

# GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## Application for City Boards

Several terms on city committees, boards and commissions will expire the end of 2013. At its January 14, 2014 meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointment and re-appointment to two positions on the Planning Commission, three positions on the Budget Committee, one position on the Library Board, three positions on the Traffic Safety Commission, three positions on the Park & Recreation Board and three positions on the Senior Center Advisory Board. To obtain an application and information about serving on a committee, board, or commission, visit the city's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us), email [Morishita@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:Morishita@ci.gladstone.or.us), call 503-557-2766 or stop by City Hall. Applications must be returned to City Hall by Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

## Public Works Sanding

Sanding roadways during winter months is done by spreading small sized crushed rock on streets to improve vehicle traction. Sanding improves vehicle traction when done after snowfall. During inclement snow and ice conditions, the city's Public Works Dept. will sand Oatfield & Webster Roads and sometimes just the STOP intersections along Portland Ave. Depending on road conditions, Los Verdes Dr & Springhill Dr may also be sanded for use by residents in the Sher-

wood Forest, Los Verdes, Forest Park, Springhill & Charolais Heights neighborhoods. In addition, Caldwell Rd & Park Way to Oatfield Rd are often closed to through traffic during ice and snow conditions. Other streets may be sanded or closed to through traffic depending on weather and driving conditions. Please note that sanding of city streets is generally not effective unless done after snowfall ends. City residents are also requested to keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow.



## Fire Department Recruitment

The Gladstone Fire Department is currently recruiting for on-call firefighters. Job qualifications required: \*high school diploma or equivalent, \*must be a minimum of 18 years of age, \*must pass a criminal background check and drug test, \*must possess a current, valid Oregon driver's license and maintain a driving record insurable by the City's insurer as a minimum qualification to maintain the position of firefighter, \*must pass the entrance physical ability test, written exam (70% or better) and interview to be accepted for the department fire academy, \*must obtain State of Oregon EMT license within one year after probation and maintain it during duration of employment, \*must reside or work within boundaries of Gladstone Fire Dept. during employment, \*recruits are required to complete the fire academy and become certified as a NFPA Fire Fighter I. (time commitment—approximately six months, every Friday evening and Saturday), \*in addition to a high school diploma, post-high school education or an equivalent combination of education and experience is preferred and will be considered. Applications are available at the Gladstone Fire Station, 555 Portland Ave, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm. The application deadline for this process closes January 31, 2014. For more information, contact Jeff Smith at 503-557-2774 or [smith@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:smith@ci.gladstone.or.us).

## Police Department Recruitment

The Gladstone Police Department is currently accepting applications for one police officer position and up to four reserve police officers. Applications will be accepted until 5pm on Friday, December 27th. Details on how to apply can be found on the City's website, [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us).

## Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

**\*Soon to Graduate:** GPD's newest police officers, Mark Herkamp & Casey Newton, are nearing completion of the challenging basic police academy. They are doing very well at the academy and look forward to returning to Gladstone to complete their field training.

**\*GPD Command Staff Retreat:** This annual half day work shop will focus on a review of GPD accomplishments and challenges in 2013 and will then set the stage for a work plan for 2014. One line level department member will participate in the work as well.

**\*Family Justice Center Opens:** The Family Justice Center (FJC) has opened and is housed in the Shaver Building on Warner Milne Road in Oregon City. The FJC provides a variety of law enforcement, advocate and support services to survivors of domestic violence. There are only about 80 FJC's in the United States. This innovative model fosters improved communication and collaboration between domestic violence service providers and therefore provides better service to survivors of domestic violence, all under one roof.



## Public Records, Permits, Planning & Zoning

\*A Public Records request form and fee are required for anyone requesting public records information. The form is located on the city's website.

\*The City contracts with Clackamas County for administration of the city's land use planning & building permits, including plumbing, electrical, grading, etc. The majority of your needs may be answered by calling 503-742-4400 or by visiting the county's website at [www.clackamas.us/transportation/permits/building.htm](http://www.clackamas.us/transportation/permits/building.htm).

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## Business License Renewals

Business license renewals are due January 1st of each year. For businesses located within Gladstone, including home based businesses, the fee is \$35 per year for the first three employees and \$5 for each additional employee. Businesses located in the commercial or industrial zoning district who want to display a portable A-frame sign are asked to fill out a simple application. Business license and A-frame sign applications may be downloaded off the City's website, [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us), City Hall, licenses/forms/reports or by calling 503-557-2769



## Energy Assistance Program

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded program designed to assist Clackamas County low-income households with home heating costs. The program continues until funds are expended. To be eligible, a household's income must be at or below 60% of the Oregon's median income. A household must have documented energy costs. Both homeowner and renter households are eligible. Income guidelines for 2014 are as follows: Single person household: \$21,706.88/yr or \$1808.91/mo. Two person household: \$28,385.92/yr or \$2,365.49/mo. Three person household: \$35,064.96/yr or \$2,922.08/mo. Four person household: \$42,744.00/yr or \$3,478.67/mo. For additional information or an application, call 503-986-2000 or visit [www.oregon.gov/OHCS](http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS).

