



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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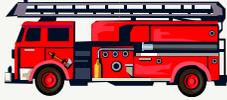
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Utility Bill Changes

Recent administrative changes to the City's utility (water/sewer) billing process include: Residents will no longer receive a mailed "reminder" notice for charges that remain unpaid after the due date of the original mailed statement. Accounts will be assessed a \$5 late fee if an account is unpaid 30 days from the billing date and a "shut-off" notice will be mailed. If the account remains unpaid for a total of 40 days from the original billing date, a \$25 late fee will be assessed and a final notice will be posted on the property. A \$25 fee is charged when a meter is turned off. A \$25 fee will be charged to turn a meter on during normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, excluding holidays, and a \$175 fee will be assessed for a meter turn-on after business hours.

Gladstone Fire Department (GFD) News

***Fire Lanes**—Please never park in a Fire Lane. Not even for a minute. Marked fire lanes need to remain clear and unobstructed during all hours, every day—this includes businesses and schools. Recently there have been many cars parked in the fire lanes "after hours" at Kraxberger Middle School. Please know this is not allowed during or after school hours, even when picking someone up.



***Fireplace Ashes**—Always be sure to place your fireplace or woodstove ashes in a metal container, away from combustibles, for a week or until completely cold. Never use paper, cardboard or plastic containers to place ashes in. Remember, when burning a fire indoors or out, only burn clean seasoned firewood. At no time are you allowed to burn garbage, yard debris, medical waste or painted materials.

***Smell of Natural Gas**—While natural gas can be a safe and economical heating fuel, there are times that it presents cause for concern. We have all seen news reports of leaks, ruptures and accidents that cause big fires and bigger news headlines. On February 12th, a person reported a smell of natural gas to the local utility provider. An inspector was sent out to investigate and found an active leak in the W. Fairfield neighborhood. Following emergency protocol, emergency responders from Gladstone Fire, Police, Portland General Electric (PGE) and NW Natural Gas responded to the area to mitigate the emergency. Officials initiated a reverse 9-1-1 program (a system that calls any registered phone within a 600 foot circle of the area of the emergency). Gladstone Police & Fire personnel quickly performed a door-to-door contact and evacuation of all homes immediately surrounding the leak. About 20 residents were asked to evacuate their homes in the interest of safety. PGE disconnected power to all homes in the "hot zone" to minimize any chance of accidental ignition. Emergency responders from the gas company quickly located the leak and performed emergency measures to stop the gas leak. Gladstone Police & Public Works personnel blocked all streets and intersections around the leak, while firefighters provided worker safety by deploying fire hoses to protect utility workers and handle any fires should the leaking gas have found an ignition source. A special thanks to Tri-Met who transported dislodged residents to a warm place during the incident. The incident was brought under control in about an hour and the area remained restricted for about another hour. The whole incident was handled without fire or injury to local residents. **REMEMBER:** if you smell natural gas—leave the area and call the professionals (NW Natural Gas). If you find a large leak like a broken meter from a car accident, simply dial 9-1-1 to summon the required emergency responders.

Board Vacancies

There are three vacancies on the Park & Recreation Board and one vacancy on the Traffic Safety Commission. Applications may be picked up from City Hall, downloaded from the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us or by calling 503-557-2769 and returned to City Hall by 5:00 pm on March 5th.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

***Annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo:** May 17th from 11am to 1pm at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families parking lot, 18905 Portland Ave. This fun event is sponsored by the Gladstone Police Dept. and Gladstone-Oak Grove Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis will provide free bike helmets to children needing them. Officers will set up a fun and challenging bike rodeo course to help teach kids how to safely ride their bikes. Key Club students will also be on hand to help.



***Full-Time & Reserve Officer Interview Dates Set:** On February 21st, we will interview 11 candidates for the full-time officer vacancy. On February 22nd, we will interview 7 reserve officer applicants, who desire to serve Gladstone as volunteers. The interview panels include GPD staff and members of the community. Top finishing candidates will then have an interview with Police Chief Jim Pryde and a final decision will be made.

***City Emergency Operations Plan Update:** The City has started the process of updating the 2005 emergency operations plan (EOP). The EOP is a master guide to direct City activities in preparation for and in response to a major disaster. This project will involve City department heads and community partners. The final draft is expected to be completed by late summer and will go the City Council for approval.

***Police Dept. Calls for Service:** According to Clackamas County 911 (CCOM), in December 2013—the GPD was dispatched to 332 calls for service. In addition, GPD self-initiated 434 events—for a total of 766 police actions during this time period. This was a 2% increase over November 2013. A new monthly crime report will soon appear on the City's website.

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.

Job Opening—Library Asst. II

The City of Gladstone is accepting applications for a Library Assistant II. Required application package materials may be picked up from City Hall or downloaded from the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us. Completed applications must be returned to City Hall by 5:00 pm on February 27, 2014.



