



# GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## Budget Workshop/Updates from Accounting Manager

\*The city's new Accounting Manager, Carolyn Gray, reviews the City's current year budget, current revenue and expenditure reports and auditor reports from prior years. Due to the economic carefulness of the City, the City finds itself in the enviable position of having unappropriated funds totaling almost \$1.9Million, \$1.4Million of which are in the General Fund. This is good news as this allows for some expansion, economies and systematic upgrades that will only benefit the community of Gladstone.

\*At 6:30 pm, on March 29, 2016, she will be hosting a Budget 101 workshop at City Hall. This workshop is geared for anyone who wants to know how a Governmental budget is put together, sources of revenue, examples of expenditures. The City's 2016-17 budget will NOT be reviewed at this workshop.

\*The Budget Committee will then convene April 29, and May 3, 2016, at 6:30 pm for the purposes of receiving the Budget message and reviewing the proposed 2016-17 Budget. These meetings are all open to the public.

## Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) News

\***Gladstone Fire Adds 3 New Members:** GFD operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, answering emergency fire, medical and water rescue calls for the City of Gladstone. We staff 2 fire engines, a ladder truck, a medical rescue vehicle and command staff rig. GFD accepts new member applications all year, then once a year, the 4 best candidates are offered a position to attend fire training school. New firefighters, Jakob Beautler, Austin Krieger & Ethan Salata completed their first phase of State certified training and began responding to calls the first week of February. In order to begin responding, these trainees have completed over 210 hours of weekend classes as well as written and physical training. Training will continue with an additional 48+ hours on their Firefighter 2 skills. In 2015, GFD responded to 1577 calls for help from residents of Gladstone. These three new "probationary firefighters" have joined the current 33 seasoned members serving the community needs. Please join us in welcoming these new members. Gladstone Fire now proudly serves you with 2 full time staff and 36 highly trained and highly dedicated "on-call" firefighters! Interested in firefighting or medical response? Please contact Jeff Smith, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-557-2774 or [smith@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:smith@ci.gladstone.or.us) to see if you qualify.

\***Smell of Natural Gas:** While natural gas can be a safe and economical heating fuel, when you smell it in your home there is cause for concern. When a 9-1-1 call comes in reporting a smell of gas, emergency responders from fire, police and appropriate utilities respond. Following standard emergency protocols, emergency responders evaluate the threat and quickly act to mitigate the hazard. Most gas leaks and smells are handled quickly without fire or injury to local residents. Remember: if you smell natural gas, leave the area and call the professionals. If you find a large leak like a broken meter, simply dial 9-1-1 to report.

## Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

\***Getting Ready by Getting Started:** It can be overwhelming when you start looking into what can be needed to be ready to survive after a disaster, but self-sufficiency is essential so we can successfully take care of ourselves, our families and our neighbors. The first important step is to start thinking about it thoughtfully and then developing a plan in writing for what you can really do for emergency preparedness. This might include such things as talking with your family and how you'll communicate with one another during an event, considering what items you may already have at home that you would use in an emergency or learning how to turn off the gas to your home should that be necessary. There's many, many more, *but the most important step is to start.* Then, over time, you can put together items to keep you going for the first 72 hours and then move into a plan for taking care of yourself for a longer period of time.

\***Chief's Corner: Emergency Preparedness** - Spring is just around the corner and brings promises of renewal, recreation, and growth. It can also mean rising water levels and faster flowing rivers which could bring flooding. Here in Gladstone, we are not immune to high water levels as is evidenced by occasional Glen Echo road closures, west of Portland Ave. [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) (U.S. Department of Homeland Security) is a website that promotes preparing for flooding in their Febru-

ary calendar and severe storms in March. The police department got to thinking about this annual phenomenon and other emergencies or disasters we may be prone to and what we can do about it. We've decided to make 2016 a year of education and preparedness for Gladstone citizens and your dedicated city employees. We will be putting out information and resources focusing on what you can do to keep you and your family safe during an event. Our volunteer Gladstone Emergency Management Support (GEMS) team is a group of fellow citizens and city employees dedicated to planning, preparing, and assisting in the response to disasters that may impact Gladstone. So, with the help of GEMS, we will use this year to help Gladstone and its citizens to be better prepared. If you wish to volunteer for GEMS, contact Maria Aikin at 503-557-2798 for info. Begin this effort with us by putting together an emergency "kit" that will take care of you and yours for 72 hours. This kit can begin simply with water, food, radio, flashlight, batteries, first aid, and medication that will sustain you until the event is over, or outside assistance can arrive. The best plan is to be prepared and this is a good place to start. In closing, I want to thank you for your support of this great city, our police department, and the dedicated men and women who work for you on a daily basis.



