



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Reminder—Water & Sewer Rate Increases

The City sends you a joint water and sewer utility bill every other month. Effective July 1, 2014 the sewer portion of your next utility bill will increase \$3.84 and the water portion will increase \$.88 for a single-family residence, if you receive wastewater service from Clackamas County and your property is located generally south of Abernethy Lane and E. Jersey Street. Your new bi-monthly minimum bill will increase from \$81.76 to \$86.48. The sewer portion of your utility bill for a single-family residence will increase \$5.42 and the water portion will increase \$.88. If you are served by Oak Lodge Sanitary District, generally located north of Abernethy Lane and E. Jersey St. Your new bi-monthly minimum bill will increase from \$126.52 to \$132.82. The water rate increase funds will be used by the City for maintenance and operation of the water distribution system and debt service. A 1971 agreement between the City and Oak Lodge Sanitary District basically requires that Gladstone customers serviced by the district pay the same rate as district customers. As a result, the City does not control the Oak Lodge sewer rates. The rate increases are needed to offset inflation and to purchase equipment or contract for comprehensive inspection and cleaning of the sewer system to reduce the frequency of sewer backups into homes and businesses. New rates will be reflected on the bill you receive the first week in September.

Motorists Take Note—School Starting Soon!

Gladstone students will be returning to school on Wednesday, September 3rd. Local drivers are reminded to use extra caution this time of year. Many people assume that motorists who speed in school zones are commuters or commercial drivers. However, our Traffic Safety Commission reminds us that many speeders are local residents, especially parents who are rushing to drop off or pick up their kids from school. Please pay extra attention to stop signs, crosswalks and your vehicle speed when driving through school zones where the speed limit is 20 mph when posted or when school zone lights are flashing. Thank you!



Gladstone Fire Dept. Updates

*Fire hydrants need to remain accessible at all times. As you get outdoors this summer, please be sure the fire hydrant on your property is clean and clear of grass, weeds and other landscaping. After several weeks of hot weather—those unkept lawns have turned into fire hazards. Please mow your high grass to eliminate these hazards. Letters have been sent to several residents and some have been cited by local law enforcement. Cut grass reduces the chances of summer grass fire.

*Stop for the Flashing Lights—There have been several close calls on Portland Avenue as the fire engines back into the fire station. Remember to slow, pull to the right, and stop for emergency equipment when emergency lights are flashing. Recently cars have been swerving into oncoming traffic, or even more dangerous, they have cut behind the engine as it begins to back up. PLEASE help us avoid these preventable accidents by stopping for the approximately 45 seconds it takes to back into the fire station. Thank you!



Upcoming TRAM Trips

*Sept. 5th—Rogue Hop Farm; *Sept. 12th—Cedar Creek Grist Mill—travel to Woodland, WA to take in inspiring views and a guided tour of this mill. Built in 1876, this water powered mill still produces flour & cornmeal. Lunch at the Oak Tree Restaurant. Leave: 8:30 am, return 2:00 pm. Fare \$15 (bus & tour); *Sept. 15th—Hike to Wahcella Falls. Leave at 9:00 am, cost is \$7 (bring sack lunch); *Sept. 26th—Astoria—explore downtown Astoria, have lunch, see the Astor Tower, and weather permitting, board the Riverfront Trolley for a narrated tour on a restored 1913 trolley car. Leave: 8:30 am, return: 4:30 pm, Fare \$22 (includes bus and trolley); *Oct 3rd—Holy Trinity Greek Festival—enjoy a delicious Greek lunch at this annual festival. Tour the church, shop the marketplace, and enjoy live music. Don't miss the honey donut holes—yum. Leave: 10:00 am, return: 3:00 pm. Fare \$17 (includes bus and meal). Call 503-655-7701 to sign up or for additional information.



Gladstone Municipal Code Online

Do you have a question about fence height, setbacks, zoning, traffic or park regulations, or clear vision? The Gladstone Municipal Code is available online at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

2014 National Night Out Against Crime a Huge Success

13 Gladstone neighborhoods gathered together on the evening of August 5th to connect and build relationships—showing their united stand against crime. Members of the Gladstone Police Dept., including our police chaplains, joined by their Gladstone Fire Dept. colleagues met with community members to answer their questions and listen to their concerns about public safety issues impacting the livability of their neighborhoods. Once again Carole Winegarden served as this year's National Night Out Against Crime coordinator. Well done by all! The 2015 NNOAC will be Tuesday, August 4th.

