



# THE FRONT PORCH



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## *A word from Mayor Vigil...*

Happy New Year Stayton!

Effective January 03, 2011, three new City Council members (Larry Emery, Henry A. Porter and Brian Quigley) will have taken their oath of office along with myself as Mayor. I am looking forward to building good relationships with our elected officials by learning from the past, and focusing on the future and goals for the good of the community. The City Council will be setting goals in February for 2011-2012 and your input is important. If you have suggestions please contact me at [mayorvigil@ci.stayton.or.us](mailto:mayorvigil@ci.stayton.or.us) or contact City staff at (503) 769-3425.

Speaking of goals, I am taking a different approach this year and going for something that I can start small and build on. The City of Stayton is sponsoring a Sprint Triathlon (first annual) to take place on Saturday, May 21, 2011. For more information contact Jennifer at (503) 769-2919 or log onto the city's website at [www.staytonoregon.gov](http://www.staytonoregon.gov) Also, I will be participating in the Seattle Firefighter Stair Climb for the fourth year, and my goal is to beat my old time and get well under 20 minutes.

If you are starting any new resolutions, I wish you all success and encourage you!

Scott Vigil  
Mayor

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## Calendar

**City Council Reception for outgoing/incoming members:**  
(Mon) Jan 03; 6pm — 7 pm; Community Center

**City Council** (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon): Jan 03 & Tues. Jan 18,  
Feb 07 & Feb 22; 7pm; Community Center

**Planning Commission** (Last Mon): Jan 31 & Feb 28;  
7pm; Community Center

**Parks Board** (1<sup>st</sup> Tue): Jan 04 & Feb 01; 7 pm;  
E.G. Siegmund Meeting Room/Library

**Library Board** (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed): Jan 19 & Feb 16; 6pm;  
E.G. Siegmund Meeting Room/Library

**Commissioner's Breakfast** (2<sup>nd</sup> Tue): Jan 11 & Feb 08;  
7:30am; Covered Bridge Café

**Comprehensive Plan Committee** (Last Wed): Jan 26 &  
Feb 23; 7pm; E. G. Siegmund Meeting Room/Library

**PEG Access Commission** (1st Thurs): Jan 06 & Feb 03;  
12:00pm; City Hall Conference Room

**Town Hall Forum** (Thurs) Jan 20; 6:30—8 pm;  
Santiam Memorial Hospital, Freres Auditorium

**Community Leaders Mtg.** (Fri) Jan 14 & Feb 11; 7:30 am;  
Covered Bridge Café

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THESE  
UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:** (Mon) Jan 17 (Martin Luther  
King Day) & (Mon) Feb 21 (President's Day).



## January Means it's Time to License Your Dog!

It's time to obtain/renew your dog licenses, watch your mailbox for your renewal forms or call (503) 769-2919, if you have questions or have a new pet!



Santiam Youth Peer Court has a new telephone number! They can now be reached at (503) 769-5749.



## Preventing Frozen Water Pipes

**Before the cold hits:** Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces and attic. Disconnect garden hoses and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.

**When the mercury drops:** A trickle of hot and cold water might be all it takes to keep your pipes from freezing. Let warm water drip overnight, preferably from a faucet on an outside wall. Open cabinet doors to allow heat to get to uninsulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.

**Before you go away:** Never shut off your heat completely. Set the thermostat in your house no lower than 55°F (12°C). Ask a friend or neighbor to check your house daily to make sure it's warm enough to prevent freezing or Shut off and drain the water system if you plan to leave your home or business for an extended period. Also, if you do drain your pipes, be sure to turn off your water heater first. Be aware that if you have a fire protection sprinkler system in your house, it will be deactivated when you shut off the water.

**If your pipes freeze:** Don't take chances. If you turn on your faucets and nothing comes out, leave the faucets turned on and call a licensed plumber. If you detect that your water pipes have frozen and burst, turn off the water at the main shut-off valve in the house; leave the water faucets turned on. (Make sure everyone in your family knows where the water shut-off valve is and how to open and close it.) Never shut off the water at your street meter on your own, always call City personnel, otherwise you could be financially responsible if you break your meter.

If you feel you have a frozen pipe and/or water meter and you need assistance, City of Stayton Public Works Department maintenance personnel can shut off your water service:

- If you feel you have a frozen water pipe and/or water meter and feel you need immediate assistance during our normal business hours, (8a-5p, Mon-Fri) please contact the City of Stayton Public Works Department at (503) 769-2919 or City Hall (503) 769-3425.
- If you feel you have a frozen water pipe and/or water meter and feel you need immediate assistance after our normal business hours, please contact the 24 Hour-Police Dispatch at (503) 769-3421.

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## 1st Annual City of Stayton

### Sprint Triathlon

Saturday, May 21, 2011



~Friends ~ Fun ~  
~Fitness~

Kick-off the new year training for your first sprint triathlon. You can enter as a 2 or 3 person relay team. All levels are welcome! Individuals: \$40 Relay Team: \$75 Find more information at [www.staytonoregon.gov](http://www.staytonoregon.gov)

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## LIBRARY EVENTS!

### Library Events for Children:

**Storytimes:** Tues. & Thurs. 10 am—11 am;

**Afterschool Story time:** Tues. 3:30 pm—4:30 pm



### Monday, January 17th:

*Free Books at Last! We will be celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday with a book give-away all day at the Library.*

### Thursday, February 17th:

*Book Swap 3:30—4:30 pm. Children, 3rd grade and above are invited to come trade those books they've already read, play some games and make new friends.*

Call the Library for more information  
Stayton Public Library 515 N. 1st Ave., (503) 769-3313

Tips from the Stayton Police Department to help keep your home safe while you are away:

- Ask a trusted neighbor to collect your mail and newspapers, or have your mail held at the Post Office;
- Let someone know when you are leaving, scheduled to return and how you can be reached in an emergency;
- Put automatic timers on at least two lights (and possibly a radio) to help your home look and sound lived in;
- Make sure your windows, especially ground level ones, have good locks and use them;
- Make sure all porches and other possible entrances are well lit;
- Don't hide your house keys under the doormat or in a flowerpot, it is much wiser to give an extra key to a trusted neighbor;
- When you return, if you see a screen that has been cut, broken windows, or a door that's been left open, don't go in. Call the police at (503) 769-3421 from a safe location.

