



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Application for City Boards



At its January 12, 2016 meeting the City Council will consider requests for appointment to one position on the Senior Center Advisory Board. Applications for this position must be returned to City Hall by 5pm on January 4, 2016. To obtain an application and information, visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, email Morishita@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2766 or stop by City Hall. At its meeting on December 8th, the City Council made the

following appointments: Linda Neace & Doreen Utz to the Budget Committee; Kelsey Proctor & Pete Tracy to the Park & Recreation Board; Linda Neace & Natalie Smith to the Planning Commission; James Pritchard, Niki Squires & Boots Droz to the Senior Center Advisory Board; and Kenneth Moore to the Traffic Safety Commission. Thank you to all residents who volunteer their time to serve on boards, committees and commissions that advise City Council!

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

Shop with a Cop! 2015—In conjunction with the Clackamas County Peace Officers' Benevolent Foundation, Gladstone Police participated in the annual Shop with a Cop! event on Saturday, December 12, 2015. About 135 kids from around the county, including ten Gladstone kids, were able to shop with a local police officer at the Clackamas Wal-Mart and each got to purchase \$100 worth of items. The kids were selected by school counselors or school resource officers. The event is funded entirely by donations and we thank everyone who contributed to make this event a success, including Baskin-Robbins for hosting Cops Running Cone in October and Hale's Restaurant for donating breakfast for the Gladstone kids on shopping day. We look forward to participating in this terrific program in 2016!

Helping a Family In Need—The Gladstone Center for Children & Families (GCCF) and Gladstone Police Association and Department partnered to provide some holiday cheer for a local family in need after a very difficult time. Thanks and appreciation go out to everyone who joined in this opportunity of sharing and giving.

Safety, Safety, Safety—Rain makes roads slippery so it's the time of year to really think about and use your defensive driving skills. This includes always driving with your headlights on, allowing longer stopping distances due to slick roads and of course NO TEXTING OR TALKING ON THE CELL PHONE while driving. It's also smart to allow extra travel time since traffic can be heavier than normal due to holiday shopping and activities. Keep that seatbelt on when you're in a moving vehicle and ensure your passengers do too. Other suggestions include: keep your tires properly inflated, keep your gas tank at least half full at all times and don't use cruise control on wet, slippery pavement. Finally, something everyone should always remember and practice—DON'T DRINK & DRIVE!

Chief's Corner—Happy Holidays! Here's hoping you & yours have an enjoyable and safe holiday season. We here at GPD have been joining with the community in the spirit of giving and have participated in numerous activities to assist those in need. I am very proud of our department and employees for their efforts, but know that we, as a department, have most benefitted. As you go through the season, please be cautious and limit opportunities for thieves. Keep vehicles & homes locked, ensure presents & valuables are kept out of sight and keep holiday lights off & security lights on when not at home—Chief Jolley.

Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) News

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the GFD. We hope this month's newsletter finds you safe, warm & healthy. For the last month GFD has been collecting and receiving food and toys from the community to distribute back into the area to families needing assistance. Your generous support makes all the difference to families and children that may not receive new toys otherwise. You may continue to bring your toy & food donations to the fire department during business hours, M-F, 8am-5pm until December 23rd.

*Still stuck buying the perfect gift for someone? How about the gift of a new smoke alarm or carbon monoxide detector. Remember the effective life of alarms is about 10 years. Maybe provide a new flashlight for a winter power outage or a fire extinguisher for the home or car.

*For those who must drive in the weather this winter brings, consider a new can of deicer for your car. Driving with frozen windows can cause accidents. Don't forget to keep an emergency travel kit in the car with a blanket, water, high energy food and emergency light and/or road flares.

*Chimney Safety Reminder: Always dispose of fireplace ashes in a metal bucket and place outside away from any combustibles. Never use a paper bag for your ashes and do not place the ashes inside your garage until final disposal. Have your chimney cleaned or checked regularly. Prevention is much cheaper than a fire from a dirty or clogged chimney. Please recycle Christmas wrap—there are an increasing number of chimney fires due to placing wrapping paper in the fireplace or wood stove. Stay Safe!

REMINDER—Charter Review Advisory Committee

The City Council is accepting applications from residents to serve on the Charter Review Advisory Committee. The City's Charter has not been reviewed in over 20 years. The committee will review the current City Charter and make recommendations to City Council on revisions/updates to the Charter. With Council approval, those recommendations will be prepared for the Ballot for a vote of the people. Applications are available at City Hall or on the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. Applications must be returned to City Hall by Monday, January 4, 2016 for appointment by the City Council at their January 12, 2016 meeting.

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.

Welcome New Employees

*Please join the City Council in welcoming Eric Swanson to the City of Gladstone as the City's new City Administrator. Mr. Swanson will begin on December 21st—so stop by and say "hello". Special "thanks" to Ross Schultz, Interim City Administrator—whose service to the City will end on December 21st after successfully guiding the City to the selection of the new City Administrator. We sincerely thank him for his services and wish him good luck on future endeavors! *The City Council is also pleased to announce the hiring of the new Public Works Director, Jim Whynot and new Accounting Manager, Carolyn Gray. Welcome to the City of Gladstone!

