



A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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The WORD ON THE STREET

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Pedestrian Safety Reminder

The Stayton Police Department would like to remind drivers and pedestrians to be vigilant and aware as they go about their daily lives, especially in inclement weather and during the evening hours.

During the month of December, Stayton Police responded to at least three "vehicle vs. pedestrian" crashes. Two of these crashes resulted in very serious injuries sustained by the pedestrian involved.

We urge drivers to take extra care to watch for pedestrians, especially at cross streets and intersections. Be sure to come to a complete stop at stop signs and when required at intersections controlled by traffic signals.

In addition, pedestrians also need to watch for vehicles and ensure it is safe to proceed across the street before leaving the sidewalk. If you are a pedestrian, it is also important to try to make yourself more visible by wearing light colored clothing and/or reflective clothing.

Pedestrians also need to be mindful of intersections controlled by traffic signals and to obey the crosswalk signal. Pedestrians can be cited for failing to obey a traffic control device if they choose to cross in a crosswalk when the orange hand symbol is activated.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Stayton Police Department at (503) 769-3421.



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PEG Access Services Commission Seeking Members

The City of Stayton's Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) Access Services Commission has two vacant positions. Our PEG Commission advises the City Council and City Administrator on issues concerning use of the public access channels on the cable television system. Currently, the Commission meets two times a year at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. If you have interest in serving as a member of this committee, please contact City Hall at (503) 769-3425 or via email at CityofStayton@ci.stayton.or.us.

Frozen Pipes — Prepare and Prevent

On average a quarter-million families have their homes ruined and lives disrupted each winter due to water pipes that freeze and burst. Recovering from frozen pipes is not as simple as calling a plumber. An 1/8" crack in a pipe can spew up to 250 gallons of water a day. Both plastic (PVC) and copper pipes can burst. Here are tips to protect your pipes prior to cold weather hitting.



Before the Cold Hits

Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces and attic, these exposed pipes are most susceptible to freezing. **Heat tape** or thermostatically-controlled heat cables can be used to wrap pipes. **Seal leaks** that allow cold air inside near where pipes are located. **Disconnect** garden hoses and, if practical, use an indoor valve to shut-off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.

The City of Stayton Public Works can assist you with shutting off your water if you feel you may have a frozen pipe and/or water meter. Do not shut off your own water service. If you need assistance Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., contact the Stayton Public Works department at (503) 769-2919 or City Hall at (503) 769-3425. If you need assistance after normal business hours, please contact the City's after-hours line at (503) 769-3421.

For more information on Frozen Pipes, visit the "Latest News" section of our website at www.staytonoregon.gov.

Water Service Line Coverage

The City of Stayton has been advised that local water customers may receive mail or phone solicitations from a company known as "HomeServe" or "American Water Resources" that offers water service line insurance coverage. While customers are responsible for any required repairs to the section of water line running from the meter to the customer's home, we want to let our community know that the City of Stayton does not recommend or endorse the insurance coverage HomeServe is offering.

Questions? Please contact the Public Works Department at (503) 769-2919.

Coloring for Creativity and Comfort

Are you looking for a way to reduce stress and unwind? The Stayton Public Library is hosting a new monthly program for adults called "Coloring for Creativity and Comfort." This group will be held the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Library. Supplies and relaxing music is provided. Interested in learning more or have questions? Contact the Library at (503) 769-3313.



City Meeting Calendar

City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
Jan 4 / Jan 19 / Feb 1 / Feb 16

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
January 25 / February 29

Parks & Recreation Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
January 5 / February 2

Library Board

6:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
January 20 / February 17

Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
January 12 / February 9

Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
January 8 / February 12

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.

Lego Club

Third Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

Trivia Night at Ugo's Pizza

Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Speaker Visit—Reem Jubran

Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Palestinian student Reem Jubran will speak about the challenges of living daily life in Palestine. There will be a wine and cheese reception accompanying the event.

Author Visit— R. Gregory Nokes

Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Nokes is a 2014 Oregon Book Award Finalist for his book *Breaking Chains: Slavery on Trial in the Oregon Territory*. There will be a wine and cheese reception accompanying the event.

Santiam Senior Center Activities

Pinocle & Pinocle Lessons

Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

Bingo

Mondays and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Cribbage & Cribbage Lessons

Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Hand & Foots Cards

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Veterans Group

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

For more upcoming activities visit

www.SantiamSeniorCenter.com

or call (503) 767-2009