

CITY ADMINISTRATOR RON PARTCH RETIRES

City Administrator Ron Partch is retiring after 35 years of service to the City of Gladstone. Ron's career in Gladstone began in 1974 with the Public Works Department. A few years later he started working in City Hall, and in 1984 was hired by the City Council as City Administrator, thus making him the longest currently serving City Manager/Administrator in the metropolitan area. Ron earned a B.A. in History and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Portland State University and is well-respected for his ability to explain municipal finance. Under his careful watch, the city acquired and developed Meldrum Bar Park, built the Gladstone Senior Center and purchased equity ownership in a state of the art water treatment facility. Ron has agreed to work part time for a while to help the new City Administrator with the transition. You are welcome to stop by the Senior Center, 1050 Portland Avenue, on Friday, May 29th at 4:30 p.m. to wish Ron well, reminisce about old times and meet the new guy. Good luck, Ron, in your future endeavors – you will be missed!!!

WELCOME NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR & POLICE CHIEF

Peter Boyce was appointed City Administrator by the City Council effective April 23rd. Pete has been with Gladstone since December, when he was hired as Assistant City Administrator, and has more than eleven years of local government experience in Montana and the Midwest. Pete is looking forward to serving his new community and meeting its residents.

Jim Pryde will be the city's new Police Chief effective May 1st. Since 1977 he has served the Olympia, Washington, Police Department in numerous capacities, including most recently as Special Operations Bureau Lieutenant for Field Operations. Chief Pryde has trained extensively at the FBI National Academy and has taught Criminal Justice at the university level. Please welcome City Administrator Peter Boyce and Police Chief Jim Pryde to the City of Gladstone!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you have three hours you could spare to volunteer at the upcoming Chautauqua Festival? The festival committee is looking for volunteers for three hour shifts to help the stage crew or serve as parking monitors at this year's event, July 31 through August 2 at Max Patterson Park. If you can help out, please call Martha at 503-657-8048 or email Roberta at r_7@q.com. Without volunteers, the festival committee will not be able to put on this wonderful community event.

FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES FOUR NEW MEMBERS

John Cerda, Ryan Fischbach, Eric Leibner and Tellie Philo are Gladstone's newest volunteer firefighters. Each of them spent weekends in training classes from September 2008 to March 2009 and have each logged over 260 hours learning firefighting and emergency medical skills. Gladstone Fire is proud to announce these new firefighters to our community. If you are interested in volunteering for the Gladstone Fire Department, please contact Jeff Smith at 503-557-2774

POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOVERS STOLEN TRAILER

As a result of an extensive criminal investigation, a 2007 Interstate cargo trailer containing thousands of dollars of uninsured merchandise was recovered at a Gladstone residence by the Gladstone Police Department and Clackamas County Task Force. A special thanks to Detective David Plummer for his great work!

211 HELPLINE

2-1-1 is the three-digit number set aside by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for the purpose of providing health and human service information and referral. 2-1-1 is available through a network of over 200 non-profit call centers. In 2008, 108,035 calls were handled in the Portland-Vancouver area. Calls to 2-1-1 have increased 47% over the past six months as requests for food, rent assistance, utility assistance and low-cost health care are on the rise in the Portland area. 2-1-1 provides health and human service information at no cost to anyone who dials 2-1-1 or 503-222-5555 if 2-1-1 is not available on the caller's phone. You may also find additional information on community services at www.211info.org.

THANK YOU TO EGG HUNT SPONSORS/VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, April 11th, children found approximately 5,000 plastic eggs "hidden" at the high school. The hunt was a great success and could not have taken place without the generous help of volunteers from: Chautauqua Festival Committee, Volunteer Fire Dept., School District, Public Works Dept., the Wooldridge Family, Roberta Winter, Jim Zuffrea, Donna Bart, John & Lisa Sullivan, Cierra Walker, Kristi Yost and Mary & Katie Ramstheil. Prizes and donations were received from: Gladstone Chautauqua Festival, Gladstone Safeway, Oak Grove Fred Meyer, Gladstone Rotary, Gladstone McDonalds, Burgerville, Family Fun Center & Bullwinkles, The Children's Course, Players, Buster's Texas Style Barbecue, Sunburst Gymnastics, Pietro's Pizza, Century Cinemark Theatres, Jimmy O's Pizza, Kellogg Bowl, Enchanted Forest, Oaks Park, Portland Rose Festival Association, Portland Winter Hawks, Portland Trail Blazers, Portland Beavers, Portland Timbers, Dallas Cowboys, Pittsburgh Steelers, Denver Broncos, US Ski & Snowboard, US Figure Skating, USA Swimming, McKee Enterprises/Milwaukie Cinemas & Wunderland and Jal Duncan Photography. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CARNIVAL AT JOHN WETTEN ELEMENTARY

Come One, Come All! On Friday, May 1st, John Wetten Elementary (JWES), 250 E. Exeter, will host a carnival to benefit Doernbecher Children's Hospital. This fun-filled event will run from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the JWES field. Enjoy the traditional carnival games, bounce houses, BBQ, cotton candy and more! Tickets are 50¢ per game. Come and meet Mr. & Mrs. Gladiator from Gladstone High School – two individuals who have done much to make Doernbecher Week a BIG success at Gladstone High School!