Disclaimer: This Newsletter contains information provided by various community individuals/groups which are not affiliated with the City of Gladstone. The City does not necessarily endorse such information and provides it simply as an informational service to our community.

City Board Vacancies

There is one vacancy on the Planning Commission and one vacancy on the Senior Center Advisory Board. The City Council will consider requests for appointment to the Planning Commission and Senior Center Advisory Board at their meeting on October 14th. To obtain an application or information, stop by City Hall or visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. Applications must be returned to City Hall by 5pm on October 8th.

Construction of Water Pipeline

Construction of the Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership pipeline began on August 4th. Crews began working on W. Clackamas Blvd, near Portland Ave, and are moving west to Bellevue. From Bellevue, they will move to Exeter, turn west on Exeter and continue to the end of the street. The contractor has indicated they hope to install 50-100 feet per day of pipeline. One block of each street will be closed at a time as work occurs. Please watch for flaggers and follow detour signs around work areas. Thank you for your patience during construction. For information, visit www.lotigardwater.org, sign up to the "water pipelines in Gladstone" email list, email lotwater@ci.oswego.or.us or call 503-697-6502.

Utility (Water/Sewer) Billing Auto Pay

Residents now have the ability to request their bi-monthly utility (water/sewer) bill to be automatically deducted from their checking or savings account. The authorization agreement for Auto Pay (ACH Debits) may be found on the City's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us or by stopping by City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. Funds will be withdrawn on the DUE DATE only for the AMOUNT DUE listed on the billing statement. No alternative payment dates will be available. Residents must submit their completed form by October 5th to be effective for the September/October billing cycle.

Cultural Festival—Thank You!

Hosted by the Gladstone - Oak Grove Rotary Club  August 1-3, 2014
The Gladstone-Oak Grove Rotary would like to thank the Gladstone community for their support and following sponsors for their donations to the 2014 Gladstone Cultural Festival: Gladstone Family Dentistry, Clackamas Community College Education Foundation, Town & Country Honda, B&B Leasing/Oregon City Garbage Co., Homewoods on the Willamette, Gladstone Baskin-Robbins, Country Financial, Marsh Family, Green Mountain, Energy/PGE, City of Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership, Edward Jones-Brian Sutton, Delta Autoglass, Dr. McDowell, Flying A Signs, Columbia Bank, Home Instead Senior Care, Tri-City Baptist Temple, Danielsons, Barclay Event Rentals, Ronald Chatterton-CPA, Brockamp & Jaeger, Inc., Clackamas Federal Credit Union, Harmony Road Music, Diermier Const, Pit Crew Automotive, J&M Auto Body, Rivershore Bar & Grill, Gladstone Mitsubishi, Gladstone's Mayor & City Council and Jal Duncan Photography. The festival could not have happened without the wonderful community and sponsor support. The Gladstone Cultural Festival Board produced a 3 day celebration of community which included a parade, car show, great support and participation by local businesses, wonderful food, and tremendous entertainment. The spirit of the festival was relaxing, welcoming and loads of fun! Please visit the Gladstone Cultural Festival website at www.gladstoneculturalfestival.net to view photos from the festival, complete sponsor list and to learn how you may become involved!

Job Announcement

The City of Gladstone is taking applications for: Library Assistant II—Reference-Sundays. Application deadline is 5:00 pm September 5, 2014. Go to www.ci.gladstone.or.us for information.

Picnics/Parties at Patterson Park

Reservations for picnics and birthday parties are NOT required to reserve the park for a picnic or birthday party at Max Patterson Park—picnic areas are available on a first come, first serve basis. Be aware, bouncy houses and rock climbing walls are NOT permitted at any city parks. For additional details, visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Clothes Drive



The Gladstone-Oak Grove Rotary is sponsoring a clothes drive through August 31st to benefit the Portland Rescue Mission (men) and Shepherd's Door (women & children). Please help others by donating clothes, shoes and blankets to one of three Gladstone drop off sites: Gladstone Christian Church, 305 E. Dartmouth, US Bank, 19900 McLoughlin Blvd, or Edward Jones, 820 Portland Ave. For questions or pick-up, please call Walt at 503-544-9672. Thank you for your contributions!

