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# The Front Porch



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## Santiam Historical Society Needs Your Help!

Recently, the Marion County Board of Commissioners made a decision to close the E. County Justice Court and no longer offer Municipal Court services to the City of Stayton. Due to this change, the City will be required to open and operate our own Municipal Court by July 2014. After much discussion and viewing of buildings, the City Council and staff have chosen the Museum building located on 2nd Avenue as the Municipal Court location.

The Santiam Historical Society currently occupies this location and will need to box and remove their items during the month of January. This is where assistance from the community is needed. The Historical Society has a great deal of historic items but very little volunteer help to get them boxed and moved to a temporary storage facility.

Once the renovation of the Museum building is complete, the City has invited the Historical Society to have a rotation of displays in a case at the Municipal Court location. Also, display space will be made available at the Stayton Public Library.

If you are available to assist with the packing and moving of items from the Museum building, please contact Susan Massé at (503) 769-9024.

## Steampunk Masquerade Ball

On January 25 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the Stayton and Willamina Public Libraries will be teaming up for a night out of town for the Steampunk Masquerade Ball at West Valley Community Campus in Willamina. There will be music and dancing, and you can even have your picture taken in the Photography Corner. There will be games, an auction and raffle, along with many other delights and wonders. Costumes and masks aren't required but strongly encouraged. This is a free event and open to anyone ages 15 and above. For more information, please contact the Stayton Public Library at (503) 769-3313.



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# REMINDER: Do Not Turn Off Your Own Water

During winter weather that creates frozen or broken pipes, the water customer should call the City to turn off the water at the meter. If the customer shuts off the water using their own tools, it may damage the meter and the customer will be liable for the damages which can be costly. If you have frozen and broken water pipes, do not shut off your own water service. Please call (503) 769-3425 (weekdays) or (503) 769-3421 (after hours). City staff will promptly respond to assist you.



## Public Hearing for Proposed Annexations

With changes to the Justice Court system adopted by the Marion County Board of Commissioners in October, the City is concerned with the issue of creating certainty in the jurisdiction of the Stayton Police Department and the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Therefore, City staff has recommended that City Council consider the annexation of a number of properties into the City.

The City Council has initiated the annexation of nine sections of street rights of way and three parcels of land that are owned by a governmental agency. The streets proposed for annexation are those that either the right of way is partially within the city, land on one or both sides of the street are in the City but the full width of the right of way is not, and a short stretch of Shaff Road that would be logical to include in the City for police jurisdiction purposes. The streets, with the exception of Kindle Way, are all under the jurisdiction of Marion County for maintenance purposes and annexation will not change the maintenance responsibility. The street segments are:

- Shaff Road: Three sections of Shaff Road between Cascade Highway and Salem Ditch.
- Kindle Way: The right of way adjacent to the Phillips Estates subdivision, Phase I.
- Cascade Highway: A portion of the right of way is in the City but the majority of the right of way is not.
- Fern Ridge Road: Two sections of Fern Ridge Road between Cascade Highway and State Rte 22.
- Stayton Road: West of Rogue Ave.
- E Jefferson St: The eastern portion of E Jefferson St adjacent to the Jefferson Place subdivision.

In addition, there are two parcels that today are partially in the City. In order to resolve the jurisdiction of the Stayton Police Department, the City Council will be considering the annexation of the remainder of these parcels. The City will not proceed with annexation of property without the consent of the property owners. These parcels are:

- Stayton Middle School: Only about 25 of the 62 acre middle school campus is in the city today. The North Santiam School District has consented to the annexation of the 37 acres of land north of Mill Creek.
- Wilderness Park: Only about 9 of the 35 acres of Wilderness Park is in the city today. If the Santiam Water Control District consents, the proposal is to annex the remaining 26 acres.

Finally, the City's property at 2635 E Pine St that houses the 5 million gallon water reservoir is not in the city today. The proposal is to annex this 4.4 acre parcel.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed annexations at their **January 20** meeting. The public hearing is your opportunity to learn more about the proposed annexations and to voice your opinion. The City Charter requires that the voters of the City approve any annexation of more than one acre. Five of the street rights of way are less than one acre. Final approval of the other four street segments, the Middle School campus, Wilderness Park and the E Pine St property will depend on the outcome of the May 20 election.

If you have any questions, please contact Planning and Development Director Dan Fleishman at [dfleishman@ci.stayton.or.us](mailto:dfleishman@ci.stayton.or.us) or (503) 769-2998.

## City Meeting Calendar

### City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center  
Jan 6 / Jan 21 / Feb 3 / Feb 18

### Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center  
January 27 / February 24

### Parks & Recreation Board

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

### Library Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library  
January 15 / February 19

### Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café  
January 14 / February 11

### Community Leaders Meeting

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

### 5th Annual Books at Last!

*In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, every child who visits the Library will receive a free book*  
January 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Storymakers Workshop

*Create fun, wacky stories with a variety of materials. Bring your imagination! (Ages 8-12)*  
January 23 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Lego Club

(Ages 8-12)

Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## 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

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