GLADSTONE POLICE BICYCLE RODEO

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 16th, when the Gladstone Police Department will hold the annual Bicycle Rodeo for ages K-6th grade from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **at the new Gladstone Center for Children and Families, 18905 Portland Avenue.** (Please note the new location this year).

Participants are asked to check in by 10:00 a.m. – this is also new this year. ThinkFirst Oregon will be providing age-appropriate injury prevention education to youth. The Gladstone-Oak Grove Kiwanis will be fitting children with free bicycle helmets. Students will be given the opportunity to learn and demonstrate bicycle safety skills. The event will end at 12:00 p.m. with a free raffle.



BACK FLOW PREVENTION

The purpose of back flow prevention devices is to eliminate potential contamination of your drinking water by "cross connection" with a pollution related substance such as fertilizer or industrial chemical. For example, a cross connection occurred in Virginia when a water customer's garden hose was connected to an outside faucet that was left in a barrel of highly toxic insecticide, and the insecticide was backsiphoned into the public's water supply. This contamination could have been prevented if a backflow device had been installed in the customer's water supply line. Oregon Administrative Rules and city code require **annual testing** of all backflow prevention devices. Devices are required for residential irrigation systems and non-residential land uses including medical clinics, commercial laundries, dry cleaners, etc. Please contact Scott Tabor at 503-656-7957 if you have any questions including whether you need to install a device.

FREE MULCH AT MELDRUM BAR PARK

The City of Gladstone has free unprocessed mulch at Meldrum Bar Park for those who wish to pick it up in small quantities. The City recommends people use bags, or buckets to pick up mulch for their personal use. All we ask is that there is no unauthorized dumping of any kind in the park. If you have questions concerning mulch at Meldrum Bar please call Scott Tabor at 503-656-7957 for detailed information.

CHANGES IN DOG LICENSING

At its meeting on April 14th, the City Council signed a resolution to transfer all dog control services to Clackamas County Dog Services. Please renew and/or obtain your dog license from Clackamas County Dog Services (CCDS) or from your local veterinarian's office. Please visit the CCDS website at www.co.clackamas.or.us/dogs or call CCDS at 503-655-8628 for questions related to licensing. The Gladstone Police Department will continue to respond to emergencies relating to dogs.

REQUEST TO MAINTAIN CLEAR VISION AREAS

With the onset of spring, vegetation has started to grow profusely. At some intersections greenery has grown so tall and dense that motorists' vision is obstructed. Our Municipal Code requires that clear vision areas be maintained at each intersection. Clear vision areas extend about two car lengths back from each corner. Shrubbery and plants within the triangular "clear vision area" between the two streets should be trimmed no higher than three feet. Trees can grow in clear vision areas as long as tree limbs and branches are removed to a height of eight feet to accommodate school buses and other large vehicles. The city sincerely appreciates your cooperation in helping maintain clear vision areas at street intersections.

BINGO NIGHT FUND RAISER

Fill a Stocking Fill a Heart, is a local nonprofit organization assisting social service agencies in Clackamas County. Last year, 2400 Christmas stockings were provided to needy families in our area. For many of these families this is the only gift they receive. Each year there has been tremendous support from community businesses and volunteers, donating their time and money to help make the program a success. On Saturday, May 9th, take mom out for a "Pre-Mother's Day" bingo and pasta dinner fund raiser at the Pioneer Community Center, 615 5th Street in Oregon City. Dinner will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m., followed by bingo from 7:00-9:00 p.m. There are over 100 bingo prizes, door prizes and raffle items. The suggested donation is \$15 for adults; \$10 for seniors and \$5 for kids 10 and under. This includes dinner and 3 all-night play vintage bingo cards. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 503-632-0577.

ST. STEPHEN PRESCHOOL

Looking for a preschool for next fall? St. Stephen Lutheran Preschool, 290 W. Gloucester, will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, May 19th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for families who are looking for a preschool to meet the staff, see the facility and ask any questions they may have. Registration forms and information will be available. Call 503-656-3035 if you have any questions.