## Easter Egg Hunt



The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 26th beginning precisely at 11:00 am at the Gladstone High School. Children of Gladstone residents between the ages of 1 and 11 are invited to hunt for over 4,000 eggs "hidden" on the high school grounds. The hunt begins once the fire siren sounds, and parents are asked to let their children "find" their own eggs. Some eggs contain coupons for special prizes that can be redeemed at the prize booth or location specified on coupon. If your child does not "find" any eggs, go to the prize booth and an organizer will ensure your child leaves with candy or a prize. **Donations** of plastic eggs, prizes or wrapped candy are always welcome! Or you may provide a monetary donation to assist in purchasing such items. Anyone interested in volunteering or donating is asked to email [bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us) or call 503-557-2769. Thank you!!

## Max Patterson Pancake Breakfast



The 25th Annual Max Patterson Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary, will be Saturday, March 26th from 8-11 am in the Gladstone High School cafeteria. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and seniors or \$15 for a family of four.

## Business License Fee Workshop

The City Council will be holding a work session on March 8, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers to discuss business licenses and fees which include, but not limited to, home occupations, rental properties, etc. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to submit a letter for Council review, please submit to [bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us) by 5pm on February 29, 2016.

## Volunteer Needed to Serve

The City of Gladstone is seeking a Gladstone representative to sit on the North Clackamas County Water Commission (NCCWC) Budget Committee. The NCCWC provides water to the City of Gladstone. The NCCWC will make the final appointment. Please contact Tami Bannick at [bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us) prior to February 29, 2016 if you are interested.

## Business License Renewals Due

Business license renewals were 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 owners of rental properties, the \$100 fee applies plus an additional \$25 per rental unit. Business license applications may be downloaded from the city's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us). Business license fees not paid on or before March 1st will be assessed a delinquent charge of **\$10 per month**.

## Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates

\*Start cleaning up your gardening tools, our annual Veggie Plant sale will be here before you know it. The dates this year are May 11th & 12th. Watch for details to come.  
\*Thinking of making a donation? Donation envelopes are available at the Library. You can specify your donation to go to programs & services, or for the new library building.  
\*Help is needed in finding a location for an on-going used book store. If you have or know of anyone with space to lease, please contact Lani at 503-260-4786.  
\*Interested in finding out more about the Library Foundation? You are welcome to attend one of the meetings scheduled for the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at Somerset Community Center. Call 503-260-4786 for info.

## 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 Public Library are March 14th at 10am & March 28th at 6:30 pm. Please come share your thoughts.

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## Preschool News

Open registration for 2015-16 preschool classes will begin April 20th. St. Stephen Lutheran Preschool, 290 W Gloucester, is offering 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 503-650-3035 for info, to request a brochure or to arrange a visit. Classes fill up quickly so don't hesitate. You may visit [www.ststephenpreschool.webs.com](http://www.ststephenpreschool.webs.com) or email [preschool.sslc@gmail.com](mailto:preschool.sslc@gmail.com) for info.

## Kindergarten Preview Night

All incoming kindergarteners and their parents are invited to attend Kindergarten Preview & Orientation Night on Thursday, April 14th from 5:30-7:30 pm at Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Ave. Dessert will be provided. Registration info, a tour of the school, a bus ride and a classroom visit will be included. Contact Heidi Smith at 503-496-3939 to RSVP.

## Kindergarten Registration

Calling all kindergarteners! If you have a child that is five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2016, it is time to register for kindergarten. Kindergarten registration is May 3rd from 5:30-7:00 pm and May 5th from 9-11 am. You only need to attend one of these times to turn in paperwork needed. For info, call Heidi Smith at 503-496-3939.

## Irish Potato Bar & Auction

March 13th from 5-7pm, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 290 W. Gloucester invites residents to an evening full of food, music and, if you dare, dance an Irish jig! Featuring an Irish Potato Bar with all sorts of toppings and a delicious dessert (sugar free options available). Cost is \$10/person. Buy tickets in advance or at the door. There will be both a silent and oral auction. Remember to wear your green or Celtic clothing. Visit [www.sslcgladstone.org](http://www.sslcgladstone.org) for details.

## Utility Bill Drop Box

Did you know you can drop off your monthly utility bills, including: PGE, NW Natural, Gladstone Water/Sewer & Gladstone Disposal, at the Senior Center? No stamps needed! The drop box is located just inside the main entry door.

## Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

► **Adult Winter Program**—Complete an Adult Winter Reading bingo card to be eligible for a prize. More information available at the Info. Desk.

► **Photography Group**—March 13th, 2pm. Each meeting a new topic will be assigned to be photographed and discussed. The group will also have occasional outings, group shows, workshops, as well as the opportunity to display work in the library.

► **Rock Readers Book Club**—March 15th, 6:30 pm. This month the club will discuss *Started Early, Took my Dog* by Kate Atkinson. Books can be checked out at the Information Desk.

► **Dr. Who Club**—March 17th, 6pm. Are you a fan of Doctor Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode and share show related news. All ages welcome!

► **DIY Sugar Scrub Class**—March 29th, 6pm. Get a fresh start for spring and make your own exfoliating body scrub to take home. All materials provided by the library.

