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The Word on the Street

City of Stayton's Monthly Newsletter

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Monthly Email Update

Last month, we launched our new monthly update from City Hall email. This is another outlet for information to reach those within or near the Stayton community that may not receive the City's monthly newsletter in a utility bill.

If you sign-up you will receive the latest news, updates from city council, and announcement for city events.

You can sign-up for email updates by visiting qrco.de/beusuD or by scanning the QR code below.



Letter from City Hall - "Buckets" and Budgets



Hello, it's your City Manager here. We hope you're enjoying the new monthly newsletter with more up-to-date information and even more community content. There is so much happening in Stayton right now and we are really excited about all the upcoming projects that are planned.

One thing I hear a lot about are the streets. We hear your concerns. *"The streets! Why does the City not just fix the streets?"* The reasons are complicated, to say the least. Projects like these can take years of planning and labor to complete. Moreover, all aspects of our infrastructure—such as streets, water systems, and sewers—are interconnected in various ways. When you talk about improving the

streets you need to consider all the utilities built into them, as well as the businesses and other operations that depend on those utilities and infrastructures.

Over the next several months, we will be talking about streets, street funding, and asking for the community's input to help us prioritize where to start and where to go. But before that, I wanted to take a moment to talk about how funding and budgeting works in general.

Local government budgets can be visualized as several "buckets". Some "buckets" can be spent on a wide variety of things, while other "buckets" are very restrictive and their funds can only be spent on specific things. These "buckets" help fund projects like the wastewater line upsizing on Ida Street, discussing and planning for improvements at Mill Creek Park, or planning stormwater improvements. Some may ask, *"Why these project and not others?"*. The answer is funding for those project comes from different "buckets" and can only be spent on those types of improvements and projects. For example, the \$4.8 million the city received from Federal and State last month is a special fund that can only be used for Stormwater and Wastewater improvements.

This is a very short and simplified explanation, but I encourage you to review the budget and consider attending the upcoming Budget Committee meetings **May 13, 15 and, if needed, 16** to learn more about how the City is proposing to spend money in the differing "buckets" we received. The current year's budget will be available by **May 6th** and can be seen at www.staytonoregon.gov/page/finance_budgets.

Until next time,
Julia Hajduk

Stayton Police Forum - Connecting with the Community

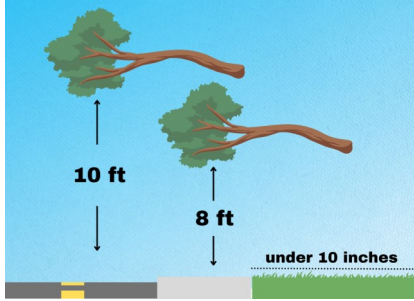
We had an amazing turnout for our first Police Forum. Community members engaged with officers to discuss their views on the safety, local law enforcement, and feedback about the Stayton Police Department.

The Sergeants also received a fair share of comments and compliments for the diligent work carried out by the Stayton Police Department.

We plan to host a forum again in the future, and we hope to see many new faces at the next one!



Reminder: Tree Maintenance and Chemical Safety



Summer is around the corner which means spring cleaning, the smell of fresh cut grass, and household improvement projects.

As a reminder, our City Municipal Code requires that tree branches be trimmed to **10 feet above streets**, and **8 feet above sidewalks**. Grass should be cut to **10 inches and lower**.

We would also ask that you remain cautious when using chemicals around your property. Please do not pour excess pesticides or herbicides into streets, drains, or storm basins. Check the back of your product’s label for proper disposal instructions or

review general safe disposal guidelines at www.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/safe-disposal-pesticides. Also for your safety, please do not tamper with storm drains. If you experience any issues, lost property, or emergency, near or in the storm basins, please contact Public Works at (503) 769-2919.

Community Improvement Grant - Projects Awarded Funds

Congratulations to those whose Community Improvement projects were approved and awarded a portion of the \$40,000 funds. The projects include: bicycle racks, dog wastebin stations, and additional lighting for Downtown Stayton, a Father-Daughter dance, paving improvements to a lot for the Farmer’s Market, a little neighborhood library, and a neighborhood cleanup project.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit an application. We are excited to see your projects completed and help improve the community.

Coffee with a Cop - May 13th

Join your local officers for some fresh coffee, snacks, and early morning conversation this **May 13th**, starting at **7:30 a.m. at McDonald’s** (1988 Shaff Rd, Stayton, OR). Tell us about your upcoming summer plans, what you would like to see improve in the City, or even any new hobbies. We would love to hear from you!

City of Stayton Calendar - May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 City Council 7:00 p.m.	7 Parks and Recreation Board 6:00 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13 Coffee w/ a Cop 7:30 a.m. Budget Meeting 6:00 p.m.	14	15 Library Board 6:00 p.m. Budget Meeting 6:00 p.m.	16 Budget Meeting 6:00 p.m.	17	18
19	20 City Council 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day City Offices Closed	28 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31	

*To learn more about City Council, Boards, and Commissions, visit our City [website](#) or watch live on our [YouTube](#) page.

Stayton Public Library

Library's May Schedule

Fun for all at the Stayton Public Library! You can check the Library's calendar online at calendar.staytonlibrary.org

For more information, please call (503) 769-3313 or send an email to info@staytonlibrary.org.

LEGO Build-It!

Tues. - Fri., May 7 - 10, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Release your inner Builder! What can YOU build with LEGOs?

Endangered Species Puppet Show

Friday, May 17, 11:00 a.m.
Join us for a staff-led puppet show in honor of National Endangered Species Day, and make a puppet to take home!

DIY Craftshop: Yarn Birds

Thursday, May 23, 5:30 p.m.
Stop by to make a decorative bird out of yarn. Supplies will be provided.

Book Club Discussion – “The Patron Saint of Second Chances”

Wednesday, May 29, 4:00 p.m.
In May we will be reading and discussing *The Patron Saint of Second Chances* by Christine Simon. Join us for tea, treats, and book talk!

Reader's Cafe

Thursday, May 30, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Stop in to “taste” a selection of themed titles in children’s literature, and build up your personal library with a free book to keep! This program is designed for readers of all ages.