GLADSTONE YOUTH COALITION MEETINGS

Giving back to your community - what are you doing about it? The Gladstone Youth Coalition holds meetings the 4th Monday of each month at the Senior Center, 1050 Portland Avenue, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

BUSINESS OWNERS & MANAGERS MEETING

The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is scheduled for May 13th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Oxford Suites, 75 – 82nd Drive, hosted by Molly Reardon. Bring your business card and short speech about your business. Call Walt Fitch at 503-544-9672 or email walt.fitch@gmail.com for info.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The next organizational meeting for National Night Out (NNO) is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the conference room of City Hall. You may visit the NNO website at www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/about.html or for information, call Tami Bannick at 503-557-2769 or bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us.

GLADSTONE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tuesday, May 12th is the next Gladstone Historical Society meeting at the Senior Center. Potluck begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish and your own table service. To attend the program, but not the potluck, please arrive at 6:45 p.m. as the program begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. This month's program contains a one-hour video documentary on the life and times of the James family. Clifton James, a World War II veteran and a noted stage and film actor, spent his early years in Gladstone. Clifton's sisters, Beverly Anslow, Cicely Sullivan, Laurie Perkin, and his late mother have been in Gladstone activities for many years. A 30 minute business meeting will follow which the public is invited to attend. For program suggestions, call Jim McDonald at 503-657-9715. For society information, call Daphne Banks at 503-421-3041.

COYOTE SPOTTED NEAR WEBSTER ROAD

This past weekend a resident reported seeing a coyote carry off a small dog near Webster Road. Our police department reminds residents not to place or store food outdoors and to keep pets indoors at night.

GLADSTONE SENIOR CENTER EVENTS PH: 503-655-7701

♫ AARP Safe Driver Class is scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$14 or \$12 with an AARP card. Insurance discount may be available. Call the center to register.

☺ Donate your unused auto to the Senior Center and you will help benefit the local Meals on Wheels program that provides home-bound meals to disabled and elderly living in Gladstone. The Volunteers of America (VOA) will pick up your used vehicle, RV, or motorcycle (no campers).

♥ Check out the new classes being offered at the Senior Center. They include a Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning, Basic Computers, Floor Cloth Painting, Genealogy, Vegetarian Cooking, Elegant (Quick) Dessert, Brunch Fit for Company. Come learn something new. Call the Community School at 503-650-2570 to register.

☀ Next month's Friday excursions include visiting Brownsville, Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Ridgefield Wildlife Sanctuary, Northwest Senior Theatre. Call and check on dates, prices and times.

▶ On Tuesday, May 19th at 11:30 a.m. the center will host a safety program to help keep yourself safe from a fall-related injury. The objective of the program is to share an approach to preventing falls, interventions and techniques that can be used by older adults to help prevent falls. Call the center for more information.

LIBRARY NEWS

PH: 503-656-2411

▶ The last regular Thursday Storyhour for 4 & 5 year olds until September will be May 28th. Of course Storyhour participants are welcome to join the programs planned as part of our summer reading program, "Be Creative @ Your Library". Kick off for the summer program will be June 22nd. Check the library in May for the summer program flyer.

▶ Books for China Project. Please join the library and be a part of a goodwill project between Oregon and our sister province of Fujian, China. The library has the opportunity between now and July to collect much-needed English language books, fiction and non-fiction, of good quality and in good condition to donate to the Oregon State Library's Books for China Project. The goal is to send at least 4 boxes of books from Gladstone. Please ask at the desk for further details as there are some specific restrictions and then drop your donated books off in the Books for China barrel found in the library's front entrance.

▶ A Roadtrip to Remember. The Clackamas County Mobile Information Van will be at the library on Monday, May 11th from 2:00-3:30 p.m. highlighting travel destinations in Clackamas County, providing interactive opportunities for visitors to participate in. A takeaway gift will be provided to each visitor. Then come inside the library and checkout the display of library material for fun summer activities and craft making. In these challenging economic times and with summer just around the corner, come visit the van and the library to get cool ideas for places to visit right here in Clackamas County.

REMINDER – NATURESCAPING WORKSHOPS OFFERED

Improve your yard and attract birds with native plants while at the same time reducing the cost of fertilizers and watering. Learn how to "naturescape" your yard at two free workshops being offered this spring at the Gladstone Senior Center. Presentations are by a master gardener and a landscape expert. On May 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. will be a Rain Garden Workshop – learn how to redirect the water on your property to benefit plants in your yard. May 17th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. will be Naturescaping workshop – learn how to use native plants to attract birds, reduce your fertilizers and water and improve the beauty of your yard. Classes sponsored by the City of Gladstone and Metro. Pre-registration is required at www.naturescape.org or by calling Katie at 503-935-5368.

CITY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

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