

WORD ON THE STREET

City of Stayton's Monthly Newsletter



Detroit Dam Drawdown Updates

Protecting Stayton's Water Supply: Your Voice Matters

The City of Stayton is actively working to protect our water supply as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) moves forward with plans to release sediment-filled water from Detroit Dam beginning in fall 2025. While this project is intended to improve fish migration, it poses serious risks to our water quality—not just for Stayton, but for all communities that rely on the North Santiam River.

What We're Doing

City leaders continue to push for solutions that safeguard our drinking water. In recent weeks, we have:

- Engaged in ongoing discussions with USACE, with more meetings scheduled.
- Worked closely with federal representatives to explain the consequences and seek their support.
- Collaborated with other affected cities along the North and South Santiam Rivers to coordinate efforts.
- Brought this issue to the State level, where involvement will be necessary for both short- and long-term solutions.
- Began collaboration with water treatment plant suppliers to investigate potential mitigation approaches to reduce the impact on our slow sand filtration system.

Our Request to USACE

We have been clear in our stance:

- **Do not proceed with the drawdown.** While this is unlikely, we continue to advocate for it.
- **If the drawdown must happen, delay it** — giving us time to implement solutions and secure funding to manage the impact of increased sediment and turbidity.

The Cost and Concern

We are currently exploring pre-treatment options to mitigate water quality issues, but these solutions could cost millions of dollars. We firmly believe this financial burden should not fall on the Stayton ratepayers—or those in any other impacted city.

How You Can Help

We need your voice! Please join us in urging state and federal representatives to take action.

To make it easy, we have drafted letters and messages you can use. Visit our [dedicated webpage](#) for resources, contact information, and ways to get involved.

Together we can work toward a solution that protects our water supply for generations to come.



Safety Action Plan Open House

Enhancing Transportation Safety for Everyone

We recognize the need for street improvements across the community. City staff has pinpointed possible grant funding options aimed at improving safety for vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians, which will aid in making street improvements, and your input is essential.



The City of Stayton invites you to an interactive open house for the Stayton Safety Action Plan (SSAP) on Thursday, April 3, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Stayton Community Center.

Thanks to a federal grant, we're working to enhance transportation safety for everyone — drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike. This is your chance to shape the future of Stayton's roadways!

What to Expect

- Share your concerns and ideas about road safety
- Explore visual aids and updated maps of key areas
- Learn about upcoming projects and future funding priorities
- Connect with City officials and transportation experts from Kittleson & Associates

Your voice matters, and we want to hear from you!

Drop by anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to contribute to a safer Stayton. Let's make our streets work better for everyone — see you there!

Teddy Bear Tea Party at the Library

Join us for a delightful afternoon of tea, treats and teddy bear fun!

Get ready for a delightful afternoon of tea, treats, and teddy bear fun! The Stayton Public Library is excited to present the Teddy Bear Tea Party — a charming event perfect for children and their favorite stuffed friends.

- **Date:** April 12, 2025
- **Time:** 2:00 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Stayton Public Library



This special gathering invites young guests to bring their teddy bears (or any stuffed companion) and enjoy a cozy tea party.

Space is limited, so be sure to make your reservations early before spots fill up! For more details or to RSVP, call (503) 769-3313 or email info@staytonlibrary.org.

We can't wait to see you and your cuddly companions there!

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City Meeting Calendar for April

Parks and Recreation Board

- April 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Safety Action Plan Open House

- April 3 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

City Council

- April 7 at 7:00 p.m.
- April 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Board

- April 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Arts Commission

- April 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

- April 28 at 7:00 p.m.



To learn more visit our [City website](#) or watch live on [YouTube](#).

Honoring Local Achievements

Community unites for City Council meeting honoring local achievements

The agenda for the April 7th Stayton City Council meeting is shaping up to be truly exceptional!

During the meeting, winners of the "If I Were Mayor" contest will be announced, showcasing the creative ideas and leadership visions of Stayton's youth. Additionally, the Community Improvement Grant winners will be revealed, highlighting residents and organizations dedicated to enhancing the city.

The Council will also honor the Stayton High School Girls Basketball team, who recently claimed the Class 4A State Championship title. The team's dedication, hard work, and



sportsmanship have brought pride to the community, and their recognition will be a key highlight of the evening.

Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to show their support for these exceptional individuals and teams, while also staying informed about the City's ongoing initiatives. The event promises to be a positive

gathering, reflecting the strength and unity of the Stayton community.

City Council meetings are held at the Stayton Community Center and begin at 7:00 p.m.

Discover "Why Wednesday"

City begins new "Why Wednesday" campaign answering common questions from community members

If you follow the City of Stayton on social media, you may have noticed our new weekly "Why Wednesday" campaign. This initiative is designed to answer questions from the community about why things happen the way they do in our city.

Each Wednesday, City representatives take to social media to provide clear and informative responses to questions submitted by residents and business owners. Whether it's about Public Works, Community and Economic Development, or local ordinances, "Why Wednesday" aims to educate the public while fostering open communication between the City and its citizens.

The campaign serves as a fantastic opportunity to learn more about Stayton's operations and understand the reasons behind certain policies or projects. By providing accurate information directly from those who know best, the City is working to build trust and strengthen community engagement.

Do you have a question you'd like to see answered in an upcoming "Why Wednesday" post? The City welcomes your inquiries! You can submit your questions by visiting our ["Why Wednesday" online google form](#) or by emailing us at CityGovernment@staytonoregon.gov.

Stay informed, stay engaged, and keep those questions coming!

Have you ever wondered.....

Why?



Stayton Public Library - April Events

Family Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Come explore the world of early literacy through songs and rhythms. All ages welcome.

Toddler Time: Stay and Play

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (canceled April 2)

Explore the world of early learning and literacy with your infant or toddler, through different activities and stations for play. Older siblings welcome.

Storytime in the Garden

Wednesday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Join Stayton and Silver Falls Libraries for a special storytime at the Oregon Garden! After, choose a free book to keep and explore the garden.

Fiber Arts Connection

Friday, April 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Do you like to knit, crochet, embroider, stitch, or sew? Join other fiber arts enthusiasts of all ages and abilities for crafting and conversation. Bring a project you're working on, or try one provided.

Spring STEAM Make and Takes

Thursday, April 10 to Friday, April 11

Windsocks, wind chimes, and kites galore! Experiment with the supplies provided to make some of your own to take home.



It's a Story-Palooza!

Tuesday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Instead of our regular storytime, join us for a celebration of stories and storytelling with activities for all ages.

Plant-It! BINGO Night

Thursday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of plant-filled fun with games for all ages.

Book Club Discussion

Wednesday, April 30 at 4:00 p.m.

We will be reading and discussing *Kings of the Yukon: One Summer Paddling Across the Far North* by Adam Weymouth. Join us for tea, treats, and book talk.