

WORD ON THE STREET

City of Stayton's Monthly Newsletter



Smoke Testing Throughout July/August

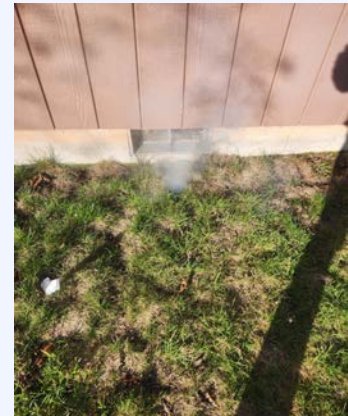
The City will be conducting smoke testing throughout Stayton in July and August to identify issues within the sewer line.

The City will be conducting smoke testing throughout the community during the months of July and August as part of an ongoing effort to identify and address issues within the sewer system.

Smoke testing is a common and effective method used to detect problems in sewer lines. By introducing non-toxic smoke into the sewer system, crews can identify defects such as broken or cracked sewer laterals — the pipes that connect individual properties to the main sewer line.



Smoke testing can also identify cross connections, where storm drains are tied into the city sewer main. By identifying and fixing cross connections, we can prevent storm water from entering the sewer system, which can overload pipes and treatment facilities. Excess storm water in the sewer system can also cause backups, overflows, and added strain on the wastewater treatment plant.



Throughout July and August, residents may notice smoke coming from holes in the ground during testing. This is normal and not harmful.

If residents have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (503) 769-2919.

Utility Rate Increases and Ways to Save!

New Utility Rates Begin July 1, 2025. Modest Increases Support Essential Services, with Savings Options Available for Residents

On April 7, 2025, Stayton City Council approved utility rate changes that go into effect on July 1, 2025. The increases for water, wastewater, and stormwater are necessary to ensure that revenues are sufficient to operate and maintain the infrastructure both now and into the future. There is no increase to street maintenance.

The City of Stayton will be implementing increases to utility rates as follows:

- Water: base fees 3% (no change for water usage)
- Wastewater: residential 3% / non-residential 6.75%
- Stormwater: 3%
- Street maintenance: no change

To see the City's Fees and Charges effective July 1, 2025, please click [here](#).

Stayton residents are eligible to save up to \$24 annually.

Residents can earn \$1/month each for paperless billing and enrolling in auto-pay. Sign up today at www.xpressbillpay.com or learn more on our [website](#).

1ST ICE CREAM SOCIAL OF 2025!

On Tuesday, June 24, the City held the first Ice Cream Social of 2025 at Community Center Park. Attendees enjoyed free ice cream and conversations with our City Council.

See the [Why Wednesday](#) video filmed at the event [here](#)!



Gather, share, and grow through cool treats and conversations about your community

JOIN THE CITY OF STAYTON FOR AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

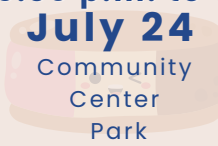
Meet your City Council, staff, and mingle with your neighbors from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



July 7
Quail Run
Park



July 16
Santiam
Park



July 24
Community
Center
Park



August 1
Westown
Park



August 5
Pioneer Park
(National
Night Out)

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City Meeting Calendar for July

Parks and Recreation Board

- July 1 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council

- July 7 (*cancelled*)
- July 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Arts Commission

- July 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

- July 28 at 7:00 p.m.



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

Committee and Commission Vacancies

Make a Difference in Our Community

The City of Stayton is looking for passionate individuals to serve on the Public Arts Commission and the Stayton Safety Action Plan Public Advisory Committee! These are fantastic opportunities to make a real difference in our community.

Public Arts Commission

Help bring art to life in Stayton! Work on art projects, exhibitions, and public installations that will inspire and enhance our city's cultural landscape.

The City of Stayton is recruiting for passionate individuals to serve on the Public Arts Commission.

Stayton Safety Action Plan – Public Advisory Committee

Help shape the future of transportation safety issues, conditions, and priorities across Stayton.

The City of Stayton is recruiting for two open positions on the Public Advisory Committee for the Stayton Safety Action Plan:

- Bicycle Enthusiast (one position); and
- Interested Citizen of Stayton (one position).

To apply to the Public Arts Commission or the Public Advisory Committee, fill out the "Board - Committee - Commission Application" form on our [website](#).

Please submit application forms and direct any questions, to **Jennifer Siciliano** at jsiciliano@staytonoregon.gov; or (503) 769-2998.



City Permitted Events Calendar for July

Summer is in Full Swing: Here are Events Permitted by the City

As summer heats up, so does the City's [Community Event Calendar](#). Events on this calendar are permitted through the City's event permit process. Here's a quick roundup of the can't-miss events permitted in the month of July:



4th of July Fun Run - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Annual Fun Run (or walk) hosted by Boy Scout Troop 50. Visit www.staytonfunrun.com for more details and route info.

Stayton Lions 4th of July Celebration - 12:00 p.m. parade start

Stayton's annual 4th of July Parade will begin at noon with the theme is "America the Beautiful."

Farmers' Markets – Wednesdays until August 27 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A gathering place to connect with and support local farmers and artisans. Family focused fun!

TGIFriday Fests – Friday, July 11 & Friday, August 8 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Live music, food, Snow Peak Brewing, and a farmers' market from 5:00-9:00 p.m. All welcome and bring a chair as this is an outside event!

Santiam SummerFest – Saturday, July 26 from 10:00 am. to 4:00 p.m.

Event hosted by the Stayton-Sublimity Chamber of Commerce located in Historic Downtown Stayton featuring vendor street fair, entertainment, food, and more.



Eric Herman

Thursday, July 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Join us in the library for a concert bursting with comedy, creativity, and outrageously fun songs!

Trading Card Shop

July 19 - All Day

Stop by to swap cards with others, play a match, and design a card of your own!



The Amazing Bubble Man

Thursday, June 10 – 4:00 p.m.

Join us as Louis Pearl explores the magic of bubbles while combining comedy, science, and spellbinding bubble tricks!

DIY Craft Night

Friday, July 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a crafty evening and create your own game or summer-inspired coaster. Supplies will be provided.

Lego Clue

Tuesday, July 15 at 11:00 a.m.

It's a library-sized mystery with a pint-sized twist... Can YOU solve this brickbased whodunnit?



Stayton Public Library - July Events

Storytime in the Park

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Starting June 25)

Read, write, talk, sing, and play with us in the Community Center Park behind the Library. All ages are welcome.

Mo Phillips

July 3 at 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a party packed with dancing, singing, and pure fun for the whole family!

Games & Goodies

Tuesday, July 8 at 11:00 a.m.

Great games inspire great appetites. Play and experience well-paired treats with our selection of games and goodies!