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City Seeking Support of the Library, Pool, and Parks

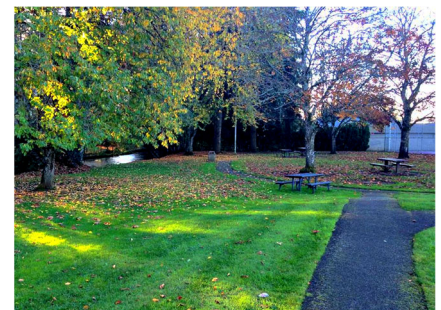
The City has determined there will continue to be a need for a local option tax levy to maintain service, operations, and to assist with capital improvements for the Stayton Public Library, Stayton Family Memorial Pool, and local parks and trails. Stayton has relied on local option tax levies for this purpose continuously since 1999 at a rate of \$0.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The need



for local option tax levies results from the statewide tax limitation measures, Measures 47 and 50, passed in 1996 and 1997 respectively. The current levy expires June 30, 2021.

Lack of funding from a local option levy for the Library, Pool, and Parks, will have a devastating impact on the City's quality of life amenities. The Stayton Family Memorial Pool will remain closed indefinitely. The operations, services, and programs of the Stayton Public Library will remain significantly reduced and with no further funding, additional library services will be eliminated. The ongoing care and upkeep in the parks will be limited and there will be no funding for park amenities or upgrades.

It is expected the Council will move forward with placing a levy for support of the Library, Pool, and Parks on the May 18, 2021 Special District Election.



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City Seeks Members for Public Arts Commission

The Public Arts Commission was recently established by the Stayton City Council and is tasked with promoting educational, cultural, economic, and general welfare of Stayton by actively pursuing the placement of public art in public spaces within Stayton city limits. There are currently five vacant positions on the Arts Commission.

Additionally, we are looking for community members to volunteer for vacancies as follows:

- Parks and Recreation Board (3 vacancies)
- Budget Committee (1 vacancy)

If you are interested in learning more about any of these groups, please visit www.staytonoregon.gov/page/gov_boards_commissions where you can download an application or email us at cityofstayton@ci.stayton.or.us.

Proposed Residential Zoning Amendments

Over the past 18 months, the Planning Commission has been discussing a set of amendments to the City's Land Use and Development Code that would substantially alter the way new residential development is regulated by the City. The framework of Stayton's residential zoning is essentially the same as it was originally when adopted in the mid-1970s, when the community was half the size it is today.

The proposed amendments would transform the City's residential zoning from minimum lot size-based regulations to density-based regulations, providing greater flexibility in the design of residential zones and continue to regulate the types of housing units permitted in each zone.

There is a page on the City's website which provides further explanation of the proposed amendments:

http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/planning_residential_zoning_update

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on March 29, 2021, at which time there will be an explanation of the proposed amendments. The meeting will be live streamed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/wNJW7PtoACK>. If you wish to testify as part of the public hearing, contact Planning and Development Director Dan Fleishman at least three hours prior to the start of the meeting at dfleishman@ci.stayton.or.us.

Police Department Receives Grant for AED's

During the summer of 2020, the Stayton Police Department received a generous grant from the Doris J. Wipper Fund, which is part of the Oregon Community Foundation. The award funded the purchase of 10 Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and associated equipment. The department had several AEDs donated by the Stayton Fire Department, but there were not enough for each patrol car. This award allowed the department to deploy AEDs along with Naloxone in every patrol vehicle. To enhance the safety of Stayton residents, the donated AED's were also deployed to various City buildings for use by residents and City employees if a cardiac event occurs.

Stayton Police Officers respond to many calls, including specific medical calls to assist Stayton Fire Department and Santiam Ambulance. Officers are often first on-scene and can begin necessary lifesaving measures. The fast response gives us the potential to make a significant difference in the survivability of someone having a cardiac emergency.



City Meeting Calendar

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, meetings will be live-streamed on the City's YouTube account. To learn more about how to provide general public comment or testimony for a public hearing, please visit our website at: www.staytonoregon.gov

• City Council

- ⇒ March 1 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/TIbrMak7V7k>
- ⇒ March 15 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/uGC1YIEpRUw>
- ⇒ April 5 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/amGpXT2IQLk>
- ⇒ April 19 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/mDuoFa8oakl>

• Planning Commission

- ⇒ March 29 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/wNJW7PtoACK>
- ⇒ April 26 at 7:00 p.m. View online at <https://youtu.be/3HmZZhsVh4k>

• **Commissioners Breakfasts** are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Café.

• Parks & Recreation Board

- ⇒ March 2 at 7:00 p.m. View online at https://youtu.be/nIOGokIN_z0
- ⇒ April 6 at 7:00 p.m. View online at https://youtu.be/_gGkym5lrSM

• **Library Board** will be held on March 17 and April 21 at 6:00 p.m. For more information please email jannam@ccrls.org.

Library Contactless Curbside Pick-Up

The Stayton Public Library is offering contactless curbside pick-up service, by appointment only. You can place items on hold through the CCRLS online catalog or call the Library at (503) 769-3313 to place holds. Once your items are ready, you can schedule an appointment at: www.staytonoregon.gov/page/library_pickup

Virtual Storytime is being held every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. To participate pre-register at www.staytonoregon.gov/page/library_storytime or by calling (503) 769-3313.

The Library is also offering monthly activities for all ages through curbside pickup. Each month there are new take and make kits that include STEAM activities for kids and DIY activities for teens and adults. You can find information at www.staytonlibrary.org.

While the AARP Tax Aide will not be at the Library this year, they are still ready to help those who need assistance. To find out what sites are open, call (971) 599-1940 or visit www.aarpfoundation.org/taxhelp.