



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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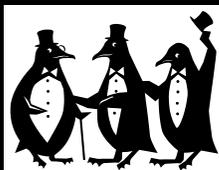
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Reminder—Utility Bill Changes

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.

Old Trolley Trail Bridge—Fire Dept. News

On Thursday, March 6th, the Gladstone Fire Department responded to the historic trolley bridge located in the 100 block of W. Clackamas Blvd on reports of the bridge severely tipping to one side. Upon arrival, the GFD found the south end of the bridge was leaning severely with the possibility of falling. Calls were made to all parties involved: Union Pacific (bridge owner), Gladstone Police Department, City of Oregon City, Lake Oswego/Tigard Water Intake project managers and other engineers. Neighbors were also notified of the situation. Engineers quickly assessed the situation and discussed options. After two days of inspections by Union Pacific, a decision was made to remove the bridge due to safety issues. On March 9th, crews attached cables to the southern end and pulled the bridge down—the plan of attack was to pull the bridge on shore, where it was dismantled. The bridge was built in 1893 to be used initially as the Oregon City extension to the Portland Trolley line. When the trolley was abandoned in the 1950's it was then used for freight train traffic until 1968. The City of Gladstone had recently been awarded a grant to start a feasibility study to repurpose the bridge as a pedestrian/bicycle bridge connecting the cities of Gladstone and Oregon City by way of the Trolley Trail system.



2014 Polar Plunge

The Gladstone Police Department Penguins would like to thank the City and its residents for helping raise money for the Oregon Special Olympics. With your help, and the help of five brave souls that jumped into the 38 degree waters of the Columbia River, we raised over \$1,200. The event in total received over \$250,000 in donations that benefit the Special Olympics to support their athletes. Thanks again for your support and we look forward to next year!

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News/Awards

At the GPD's annual meeting on March 8th, awards were given to citizens and officers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in 2013. These awards were nominated by and voted on by GPD members:



***Volunteer of the Year Award:** This award is given to a citizen who volunteers time to help support the GPD. This year's recipient is Erica Brown, daughter of Gladstone Officer, Bob Maple. For the past 4 years, Erica has been the team captain for the Gladstone PD Penguins, who participate in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. The Gladstone PD Penguins have raised over \$6,000 in the past 4 years for Special Olympics.

***Citizen of the Year:** This award is given to a citizen who has supported healthy activities and worked to improve the community. This year's recipient is Steve Leitz, owner of Baskin-Robbins. Steve's dedication in organizing crime prevention meetings for businesses of Gladstone has helped educate community members in preventing crime. Steve also donated over 1,000 coupons for a scoop of ice cream to the School Resource Officer to hand out throughout the year to deserving students.

***Employee of the Year:** This award is given to an employee that goes above and beyond in their duties and reflects GPD's core values. This year's recipient is Officer Tony Fich.

***Chief's Award:** This award is decided solely by the Chief of Police, Jim Pryde, and is for an employee that has worked to improve GPD behind the scenes, sort of an unsung hero. This year's recipients were Officer Eric Graves and Executive Assistant, Maria Aikin.

*A special thanks to guest speaker, Mark Koberstein, for his inspirational words. Mark is the President of the Clackamas County's Peace Officer's Benevolent Foundation and a retired Clackamas County Sheriff Deputy.

Congratulations to all: they represent the City of Gladstone and the GPD very well!

Gladstone Crash Stats

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0
Injury	12	11	12	12	14
Non-Injury	25	34	27	42	29
Hit & Run	45	46	43	67	51

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 19th 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 desperately needed! Or you may provide a monetary donation to assist in purchasing such items. Anyone interested in volunteering or donating to the event are asked to email bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us or call 503-557-2769.



Max Patterson Pancake Breakfast



The 23rd annual Max Patterson Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary, will be Saturday, April 19th from 8:00-11:00 am in the Gladstone High School cafeteria. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and seniors or \$15 for a family of four.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The Gladstone-Oak Grove Kiwanis is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, May 3rd from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave. Dinner includes: spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & dessert. Cost is \$7 per person or \$25 for family. Children under 6 years of age free. Proceeds benefit the Gladstone High School scholarships and Key Club! Music & Entertainment provided. For info, contact Tom Hogan at 503-819-8367 or visit www.gladoak.org.



