



A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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# The WORD ON THE STREET

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## Low Interest Loans for Residential Home Improvements

Is your home in need of repair? New furnace, insulation, or safety improvements?

The City of Stayton Housing Rehabilitation Program has renewed funding available for home improvements for income-qualified homeowners. Properties must be owner-occupied. The owners must meet the current guidelines as low or moderate income households and have enough equity in their homes to meet the loan guidelines. The income eligibility depends on household size. One example, for a household of 4, the total household income must be \$56,550 or less.



The loans may be used to repair or replace roofing, plumbing and electrical problems, carpet or linoleum, painting, dry-rot, foundation repairs. The maximum loan amount is \$25,000. No monthly payments required—the loan is repaid from the proceeds when you sell your home. An interest rate of 4% is charged for the first five years and following that, no additional interest accrues.

Funds for the program come from a Community Development Block Grant from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. For more information or for initial screening of eligibility, contact Dan Fleishman, Director of Planning and Development at (503) 769-2998 or via email at [dfleishman@staytonoregon.gov](mailto:dfleishman@staytonoregon.gov). Applications for a loan may be received from John Schmidt at the Mid Willamette Valley Council of Governments, (503) 588-6177.



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## Tips to Avoid Automobile Thefts

Over the past year, Stayton has seen an increase in thefts from automobiles. This is a reminder to not leave valuables in view in your vehicle, and remove your spare key and garage door opener from your car. Keep your vehicle in “showroom condition,” free of any items. The less attractive your vehicle’s interior is, the greater chance a thief will move along. Often thieves are simply checking doors to see if they are unlocked, so make sure you lock your doors.



If you are a victim of a theft from your motor vehicle, please contact us to file a report. You may think it doesn’t matter, but by reporting activity, it helps the Police Department know where illegal activity is happening, and we can take steps to combat the issue. With your help, we can make our community safer.

## Volunteering Time in Your Community

Have you ever considered volunteering time in your community? We are looking for civic-minded volunteers to fill vacancies on three of our boards:

- **Budget Committee (two vacancies):** Meets annually to review the proposed City of Stayton fiscal year budget. Meetings typically occur the first two weeks of May, but on occasion, additional meetings may be held at other times during the year.
- **Parks and Recreation Board (one vacancy):** Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. The Board is responsible for developing and maintaining parks and recreation programs, and serves as an advisory board to the City Council.
- **Public Arts Commission (two vacancies):** The purpose of the Commission is to pursue placement of public art in public spaces within Stayton city limits while also serving to reserve and develop public access to the arts.

If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more please visit our website at [http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/gov\\_boards\\_commissions](http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/gov_boards_commissions) or email us at: [citygovernment@staytonoregon.gov](mailto:citygovernment@staytonoregon.gov)

## Enhanced Traffic Patrols Result in DUI Arrests



The Stayton Police Department has been participating in enhanced traffic patrols. Some of the enforcement has been specifically focused on driving under the influence of intoxicants. The effort resulted in eleven arrests for DUI in the month of January 2022, which is nearly 4 times that of January 2021. Funding for these extra patrols is made possible through grants and in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

One person is killed every 52 minutes in a drunk-driving crash, totaling more than 10,000 lives lost each year. Life is precious. Protect your neighbor and community. Make a plan. Drive Safely—Drive Sober.

## Reminder: Sign-Up for Emergency Alerts

The City of Stayton uses Everbridge to send out emergency alerts to our community members. There are several ways to sign-up:

- <http://tinyurl.com/StaytonEverbridge>
- Scan the QR code on the photo to the right, or
- Go to the app store on your cell phone and search “Everbridge” to sign up for emergency alerts on your phone.



## City Meeting Calendar

Council meetings are held at the Stayton Community Center (400 W. Virginia Street) and live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

In-person meeting attendance is subject to applicable regulations from the State of Oregon in place at the time of the meeting and are subject to change. Masks are required in the Community Center building regardless of vaccination status. To learn how to provide public comment or public hearing testimony, visit our website at: [www.staytonoregon.gov](http://www.staytonoregon.gov)

### • City Council — Regular Sessions

- ⇒ March 7 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/y3mOaaYR3-E>
- ⇒ March 21 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/449KNy1Nk70>
- ⇒ April 4 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/4DQe6XaaeOM>
- ⇒ April 18 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/YEPfKSfOHik>

### • Planning Commission

- ⇒ March 28 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/OWEPYp7tcl0>
- ⇒ April 25 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/QsQ73awQZmc>

• **Commissioners Breakfasts** are held monthly and location rotates around area communities. To find the date and location of upcoming meetings, visit: [www.staytonoregon.gov/page/admin\\_calendar](http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/admin_calendar)

• **Parks & Recreation Board** meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. For details email: [lludwick@staytonoregon.gov](mailto:lludwick@staytonoregon.gov)

• **Library Board** meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. For more information email [jannam@ccls.org](mailto:jannam@ccls.org).

## Stayton Public Library Updates

The Library is currently open to the public. To view current hours visit: [www.staytonlibrary.org](http://www.staytonlibrary.org)

### Storytimes

**Tuesdays at 11:05 a.m.**

Join us as we walk into a world where literacy is everywhere! This program is for children and family members of all ages. Space is limited, register in advance at the Library or by visiting:

<http://calendar.staytonlibrary.org>

Please note—this program takes place outdoors around the Library and Community Center park.

### Take and Make Activities for All Ages

**March 8 and April 12th at 11:00 a.m.**

Pick up activity kits for everyone in your family! Kits will be available during regular Library hours and are limited to 1 per person while supplies last. Kits will be available in the Library and curbside. Call (503) 769-3313 for more info or visit: <http://calendar.staytonlibrary.org>