New City Library



The City Council has selected a site for the new City Library. It will be located at the current City Hall site and the new Library will be built as a joint project with the voter approved new City Hall. Please watch the city's website for more information as the project progresses.

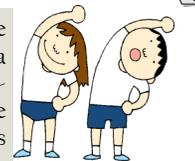
Public Works Updates

*Please note—due to recent weather conditions, the Public Works Dept. is behind on the leaf pick up program and doing their best to catch back up! Thanks for your patience! *The Public Works Dept. has sandbags available for Gladstone residents only, located in front of the Public Works Dept, 18595 Portland Ave. Residents must fill own sandbags. Limit 15 bags per resident.

Planning Commission Approval



At its December 15th meeting the Planning Commission approved a multi-building/multi-use development on the property located to the east of and adjacent to the Walgreens site on the south side of W. Arlington St. This development includes a health club, office space and two restaurants. Details available online at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.



Business License Renewals due Jan. 31st

Business license renewals are due January 31st. All businesses pay a fee of \$100, plus \$5 per employee and if the business is operating out of a home residence, an additional \$50 fee is required. For rental properties, the \$100 fee applies plus an additional \$25 per rental property. Business license applications may be downloaded from the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Lunch Buddy Program



The Lunch Buddy program at John Wetten Elementary is seeking volunteers. Lunch Buddy volunteers provide friendship, support and positive role modeling by having lunch and spending special 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.

Coffee with a Councilor

Coffee with a council member assists the Council to better communicate with the residents and businesses of our community. This will be an informal meeting with 1-3 council members. Bring ideas, complaints and solutions to make Gladstone a better community. Upcoming meeting dates at the Gladstone Library are: Jan. 11th, 10am and Jan. 25th, 6:30 pm. Please come and share your thoughts.

Community School Classes

***Rental Property Management**: Overview of managing rental property for rental home owner of single-family homes & smaller multi-family complexes. Includes Landlord/Tenant Laws, Fair House, Tenant Screening, Forms, Evictions—Jan. 13-Feb. 3 from 6-9 pm at Gladstone High School. Tuition \$79 or age 62+: \$59.

***Spanish Beginning Part 1**: Basics of Spanish language, grammar, culture with native speaker Jorge Sotelo. Book/wkbk used in Parts 1-3—Jan. 12-March 15 from 7:30-9pm at Gladstone High School. Tuition: \$76 + \$38 book fee or age 62+: \$61 + \$38 book fee.

***Zentangle w/ Sherrie Withers**: Can you draw a dot, straight line or ever doodled? Zentangle reduces stress by relaxing mind & body. Use patterns learned to create “Tangled Heart” design. Age 16 & up. Supply list—Jan. 14-March 10 from 6:30-9pm at Gladstone High School. Tuition: \$85 or age 62+: \$69.

*Call 503-650-2570 for registration or sign up online at www.gladstone.k12.or.us, click on “Learning for Life Community Education” for registration and brochure links. See more classes for youth or adults such as CPR, Zumba, Yoga, TaeKwonDo, Soap-Making, Ballet, etc.

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 & 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!

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

▶ **Adult Winter Reading**—Dec. 22nd-March 20th. Complete an adult winter reading bingo card to be eligible for a prize! More info. at the Information Desk.

▶ **Photography Group**—Jan. 10th, 2pm. Each meeting a new topic will be assigned to be photographed and discussed. Occasional outings, group shows, workshops, as well as the opportunity to display work in the library.

▶ **Advanced Book Art Workshop**—Jan. 11th, 6:00 pm. This workshop will focus on the advanced techniques to intricately fold books with words or letters in them! All materials supplied.

▶ **Rock Readers Book Club**—Jan. 19th, 6:30 pm. This month the club will discuss *Spider Woman’s Daughter* by Anne Hillerman. Books can be checked out at the Information Desk.

▶ **Dr. Who Club**—Jan. 21st, 6:00 pm. Are you a fan of Dr. Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an epi-

sode, share any show related news. All ages welcome!

▶ **Storytime on Break**—Dec. 22nd through January 7th.

▶ **Toddler Storytime**—Tuesdays, 9:30 am starting Jan. 12th. Geared towards ages 0-3 years with songs, books and play for early development. Older siblings are welcome to sing & dance.

▶ **All Ages Storytime**—Thursdays, 9:30 am starting Jan. 14th. All ages welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build literacy & language skills.

▶ **Lab Rats**—Jan. 5th at 3:30 pm. Discover the world of science through stories & experiments.

▶ **Lego Club**—Jan. 13th at 3:30 pm. We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination!

