

WORD ON THE STREET

City of Stayton's Monthly Newsletter



2025-26 'If I Were Mayor' Contest

Calling all students from Grades 4-12 - have you ever thought about what you would do if you were Mayor of Stayton?

Important Dates:

- Entries due: **Friday, March 6, 2026 at 5 p.m.**
- Winners announced: Monday, March 16, 2026 Stayton Council Meeting



Contest Categories:

- Elementary School (Grades 4-5) - **Create a Poster**
 - Winner will receive \$50 from the City of Stayton for themselves and \$50 for their classroom
- Middle School (Grades 6-8) - **Write an Essay**
 - Winner will receive \$100 from the City of Stayton for themselves and \$100 for their classroom
- High School (Grades 9-12) - **Make a Digital Media Presentation**
 - Winner will receive \$150 from the City of Stayton for themselves and \$150 for their classroom

How to Enter:

- To enter, students must attend school in the City of Stayton and submit the following:
 - 1) A completed "If I Were Mayor Entry Form" and
 - 2) A completed poster, essay, or digital media presentation

to Howard Tsang, Community Engagement Coordinator at htsang@staytonoregon.gov

To download entry forms and for more information, visit:
https://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/mayor_student_contest



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Vacancies on City of Stayton Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Make a Difference in Our Community

The City of Stayton is looking for individuals to serve on the following Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- Parks and Recreation Board (1 vacancy)



The Parks and Recreation Board is responsible for developing, maintaining parks, recreation programs and serves as an advisory board to the City Council.

- Public Arts Commission (1 vacancy)



The purpose of the Commission is to promote educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of Stayton by actively pursuing the placement of public art in public spaces within Stayton city limits while also serving to preserve and develop public access to the arts. The Commission is responsible for assisting the Council and other City boards and commissions in using public art to enhance existing development in public parks, and other public lands, and in public structures.

- Budget Committee (2 vacancies)



The Budget Committee meets every two years to review and approve the biennial budget. Typically, there are three meetings in May/June of odd numbered years and one meeting in August/September of even numbered years for a status update.

Serving on a City board, commission, or committee is great way to share your ideas and help shape local decisions.



For more information and to apply, visit:
https://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/gov_boards_commissions

City Meeting Calendar for January

City Council

- January 5 and 20:
 - Work Session: 6 p.m.
 - Regular Session: 6:30 p.m.

Library Board

- January 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Arts Commission

- January 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

- January 26 at 7:00 p.m.



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

2025-26 Community Improvement Grants - Final Allocations

At its December 1, 2025 meeting, Stayton City Council awarded the following 2025-2026 Community Improvement Grants:



- **Table Tennis Pioneer Park** - Install outdoor table tennis and corn hole games at Pioneer Park to encourage community recreation and connection - \$4,825.01 awarded
- **Santiam Teen Center** - Improve Santiam Teen Center's accessibility by weatherizing and securing its ADA ramp and outdoor deck - \$1,100 awarded
- **Flowing Through Time II** - Add three new mural areas celebrating Stayton's history, Kalapuya heritage, and community creativity in downtown's Flowing Through Time series - \$4,350 awarded
- **Brown House Landscape Maintenance** - Restore and maintain Brown House landscaping with professional weeding, trimming, composting, and bark application - \$2,000 awarded
- **Spotlight Community Theater Safety** - Upgrade Spotlight Theater's lighting and install an ADA sink to improve safety, accessibility, and performance quality - \$4,925.21 awarded
- **Saving Lives** - Provide free community training in CPR, AED use, first aid, and emergency response to save lives - \$2,000 awarded
- **North Santiam Service Integration** - Support North Santiam Service Integration Team providing emergency aid and essential services to vulnerable Stayton residents - \$1,200 awarded

Only flush the 3 P's: Pee, Poo, and (Toilet) Paper.

Don't dump chemicals.

Paint, motor oil, cleaners, pesticides, and other chemicals can damage pipes and pollute waterways. Take them to a hazardous waste disposal site.

Don't believe the wipe.

Even "flushable" wipes can clog pipes. Always toss them in the trash.

Don't flush your meds.

- Drop them off at a local pharmacy; or
- Pick up a Deterra Drug Deactivation System from the Stayton Police Department.

Keep F.O.G. (Fats, Oils, and Grease) out of the drain.

Let them cool, then throw them in the trash.



For more information, visit:

[https://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/pw_Wastewater](http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/pw_Wastewater)

Stayton Public Library - January Events

After Hours @ the Library: Cozy Craft & Sip

Friday, January 9, 6 p.m.

Join us for some hygge-inspired crafting and non-alcoholic beverages after hours at the Library! Supplies provided.

Build-It! LEGOS

Tuesday - Friday, January 20-23, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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

Sippin' Into a Social Hour

Thursday, January 22 @ 11:00am

Sip, explore, and connect through new experiences and conversation at the Library!

Viking Fest:

Winter Reading Celebration

Saturday, January 31, 11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Celebrate the end of the Winter Reading Challenge with a day of feasting and games. Viking dress encouraged.

The library is getting new paint and will be closed from January 15-19, 2026!



Winter Reading Challenge

December 19 - January 31

Find your version of comfort and cozy for the darkest time of the year with this year's Winter Reading Challenge for all ages. Visit the Library for more information or look us up online at staytonlibrary.org!