



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.."

Students residing in the city limits of Stayton are invited to submit an entry for the 2023 "If I Were Mayor..." contest.

The contest is open to students residing within the city of Stayton who are enrolled in school or being home-schooled during this current school year. There will be three winners, one chosen from each of the following categories:

- Elementary School (grade 4-5) Posters Contest (Photo of poster can be PNG, JPEG, BMP or PDF files)
- Middle School (grade 6-8) Essay Contest (Word, PDF, PowerPoint or online essay format)
- High School (grades 9-12) Digital Media Presentations (Videos only, MP4 or online video format)

These three local winners will be invited to present their entries to the City Council on March 20th and will be submitted to the statewide competition where they will be eligible to win one of three statewide prizes.

Submissions will be accepted through Friday, February 24th, 2023 and will be accepted via email at <u>citygovernment@staytonoregon.gov</u> or at City Hall (362 N. Third Avenue, Stayton).

Questions? Contact City Hall at (503) 769-3425 or via email at citygovernment@staytonoregon.gov.







Scrambled Reading Challenge

It's a Scrambled Reading Challenge for all ages!

Read to earn letters, scramble them to make a word, and claim a prize! Pick up a set of starter tiles at the Library to begin playing. The last day to play for a prize is February 14, 2023. Questions? Contact the Library at (503) 769-3313.



Support During the Holidays

During the holiday season, the Stayton Police Department supported holiday events like the Covered Bridge's Community Dinner and with the support of City of Stayton staff, assisted Family Building Blocks by adopting kids and families in their "Hope for the Holidays" event.



All these events kicked off with No-Shave November, where officers, community members, businesses, and City staff donated funds to support Can Cancer with the Santiam Service Integration Team.

Each event supported members of our community and we are proud to be able to bring joy to those in need. Thank you for your continued support; we would not be successful without you, and we are honored to serve the Stayton community!

Home Rehabilitation Grant Program

Maintaining our homes is a challenge. Sometimes our homes need repairs and we just don't have the money to do them. The City of Stayton has a Manufactured Home Rehabilitation Grant Program that can help you.

Are you a property owner that is economically disadvantaged*, live in a manufactured home built after 1976 located in a manufactured home park and have been financially impacted by COVID-19? If so, you may qualify for a grant of up to \$10,000 for home improvements and repairs. The City of Stayton has funding available for property owners who seek financial assistance to make necessary improvements, repairs and upgrades to their homes.

The Manufactured Home Rehabilitation Grant Program is administered by the Valley Development Initiatives. For more information please call John Schmidt at (503) 540-1640.

*Economically disadvantaged – Gross household income is 80% or less of the median family income for Marion County

Public Works Project Updates

Below are updates on major development projects happening in Stayton.

The Shaff Square Apartments project contractor received an Early Grading permit on October 3rd and grading work is now been completed. Their engineer is working with Public Works to complete the design of the public improvements.

The Third Avenue apartment project, located next to the Elmcroft Assisted Living facility, received a final Site Development permit on October 18th. The contractor is working to clear and grade the site in preparation of building through the winter months. This project is estimated to be completed in the spring of 2024.

Finally, the Santiam Duplex project, located at 1425 E Santiam Street, has completed Public Works review and approval is pending final submission of construction plans. The project will begin demolition of the existing structures and completion is estimated to be late fall of 2023.

City Meeting Calendar

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

To learn how to provide public comment or public hearing testimony, visit our website at: www.staytonoregon.gov

• City Council — Regular Sessions

- ⇒ January 3 at 7:00 p.m. View online at https://youtu.be/o-K58jPb8PU
- ⇒ January 17 at 7:00 p.m. View online at https://youtu.be/vfNCO16RNqk
- ⇒ February 6 at 7:00 p.m. View online at https://youtu.be/na1dTN-G9IA
- ⇒ February 21at 7:00 p.m. View online at https://youtu.be/pvcSuo4cK5M

• Planning Commission

- ⇒ January 30 at 7:00 p.m. View online at https://youtu.be/V9eyNd_VG78
- ⇒ February 27 at 7:00 p.m. View online at https://youtu.be/-EnujT0tObQ
- Parks & Recreation Board meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. For details email: lludwick@staytonoregon.gov
- Library Board meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. For more information: <u>imoser@staytonlibrary.org</u>

Stayton Public Library Updates

The Library is open to the public. To view current hours visit: www.staytonlibrary.org

Family Storytimes Tuesdays at 11:05 a.m.

Come explore the world of early literacy through songs and rhythms, stories and rhymes. This program is for children and family members of all ages. http://calendar.staytonlibrary.org

Free Tax Preparation

AARP Foundation Tax Aide will offer free tax preparation by appointment on Wednesday afternoons at the Library beginning February 1 through April 12. Scheduling for appointments starts January 9. Schedule online at: http://tinyurl.com/5fts3udb

Code Enforcement Corner

The winter season is a great time for trimming your trees! Here are a few quick reminders from the Stayton Municipal Code (Section 8.04.060).

Trees need to be trimmed to minimum height of 8 ft above the sidewalk and 10 ft above the road. These heights are meant to provide appropriate clearance for pedestrians, emergency vehicles, garbage trucks, and street sweepers.

Remember to clear your debris from the streets and sidewalks when you are done. Leaves, grass, dirt, or other clippings not only distract from the cleanliness of the street but can also build up during the rainy season and cause problems for not only our street sweeper, but our storm sewer system as well.



El boletín de la Ciudad está disponible en español en www.staytonoregon.gov/page/docs_espanol