

CITY OF STANFIELD

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Quarterly Newsletter

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CITY HALL

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PUBLIC WORKS

515 Old Hinkle Road
Water and Sewer Emer-
gencies: 541-561-4587

LIBRARY

180 W. Coe
541-449-1828

POLICE

105 W. Wood Avenue
Emergencies: Dial 911
Non-Emergencies (Police
Dispatch): 541-567-2346

RESIDENT OPINION SURVEY FINAL REPORT

You have spoken, and we have heard you! Last November and December, the City conducted a resident opinion survey. Surveys were distributed through utility bills and were available at City Hall, the Library, and through the City Website. We accepted completed survey's until December 31, 2018.

The full report is available on the City Website, but here are the highlights:

- 57% of respondents said that they would like to continue the City's ban on marijuana establishments.
- 67% said that they would like to see City funds used to refurbish and maintain the old water tower, rather than use City funds to dismantle it.
- When asked if they would sign up for automatic utility payments, 58% said no, and 40% said yes. However, this response is high enough that the City will be offering this service to those who are interested.
- Most respondents said that they prefer to get City news through this newsletter, inserted in their utility bills. The City's FaceBook page was also a popular source of information from the City.

The City is planning on conducting similar surveys in the future, perhaps on an annual basis.

AUTOMATIC UTILITY PAYMENTS

A significant number of residents said that they would like the option of automatic payments for their utility bills. Consequently, the City will now offer that option. Here is how the system works:

1. Sign up at City Hall. This will require you to bring a voided check, fill out and sign a form (with your bank's routing number and account number) that gives us permission to draft your account on a monthly basis for the amount of your bill.
2. Accounts will be charged monthly on the 15th, or the first business day after that if the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday.
3. You will continue to receive a bill in the mail, but it will be marked "Drafted, Do Not Pay."

Forms are ready for you to sign up right now. Those who are not interested in automatic payments will not be affected in any way.



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RAILROAD CROSSING PROBLEMS

Periodically, the City receives complaints about the Coe Avenue Railroad crossing from residents or those who live outside the City. Often trains will block this crossing for long periods of time, for no apparent reason. Unfortunately, the City has no power to regulate or enforce any regulations on Union Pacific Railroad. At one time, the State of Oregon regulated and had jurisdiction over crossings, however a court decision has removed that authority.

The only oversight over railroad crossings is the Federal Railway Administration (FRA). Complaints may be submitted to the FRA Vancouver Officer at 360-696-7536. If you submit a complaint, include the crossing number (the crossing in Stanfield is 809067W), the date and time of the problem, the cause (if known), direction of travel, and any other conditions you notice. You can also notify Union Pacific with the same information at 1-800-848-8715.

We also encourage you to contact your Federal Representatives—Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley and Representative Greg Walden.

CITY BEAUTIFICATION: CODE ENFORCEMENT

Comments in our recent opinion surveys show that City Beautification is important to many residents. It is important to us as well! However, private property owners and renters have control and responsibility for their properties. It is not always easy to enforce City laws on the use or maintenance of private property, and we appreciate your help in making Stanfield a more beautiful place to live, work, and play.

If you are a property owner, please make sure that the exterior of your property is in good repair and appears pleasant. If you need assistance, contact the City Manager, and he will do his best to connect you with volunteer groups that may be able to help.

If you notice violations, such as accumulating junk or trash, tall weeds or grass, and junk cars, please contact City Hall with the offending address, and as much information on the violation as possible.

STANFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

REMINDERS & NOTICES

- **Maintaining sidewalks** (repairs, **snow removal**, etc.) is the responsibility of the **adjacent property owner**. Please be considerate to your neighbors, and keep the sidewalk clear of snow, debris, or any barriers.
- **House numbers** must be **clearly visible** from the street to allow **public safety personnel** to find your home! This is the **property owner's** responsibility.
- Remember, **Horses** and **Motorized Vehicles** are **PROHIBITED** on the new **Stage Gulch Trail**. Please help us take care of our new trail!
- **Utility Bills** are due on the 20th of every month. If that day **falls on a weekend**, then the **due date is the next business day**.

ADDRESS & CONTACT INFORMATION:

180 W. Coe Avenue
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HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday-Friday:
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

LIBRARY SERVICES:

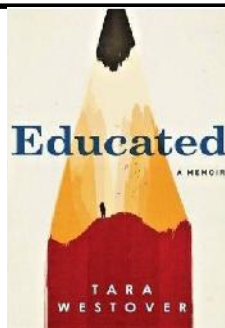
- Free Wi-Fi
- Free Interlibrary Loans
- EBSCO Online Auto Repair Manuals
- Ancestry.com Genealogy
- Copies and Faxes
- Notarizations

BOOK SWAP
MARCH 22, 2019
6:30pm



BRING A BOOK, TAKE A BOOK
(up to 5) to swap for one you haven't read.

Book Talk
March 7th
6:30 PM
Educated
By Tara Westover



The Caterpillar Hunter
A vegetable safari!
Is COMING TO
STANFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
March 21, 2017 @ 6:30PM

Based on the beloved character of the late Steve Irwin.



The Caterpillar Hunter shrinks himself and sets terrain, pursuing elusive bugs and strange herbage in the wild recesses of a common North American vegetable garden.

Crikey! Join in his exciting backyard adventure!

At The Stanfield Public Library
180 West Coe, Stanfield OR

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