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Stayton Highlights - Jennifer Siciliano, Planning

Stayton has several departments, each has a specific focus on the City's function. These departments and their staff work to manage the city's development and growth, and work with the people who live in that city to make those changes together. We will highlight one such staff member who works within Stayton's Planning department. Someone who understands the 'urban fabric' and helps plan for the city's future shape, Jennifer Siciliano, Stayton's new Community and Economic Development Director.

The Community and Economic Development Director is a new position title for Stayton, it has similarities to its preceding title, Planning and Development Director. Both consider the proper use of a space, the project's lasting effect on the community, and how it may impact the city on multiple levels. The difference for the new title is the emphasis on bringing and retaining businesses within the city.

"*I help others navigate land use and codes, usually for commercial projects or subdivisions* […], *I also find and help with grants, both state and federal.*" A city has numerous codes that work together to prevent problems in the future and it's up to Jennifer to make sure that everything is in order before any tools break ground. Jennifer has spent quite a lot of time as a city planner, originally working in the cities of Rhode Island. In 2022, Jennifer moved from Rhode Island to Oregon with her family.

"*Oregon has been an interesting experience. Oregon has more planning regulations* […]. *Rhode Island has a very specific process, but not a lot of differences. It's complex, working within a county, but the cities here have more control of what can be in them.*" Jennifer is learning new municipal codes for the city, taking prior experience, and adapting and growing with her new responsibilities.

Stayton is seeing new development and opportunities every day; Jennifer reviews the plans before anyone even thinks about sending in an application. Jennifer takes into consideration all the codes and city zoning laws, sees the possibilities, and informs those who will be using the space what needs to be done so the application process is quick, up to code, and planned for accordingly.

When asked about inspirations and goals, Jennifer mentions another Urban Planner by the name of Jane Jacobs. Someone whose vision became a fundamental pillar to how urban planning is viewed, understood, and its impact on the community and economics. Jacobs wrote "*City plans must fit the people, not the other way round!*" Jennifer uses this motivation to look for the opportunity within the city limits and see how space can impact the future, the properties around it, and how others can enjoy the space.

Stay tuned as continue to explore the City of Stayton's departments and how we all work together to make a better tomorrow.

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"No Shave" November Returns

The Stayton Police Department will taking on the challenge. That's right, it is time for **No Shave November**. Stayton's Officers will be working with Santiam Hospital and Clinics to raise money and awareness to fight against cancer.

If you wish to participate, let those whiskers grow or if you wish to donate please visit the **Stayton Police Department** and ask about the Can Cancer Fund.

Stayton's Annual Clean-Up Days - Nov. 18 & Dec. 16

The City of Stayton is offering disposal of yard debris, including leaves and brush, on Saturday, **November 18th** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & Saturday, **December 16th** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The collection site is at the City of Stayton Shops located at **1820 N. First Avenue, Stayton.** The only cost to Stayton residents is a donation of canned food to be given to the Stayton Food Bank. Those who reside outside city limits, the cost is $1 per bag.

Seniors needing assistance raking, bagging, or having yard debris picked up and delivered to the drop-off site should contact **Stayton Public Works** at (503) 769-2919.

18th Annual Covered Bridge Community Dinner

Visit the Covered Bridged Café on Wednesday, **November 22nd** for a free Community Dinner. Doors will open at 3:00 p.m.

To-Go services will start at 2:00 p.m. and will be limited. We invite you to join us in the dining room for a tradition meal. This dinner is for everyone, it's a great way to share with your community.

Donations and Volunteers are needed.

Please call Cari at Covered Bridge Café at 503-689-5015.

Family Building Blocks - Holiday Gifts

We will be teaming up with **Family Building Blocks** again with **Stayton's Police department** and city employees who will be purchasing gifts for local families.
If the community wishes to get involved: Visit the FBB holiday wish list at: myregistry.com/organization/holiday-wishlist-salem-or/3921853

Monetary donations can be made any time at familybuildingblocks.org/donate/ and volunteers will do your holiday shopping for you.
Note: in the "what inspired your gift" section - please include "Holidays".

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.

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

- **City Council**
  ⇒ November 6 at 7:00 p.m. View online at https://youtu.be/Iaj6X5AkBnQ
  ⇒ November 20 at 7:00 p.m. View online at https://youtube.com/VPngCbAsMNg
  ⇒ December 4 at 7:00 p.m. View online at https://youtube.com/FZtlg_EttoY
  ⇒ December 18 at 7:00 p.m. View online at https://youtube.com/8SvH8DxIWqY
- **Planning Commission**
  ⇒ November 27 at 7:00 p.m.
  ⇒ December 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- **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
- **Library Board** meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. For more details email: jmoser@staytonlibrary.org

Stayton Public Library Updates

Library's Fall Schedule
Fun for all this fall at Stayton Public Library. You can check out the Library's calendar online at calendar.staytonlibrary.org

Holiday Lights to Brighten the Nights
Help the Stayton Public Library create a map of holiday house lights for the community to enjoy this holiday season.

Beginning Thursday, **December 1st**, share your festive efforts with others by submitting your address to our map. Then access our map to tour, stroll or drive through a neighborhood lit for the season.

You can visit http://www.staytonlibrary.org or visit in person to learn more.

Stayton Downtown Event

Stayton's Holiday Festival - Nov. 25
Now that the leftovers have been packed and stored, its time to start shopping for the winter season. On **November 25th**, join us for local goods and wonderful gifts for yourself, friends, and family.