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Stayton Police Warn of Scam Targeting Residents

In recent weeks, the Stayton Police Department was notified of at least three scams targeting local residents. The initial scam was brought to the attention of our department by an alert and conscientious employee at Postal Connections. The customer arrived with an envelope to send out of state, explaining they had been given very specific instructions on how it needed to be mailed and it absolutely had to arrive the next morning. The customer was willing to pay several hundred dollars in shipping costs. Police were notified to assist. It was discovered to be an elaborate scam where the caller caused the customer to believe a family member was in trouble and needed money sent immediately. Thanks to the concern, quick-thinking, and compassion of the employees at Postal Connections, working in conjunction with the Stayton Police Department, this customer's money was recovered and did not make it into the hands of the scammers.



Additionally, at least two other reports were made to our department by Postal Connection which involved similar situations. In total, over \$14,000 was kept out of the hands of scammers.

In all of the scams, the subject used a sense of urgency and caused the victim to believe they should not tell anyone. The victims were advised how to send the cash, which equated to "disguising the packaging and contents," and even lying to the Postal Connections staff about what was in the package. In some cases, the scammers kept the victim on the phone walking them through the steps and creating a script for them on what to say and do. Ultimately, occupying them on the phone and creating a sense of urgency, keeping the victims from verifying the circumstances or consulting anyone.

Legitimate services will not request you pay in gift cards. If you want to educate yourself on other common scams visit: <https://www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection/scam-alert-network/>



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Stayton Public Library Updates

The Stayton Public Library ended our Summer Reading Program strong. Over the course of the program, kids read over 110,000 minutes, while teens and adults read over 1,400 books! Congratulations to all the winners!

We are continuing curbside pickup by appointment. Staff are manually sending out hold notices at this time, so depending on volume, there may be a delay. For more information on curbside service or help finding items to put on hold, visit www.staytonlibrary.org or call us at (503) 769-3313.

The CCRLS courier is up and running, however, it is limited. Please keep in mind it takes longer than usual to receive items from other libraries and items have to be quarantined. You can place holds on materials from other libraries, however, we are unable to provide an expected arrival date.

Beginning in September, the Library will have monthly take and make projects for kids, teens, and adults that can be picked up from the Library. The first kit will be available September 8th. For more information on kits as well as upcoming virtual events, visit www.staytonlibrary.org or call at (503) 769-3313.

Eagle Scout Project at Riverfront Park

On July 25th and August 1st, local resident Luke West, supported by other scouts and volunteers, cleared 20 cubic yards of Scotch Broom, English Ivy, and Tansy Ragwort from Stayton's Riverfront Park. Luke came up with the Summer Weed Pull Project to rid Riverfront Park of these invasive species.



Luke's project is for his Eagle Scout award and is also one of his projects toward his William T. Hornaday Conservation Award. Luke will also be completing a project in the fall which will coordinate the recycling of hazardous materials like paints, oils, old gas, and chemicals. This will be done in conjunction with the City's fall leaf event.



Luke and his team performed this work while following social distancing guidelines outlined by the Oregon Health Authority during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The City would like to thank Luke and all his volunteers for performing this great service for the community. Additionally, we also extend thanks to Republic Services for donating the drop boxes for this project. This was a wonderful community effort, great job everyone!



Domestic Violence & Breast Cancer Awareness

During the month of October, you will see Stayton Police Officers wearing pink and purple undershirts in support of both Domestic Violence awareness and Breast Cancer awareness. Officers will wear purple as their part in bringing awareness and education of domestic violence. Additionally, you will see officers wearing pink in support of survivors and bringing attention to finding a cure for breast cancer.



City Meeting Calendar

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, all meetings will be live streamed on the City's YouTube account with limited staff on hand at the meeting site. The City has taken steps to utilize current technology to make meetings available to the public without increasing the risk of exposure.

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

City Council

- ⇒ September 8 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/mJhtN8cp5bM>
- ⇒ September 21 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/XkcVfy-cb4k>
- ⇒ October 5 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/HQHPOh9cWaQ>
- ⇒ October 19 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/fmS6t5FhivA>

Planning Commission

- ⇒ September 28 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/XfzeuiCP5Ww>
- ⇒ October 26 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/1XkumTok-w>

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

• **Parks & Recreation Board and Library Board** are anticipated to be cancelled until further notice.

Library Contactless Curbside Pick-Up

The Stayton Public Library has begun a contactless curbside pick-up service, by appointment only.

You can place items on hold through the CCRLS online catalog or call the Library at (503) 769-3313 to place holds. Once your items are ready, you can schedule an appointment at: www.staytonoregon.gov/page/library_pickup

Library staff are packing bags at least 1 day in advance and may not be able to accommodate last minute holds. Please keep in mind, the courier is not running and items available for pick-up are limited to what our Library has in-house.

All Library materials must be returned through the book drop. The Library has a quarantine process in place and returned items will not be checked in until they have been quarantined. There will be no late fines charged.