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# The Word on the Street

## City of Stayton's Monthly Newsletter

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### Letter to the City: Another Year and Looking Ahead



As we enter the winter season, we reflect on the incredible year we've had together. It has been another remarkable year for Stayton, filled with community spirit, growth, and countless memorable moments.

The holiday season is a special time to come together with family and friends, celebrate our traditions, and look forward to the new year.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited about the prospects of continuing to improve our city's infrastructure. Soon, the Ida Street sewer line upgrade will be complete, and we are already designing the next phase of improvements. We have plans to enhance more of the city's streets with the next one being Westown Drive next summer. In the coming year, we will be enhancing more streets and other essential city services, helping to ensure that Stayton remains a vibrant and thriving community. We are also excited to embark on the first steps of the Mill Creek Park Project in 2025 and begin the first phase for future development, as well as construction of improvements to Riverfront Park, south of the water treatment plant. These projects not only improve the quality of daily life but also contribute to the long-term investment of our city.

We are grateful for your continued support and involvement in making Stayton a fantastic place to live. Together, we can look forward to another year of progress, unity, and joy.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter to see all the fun activities here in Stayton.

We wish everyone a warm and happy holiday season, and a wonderful start to the new year!

Best wishes and happy holidays,

Julia Hajduk

### Ida Street Sanitary Sewer Project & Future Phases

For all those wondering, there is an end in sight for the construction work on West Ida Street! The Ida Street Sanitary Sewer Project is progressing smoothly and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Currently, the project has installed approximately 2,000 feet of 30-inch sewer pipe, nearly doubling the capacity of the previous sewer pipe. This significant improvement will address existing and future capacity issues and accommodate the area's growing development.

This project marks the second phase of the downtown sanitary sewer upgrades. Improvement will continue for the downtown area, with planning already underway for the next phase. Future work will involve installing expanded sewer lines from Ida Street to 1st Avenue and then extend the line north to Marion Street, laying the groundwork for the next phase.

The project has been made possible thanks to federal funding provided by the ARPA (America Rescue Plan Act) and SLFRF (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds). It is also thanks to State grants we were awarded earlier this year, that we are able to swiftly move forward with the next phases.

The final step in the project is the paving of the street once the construction is complete. The timelines for this are heavily dependent on temperature, weather, and timing so we are thankful to the community for your understanding and patience through this process.

For questions or concerns about the streets or infrastructure, please contact Public Works at (503) 769-2919.

### Holiday Festival Nov. 29 - Dec. 6

Stayton's Holiday Festival, is here in full swing, brought to you by the City of Stayton and Revitalize Downtown Stayton.

Shop downtown to fill out your passport to enter into the raffle and vote for your favorite window display. The winners will be announced on December 6th.

Check the Stayton's Holiday Festival's full schedule at: [www.staytonoregon.gov/page/event-holidayfestival](http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/event-holidayfestival)



# Street Fees Adjustments



Starting in January, adjustments to the street fee will go into effect to provide much-needed funding for city streets. This increase is part of a comprehensive strategy adopted by Council that also includes more general fund dollars going to street improvements and actively seeking outside and alternate funding sources.

This increase in street fees will address the growing demand for maintenance and improvements. Previously, funding levels were insufficient, leading to a backlog of deferred maintenance and a rise in future costs

(For more information, watch our Streets 101 and 201 videos on the City of Stayton's [YouTube](#) page). With these changes, we can fund projects like the improvements we are planning for Westtown Drive in Spring 2025.

Street fee adjustments will appear in February's utility bill.

To learn more about the street fees and improvements funding strategy, please review [Resolution No. 1122](#).

## Stayton Leaf Clean-up — December 14

On **December 14**, from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** the Stayton City Shops (1820 N First Avenue) will be accepting leaf and yard debris drop-off for Stayton residents.

There is no cost to drop off leaves or yard debris, however we will be accepting canned food donations for the Stayton Community Food Bank.

For seniors and those needing assistance with leaf clean-up on their property, or for those who would like to volunteer to help, please call City Hall at **(503) 769-3425 (ext. 7)**.

## City of Stayton Charter Review and Amendments

The City of Stayton will be reviewing the City of Stayton Charter and considering potential amendments over the coming months. This process is crucial in ensuring that the Charter remains relevant and effective in serving our community's needs. Keep an eye out for agenda notices where sections of the charter are being discussed. The City of Stayton Charter is available online at [www.staytonoregon.gov/page/docs\\_municipal\\_code](http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/docs_municipal_code). Your participation and input are invaluable in shaping the future of Stayton.

## Stayton Public Library

### Library's December Schedule

Fun for all at the Stayton Public Library! You can check the Library's calendar online at [calendar.staytonlibrary.org](http://calendar.staytonlibrary.org)

For more information, please call (503) 769-3313 or send an email to [info@staytonlibrary.org](mailto:info@staytonlibrary.org).

### Lights in the Park: Winter Wonderland Friday, December 6, 5:00 p.m.

Witness as the winter wonderland around the Library comes to life, then follow the trail of lights to the tree lighting festivities downtown. Our brilliant light displays will shine every night through December 31.

### STEAM Days: Forensic Finds

**Tues.-Fri., December 10-13, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Explore forensic prints and traces with a selection of experiments and activities.

### DIY Craftshop: Paper Pinecones

**Thursday, December 12, 5:30 p.m.**

Join us for a crafty evening and create paper pinecone decoration that you can use as an ornament, as a part of a wreath, or even a centerpiece. Supplies will be provided.

### Spirit of Christmas: Victorian Ghost Stories

**Saturday, December 14, 1:00 p.m.**

In Victorian England, telling ghost stories around the fire was a popular Christmas tradition. Join us in the meeting room for cookies, cocoa, and family-friendly ghost stories, then make some Victorian-inspired ornaments afterwards.

### Crack the Code: All Ages Winter Reading Challenge December 26– January 31

Read, encrypt and decode your way through this year's collaborative Winter Reading Challenge.

## City of Stayton Calendar - December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 City Council 7:00 p.m.	3 Parks & Recreation Board 6:00 p.m.	4	5	6 Holiday Tree Lighting 6:00 p.m.	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Stayton Leaf Clean-Up 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 
15	16 City Council 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Library Board 6:00 p.m.	19 Public Arts Commission 6:00 p.m.	20 Office Temporarily Closed 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve Day Office Closed	25 Christmas Day Offices Closed 	26	27	28
29	30 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.	31 New Year's Eve 				*City Offices will be closed on January 1 for New Year's Day

\*To learn more about City Council, Boards, and Commissions, visit our City [website](#) or watch live on our [YouTube](#) page.

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