## Resource for Winter Travel



Winter travel information can save motorists the hassle of driving for miles only to find out a route is closed or congested. The Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) offers travel information on their website at [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com). The site offers camera images from urban areas, mountain passes and other key locations throughout the state. Maps detail road conditions and include information about weather, road conditions, maintenance work and traffic incidents. Travelers in Oregon may also dial 5-1-1 or call toll free at 1-800-977-ODOT (6368) to access Trip-Check road and weather information by phone.

## Sidewalks & Clear Vision

The Gladstone Municipal Code states that property owners are responsible to maintain sidewalks abutting their property. The City's general standard for sidewalk maintenance states "not to exceed 1/2" vertical lift." Property owners are also responsible for maintaining landscaping for clear vision of motorists at street intersections. Please check the condition of sidewalks along your property and check for adequate clear vision at street intersections. Thank you.

## Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) News

\*Greetings & Happy Holidays from the firefighters at the GFD. Your firefighters have responded to over 1500 calls for help from Gladstone citizens so far in 2013. All our firefighters live or work within the City and feel it is an honor to serve our neighbors.

\*This month the GFD has been busy collecting and receiving food and toys from the community to distribute back to families in the area needing assistance this year. Your generous support makes a difference to families and children that may not otherwise receive new toys. There are donation barrels in several businesses around town and at the fire hall.

\*Still stuck on buying the perfect gift for someone? How about the gift of LIFE? Buy them a new working smoke detector—remember, smoke alarms do not last forever. The effective life of a smoke alarm is 10 years. How about a new flashlight for those winter power outages? If you have a woodstove or gas burning fireplace, consider a carbon monoxide detector. Home fire extinguishers also make great gifts! Or what about a can of deicer for your car—driving with frozen windows can cause accidents.

\*Be prepared for winter in your car—pack a blanket, flashlight and emergency food. Carry traction devices and consider jumper cables. Remember, people sometimes get stuck in winter conditions in areas without cell phone reception.

\*Stay warm and be safe, call 9-1-1 for emergencies. For non-emergency concerns, call 503-557-2774 or 503-557-2775.

## Dog Licenses



All dogs are required to be licensed when they reach 6 months of age. The city currently contracts with Clackamas County for dog licensing. License renewals are due the last day of the month in which the license expires. Additional information and renewal forms may be found at the county's website at [www.clackamas.us/dogs](http://www.clackamas.us/dogs) or by calling 503-656-8628.

## Can & Bottle Drive



Local resident and freshman at Portland State University, MacKenzie Miller, is raising money to go on a volunteer trip to Cambodia to teach English for 3 weeks in 2014. She will be collecting cans & bottles on January 4, 2014. If you would like to participate, please have your bags of cans & bottles out by 8:00 am near a mail box or porch with a sign attached for "MacKenzie Miller." For additional information, visit [www.gofundme.com/5k8mrs](http://www.gofundme.com/5k8mrs) or email [kenziemiller42@gmail.com](mailto:kenziemiller42@gmail.com). Thanks for your support!

## Spring Soccer



The Gladstone Soccer Association (GSA) is now accepting registrations for its spring soccer season. Applications may be downloaded from [www.gladstonesoccer.com](http://www.gladstonesoccer.com). Regular registration through Jan. 17th is \$55/player or \$65/player Jan. 18th—Feb. 15th. New players add \$15. After the Feb. 15th deadline, players will be placed on waiting list.

## Softball Open Gym



The Gladstone Girls Softball Association will host open gyms at the high school for all girls softball, T-ball through 14-U on January 18th & February 15th from 9:00-10:45 am.

## Municipal Code Online

Do you have a question about fence height, setbacks, zoning, traffic or park regulations, temporary dwellings, clear vision? If so, the Gladstone Municipal Code is available online at the city's website, [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us).

## Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

► **Family Programs—Dr. Who Club**—Are you a fan of Dr. Who? Watch episodes of all the Doctors and discuss/share any "Who" related news. All ages welcome. Third Thursday of each month—Jan. 16th, 6-7:30 pm.  
► **Adult Programs—Rock Readers Mystery Book Club**—Jan. 28th, 6:30-7:30 pm. This month's book,

"Cocaine Blues" by Kerry Greenwood; **Beginning Portrait Drawing**—Jan. 22nd, 7-8 pm. Learn to draw a whole new way with Stephie. **One-on-One Computer Help**—By appointment; **Craft Circle**—Jan. 15th, 7-8pm; **Help with Online Job Applications**—By appointment.  
► **Children's Programs—Stories & Crafts**—Every Thursday morning

from 9:30-10:30 am; **Lego Club**—Jan. 8th, 3:30-4:30 pm; **Baby Storytime & Playgroup**—Jan. 14th, 9:30-10:30 am.  
**Please note Holiday Changes:** The library will close at 5:00 pm on December 31st and will be closed on January 1st (New Year's Day) and January 20th (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).

## Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

©VIEWS (Volunteers Involved for the Emotional Well-being of Seniors) Conversations on Aging: **Learning from Grief & Loss**—Jan. 22nd, 10-11:30am. As we age, we experience losses of many types—grief may become a more common experience. Learn from others and yourself how to find your own unique path through grief. **The Elder Journey**—Feb. 19th, 10-11:30 am. What new perspectives have you formed through your life? What brings meaning & purpose to you now? Come discuss new roles that appear for you as you enter this next stage of life. These are free facilitated discussion groups on topics important to people 60 years and above. Space is limited so call the center to sign up!

©Spirit Mountain Casino Trip—Jan. 13th. Boards at 8:15 am, returns from casino at 3:30 pm. Cost is \$3/person. Must be a Coyote Club member. Slot machines, table games, Bingo hall & poker parlor. Call the Center to sign up to Ride in Style!

©AARP Tax Assistance. Low-middle-income tax payers, with special attention to age 60 & over, are welcome to sign up for tax assistance. AARP Tax Aide volunteers provide FREE tax counseling and electronic preparation service for simple tax returns. The program will be on Fridays from 9am-2:30pm, beginning Feb. 7th. Call after Jan. 1st to make your appointment.

©Entertainment Books—The center is selling books as a fundraiser for the Meals on Wheels Program. Cost is \$25 each and include lots of great savings. Make great gifts!

## Upcoming TRAM Trips

\***Jan. 10th**—LaProvence Restaurant & Bakery—This award winning restaurant offers wonderful entrees and baked goods. Leaving early for breakfast and then for a drive around Lake Oswego. Leave: 8:30 am, return: Noon. Fare: \$3 (includes bus).

\***Jan. 17th**—Albertina's—This former nursery/orphanage has new found life as a restaurant, with thrift, gift & antique shops to boot. Come enjoy a delicious lunch with time to shop beforehand. Leave: 9:15 am, return: 2:00pm. Fair: \$5 (includes bus).

\***Jan. 24th**—Gustav's Schnitzel—fondue and shepherd's pie—oh my! Leave: 10:00am, return: 2:00 pm. Fare: \$3 (includes bus)

\***Jan. 31st**—Pendleton Woolen Mill Tour—take a walking tour of the mill. Time to shop the outlet store & lunch at a local restaurant is included. Leave: 8:45 am, return: 3:00 pm. Fare: \$10 (includes bus & tour).



## Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) News

\*It's a new year and not too early to do a little spring cleaning. You can start by collecting those used books, DVD's & CD's for the Gladstone Public Library Foundation's annual Book Sale in August.

\*GPLF is planning some new projects in the coming months and you can help make these programs successful by attending, volunteering, or better yet, becoming a member!

\*GPLF would like to thank residents for their support of the Library, and the many programs that have been initiated by the Library Director this past year.

\*Donations to the GPLF are always welcomed and fully deductible. There are two ways to donate. Simply log onto [www.gplf-foundation.org/Donate](http://www.gplf-foundation.org/Donate), or mail a check to: GPLF, PO Box 146, Gladstone, OR 97027.

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Senior Center—1050 Portland Ave  
Library—135 E. Dartmouth St.

### 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	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 & 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

## Recycling Services

Gladstone residents receive recycling pick up services with their weekly garbage service. Recycling must be separate from your garbage. Please use the large gray recycling roll cart, recycling bins or paper bags, such as a brown grocery bag. Do not use plastic bags. All recycling can be combined into the large gray recycling roll cart **except for glass and motor oil**. Glass and motor oil must be kept separate from all other recyclables. All paper, plastics (including plastic tubs—yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese and salsa tubs) and metals can be combined in your roll cart. The following items will NOT be accepted as recyclables: plastic bags, plastic coated envelopes, block foam, label backing sheets, brittle plastic deli & bakery containers, ceramic plates, wax or plastic coated containers, drinking glasses, paper cups and plates, light bulbs, frozen food boxes, paper towels, napkins and tissues. Motor oil is acceptable, but must be in a non-breakable see-through container, such as a gallon milk jug. During severe weather conditions, residents are asked to hold back recyclables until their next pick up day. Visit [www.gladstonedisposal.com](http://www.gladstonedisposal.com) for details.



## Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, January 8th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Hamilton's Appliance, 19790 McLoughlin Blvd. Questions? Contact Walt Fitch at [walt.fitch@gmail.com](mailto:walt.fitch@gmail.com) or 503-544-9672.  
◆ The Gladstone Historical Society

meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. For additional info, check out their website, [www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org). Guests always welcome! Old photos of the community & ideas are needed.  
◆ 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 encouraged 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](http://www.tops.org) or call 503-750-7686.