll have an activity kit complete with supplies and instructions for kids, teens, and adults. Kits will be available during the second week of the month while supplies last. For more information on the kits, visit: www.staytonoregon.gov/page/library_calendar

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