

WORD ON THE STREET

City of Stayton's Monthly Newsletter



Chief Johns Honored with Award

Award Highlights Chief Johns' Exceptional Leadership and Community Service

The City of Stayton is proud to announce that Police Chief Gwen Johns has been recognized with the prestigious *Law Enforcement Leadership Award* at the FBI Portland Community Awards Ceremony held on Friday, May 9th.

Chief Johns was honored for her outstanding leadership and her steadfast support of Special Olympics Oregon. Her contributions have played a vital role in strengthening the organization's impact and outreach. "Law enforcement are special advocates for the athletes," said Chief Johns. "We are about inclusion and protecting others, and what an epitome of population to protect and serve and advocate for."

This award also highlights Chief Johns' exceptional collaboration with the FBI and law enforcement agencies across Marion County – a reflection of her deep commitment to public safety, partnership, and community service.

The FBI Portland Community Awards recognize individuals and organizations that make extraordinary contributions to education and the prevention of crime and violence in their communities. Each year, the FBI Portland Field Office nominates individuals or organizations for these awards, with recipients selected based on their significant impact and dedication to community service.

Chief Johns' dedication to both her profession and the broader community continues to inspire those around her. Her recognition is a point of pride for the entire City of Stayton, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude for her exemplary service. Thank you, Chief Johns, for representing Stayton with such distinction!



Save Money & Go Paperless

Stayton residents can 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](#).

Need help? Stop by Stayton City Hall for assistance!



Level Up This Summer at the Library

Summer Reading Kicks-Off June 17th

Get ready to power up your summer with the the Stayton Public Library's 2025 Summer Reading Program: Level Up! We're kicking things off with a Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on June 17th at 2:00 p.m., featuring games, crafts, and an exciting performance by magician Louie Foxx. It's also your first chance to sign up for this year's reading challenge!



How it Works: Sign up at the Library beginning June 17th, track your reading minutes, and help build the fictional world of SimStayton – all while earning prizes for your progress.

But that's not all! The summer is packed with special events, performances, and activities for all ages:

- Family Performances & Presentations
- Gaming & Challenges
- Trades & Swaps
- Crafts & Clubs
- Storytime in the Park
- End of Summer Celebration

Join the adventure, level up your reading, and make this summer unforgettable! All events are free thanks to the generous support of our community. Learn more and stay updated by visiting: www.staytonlibrary.org

Arts Commission Seeks to Fill Vacancies

Make a Difference in Our Community

The City of Stayton is looking for passionate individuals to serve on the Public Arts Commission! This is a fantastic opportunity 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.

Visit our website for more information:

www.staytonoregon.gov/page/gov_boards_commissions

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City Meeting Calendar for June

City Council

- June 2 at 7:00 p.m.
- June 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Board

- June 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Library Board

- June 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Arts Commission

- June 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

- June 30 at 7:00 p.m.



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

Summer Fun, Rain or Shine

Make a Splash at the Stayton Family Memorial Pool

Summer fun doesn't have to stop when the sun goes down or when the weather doesn't cooperate!

With extended hours beginning in July and climate-controlled comfort, the indoor Stayton Family Memorial Pool is your go-to destination for the summer. Start your day with an energizing lap swim, volleyball, or an aerobic workout.

Throughout the day, enjoy activities such as treasure hunts with dive toys, a thrilling water slide, and water basketball.

Got little ones? Sign them up for lessons to gain confidence in the water and improve technique.

Planning a birthday bash? We've got you covered! Rent the pool for an unforgettable party.

With early morning openings and late evening hours, there's always time to fit in some poolside fun. Rain or shine, weekday or weekend, it's the perfect way to stay active, cool, and connected all summer long.



Protect Pets from Heat

Don't Leave Your Pets in Parked Cars

As summer temperatures rise, it's crucial to remember – never leave your pets in parked cars, even for a few minutes. The temperature inside a vehicle can soar rapidly, putting your pet's life at serious risk.



If you're concerned about an animal left in a vehicle, ask yourself the following:

- Are the owners nearby?
- Is the car hot inside? (No air conditioning, parked in direct sunlight, windows rolled up, etc.)
- Does the animal appear to be in distress?

If you cannot locate the owner and believe the animal is in danger, contact Stayton Police Non-Emergency Line at (503) 982-2340.

Let's work together to keep our pets safe this summer!

Scam Alert from the Stayton Police

If it Feels Urgent or Unusual, it's Probably a Scam

Be cautious if someone unexpectedly contacts you demanding money. It's likely a scam if they:

- Ask for gift card payment
- Request bank info or ID
- Threaten arrest



Stay calm, don't respond, and if unsure, contact Stayton Police at (503) 982-2340.

Stayton Public Library - June Events

Storytime in the Park

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

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



Fiber Arts Connection

June 13 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.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

Tuesday, June 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Join us for games, crafts, a magic performance with Louie Foxx, and sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge!

Puzzle Swap

Friday, June 20 – All Day

Stop in anytime throughout the day to try simple crafts and to swap your gently used puzzles.

Minecraft vs Angry Birds: Minecraft Meets its Match

Tuesday, June 24 at 11:00 a.m.

Test your building skills with a series of challenges! Can your creations survive a bird attack?

Book Club Discussion

Wednesday, June 25 at 4:00 p.m.

We will be reading and discussing *Mercury Pictures Presents* by Anthony Marra. Join us for tea, treats, and book talk!

Habiba's Village

Thursday, June 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Join us in the Library to embark on a storytelling journey to Habiba Addo's homeland, Ghana, West Africa.

