



A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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# The WORD ON THE STREET

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## Don't Be a Victim — Tips from Stayton Police

In 2016, the citizens of Stayton were victim to 163 thefts and 25 burglaries. These numbers only include the incidents reported to the Stayton Police Department. This trend doesn't have to continue and we can all take small steps to ensure we are not victimized. Thieves are opportunistic and look to prey on vulnerable and easy targets. Take a moment and make sure you are following these simple suggestions.

- Keep garage door closed.
- Lock your vehicles and keep valuables out of sight.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Have outdoor motion lights.
- Put indoor lights on timers.
- Communicate with your neighbors.
- Trim bushes and plants that limit visibility.



If you are going on vacation, our Police Department has a vacation check program and will make every attempt to check on your residence while you are away. Contact us to request a Vacation Check Form to request this service. We also recommend the following:

- Don't advertise your vacation on social media.
- Stop mail and newspaper delivery while you are gone.
- Ask a neighbor or family member to accept packages while you are gone.

Finally, please have a detailed list of all your valuables. This should include serial numbers and the value of items. For tools and other valuables without serial numbers, engrave the item with a unique number you can identify.

We can all work together to reduce this type of crime in our community. If you have any questions, please contact the Stayton Police Department at (503) 769-3421.



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# Stayton City Council Adopts Rental Housing Code

In mid-December a newly enacted Rental Housing Code went into effect. The Code was enacted by the City Council after hearing of instances where rental housing was not meeting the basic standards in state law and not providing safe and habitable living conditions.

Close to half of the homes in Stayton are renter occupied. The City's Comprehensive Plan includes a policy to assure that all occupied units are safe, decent, and suitable for healthful habitation. The new Rental Housing Code implements this policy.



The Rental Housing Code includes the following standards:

- Roofs, floors, walls, foundations, stairways and railings, and all other structural components shall be maintained in good repair.
- Each dwelling unit shall be provided with access to a toilet, bath or shower, and lavatory in a room or rooms separate from the habitable rooms and which affords privacy, within the building in which the dwelling unit is located.
- Plumbing systems shall be installed and maintained in a safe and sanitary condition and shall be free of defects, leaks and obstructions.
- There shall be a permanently installed heat source with the ability to provide a room temperature of 68°F three feet above the floor, measured in the approximate center of the room, in all habitable rooms. Portable space heaters shall not be used to achieve compliance with this standard.
- Electrical lighting, fixtures and outlet, and all other electrical equipment shall conform to applicable law at the time of installation and shall be maintained in good working order.
- Roof, exterior walls, windows and doors shall be maintained to prevent water leakage into living areas which may cause damage to the structure or its contents or may adversely affect the health of an occupant. Repairs must be permanent rather than temporary and shall be through generally accepted construction methods.
- Doors and windows leading into a dwelling unit must be equipped with locks and shall be maintained in a condition so as to restrict access into the dwelling unit.
- Buildings, grounds, and additions must be safe and shall be kept clean, sanitary and free from all accumulations of debris.

All enforcement will be complaint generated; the City will not be conducting routine inspections. However, the Ordinance Enforcement Officer within the Police Department is available to respond to complaints. Rental tenants must provide a copy of a written notice to the landlord with any complaint to the City.

If you'd like more information on the City of Stayton's Rental Housing Code or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Planning and Development Director Dan Fleishman at [dfleishman@ci.stayton.or.us](mailto:dfleishman@ci.stayton.or.us). If you would like to file a complaint, please reach out to our Ordinance Enforcement Officer Alan Pinto at [apinto@ci.stayton.or.us](mailto:apinto@ci.stayton.or.us).

## City Meeting Calendar

### City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center  
January 3 / January 17 / February 6 / February 21

### Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center  
January 30 / February 27

### Parks & Recreation Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library  
January 4 / February 7

### Library Board

6:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library  
January 18 / February 15

### Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café  
January 10 / February 14

### Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café  
January 13 / February 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.

### Random Readers Book Club

Last Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

### Adult Coloring

First Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

### Duct Tape Everything!

Friday, January 13 at 3:30 p.m.

An afternoon of duct tape creations — all supplies provided! For tweens and teens in grades 6 to 12.

This event is free and requires registration by contacting the Library at (503) 769-3313.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual — Free Books at Last!

Monday, January 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we will have a free book for every child who visits.

### Author Visit—Cat Winters

Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Cat Winters is the author of adult and young adult novels that blend history and the supernatural.

Her latest adult novel, *Yesternight*, was released in October 2016.

### Random Acts of Kindness Day

Friday, February 17

We'll be celebrating kindness all month! Stop by and add your act of kindness to our kindness tree.

Let's make it bloom in the coldest month!

## Santiam Senior Center Activities

For more upcoming activities visit

[www.SantiamSeniorCenter.com](http://www.SantiamSeniorCenter.com)