► **Toddler Storytime**—Tuesdays, 9:30 am. This storytime is geared towards ages 0-3 with songs, books and play for early development. Older siblings are welcome to sing & dance with us.

► **All Ages Storytime**—Thursdays, 9:30 am. All ages are welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build literacy and language skills.

► **Spring Break Activities**—March 21st-25th. Come to the library for board games, legos and other fun activities!

► **Lab Rats**—March 1st & 15th at 3:30 pm. Discover the world of science through stories and experiments.

► **Lego Club**—March 9th & 23rd at 3:30 pm. We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination!

► **All Ages PJ Storytime**—March 16th, 6:30 pm. Put on your PJs and bring the whole family for an evening of stories, songs & crafts.

► **Teen Video Game Night**—March 3rd, 6pm. A video game event for teens also including

board games & refreshments.

► **Teen Tech Week**—March 7th-11th. Featuring cool book displays, and different tech-related crafts & activities every day.

► **Teen Technology Petting Zoo**—March 10th—6pm. Try out some fun technologies, make a cool craft, play video games, and grab a slice of pizza while you're at it! Open to teens in the 6th-12th grades, takes place after the library closes.

► **Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting**—No TAG meeting in March, check back in April.

► **Spring Break Activities**—March 21st-25th. Come to the library for board games, legos and other fun activities.

► **Teen Comic Book Club**—March 25th, 4pm. If you like graphic novels & comic books, this is the book club for you! Each month we will read a different selection and meet on the last Friday of the month to discuss. Pick up a copy of January's book, *In Real Life* by Cory Doctorow, in the Teen Room.

## Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

©March for Meals—a Meals on Wheels fundraiser at Gladstone Burgerville on March 24th from 5-8pm. Come on down and join us, bring your friends and family. All proceeds benefit your Gladstone Meals on Wheels Program!

©Volunteer Receptionist Needed! Do you have some free time that you're looking to fill? Why not help out your community and volunteer your time at the Gladstone Senior Center. We are looking for a volunteer(s) to help answer phones, take appointments and greet guests. Shifts are 3-4 hours & we will train!

©St Patrick's Lunch—March 17th. Wear your green so you don't get pinched! We are serving a traditional fare of corned beef and cabbage. Entertainment will be provided. Cost is \$3.50/person. Festivities begin at 11:30 a.m. Please call to reserve your spot today!

©Senior Center Annual Spring Fling Bazaar. We are now taking applications for crafters at the event on Saturday, April 16th. Please contact the Senior Center for details. Thanks.

©AARP Tax Assistance Program for low to moderate income filers. Basic forms only. This service is offered only on Fridays, 9am—2pm, at the Senior Center. Appointments are filling fast, so please call to set yours up today!



## Report Street Light Outages

Portland General Electric (PGE) asks customers, when reporting a street light for repair or outage, to include the address, nearest cross street, pole & map number whenever possible. Please report outages at 800-544-1795, opt. 3 or visit <https://www.portlandgeneral.com/forms/report-streetlight-problem>, or email [lightout@pgn.com](mailto:lightout@pgn.com). Please contact PGE directly as the City does not repair streetlights.

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## Upcoming TRAM Trips—Call 503-655-7701 to RSVP or for Info.

\***March 11th**—Lunch at Old Spaghetti Factory—Enjoy lunch at this Portland standard on the river. Leave: 11:30 am, return: 2pm. Fare: \$5-includes bus. \***March 25th**—Uwajimaya Asian Grocery & Black Bear Restaurant—For all things Asian, visit Uwajimaya. This is a very interesting store, not only food but other goods too. For lunch, Black Bear for family style food and lots of cool bear carvings. Leave: 9am, return: 2pm. Fare: \$7-includes bus. \***April 1st**—Tigard Thrift Stores—Hunt for bargains at Union Gospel, Value Village & Goodwill. Lunch at Banning's Pie Shop & Restaurant. Leave: 9am, return: 3pm. Fare: \$7-includes bus. \***April 9th**—Pacific University Luau—Wonderful Luau and traditional Hawaiian meal followed by show which includes all kinds of music & dance including the exciting fire dance! **Must pay by March 10th to reserve your spot.** Leave: 4pm, return: 8:30 pm. Fare: \$38 (includes bus, show and meal).

## Nuisance/Code Enforcement—Call 503-479-6859

Gladstone administers a "nuisance code" that essentially prohibits conditions that may affect public health or safety, such as accumulations of debris or trash, storage of junk, obstructed clear vision at an intersection. For additional info, visit: <http://qcode.us/codes/gladstone/> or call 503-479-6859.

## Local Meetings—

◆The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, March 9th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Gladstone Community Club, 255 E. Exeter. Questions? Contact Doug Loose at [dougloose46@gmail.com](mailto:dougloose46@gmail.com) or

503-595-5379.

◆The Gladstone Historical Society is looking for new members! For additional info, check out their website at [www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org). Old photos of the community & ideas are always 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](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us)