



# GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## Application for City Boards

At its January 13, 2015 meeting the City Council will consider requests for appointment to two positions on the Planning Commission, two positions on the Budget Committee and one position on the Senior Center Advisory Board. Applications for these positions must be returned to City Hall by 5pm on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. 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. At its meeting on December 9th, the City Council made the following appointments: Les Poole to the Planning Commission; Jessica Veazey, Michael Villanti & Martha Wooldridge to the Parks & Recreation Board; Malachi deAElfweald & Elliott Veazey to the Budget Committee; Natalie Smith to the Library Board; Linda Cosgrove, Kirk Stempel & Linda Neace to the Traffic Safety Commission and Katie Ellerby and Collette Umbras to the Senior Center Advisory Board. Thank you to all residents who volunteer their time to serve on boards, committees & commissions that advise the City Council!

## Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

**\*GPD Command Staff Retreat:** The annual planning retreat will take place next month at Chief Pryde's home. This is where the command staff reviews GPD's body of work for 2014 and designs a work plan for 2015.

**\*Gladstone's Public Policy on Policing:** This unique policy created by the 2010 City Council, community & GPD staff is almost 5 years old and needs to be reviewed and updated. Chief Pryde has formed a community committee to help in this effort. He will be addressing the City Council in January on the proposed process for this effort. All Gladstone city departments are participating in developing their own public policy with the help of the community and City Council. The public policy philosophy and process aligns expectations for service between the City Council, community and city staff.

**\*Updated City Emergency Operations**

**Plan (EOP):** Our 2005 EOP has been updated in draft form and will be reviewed by City Council after the first of the year. This extensive plan guides the city through major emergencies/disasters using national standards. Once approved by City Council, city staff will be trained on the EOP.

**\*GPD Reserve Officers Continue in the Reserve Academy:** Our 4 new Reserve Officers are representing Gladstone well and look forward to completing their academy mid-February. We look forward to assigning them to their training officers for field training.

**\*GPD Core Values:** Developed in 2010 by our staff, GPD core values represent how police staff are expected to carry out their duties. These values are: honesty, integrity, open communication, accountability, responsibility, professionalism, respect, leadership, teamwork & compassion.

## Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership Project Update

Meldrum Bar Park Night Work to begin. The horizontal directional drilled (HDD) portion of the pipeline under the Willamette River from Meldrum Bar Park was successfully completed in late October (pictured: crews lofting the steel pipe through the pre-drilled tunnel). In January, construction of the water pipeline will resume in Meldrum Bar Park. Night work (8pm—5am) will occur along Meldrum Bar Park Rd, between the river and Dahl Park Rd. The pipe will be installed through the eastern parking lot and along Jenson Rd pathway, which will occur during the day. Access to the park & boat ramp will remain open during construction. Please watch for flaggers in the work areas. Neighbors and park users can expect to see and hear excavators, loaders, pipe, steel plates, gravel & dump trucks. Thanks for your patience during construction. For info, visit [lotigardwater.org](http://lotigardwater.org), email [lotwater@ci.oswego.or.us](mailto:lotwater@ci.oswego.or.us) or call 503-697-6502.



## 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 Sherwood 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. Thank you.

**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.

## Reception for Hal Busch

Residents are invited to a reception for outgoing Councilor Hal Busch on Thursday, January 15th from 6-8pm at the Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave. Come by and thank Hal for his nine years of service on the City Council and prior service on the Planning Commission. Residents may also drop off cards or letters for outgoing Mayor Wade Byers and Councilor Kari Martinez.

## Coffee with a Councilor

Coffee with a council member is a new idea the City Council has come up with to better communicate with the residents and businesses of our community. This will be an informal meeting with 1-3 council members. No minutes will be taken, just as if we were to meet on a street corner and have a discussion. Bring your ideas, complaints and solutions to make Gladstone a better community. It is important to remember to be respectful of everyone's comments. This is an informal meeting and no official decisions will be made. In an effort to meet at a time that is convenient for you, we have scheduled the 2nd Monday of the month from 10-11 am and the 4th Monday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Gladstone Public Library. The first meeting dates are January 12th, 10 am & January 26th, 6:30 pm. Please come and share your thoughts.