AWANA /Spaghetti Dinner

Tri-City Baptist Temple, 18025 Webster Road, will have its annual AWANA Registration & Spaghetti Dinner on September 3rd at 7:00 pm, in the McCormick Family Center. Cost is \$1/person in advance or \$2/person at the door. Tickets are available for purchase from 10am-4pm M-F in the office until the event. This is a family event and the general public is invited. They are also hosting a Seminar called "Diggin' with Doc" on September 14th from 7:00-9:00 pm and September 15th from 10:00am-Noon and 1:00-3:00 pm. Cost is \$20 for a couple/\$10 for singles and both include lunch and one workbook. No babysitting available for event. For information call 503-655-9326.

Parent Empowerment Program

The Parent Empowerment Program, Mondays from 6:00-8:00 pm for 8 weeks beginning Sept. 15th—Nov. 3rd located at Eastham Community Center, 1404 7th St, OC. No Cost. Topics include: Power in Family Systems, Components of Change, Ways Parents Give Up Power, Parental Guilt & Enabling and more. Call or email Tim O'Brien for information at 503-853-6843 or to-brien_lpc@msn.com.

Play Group

Looking for a FUN place to bring your kids and connect with other parents/caregivers in the community? Come join the weekly PlayGroup starting Tuesday, September 9th from 10-11:30 am at Gladstone Christian Church Community Center, 305 E. Dartmouth. Each Tuesday come prepared for great conversations with friends and a fun, safe & FREE time for children ages 0-4. For questions or more information, contact Nancy McCormack at 503-303-5742.



Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

The library is happy to announce a one-time initiative: Library Amnesty Week. Patrons will receive a pardon. For one week, Sept. 21-27, return your overdue or "lost" items and all associated fines and fees will be waived! No questions asked, just bring the items back. Patrons must be registered patrons of the Gladstone Public Library. Patrons registered at other libraries in Clackamas County do not qualify. Items must be owned by Gladstone. Fines for late or overdue items returned in the past will not be waived. One-time only pardon.

► **Family Programs**—*Dr. Who Club: Are You a fan of Dr. Who?* Watch an episode and share any show related news. All ages welcome—this month will meet on September 25th at 6:00 pm.

► **Adult Programs**—*Philip Margolin*—September 16th at 6:00 pm.

Come listen to Oregon author, Philip Margolin, talk about his latest book, *Worthy Brown's Daughter*, and what inspires him.

► **Teen Programs**—*Teen Video Game Tournament Round 2*—September 4th at 6:00 pm; *Round 3*—September 11th at 6:00 pm. *Teen Summer Reading Video Game Finals & Pizza Party*—September 11th at 6:00 pm. All teens who participated in the summer reading challenge are invited to attend the finals and pizza party.

► **Children's Programs**—*Read to Dogs*—For beginning readers through 5th grade: Tuesday at 3:00 p.m., August 12th—September 16th. Do you have a child that loves dogs? Bring them to the Library for this special weekly event. Children will read one on one with Lena the dog for 15 minutes. Preregistration is required!

Call or visit the library for info. or to sign up. *Tiny Tot Storytime*. Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. This program is designed for ages 0-3 years. If families have older siblings who also want to shake, read and rhyme they are welcome to join. *Preschool Storytime*: Every Thursday at 9:30 am. This program is geared towards preschoolers but all ages are welcome to enjoy books, songs, rhymes & movement activities while building literacy and language skills. *Lab Rats*—meets every Saturday at 11am. Come discover the world of science through stories and hands on experiments. *Book Buddies*—a book club for 1st—3rd graders, will meet the first Wednesday of every month at 3:30 pm. *Lego Club*—meets the second Wednesday of every month at 3:30 pm, next meeting on September 10th.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

©AARP Safe Driving Course—September 4th & 5th from 1:00-4:30 pm. Must attend both classes to receive insurance certificate discount. Cost is \$20 or \$15 with your AARP card. Call the center to register.