Fire Hydrant Ordinance

At its meeting on March 11, 2014 at 7:30 pm the City Council will consider the second reading of the proposed Ordinance adopting a new Chapter 15.32 of the Gladstone Municipal Code regarding maintenance of private fire hydrants and use of public fire hydrants. Visit the city's website to view the ordinance.

Potholes

With the end to the recent snow and ice storm, our Public Works Department has noticed City streets took a beating. If you spot a dangerous pothole, please contact our Public Works Department at 503-656-7957. Please include street location address, your name and phone number (your phone number allows staff to contact you to obtain additional information if needed). Public Works will repair the pothole if needed as soon as possible depending on several factors including severity, weather and work load capacity. Given the City's limited budget and staff, Gladstone relies heavily on citizen involvement to help keep streets safe.

Gladstone Historical Society



Clackamas River 1931 - Swimming Hole at High Rocks

Interested in history? If so, volunteers are needed for the Gladstone Historical Society! Please plan to attend their next meeting scheduled for March 12th at 1:00 pm at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050

Portland Ave. "Gladstone's Famous Past" will be discussed as well as a photo presentation of early Gladstone—from its founding to its fame as the third largest Chautauqua in the U.S. Come discover all the past great and famous people who visited Gladstone and why. Featuring Kim Huey. For information, visit www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org or visit Facebook. (photo courtesy of Gladstone Historical Society): Clackamas River 1931—Swimming Hole at High Rocks).

Rebates Being Offered

To help their customers use water more efficiently and save money on water bills, the Clackamas River Water Providers (CRWP) is offering toilet and landscape water use rebates up to \$150 in value. These rebates are available on a first-come first-served basis until the program funds are depleted. Applications are available by calling 503-723-3511 or on their website at www.clackamasproviders.org. Here you will find information about the rebate program, list of eligibility requirements and the application. **Toilet Rebate:** apply for up to a \$100 rebate when you replace your current water-wasting toilet with a new EPA Watersense High Efficiency Toilet (HET). This could save as much as 4,000 gallons per person per year. Limit: 1 toilet per account. **Landscape Rebate:** (2 choices): apply for up to a maximum combination rebate of \$50 when you purchase a rain sensor and/or manual hose bib timer. Over-watering is the #1 cause of wasted water in the summer and leading cause of plant disease and insect problems. Limit: 1 each rebate per acct.

Bus Service Planning Open Houses

TriMet staff will provide information and answers to questions regarding bus service planning related to the operation of the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Transit Project. Open houses are scheduled for: Feb. 25th, 6:30-8pm, Sacred Heart Villa, 3925 SE Milwaukie; Feb. 27th, 6:30-8pm, Milwaukie High School, 11300 SE 23rd Ave, Milwaukie; March 4th, 6-7:30 pm, Pioneer Community Center, 615 5th St, Oregon City. For additional information, visit trimet.org/pm or call TriMet at 503-962-2150.

Craft & Collectible Bazaar

Vendors Wanted—for the Spring Fling Craft & Collectible Bazaar on Saturday, April 12th from 9am to 4pm at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave. Cost is \$25/6 ft table or \$40/two tables. Set up day is Friday, April 11th from 5-7pm. Types of vendors wanted: plants, collectibles, jewelry, food items, hats, arts & crafts. For information or to sign up, call 503-655-7701, visit www.gladstoneseniors.org or email Southworth@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Pre-School News

Open registration for 2014-15 preschool classes will begin April 1st at St. Stephen Preschool, 290 W. Gloucester. They offer a Tuesday/Thursday morning class for 3 year olds, a Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning class for 4 year olds and will offer a Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday afternoon class for 4 year olds if needed. Please call 503-656-3035 for information, to request a brochure or arrange a visit. Classes fill up quickly so don't hesitate. You may also email preschool.sslc@gmail.com or check out their website, www.ststephenpreschool.webs.com.

Kindergarten Preview

All incoming Kindergarteners and their parents are invited to attend Kindergarten Preview and Orientation Night on Thursday, April 24th from 5:30-7:00 pm at Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Ave. Dessert will be provided. Registration information, a tour of the school, a bus ride and a classroom visit will be included. Please call Heidi Smith at 503-496-3939 to RSVP.

Women's Zumba Class

A Women's Zumba Class is being offered in the McCormick Family Center at Tri-City Baptist Temple, 18025 Webster Rd, on Tuesday & Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$2/per class. Info. call Paula Smith at 503-459-3016.

Street Light Out?

Contact Portland General Electric (PGE) at 1-800-544-1795 (press "3") or email information, including address of streetlight outage, nearest cross street, pole number (on pole), map number (on pole), if available, to lightout@pgn.com.

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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

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

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

► **Sandy Dvorak Retires**—Sandy Dvorak, who has worked at the library in various capacities for more than 26 years will retire on February 28, 2014. She will be greatly missed! Stop by and say "goodbye" to Sandy!