March for Meals Fundraiser

Nearly 1 in 6 seniors is threatened by hunger. Gladstone Senior Center Nutrition and Meals on Wheels Program needs your help. Donate at the Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave, or look for donation containers around the community through the month of March. March 20th from 5-8pm, is Burgerville Benefit Night, 19119 SE McLoughlin Blvd. 10% of the proceeds from sales will be donated to the Gladstone Meals on Wheels Program. Meals on Wheels programs collectively serve a nutritious meal, a warm smile and safety check that keep over 2 1/2 million seniors a year healthy and living in their own homes. The March for Meals campaign presents an opportunity for all of us to support our senior neighbors that help make our communities stronger and our neighbors healthier. Know your donation will make a difference to, and touch the hearts of, many courageous aging Americans. Contact the Senior Center at 503-655-7701 if you have any questions or concerns.

Library Foundation News

*Spring is on the way, so the Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF), is hosting their first ever, Vegetable Plant Sale. Home grown vegetable plants will be offered at great prices during the month of May.

*When starting your "Spring Cleaning" projects, keep us in mind for any books, CD's, DVD's or VHS tapes you will be weeding from your collection. Bring them to the Library and pick up a donation slip—they are tax deductible!

*Interested in becoming a member of the GPLF? Stop in for a visit and see what GPLF is all about. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7pm at the Somerset Columbia meeting room, 8360 Cason Rd.

*New projects are in the works—visit the GPLF website at www.gpl-foundation.org or call 503-655-4248.

Job Openings—Library

The City is taking applications for Library Assistant (16 hrs) and On-Call Library Assistants. Go to www.ci.gladstone.or.us for more information. Application deadline is 5:00 pm on Friday, April 4, 2014.

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. Please call Heidi Smith at 503-496-3939 to RSVP or for registration information

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 a Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday afternoon class for 4 year olds if needed. Please call 503-656-3035, visit their website, www.ststephen-preschool.webs.com or email preschool.sslc@gmail.com for info.

Follow the Lamb

Attend the 4th annual *Follow the Lamb* Easter celebration featuring two original dramatic productions, "A World Turned Upside Down" at 7pm on April 18th and "The Weight of Evidence" at 9am & 4pm on April 20th at the Holden Event Center, 19500 Oatfield Rd. For free required tickets or info., call 503-655-2614 or visit www.followthelamb.us. Brought to you by the producers of *Follow the Star*.

Free Community Concert

The Chautauqua Community Chorus invites residents to a free Spring Concert on May 3rd at 7 pm and May 4th at 3 pm at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 290 W Gloucester. For information, visit www.sslc@sslclgladstone.org or call 503-656-8194.

"New to You" Event

On Saturday, April 26th from 8am to 2pm, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are hosting their annual, "New to You" event at their LDS Meetinghouse, 8331 Cason Rd, Gladstone. A wide range of gently used & serviceable items will be available to the community at no charge, including clothing, shoes, tools, toys, games, books, kitchenware & household items. The public is invited to select donated items that will bless them and their family "without money or price!" Donations may be dropped off on April 25th from 8am to 8pm.

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YOUR CITY COUNCIL:

The Gladstone City Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The fourth Tuesday of each month is reserved for additional Council meetings if needed. With the exception of any scheduled Executive Session, the meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. Complete City Council agenda packets are available to view on the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

The Council consists of an elected Mayor and six City Councilors who exercise the city's vested legal powers. Each City Councilor serves a four year term. The City Council is committed to providing optimum level of services for Gladstone residents while minimizing costs imposed on taxpayers. Your current City Councilors are: Mayor Wade Byers, Ray Jaren, Thomas Mersereau, Kari Martinez, Neal Reisner, Hal Busch & Len Nelson.

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

► **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: April 17th, 6-7:30 pm.

► **Adult Programs**—*Master Gardeners Series*: Learn how to attract hummingbirds to your yard. April 22nd from 1-2pm. *Society of Financial Awareness Presentation*: "How to Plan for a Quality Retirement, April 1st at 6:30 pm. *The Rock Readers* meet the third Tuesday of every month: April 15th at 6:30 pm. This month's book, "Bookseller" by Mark Pryor. Books can be picked up at the information desk.