## Advisory Committee Applications

Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on a City Hall/Police Station Advisory Committee. The committee will discuss options for the current and/or possible new City Hall/Police Station. Committee appointments are subject to City Council approval at their January 13, 2015 meeting. Applications must be received by 5pm on January 7, 2015. Please visit [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us) for additional details or to download an application.

## Fire Department (GFD) News

\*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. Thank you!

\*Still stuck on buying that 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 de-icer 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 503-557-2775 or 503-557-2774.

## Business License Renewals due Jan. 1st

Business license renewals are due January 1st of each year. For businesses located within Gladstone the fee is \$100, plus \$5 per employee and if the business is operating out of a home residence, an additional \$50 fee is required. Business license applications may be downloaded from the city's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us).

## Employment Opportunity

The City of Gladstone is accepting applications for a Relief TRAM Driver at the Senior Center. Application deadline is 5pm on January 16, 2015. For information and details, visit the employment page at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us).

## 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.

## Lunch Buddy Program Volunteers

The Lunch Buddy Program at John Wetten Elementary School and Gladstone Center for Children & Families matches adult volunteers with elementary students to provide friendship, support and positive role modeling by having lunch and spending time together at recess. Nationally, studies of students who meet regularly with a mentor show that: 64% develop more positive attitudes toward school; 59% achieve higher grades; 46% are less likely to start using illegal drugs; 27% are less likely to start drinking; 33% are less likely to engage in violence. There are many students waiting for a lunch buddy mentor but not enough volunteers to meet the need. You can choose to meet once weekly or twice monthly. If you are interested, please contact Theresa Schmidt, Volunteer Coordinator at John Wetten Elementary at 503-656-6564 or schmidt@gladstone.k12.or.us.

## Volunteer(s) Needed

If you are a man who has some extra time and would like to make a huge difference in the life of senior men, WE NEED YOU! Somerset Assisted Living is in need of MEN who would be interested in leading a Men's only group and male based activities. Our community has around 25 men who are in need of motivation to help get them out of their CAVES. If you would be interested in helping with our request, please contact Tami (Activity Director) at 503-723-7868 for information. Thank you.

## Tri-City Baptist Temple Events

Tri-City Baptist Temple, 18025 Webster Rd, invites the community to join them for the Holidays on December 21st at 11am for the Children's musical: Star of Wonder and at 6pm for their Candlelight Service. For details visit [www.tcbt.org](http://www.tcbt.org).

## Playgroup

Looking for a FUN place to bring your kids & connect with other parents/caregivers in the community? Come join the weekly PlayGroup beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 6th from 10-11:30 am at Gladstone Christian Church Community Center, 305 E. Dartmouth. Each Tuesday, come for great conversations with friends and a fun, safe & FREE time for children ages 0-4. Questions, call Nancy McCormack at 503-806-5820.

## Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

► **Adult Winter Reading Program**—Keep a log of five books you read this winter from January 1st to March 19th, and receive a prize! Ask for the log and more details at the Information desk.

► **Children's Reading Program on Break, Playgroup Instead**—Storytime and Lab Rats are on a break through January 11th. There will be an unsupervised playgroup during the usual Storytime hour at 9:30 am on the 6th & 8th of January. Playgroups are an opportunity for children to find new playmates and for parents to make new friends. Toys & games provided.

► **TAB Group Forming**—Gladstone Library is starting a Teen Advisory Board (TAB). If you are interested, please ask for info. at the reference desk.

► **Be a Friend of the Library**—A Friends of the Library group is forming. For info, contact Maria Mitchell at [gladstonelibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:gladstonelibraryfriends@gmail.com).

► **Dr. Who Club**—Are you a fan of Doctor Who? Watch an episode and share show related news. Meets January 15th at 6pm.