► **Family Programs**—*Dr. Who Club: Are You a fan of Dr. Who?* Watch an episode and share any show related news. All ages welcome—the third Thursday of month: March 20th, 6-7:30 pm.

► **Adult Programs**—*Rock Readers* meet on the third Tuesday of every month: March 18th at 6:30 pm. This month's book, "The Yard" by Alex Grecian. The 8-member book club is looking for avid mystery book lovers to join their club. *Book Reading*: - Jake Porter will visit the library to answer questions and read excerpts from his book that's

set in our very own City of Gladstone: March 19th, 6:00 pm.

► **Teen Programs**—*Teen Game Night*, the first Thursday of every month: March 6th, 6:00 pm. *Anime Club*—meets the second Thursday of every month: March 13th, 6:00 pm.

► **Children's Programs**—*Family Storytime*—Every Saturday at 11:00 am. Meets on March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th; *Storytime & Crafts*—every Thursday at 9:30 am, meets on March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th; *Book Buddies*—a book club for 2nd & 3rd graders, will meet the first Wednesday of every month at 3:30 pm. This month the club will meet on March 5th for fun activities and a discussion about the book, "Sticky Burr". Kids can check out a copy at the information desk. *Lego Club*—meets the second Wed-

nesday of every month at 3:30 pm. Meets on March 12th. *Page Pals*—a book club for 4th & 5th graders, will meet for fun activities and a discussion about the graphic novel, "Amulet". Kids can check out a copy at the information desk.

► Sign up for Gladstone Public Library's Monthly newsletter: <http://gladstonepubliclibrary.wordpress.com/library-newsletter/>

► Check online for the library calendar, events, special programs and more information: **Website:** <http://gladstonepubliclibrary.wordpress.com/> **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/gladstonepubliclibrary>; **Twitter:** @GladstonePubLib; **Email:** Gladstonepubliclibrary@gmail.com.

► The library is sad to announce that due to safety concerns the display case had to be removed.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

©AARP Safe Driving Course March 24th & 25th from 1:00-4:30 pm. Cost is \$15 with AARP card or \$20 without a card. Most insurance companies offer a discount upon completion of classes.

©Traditional St. Patrick's Day lunch on March 12th at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$3.50. Corned beef and cabbage will be served. Irish tunes by accordionist, Diane Hagen.

©AARP Tax Assistance begins January 31st. 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. By appointment only—so call to reserve your spot.

©Conversations on Aging—Talking with your Doctor. March 19th, 10:00-11:30 am. Discussion group that gives participants an opportunity to talk about feelings and be heard—confidentiality is required. Sessions are co-facilitated by volunteers who have been trained in methodology of senior peer counseling.

Community Rewards Program Benefits Senior Center

The Gladstone Seniors Foundation is very excited about a new Community Rewards program from Fred Meyer that benefits nonprofit organizations. This program links your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Gladstone Seniors Foundation. Whenever you use your Rewards Card, you will be helping the Gladstone Senior Center earn a donation from Fred Meyer. To link your card, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. If you need assistance with registering online, ask Shari or Jamie at the Senior Center.

Spring Garage Sale to Raise Funds for Gladstone Schools

Too much stuff? Donate clean, gently-used items to the Gladstone Education Garage Sale. Donate books, office supplies, household items, craft supplies, toys, baby gear, sports gear, clothing, jewelry, furniture, etc. Please no old computers (which the Gladstone Robotics Club would love!), junk, or old TVs. For donation drop-off or pickup, call Corinne at 503-722-2284 or Kathy at 971-227-2655. All donations are tax-deductible. Event is scheduled for June. Watch upcoming newsletters for details or visit www.gladstonefoundation.org.



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Kids Clothes Closet at Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Ave

The Gladstone School District has announced the recent opening of the Kids Clothes Closet to help families facing hard times. The Gladstone Ministerial Association created a Community Clothes Closet at Gladstone High. The site provides clothing and shoes for babies, kids, and teens. Weekly operating hours for assisting families and accepting donations will be: Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 pm and Saturdays from 10am to noon. The clothes closet is in a portable classroom on the north side of the GHS campus. Head east on Nelson (the first street north of GHS) and turn in at the fire lane by the orange traffic cone.

Gladstone Junior Baseball Can & Bottle Drive

Gladstone Jr. Baseball needs your help by participating in their annual Can & Bottle Drive. Please consider donating any cans & bottles by placing them outside your home on Saturday, April 19th (before 10am). Your assistance helps the Association keep registration fees to a minimum and helps fund scholarships for deserving participants. For info. call Pres. Jason Pugh at 503-680-9231. Thank you for your support!

Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, March 12th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Gladstone Community Club, 255 E. Exeter. Host: Robert Haltiner. Food provided by Two Girls Catering. Questions? Contact Walt Fitch at walt.fitch@gmail.com or 503-544-9672.

◆ The Gladstone Historical Society meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Senior Center. For 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.

◆ 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.