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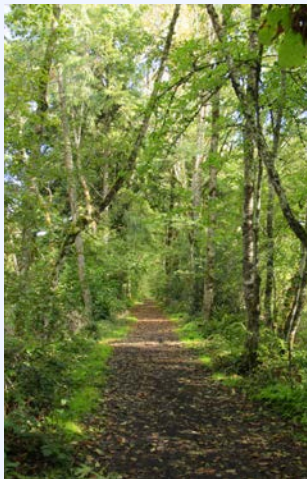
City of Stayton's Monthly Newsletter



Re-opening of Wilderness Park

The City of Stayton has placed a measure on the November 2025 ballot to renew and increase its current Parks and Pool local option levy.

With funding from this levy, the City will be able to enter into a new lease agreement with the Santiam Water Control District, which owns the land where Wilderness Park is located. This partnership would re-establish public access to one of the area's most scenic environments, full of rich ecology.



Wilderness Park offers trails through forested areas and marshlands. The park has long been a favorite among hikers, bird watchers, families, and those looking to connect with nature without leaving the Stayton city limits.

The levy will also help with maintenance of newer parks and amenities such as Riverfront Park South.

More Parks and Pool Levy Facts

Why the Increase?

The primary reason for the increase for both the parks and pool are the rising costs in staffing, equipment, utilities, and supplies.

What is the Proposed Levy and How will it Impact Me?

The levy is a tax on property, therefore it will directly impact you if you pay property taxes. The proposed rate is \$1.10 per \$1,000 assessed value.

The average assessed value in Stayton is \$252,000, which would mean a change from approximately \$126/year with the current levy to approximately \$277/year for the proposed levy. It is important to note that the assessed value is not the market value of the home.

For more information or to request a presentation, please visit: https://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/gov_election_levy.



Pool Renovations

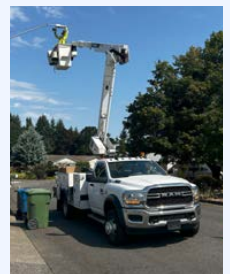
The Stayton Family Memorial Pool is looking better than ever after its annual maintenance closure!

Watch the Why Wednesday video showcasing the beautiful transformation with before, during, and after shots of the reno's! <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/176AvBVXHS/>



LED Streetlight Conversion Project

The City of Stayton is proud to partner with Pacific Power on a forward-thinking initiative that brings energy efficiency, improved visibility, and long-term savings to the community, the LED Streetlight Conversion Project.



Over 550 streetlights will be upgraded in Stayton before December 31, 2025.

For more information, visit the City of Stayton website at <https://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/article/2459>



**CHAMBER
AFTER HOURS**

**BREWS &
BUSINESS**

Connect with business professionals & local leaders.
Learn more about the upcoming Pool & Parks Levy.
No host bar & light refreshments available.

**22
OCTOBER
6:30-8:00 PM**



Presenter
Julia Hajduk
City Manager



SNOW PEAK
Brewing Company

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City Meeting Calendar for October

Parks and Recreation Board

- October 7 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council

- October 6 at 7:00 p.m.
- October 20 at 6:00 p.m.
(Council Work Session)

Public Arts Commission

- October 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

- October 27 at 7:00 p.m.



To learn more visit www.staytonoregon.gov or watch live on YouTube [@cityofstayton](https://www.youtube.com/@cityofstayton)

Community Improvement Grants

The Community Improvement Grant is accepting new applications up to October 24, 2025!



The Community Improvement Grant is designed to help neighborhoods and businesses address community issues, and to support non-profit organizations that provide services to Stayton residents.

Applications will be accepted through **5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2025.**

For further program information and to access the application form, please visit:

staytonoregon.gov/page/resources_community_improve_grant

If you have any questions please contact, Jennifer Siciliano at jsiciliano@staytonoregon.gov or call (503) 768-2998



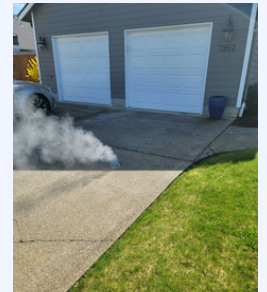
Fill out the five-minute survey before October 24, 2025 at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/TFGW83Q

Smoke Testing in Fall 2025

The City will continue smoke testing throughout Stayton in Fall 2025 to identify issues within sewer lines.

The City will be conducting smoke testing throughout the community 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.

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.

Stayton Public Library - October Events

Library Fall Fest

Saturday, October 4 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us in the Community Center Park for a special outdoor storytime followed by seasonal activities and giveaways inspired by the work of local farms.

Fiber Arts Connection

Friday, October 10th 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.



Creative Crafternoon: Beaded Fall Decor

Friday, October 17th at 4 p.m.

Join us and create seasonal rustic décor to take home. Supplies will be provided.

STEAM Days: Squishy Circuits

Tuesday - Friday, October 21st-24th 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Test your hand at making dough creations that incorporate electrical circuits.

Sippin' Into a Social Hour

Thursday, October 23rd at 11:00 a.m.

Sip, explore, and connect through new experiences and conversation at the Library! Kick it off this month with a deep dive into the wonderful world of coffee!

The Library's Labyrinth!

Friday, October 31st 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

While you're out trick-or-treating downtown, stop by the Library for themed tricks and treats!

