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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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# The WORD ON THE STREET

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## Changes Coming to Utility Bills and Payment Options

Beginning at the end of May, your City of Stayton utility bill will have a new and improved, streamlined look. While the layout may be different, your utility bill will include all your pertinent account information. Also, a return envelope will be included for your convenience.

Another change coming your way will occur in June. The City will be switching our online utility payment service to Xpress Bill Pay. Customers who currently use Payment Service Network (PSN), will need to set up a new account with Xpress Bill Pay to continue paying your account online. Further information on how to register for Xpress Bill Pay will be included in your next Utility Bill at the end of June.

If you have any questions, contact City Hall at (503) 769-3425 or via email at [finance@ci.stayton.or.us](mailto:finance@ci.stayton.or.us).



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



The Stayton Public Library will be accepting food for fines the week of May 8th through May 13th.

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 \$10, 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.



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## Low Interest Home Loans Available



Is your home in need of repair? New furnace, insulation, or safety improvements? The City of Stayton Housing Rehabilitation Program has funding available for home improvements for income-qualified homeowners. Properties must be owner-occupied. The owners must meet the current guidelines as low or moderate income households and have enough equity in their home to meet loan guidelines.

The loans may be used to repair or replace roofing, plumbing, electrical problems, carpet or linoleum, painting, dry-rot, and foundation repairs. The maximum loan amount is \$25,000. No monthly payments are required — the loan is repaid when you sell your home. An interest rate of 4% is charged for the first four years and following that, no additional interest accrues.

The funds for the Program come from a Community Development Block Grant from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. For more information, contact the Director of Planning and Development Dan Fleishman at (503) 769-2998 or via email at [dfleishman@ci.stayton.or.us](mailto:dfleishman@ci.stayton.or.us).

## Tall Grass? Noxious Weeds? Spring is Here!

It's that time of year... spring has arrived, which means tall grass and noxious weeds are sprouting up and will be on the radar of our Ordinance Enforcement Officer.

Stayton residents are responsible for upkeep of their property, which includes, but is not limited to, mowing grass and removing noxious weeds. General upkeep of your home and yard adds value to your property and overall neighborhood.

When our Ordinance Enforcement Officer identifies a violation, contact will be made with the occupant of the property to ensure they are aware of the issue. If the issue is not remedied within a given period of time, the City will hire a contractor to perform needed services to bring the property into compliance. The property owner will be charged a \$100 fine in addition to the expense of hiring the contractor.

If you have questions or a violation to report, please contact us at (503) 769-3421.



## Build a Better World — Summer Reading Program



The Stayton Public Library is excited to announce our 2017 Summer Reading Program, "Build a Better World." Sign-ups begin June 12, 2017.

By serving all age groups, the Library brings lifelong learning and literacy to our community as well as encourages reading as a family. This year we'll be featuring programs and activities to highlight different ways to "Build a Better World" at home, in the community, and around the world.

Kids can look forward to fun activities on Tuesday afternoons, and we'll have performers on Thursdays to entertain the whole family. Teens who read will be eligible to win prizes in our raffle. Anyone who reads at least 5 books will receive a gift! Every Friday afternoon will feature fun activities such as life-size games, repurposing old books into something new, and more. There will be an after-hours kickoff party on June 23rd which will feature a variety of board games, minute-to-win-it games and Nintendo Wii.

Summer reading is not just for kids anymore, adults can get in on the fun once again. The adult program will feature raffle prizes for readers, theme related book discussion groups and more!

## City Meeting Calendar

### City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center  
May 15 / June 5 / June 19

### Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center  
May 29 / June 26

### Parks & Recreation Board

6:30 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library  
May 2 / June 6

### Library Board

6:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library  
May 17 / June 21

### Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café  
May 9 / June 13

### Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café  
May 12 / June 9

## 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.

### Star Wars Party

Friday, May 5 at 4:00 p.m.

Come enjoy Star Wars themed snacks and activities at our Star Wars Party. Costumes encouraged. Open to grades 6 to 12.

### Teen Tech: Arduino Makerspace Workshop

Thursday, June 1 at 4:00 p.m.

The Arduino Workshop is aimed at introducing more advanced students to simple programming and electronic hardware utilization. The Arduino is a modifiable microcontroller designed for ease of use, so anyone can use it. Students will be able to choose from a plethora of activities ranging from working with LCD screens to driving electric motors. This workshop is open to grades 6 and up.

### Bad Art Night

Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.

The Stayton Public Library invites community members 18 and older to take a break to express your creativity with absolutely no expectations! This activity is free, but please register by calling the Library to RSVP at (503) 769-3313.

## Santiam Senior Center Activities

For more upcoming activities visit

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