



A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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# The Front Porch

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## Sidewalk Maintenance Program

On October 1, 2012, the City Council approved a new annual sidewalk safety inspection program in Stayton. The purpose of the program is to identify safety hazards which may exist and to work with property owners to repair hazardous sidewalks.

The City has been divided into a total of eleven areas, and each year one area will be focused on. The first area to be inspected will be the older Downtown area

from First Avenue to Fourth Avenue, and Washington Street to Water Street.

As inspections are in progress, you may notice workers in your neighborhood and/or markings on the sidewalks. Thank you in advance for your assistance and for working with the City to make our sidewalks safer for all citizens who use them.

To find out more information visit [www.StaytonOregon.gov](http://www.StaytonOregon.gov) or call the Public Works department at (503) 769-2919.



## Covered Bridge Café Offers Free Thanksgiving Community Dinner



On Wednesday, November 21 from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Covered Bridge Café is once again hosting its annual Community Dinner. This event is open to everyone in the community, no questions asked!

The dinner is a traditional Thanksgiving feast plus dessert. The cost is **FREE** and is open to anyone in the community!

Please call (503) 767-3945 to make your reservations, whether you prefer to dine in or have your meal delivered. Donations are greatly appreciated.

## Stayton's Annual Clean-Up Days

Fall leaves means it's time for the Stayton Annual Clean-Up Days. Remember, in Stayton, residents are responsible for all leaves and debris that fall on their property. Please do not place leaves or debris in the street as they can block drainage ways and cause flooding.

The City of Stayton is offering disposal of yard debris, including leaves and brush, on Saturday, November 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The collection site is at the City of Stayton Public Works Shops located at 1820 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Stayton. The only cost to you is a donation of canned food to be given to the Stayton Food Bank.

Seniors who need assistance raking, bagging, or having their yard debris picked up and delivered to the drop-off site are asked to sign up by contacting Stayton Public Works at (503) 769-2919.

Clean-up Days are being offered by the City of Stayton in cooperation with Allied Waste, Stayton Food Bank, and the Marion County Solid Waste Department.



## Stayton Police Warn Parents of "Robo-Tripping"

Recently, the Stayton Police Department has responded to numerous reports of juveniles shoplifting cough syrup and cold medicines. There has been a recent trend of kids taking large amounts of Robitussin or Mucinex to gain a euphoric effect.

The street name for this activity is "Robo-Tripping", which is very dangerous and can result in death. Recently, one local juvenile had to have his chest opened to restart his heart due to this activity.

By using these drugs outside the recommended dosage, the chemicals can potentially slow or even shut-down certain neural pathways, which prevents areas of the brain from communicating with each other. This leaves the user feeling dissociated or potentially "out of body" and can cause the heart to stop beating.

If you have children or grandchildren, please explain the dangers of this behavior to them. Also, if you are in a store and see a group of juveniles congregating around the cold medicines, notify a store employee immediately. Store owners are encouraged to consider placing these items behind the counter or in a locked case.



## National Novel Writing Month at the Library



National Novel Writing Month is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to novel writing. Participants begin writing on November 1. The goal is to write a 50,000 word (approximately 175 page) novel by 11:59:59 P.M. on November 30.

Valuing enthusiasm and perseverance over painstaking craft, NaNoWriMo is a novel-writing program for everyone who has thought fleetingly about writing a novel but has been scared away by the time and effort involved.

As you spend November writing, you can draw comfort from the fact that all around the world, other participants are going through the same joys and sorrows of producing the Great Frantic Novel. Throughout November, the Stayton Public Library will be hosting events for NaNoWriMo participants. For more information on dates and times, contact the Library at (503) 769-3313.

Beyond NaNoWriMo, there are many other teen activities happening at the Library in November and December. Check out the calendar at [www.stayton.plinkit.org](http://www.stayton.plinkit.org).

## City Office Holiday Closures

**Veterans Day**  
November 12

**Thanksgiving**  
November 22 to 23

**Christmas**  
December 25

## City Meeting Calendar

### City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center  
Nov. 5 / Nov. 19 / Dec. 3 / Dec. 17

### Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center  
November 26

### Parks & Recreation Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library  
November 6 / December 4

### Library Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library  
November 21 / December 19

### Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café  
November 13 / December 11

### Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café  
November 9 / December 14

## Library Calendar

### Motion Monday

Mondays at 10:15 a.m.

### Story Time

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

### After School Story Time

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

### Bedtime Story Time

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

### Craft Melee

December 6 and 7, 3:00 p.m.

### Craft Bizarre!

Saturday, December 8  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### FREE Computer Classes

First Friday of each month  
Please contact Library to register

## Santiam Senior Center Activities

### Game Day

Mondays at 11:00 a.m.

### Cribbage

Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.

### Crafts & Hobbies

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

### Veterans Group

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

### Bingo

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

For more upcoming activities visit  
[www.SantiamSeniorCenter.com](http://www.SantiamSeniorCenter.com)  
or call (503) 767-2009