► **The Rock Readers Book Club**—will meet January 20th at 6:30 pm. This month we'll discuss, *Proof of*

*Guilt*, by Charles Todd. Books can be checked out at info. desk.

► **Book Buddies**—meets January 6th at 3:30 pm. Book Buddies is for 1st-3rd graders who meet for fun activities and a discussion of this month's book, *Ahin Ho* by Lenore Look. Books can be checked out at info. desk.

► **Lego Club**—meets Wednesday, January 14th at 3:30 pm.

► **No Game Night this month**—check back for this event in February.

► **Library Closed**—The library will be closed on January 1st.



## Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

©Entertainment Books 2015—It's that time of year again. We are selling Entertainment books as a fundraiser for our Meals on Wheels Program. Price is \$30. Get yours at the reception desk at the Center!

©New Years Eve Lunch Party—Ring in the New Year on December 31st at 11:30 am. Come celebrate with good food, fun & friends! Entertainment by our own "Shirley Scrivner"! Cost is \$2.50. Sign ups required!

©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 to 2:30 pm, beginning February 6th. Appointment scheduling will start in January by calling the center. Appointments fill up quickly so schedule yours early. No walk in appointments!

©Living Well—Feel better, be in control, do the things you want to do! If you or someone you care for is living with diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, depression, heart disease, chronic pain, etc., learn how to improve your health and your life! Get the support you need, find practical ways to deal with pain & fatigue, understand new treatment choices and more. Call the center for information. Mondays, February 23rd—March 30th from 1:00-3:30 p.m. cost is Free, but you must pre-register.

©Knitting & Crocheting Beginning—Learn basic knitting & crocheting stitches. Bring your own needles (size 8 or 10) for knitting or a crochet hook (size F or G) and yarn. Thursdays, January 12th-22nd from 1:00-3:00 pm. Cost is \$18. Sign up by calling the Gladstone Community Schools at 503-650-2570.

©Tram Trips—**January 16th**—Lunch at Hubers and Rail Heritage Center. Enjoy lunch at Hubers and visit the new Oregon Rail Heritage Center, home to several train engines and cars. Leave at 10:30 am, return at 4:00 pm. Fare is \$7 (includes bus & museum). **January 23rd**—Stonecliff Inn—Enjoy lunch at the Stonecliff Inn, overlooking the Clackamas River. Leave 11 am, return 2pm. Fare is \$5 (includes bus).



## Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) News

As 2014 draws to a close, we would like to give a big thank you to all of our supporters! To Scott Tabor & his crew; Gladstone School District and the custodians at JWES; Lisa Halcom at Happy Rock Roastery & Luna Studios Photography, without all of you help, our fundraisers would not have been successful. Thank you to all of our volunteers, your many hours and hard work are especially appreciated. Library Director, Irene Green, and her staff have made the Gladstone Public Library THE place to be for our community and our visiting neighbors. Please remember us for your end of the year donations—all donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated! Wishing you all a VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

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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	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

## Energy Assistance Program—LIHEAP

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 2014-15 are as follows (before taxes & deductions): Single person household: \$1,792.12/mo. Two person household: \$2,234.56/mo. Three person household: \$2,894.99/mo. Four person household: \$3,446.42/mo. For information, call the Energy Assistance hotline at 503-650-5640. Calls are returned in order received. Energy Assistance staff do not see walk-ins.

► **Permits, Planning & Zoning**—The City contracts with Clackamas County for administration of the city's land use planning & building permits, including plumbing, electrical, etc. For information, visit the county's website at [www.clackamas.us/building/](http://www.clackamas.us/building/) or call 503-742-4240.

## Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, January 14th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Hamilton's Appliance, 19790 McLoughlin Blvd. Hosted by Larry Snider & Dave Chamberlin. Questions? Contact Walt Fitch at 503-544-9672 or [walt.fitch@gmail.com](mailto:walt.fitch@gmail.com).  
◆ The Gladstone Historical Society

meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at Gladstone SDA Church, 8378 Cason Rd. 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.

Copies of City Council & Planning Commission meeting packets are on our website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us)