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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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Stayton Police Establish "Safe Exchange Zone"

Our Police Department has launched a Safe Exchange Zone, designed to provide a safe location for families to make custodial exchanges and assist residents with the exchange of products purchased or sold online. This service is part of our commitment to community safety.



The Zone is in the front lobby of the Stayton Police Department, which is open 24/7 and has recorded video surveillance. Online buyers/sellers and parents/guardians can meet there to make needed exchanges. The Safe Exchange Zone may not be utilized to make transactions of illegal products or dangerous materials.

While this program has been established to provide a safe area for online buyers and sellers to meet, remember that people you meet online are strangers and may not have your best interests in mind or items being purchased may be stolen. Here is additional safety information to consider when planning online purchases or transactions:

- Never provide personal information over the internet
- Accept only cash or money orders whenever possible
- Use only photos of item you are selling, avoid other items in the background
- Ask a lot of questions
- Do not make a transaction alone
- Buyer beware

While the City would like to provide this safe exchange zone, we cannot guarantee a person's safety. We only provide a place to make exchanges in a well lit, video recorded, public location. *If an officer is need for emergency needs while making exchanges, the Red phone in the lobby will directly connect you to the 911 operator.*

For further information, contact the Stayton Police Department at (503) 769-3421.



Stayton Public Library Introduces New PBS DVDs

The Stayton Public Library now has a selection of new DVDs from the PBS Series *American Experience*. Among those is *A Brilliant Madness* (the story of mathematician John Nash); *Murder of a President* (about the death of President James A. Garfield); *Walt Disney*; *The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln*; *The Crash of 1929*; *Eleanor Roosevelt*; and the films by Ken Burns, *The Dust Bowl* and *Prohibition*.



City Receives Grant for Wilco Road Industrial Area Plan

The City of Stayton was recently notified it had been awarded a \$27,000 grant from Business Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority for the preparation of an infrastructure improvement and financing strategy plan for the Wilco Road Industrial Area.

Though Stayton has about 75 acres of vacant industrially zoned land, lack of utility availability and street improvements have meant there is little interest in developing this land. The high costs of potential street, intersection, water and sewer improvements necessary to serve development have prevented the development of this property. This grant will be used to identify necessary improvements to serve industrial development and develop public financing strategies for the improvements.

The City is exploring options for financing the necessary public improvements to promote industrial development in this area. Options include, grants, loans, local improvement district, urban renewal, and partnering with other levels of government.

In 2013, the City and Marion County developed conceptual plans for Wilco Road improvements, including the signalization of the Shaff Road intersection, frontage and stormwater improvements and redesign of the W. Washington Street Intersection. The City's Water Master Plan identifies water line improvements that are needed in the area. However, the City's Wastewater Master Plan and Stormwater Master Plans either don't provide detail for this area or have improvements based on development assumptions that may no longer be valid or realistic.

The City has developed a preliminary cost estimate of over \$8 million to construct the required public improvements in the Wilco Road Industrial Corridor. This is a sum that requires a thoughtful strategy over a number of years and that will likely involve a number of funding mechanisms. The City will continue to develop a long-term strategy for financing the public improvements.

City Administrator Keith Campbell shared, "The Wilco Road Industrial Area is a goal of the Stayton City Council and has wonderful economic potential for the community. Staff has been aggressively seeking opportunities to capitalize on this potential. This generous grant from Business Oregon is a wonderful first step in this process."

Support Stayton Police's K9 Program!

Registration is now open for the annual Stayton Police Department & Where to Start Fitness K9 Run event, which will be held on April 2, 2016 in Stayton. Humans and their four-legged friends are welcome!

This is a walk / run supporting the Stayton Police Department's K9 Program. You can choose to register for either a 5k or 9k run (or walk if you prefer). The course is beginner / intermediate and includes both street and trail running. While it's encouraged that you bring your dog along with you for the event, it is definitely not a requirement.

Cost to register is \$25 and can be done online at www.wheretostartfitness.com/k9run. Come out and support your local K9 Program!



City Meeting Calendar

City Council

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
March 7 / March 21 / April 4 / April 18

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
March 28 / April 25

Parks & Recreation Board

7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
March 1 / April 5

Library Board

6:00 p.m. at the Stayton Public Library
March 16 / April 20

Commissioner's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
March 8 / April 12

Community Leaders Meeting

7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café
March 11 / April 8

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.

Author Visit—Bill Cameron

Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Cameron is a Spotted Owl Award winning author of gritty northwest mysteries. There will be a wine and cheese reception accompanying the event.

Author Visit— Steve Arndt

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

Author Steve Arndt grew up in rural Independence, Oregon and is the author of the *Roads Less Travelled in Oregon* series and *Oregon Ghost Towns A-Z*. There will be a wine and cheese reception accompanying the event.

Santiam Senior Center Activities

Pinochle & Pinochle 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 & Fools Cards

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Veterans Group

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

For more upcoming activities visit

www.SantiamSeniorCenter.com

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