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# The Word on the Street

## City of Stayton's Monthly Newsletter

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### Letter from the City: Wonderful Start to 2025!



We have a lot of news to cover as we begin a New Year. We are renewing our resolutions from last year and adding some new ones. We will be continuing to implement improvements to Stayton's infra structure, such as street maintenance, street improvements, stormwater, wastewater, parks, and planning for the city's growing needs. We look forward to working with the community identify where we can improve as we move into the future. We also have several exciting updates that are great for the start of a new year.

We are happy to welcome back Mayor Brian Quigley, who has been reappointed to his position at City Council this last December. Mayor Quigley had initially stepped down due to health issues, but after speedy recovery, is ready to reassume his duties as Stayton's mayor. I would also liked to person ally thank Councilor Steve Sims for filling in as the Interim Mayor for the duration.

We are also pleased to announce the completion of the Community Center's kitchen project. This upgraded facility will provide a modern and updated space for community events, gatherings, and culinary activities. Thanks to these enhancement the Community Center is back better than ever and will benefit the community long into the future. If you are interested in renting the Community Center for your own event, check out the facility rental information on the Resources page of the City website.

Finally, we are excited to announce that the current phase of the Ida Street Sewer Sanitary project is wrap ping up. The final step is final paving, which requires certain weather conditions, and will be will complet ed in early 2025. This essential infrastructure upgrade will improve sanitation and wastewater manage ment for the residents in the area, provide much needed support and relief to the city's infrastructure and safety of our community.

We have so much more coming up this year, keep an eye on City Council announcements to stay-up-to-date with all the exciting information about the future of Stayton.

Best regards,

Julia Hajduk

### 'If I Were Mayor' Student Contest 2025

We are excited to announce the 'If I Were Mayor' contest. This contest is a chance for students to learn more about their city and envision the possibilities of their future through a creative lens.

The contest is divided into 3 categories for student to express their creativity:

- Elementary School (Grade 4-5) - Posters
- Middle School (Grade 6-8) - A 500—1000 words essay.
- High School (Grade 9-12) - A digital presentation that 1-3 minutes with audio and visuals.

The students who are selected will receive a cash prize for themselves and their classroom. Contest sub missions are due by March 21, 2025.

To learn more about the 'If I Were Mayor' contest and how to submit a project, visit [https://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/mayor\\_student\\_contest](https://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/mayor_student_contest).

### Utility Bill Autopay Rebate

Enroll in Xpress Bill Autopay to simplify your bill payments. With Autopay, your bills are automati cally paid each month, ensuring you never miss a due date.

Also, by enrolling in AutoPay, you will receive a \$2 rebate on your next utility bill.

Sign-up is easy, all you need to do is visit the City of Stayton's Finance page at [www.staytonoregon.gov/page/finance\\_online\\_forms](http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/finance_online_forms) or scan the QR code below and follow the instruction in the Accounts tab.



# Community Improvement Grant—Coming Soon



The Community Improvement Grant is coming soon!

Businesses, neighborhoods, and Stayton citizens will have the opportunity to apply for the Community Improvement Grant. This grant is designed to fund projects that enhance and benefit the community.

The Community Improvement Grant aims to foster community spirit and support projects that bring people together, promote engagement, and improve the quality of life in Stayton. Previous awarded

grants include: the construction of a neighborhood tiny library, installation of bike racks for Historic Downtown Stayton, a community Father-Daughter dance and much more.

There will be more information coming soon about how to apply and when applications will be accepted. In the meantime, walk around your neighborhood, check your area, and come up with a few ideas of where the grant could help the most and to help others in the community.

## Positions for Board and Commissions

The City of Stayton is seeking volunteers for the open positions available for several Boards and Commissions. The boards, committees or commissions are important to the operations of the City because they provide valuable insight and serve as an advisory to the City Council and City staff.

- **TWO** positions are available on the **Parks and Recreation Board**.
- **ONE** open position on the **Planning Commission**.
- **TWO** open positions for the **Public Arts Commission**.

To learn more about Boards and Commissions and how you can be part of the conversation, visit [www.staytonoregon.gov/page/gov\\_boards\\_commissions](http://www.staytonoregon.gov/page/gov_boards_commissions).

## Stayton Public Library

### Library's January 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).

### Crack the Code: All Ages Winter reading Challenge Begins

**December 26 - January 31**

Crack the Code: All Ages Winter Reading Challenge begins and runs through January 31. Read, encrypt and decode your way through this year's collaborative Winter Reading Challenge.

### Family Storytime

**Every Tues. 10:30 a.m.**

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

### Toddler Time: Stay & Play

**Every Wed. 10:30 a.m.**

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

### Reader's Café

**Tuesday - Friday, January 28-31**

Stop in to "taste" a selection of themed titles in children's literature, and build up your library with a free book to keep! This program is designed for readers of all ages.

## City of Stayton Calendar - January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Years Day City Offices Closed	2	3	4
5	6 City Council 7:00 p.m.	7 Parks & Recreation Board 6:00 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Library Board 6:00 p.m.	16 Public Arts Comm. 6:00 p.m.	17	18
19	20 MLK Jr. Day City Offices Closed	21 City Council 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30		

\*To learn more about City Council, Boards, and Commissions, visit our City [website](http://www.staytonoregon.gov) or watch live on our [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) page.

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