



A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from the City of Stayton

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# The WORD ON THE STREET

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## "If I Were Mayor" Collaborative Student Contest

All across Oregon, Mayors are reaching out to their local schools and asking students the question, "What would you do if **you** were Mayor?" It is a question that invokes new ideas, an opportunity for students to learn more about their city and envision the possibilities of their future.

The "If I Were Mayor..." contest will be in two parts, a local contest and a state contest. However, this year is special for the cities of Aumsville, Stayton, Sublimity and Turner, as it will be a collaboration of local mayors. This collaboration includes **Mayor Ceja** (Aumsville), **Mayor Quigley** (Stayton), **Mayor Kingsbury** (Sublimity), and **Mayor Horning** (Turner). Students from each city will submit their projects, then the projects will be reviewed by the mayors, and together they will select a project winner for each category. Submissions will be accepted until **March 1, 2024**.

Every student in these communities is eligible to submit a project, including those who are enrolled in home-school and in alternative academic programs. The categories and prizes include:

- **\$50 - Elementary School (Grades 4 - 5)** - Poster Contest (Photo of poster can be PNG, JPEG, BMP or PDF files)
- **\$100 - Middle School (Grades 6 - 8)** - Essay Contest (500 - 1000 words, Word, PDF, PowerPoint, or online essay format)
- **\$150 - High School (Grade 9 - 12)** - Digital Media Presentations (1 - 3 minutes, Videos only, MP4, or online video format)

After the local contest has concluded, each city's Mayor will submit selected students' projects to the Oregon Mayor's Association (OMA) for the statewide contest. The OMA will select the winning students at the OMA Summer Conference in Klamath Falls at the Running Y Ranch on **July 18 - 20, 2024**.

To learn more about the "If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest and entry forms, visit: <https://www.oregonmayors.org/special-programs/page/student-contest>

If you have questions please call (503) 769-3425 or email [csmithrud@staytonoregon.gov](mailto:csmithrud@staytonoregon.gov). Please send Stayton submissions to [csmithrud@staytonoregon.gov](mailto:csmithrud@staytonoregon.gov).

# Withdrawn: A 1920s Murder Mystery



Revel in a night of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and a no-host bar as murderous plots and intrigue abound... can YOU solve the case?

On **January 27** from **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, the Stayton Public Library will be hosting a 1920s Murder Mystery. 1920s era costumes or black tie are encouraged. **This is an age 21 and up event.** Tickets will be available online or in person at the library beginning **January 2nd.**

## Coffee with a Cop - February 12

The Stayton Police Department will once again be hosting Coffee with a Cop on **February 12** at McDonald's in Stayton.

Tell us about your New Year's resolutions, get to know your local officers and staff, discuss any local public safety concerns and anything else you have on your mind.

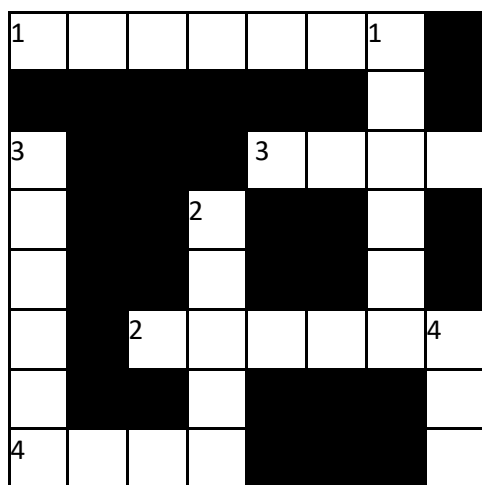
We will be meeting at McDonald's on 1988 Shaff Rd., from **7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** We hope to see you there!



## Volunteering For The Community

We are seeking members who want to help improve the community and help grow Stayton. Currently, we have vacancies on two boards:

- **Budget Committee (three 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 6:00 p.m. The Board is responsible for developing and maintaining parks and recreation programs, and serves as an advisory board to the City Council.



## Stayton Crossword

### ACROSS:

1. A notable river in Marion county.
2. Stayton - \_\_\_\_\_ covered bridge.
3. An open pastry with a filling.
4. The middle of the day.

### DOWN:

1. In 1903, Charles and \_\_\_\_\_ Brown moved to a historic house in Stayton.
2. Historical hospital and house in Stayton.
3. Hobson-\_\_\_\_\_ General Merchandise Store.
4. A term for the present moment.

## 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:

- <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736721950#/signup>
- 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.
- To report suspicious activity, disturbances, traffic issues or to make a police crime report, call our 24 hour non-emergency line **503-982-2340.**



## City Meeting Calendar

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

To learn more about how to provide public comment or public hearing testimony, please visit our website at: [www.staytonoregon.gov](http://www.staytonoregon.gov)

### City Council

- ⇒ January 16 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtube.com/WiJF2Po73zI>
- ⇒ February 5 at 7:00 p.m. View online at [https://youtube.com/DvYbtXp\\_qIM](https://youtube.com/DvYbtXp_qIM)
- ⇒ February 20 at 7:00 p.m. View online at [https://youtube.com/QDm\\_gphtM6k](https://youtube.com/QDm_gphtM6k)

- **Planning Commission** meetings are held monthly on the last Monday beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Stayton Community Center. For meeting details, please email: [jsiciliano@staytonoregon.gov](mailto:jsiciliano@staytonoregon.gov)

- **Parks & Recreation Board** meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Works. For more 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 details email: [jmoser@staytonlibrary.org](mailto:jmoser@staytonlibrary.org)

## Stayton Public Library Updates

### Library's Winter Schedule

Fun for all this winter at Stayton Public Library. You can check out the Library's calendar online at [calendar.staytonlibrary.org](http://calendar.staytonlibrary.org)

### Operation Re - Home the Gnomes: All Ages Winter Reading Challenge

December 19 - January 31

A horde of gnomes is taking over the Library! Help us distract them by completing their challenges as we find them new homes.

### Art Show Opening Reception

Friday, February 2 at 6:00 p.m.

The Stayton Public Library will be hosting their 5th Annual Art Show **February 2 through March 2, 2024**, featuring the works of local artists.

On **Friday, February 2**, there will be an opening reception for the public to meet the artists from **6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

To be included in the show, the artist needs to submit a registration form and release available at the Library or online at [staytonlibrary.org](http://staytonlibrary.org).

For more information please call 503-769-3313 or email [info@staytonlibrary.org](mailto:info@staytonlibrary.org).