► **Teen Programs**—*Teen Game*

Night, the first Thursday of every month: April 3rd, 6:00 pm to play 7 Wonders. *Anime Club*—meets the second Thursday of every month: April 10th, 6:00 pm.

► **Children's Programs**—*Family Storytime*—Every Saturday at 11:00 am. *Storytime Songs & Crafts*—every Thursday at 9:30 am; *Book Buddies*—a book club for 1st-3rd graders, will meet the first Wednesday of every month at 3:30 pm. This month the club will meet on April 2nd for fun activities and a discussion about the book, "Binky to the Rescue". Kids can check out a copy at the information desk. *Lego Club*—meets the second Wednesday of every month at 3:30 pm.

Meets on April 9th. *Page Pals*—a book club for 4th & 5th graders, will meet for fun activities and a discussion about the graphic novel, "Knucklehead". 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.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

©A Wills, Trust & Estate Planning class will be taught by local attorney, Joshua Lipps, on April 16th from 6:30-7:30 pm. Cost is \$10. Preregister through Gladstone Community Schools, 503-650-2570.

©AARP Tax Assistance for low-middle income residents will be available until April 11th at the Center. Appointments are held on Fridays from 9am to 2:30 pm. Must call to reserve your spot!

©Easter Lunch will be served on April 16th. Professional entertainer, Mark J, will begin entertaining at 11:30 am. Traditional ham lunch will be served. Cost is \$3.50. Please call to reserve your spot.

©Join us at the Spring Fling Craft & Collectible Bazaar on April 12th from 9am to 4pm at the Center. Lunch from the kitchen will be open during the bazaar featuring a variety of items offered.

©Come join us for our after lunch activity, Bunco, on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm. Afternoon recreational Bingo is played on Tuesday afternoons.

Upcoming TRAM Trips

503-655-7701

*April 11th—Beaches Restaurant—this riverside restaurant has a fun atmosphere and good food. This trip will include a drive around Vancouver. Cost is \$7 (includes bus). Leave at 10am, return at 3pm.

*April 17th—"Lend Me a Tenor" - A sensation on Broadway & London's West End, this screwball comedy is guaranteed to leave you laughing. Cost: \$17 (includes bus & ticket). Leave 6:30pm, return 10:30pm

*April 25th—Seaside—Enjoy a spring day at the beach! Shopping, lunch & the beach. Cost: \$20 (includes bus). Leave 8:30am, return 5:00 pm. Call the Center for additional information or to reserve your spot!

SHOC Foundation News

The Sherie Hildreth Ovarian Cancer Foundation (SHOC) gift shop, Teal Ribbon Boutique, 18575 Portland Ave, is now open every Saturday from 10am to 3pm. The boutique features gifts, home décor, vintage novelties and handmade items. Shop for a cause—proceeds benefit the SHOC foundation!

Congratulations Happyrock Coffee!

Congratulations to Lisa Halcom of Gladstone's Happyrock Coffee, 465 Portland Ave, who placed 6th in the NW Brewer's Cup Competition on February 23rd in Los Angeles. Halcom was the only competitor from Oregon to reach the finals! The Brewer's Cup, hosted by the SCAA (Specialty Coffee Association of America) and the Barista Guild, is a manual coffee brewing competition that takes place along side the Barista Competition. Congratulations to Lisa and Happyrock Coffee!

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Salvation West Women's & Children's Shelter

For almost 30 years, the Salvation Army West Women's & Children's Shelter (WWCS) has been serving homeless women and their children in the Portland area. The Gladstone Community Club, 255 E. Exeter, works with the Salvation Army by providing a drop off point for donated items needed by the shelter. The Community Club receives donated items on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10 am to 1pm. General shelter items needed: tampons, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry soap, paper plates/bowls and gift cards. For a complete list visit, www.gladstonecommunityclub.com/service.html.

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, April 10th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Laserwerks, 15717 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukie (behind GG's Restaurant). Host: Don & Mary Sveta. 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.