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City of Stayton's Monthly Newsletter

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March Reminders

IF I WERE MAYOR CONTEST

The 'If I Were Mayor' student contest is in full swing. This is your reminder to have your students' entries submitted by March 21st along with a completed Oregon Mayors Association entry form.

You can view all the details for the contest on our website at: www.staytonoregon.gov/page/mayor-student-contest

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Applications for Community Improvement Grants are being accepted through March 28th. To learn more, please visit:

www.staytonoregon.gov/page/resources-community-improve-grant

Stayton Prepares for Potential Water Issues in 2025

The City of Stayton is taking action to protect its water supply as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) plans to release sediment-filled water from Detroit Dam in fall 2025 and beyond. While the project aims to improve fish mitigation, it could lead to serious water quality problems for Stayton and neighboring communities.

WHY IT MATTERS

Stayton's drinking water comes from the North Santiam River, but the City's Slow Sand Filters (SSF) may not work if the river becomes too muddy (turbid). Similar projects have caused major water issues elsewhere, raising concerns about prolonged water disruptions.

WHAT THE CITY IS DOING

Stayton is working with legal experts and partnering with other cities to find solutions. At a January 2025 meeting, officials raised concerns with USACE about environmental risks, legal conflicts, and the potential impact on hydroelectric operations. The City is also exploring alternative water sources, treatment upgrades, and emergency plans. However, all of those come at a cost and time that we do not currently have. We need support at all levels to help us protect our drinking water.

HOW RESIDENTS CAN HELP

- **Stay Informed:** Sign up for updates at <https://tinyurl.com/News-Blast> and check the City's website at www.staytonoregon.gov
- **Speak Up:** Contact state and federal representatives to share concerns.

Stayton is committed to keeping its water safe. With community support, we can protect our water for the future.



Stayton Adventure Log: Your Spring Break Passport to Fun!

Spring Break just got a whole lot more exciting in Stayton! We're inviting all adventure seekers—young and old—to explore our city in a whole new way with the *Stayton Adventure Log*. From March 21st through March 29th, pick up your Adventure Log at any City facility and get ready to discover the hidden gems and exciting activities right within our city limits.

Complete as many activities as you can from the Adventure Log list and find unique ways to experience Stayton this spring break. Each activity brings you one step closer to becoming a Stayton Adventure Master—and who doesn't love a good challenge?

Return your completed log to City Hall by April 30th, and you'll be rewarded with a *special token of our appreciation*. Think of it as your badge of honor for being a true Stayton adventurer!

Local Swim Teams Rely on Stayton Family Memorial Pool

The Stayton Family Memorial Pool is home to the Stayton Eagles and Cascade Cougar swim teams.

Coach Curtis Brown, alongside the Stayton captains, Leah Ellerbee and Elizabeth Young, have led the team for the 2024-2025 season. Captain Leah Ellerbee has had a memorable season by breaking four school records, the 500 Freestyle, 200 IM, 100 Backstroke, and highest overall points. The Eagles swim team is preparing to bring the heat to the upcoming OSAA State championships, with the boys in 4th and girls in 6th for district championships there are endless possibilities for the team.

The Cascade Cougars are led by Coach Shane Parlette and Cascade captains, Dixie Mandycyk and Cole Tofflemire. The Cougars girls placed 8th in districts while the boys placed 7th. We are looking forward to witnessing the girls take on both the 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay at State. With just a few practices away, they are putting in the hard work and time to succeed as a team.

Swim teams thrive on strong group dynamics and teamwork, not just individual skill. The whole team profits when swimmers work together, help one another, and have a shared goal. Creating a supportive team atmosphere promotes trust, motivation, and a feeling of community. The Stayton Family Memorial Pool has supported the Stayton and Cascade High School Swim Team throughout the years and has played a big part in their success. From the atmosphere and familiarity, it is the home of both teams. By the continuous support and relationship with the Stayton Pool, students feel safe and a sense of belonging. Home is where the heart lies, and the heart of these teams starts at the Stayton Family Memorial Pool.

Winter Reading Challenge — Penguin Ball

Did you take part in the Library's Winter Reading Challenge?

On Saturday, February 1st, the Stayton Public Library celebrated the successful completion of our community Winter Reading Challenge.

How did we celebrate? With a Penguin Ball, of course! A total of 209 people of all ages joined us for fancy-flippered fun at our Penguin Ball.

Attendees showed off their best dance moves, enjoyed ice cream sundaes, a photo booth, and activities and played in the snowy fields created in the meeting room.



CITY MEETING CALENDAR FOR MARCH

City Council

- March 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- March 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Board

- March 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Library Board

- March 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Arts Commission

- March 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

- March 31 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Stayton Public Library

Library's March Schedule

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.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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

Toddler Time: Stay and Play

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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

It's a Story-Palooza for Read Across America

Tuesday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Build It! LEGOS

March 11 to March 14 at 3:30 p.m.

Release your inner builder! What can YOU build with LEGOs?

DIY Craftshop: Tree of Life Suncatcher

Thursday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a crafty evening and create a wire-wrapped Tree of Life Suncatcher. Supplies will be provided.

Readers Café

March 18 to March 21 — All day

Stop in to "taste" a selection of children's books and take home a free book to keep! This program is designed for readers of all ages.

Making Tracks with the Library

Monday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Meet us at the Oregon Rail Heritage Museum in Portland for a special storytime and train ride!

Book Club Discussion

Thursday, March 27 at 4:00 p.m.

Join us for tea, treats, and book talk!

Honoring Outstanding Academic Achievement

The Stayton City Council is proud to recognize the outstanding academic accomplishments of our local high school students at its upcoming meeting. On March 3, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Stayton Community Center, the council will celebrate the incredible achievement of 103 students from Stayton and Regis high schools who earned a perfect 4.0 GPA during the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year.

The recognition ceremony will offer the City Council an opportunity to publicly honor these exceptional young individuals, acknowledge their perseverance, and encourage them to continue striving for excellence in all aspects of life.

This event is a wonderful reminder of the potential we have in Stayton and the importance of supporting our youth in their educational journeys. Let's come together as a community to applaud the dedication and achievements of our students and continue fostering an environment where excellence is recognized and celebrated!