▶ **All Ages PJ Storytime**—Jan. 20th, 6:30 pm. Put on your PJs and bring the whole family for an evening of stories, songs & crafts.

▶ **Birdfeeder Program**—Jan. 27th,

3:30 pm. Bring your friends, get out of the cold & make pinecone birdfeeders. All ages welcome!

▶ **Teen Art Contest**—Submissions accepted starting Jan. 2nd. Do you want to design original art for LINCC’s Teen Summer Reading? Visit us for info about rules and submissions.

▶ **Teen Video Game Night**—Jan. 7th, 6:00 pm. A video game event for teens, also including board games and refreshments.

▶ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**—Jan. 28th, 4:00 pm. Interested in representing teens at the library? TAG is a great volunteer opportunity to help plan events and shape the young adult space & collection.

▶ **Teen Comic Book Club**—Jan. 29th, 4:00 pm. If you like graphic novels & comic books, this is the book club for you! Pick up January’s book, *Ms Marvel Vol 1: No Normal*, in the Teen Room.

▶ **Library Closures**—January 1st & January 18th.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

© **New Years Eve Lunch**—December 31st at 11:30 am. Entertainment by Cash Cottrell. Ring in the New Year with your friends at the Center. Cost is \$2.50.

© **Free Jam Session**—The Old Time Fiddlers will hold a free jam session on January 3, 2016 that is open to all ages. Starts at 1:00 pm. Bring the family and enjoy some toe tapping music!

© **AARP Tax Assistance**—Sign up for AARP Tax Assistance starting on January 11, 2016. Tax preparation begins on February 5th and held one day a week. Appointments required.

© **Entertainment Books**—are now on sale for \$30.00 each. Make great holiday gifts. Proceeds benefit the Meals on Wheels Program.

© **AARP Smart Driver Course**—Saturday, January 30th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost is \$20 or \$15 with an AARP card (pay instructor). Receive an insurance discount certificate upon completion of class. Call the center to sign up.

© **Thank You!**—The Senior Center would like to thank the Gladstone Family Dentistry group for supporting the Meals on Wheels program. They donated the proceeds from every new patient in the months of July-September to the program. Thanks to Dr. Krause & Dr. Kato for their community support!



Security Alarm Permits



Effective January 1, 2016 security alarm permits will be required for any homes/businesses with security alarms located within Gladstone City limits. The annual cost for the permit is \$25. Blank forms may be downloaded from the city’s website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us or picked up at Gladstone City Hall or Police Department. If you have any questions regarding security alarm permits, please contact Maria Aikin at 503-557-2798 or aiakin@ci.gladstone.or.us.

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Library Foundation (GPLF) News

As 2015 comes to an end, we want to thank all of you for your generosity: Gladstone School District, Ryan & Jim—John Wetten custodians, Scott and his city crew, Lisa at Happy Rock Roastery, Craig for his plant donations, Mike at the Gladstone Fire Dept, Jeremy & Dea of Luna Studios Photography, and the staff and volunteers at the Gladstone Library. Our volunteers are so important for a successful book sale, thanks to: Steve & employees at Baskin-Robbins, Mayor Jacobellis and his sturdy back, Linda (a life saver) for posting our sale flyers, all new volunteers that stepped forward from our post in Nextdoor Gladstone and, of course, all our veteran volunteers that helped us for so many years! A special thank you to new members of the newly formed Friends of the Gladstone Library. Remember—we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit, so when planning your year-end donations, think of us—GPLF, PO Box 146, Gladstone. Happy & Healthy 2016!

Tri-City Baptist Temple Events

Come join in celebrating the Christmas season at Tri-City Baptist Temple, 18025 Webster Road. The Adult Choir will perform Dec. 20th at 11am and their Candlelight Service, “The Light of Christmas” Dec. 23rd at 7pm. For additional information, visit www.tcbt.org.

Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, January 14th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Gladstone Fire Dept., 555 Portland Ave. Emergency Preparedness will be the topic of discussion. Questions? Contact

Doug Loose at 503-595-5379 or DougLoose46@gmail.com.

◆ The Gladstone Historical Society meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Gladstone SDA Church, 8378 Cason Rd. For additional info. check out their website, 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.

City Hall—525 Portland Ave
Police Department—535 Portland Ave
Fire Department—555 Portland Ave
Public Works/City Shops—18595 Portland Ave
Senior Center—1050 Portland Ave
Library—135 E. Dartmouth St.

CITY MEETINGS:

***City Council**—2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary)
6:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers

***Planning Commission**—3rd Tuesday (as needed) 6:30 pm
In City Hall Council Chambers

***Library Board**—1st Tuesday—6:30 pm—City Hall Conference Room

***Traffic Safety** - 4th Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm
City Hall Conference Room

***Park & Recreation Board**—1st Monday (as needed) 7:00 pm
City Hall Conference Room

***Senior Center Advisory**—held quarterly—3rd Tuesday
3:30 pm—Gladstone Senior Center

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