©Spirit Mountain Casino Trip—Sign Up Now to Ride in Style! - September 8th. Boards at 8:15 am, leaves casino at 3:30 pm. Cost is \$5/person (non-refundable). This is a fundraiser for the Meals on Wheels Program. Must be a Coyote Club Member! For info, visit the Senior Center or call 503-655-7701.

©VIEWS—Conversations on Aging: Engaging with Adult Children—September 10th from 10:00-11:30 am. Relationships with children change as we age. Examine current problems and foster greater understanding between generations. Be part of a discussion about relationships with adult children. This is a FREE facilitated discussion group discussing topics important to people over 60. Space is limited so sign up today at the Center.

©End of Summer Barbecue—September 10th at 11:30 am. Entertainment by Kathy—she will play some western favorites for us. Cost is by donation. Also, as a fundraiser for the Meals on Wheels Program, 5 really nice baskets will be raffled off at the barbecue. Ticket cost is \$1/each or 6/\$5.00. Theme baskets include: coffee basket, wine basket, waffle basket, fondue basket and mixer/baking basket.

©Like us on Facebook—We now have a Facebook page—Like us on Facebook and you can get up to date center information plus see lots of fun pictures of center events and activities.

©Do you need transportation for appointments or shopping around Gladstone/Oregon City? If you are a Senior or are disabled and live in Gladstone, please call the Center to see if we can help assist with our lift-equipped comfortable TRAM bus.



6th Annual Drive Out Ovarian Cancer Golf Tournament

The Sherie Hildreth Ovarian Cancer (SHOC) Foundation is hosting their 6th Annual Drive Out Ovarian Cancer Golf Tournament on September 5th at Stone Creek Golf Club, 14603 S Stoneridge Drive, OC. Cost is \$125 for a single player, \$475 for a foursome or \$30 for buffet dinner only. Proceeds benefit the Gynecological Research Lab at OHSU Knight Center Institute. For info, visit www.shocfoundation.org.

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LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS:

City Hall General Business Line	503-656-5225
Utility Billing/Water & Sewer Account Information	503-557-2771
Municipal Court/Traffic Citations	503-557-2772
Public Works/City Shops/Maintenance	503-656-7957
Police Department, M-F, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	503-557-2797
Fire Department, M-F, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	503-557-2776
Police and Fire, After Hours	503-655-8211
Library	503-656-2411
Senior Center	503-655-7701
Recreation/Business License/Planning	503-557-2769
Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance	503-557-2763
Gladstone Disposal	503-656-9426
Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	503-299-9999
Gladstone School District	503-655-2777

Copies of City Council and Planning Commission meeting packets are on our website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF)

Book Sale: Another year and another great book sale! It couldn't have been done without the help of amazing volunteers! Thanks go out to Lisa at Happy Rock Coffee, Safeway, John Wetten Elementary School staff & custodians (especially Ryan), City Public Works Dept, not to mention those who have donated items as well as generously purchased them. Proceeds from the book sale fund many library programs. Please note—the library will not be able to accept items for next year's book sale until after October 1st. **Volunteer Recognition Day:** for volunteers from the library and book sale is Saturday, Sept. 6th from 2-4 at Max Patterson Park. Come enjoy a root beer float or just a plain scoop or two of ice cream. **Amazon Customers:** Amazon will donate 5% of all eligible purchases to the GPLF. To learn more, log onto Amazon.com/AmazonSmile, sign up & choose GPLF. For info, visit www.gpl-foundation.org or call 503-734-0999.

Gladstone Historical Society

The Gladstone Historical Society meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Gladstone Park SDA Church, 8378 Cason Road. Check out their website at www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org for additional information. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Old photos of the community and new ideas are also needed.



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Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, September 10th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Law Office of Joseph Kaufman, 405 W. Arlington. Host: Joe Kaufman. Questions? Contact Walt

Fitch at 503-544-9672 or walt.fitch@gmail.com.

◆ The Gladstone Youth Coalition holds meetings the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Ave. The community and parents are encour-

aged to attend.
◆ T.O.P.S., Take Off Pounds Sensibly, a non-profit weight loss support group, meets at St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 290 W. Gloucester, on Mondays at 6:00 pm and Fridays at 9:30 am. For info, visit www.tops.org.