



# GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## Public Hearing

The City Council and Urban Renewal Agency will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 beginning no earlier than 7:30 pm to discuss the 2013-14 City of Gladstone Budget and beginning no earlier than 8:00 pm to discuss the 2013-14 Gladstone Urban Renewal Agency budget.

## New Utility Billing Software

The city has recently upgraded their utility billing software. As part of the new upgrade the city is now able to accept credit card payments (VISA, Master Card & Discover) in addition to cash, check or money order for utility bills and business licenses. Payments must be made in person at City Hall—no over the phone payments will be accepted at City Hall. Phone and online payments may be made through the city's third party vendor, NCourt. You may contact NCourt at 1-800-701-8560 or visit [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us) and click on the "online payments" tab. You must provide your utility billing account number and you will be charged a percentage based convenience fee. Prior to completing your transaction you will be advised of the charge. Bi-monthly utility bill statements will remain in a postcard format. Late notices and shut-off notices will be generated in a new 8 1/2" x 11" format. The utility billing cycle will remain the same—you can expect your next bi-monthly (May/June) bill in July.

## Temporary Seasonal Employees

The City is accepting applications for Temporary Seasonal Employees for Park Aide, Fire Department and Public Works. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid Oregon driver's license with no violations, have a high school diploma or GED equivalent and three favorable work-related references. Seasonal work is from June through August. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 pm on May 31, 2013. For complete details, visit the city's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us).

## Fire Dept. Updates

It is obvious that some of Gladstone's citizens are reading these safety tips and notices from the fire dept—THANK YOU!. However, we continue to get calls and questions regarding the following:

**\*Air Raid Siren:** What is the loud siren we hear in the downtown area a few times a month? It is an old air raid siren that is located on top of City Hall. It is still used when the fire dept. responds to commercial or residential structure fires or when the Water Rescue Team responds to a drowning or water emergency in a nearby river or lake. When you hear the siren, please watch out for emergency vehicles responding to the emergency. Non-structure fires and non-water rescue calls (approximately 125 calls per month) are mostly medical emergencies that require smaller rescue units. Please remember the law requires vehicles to yield the right-of-way to emergency vehicles. Slow you vehicle and move to the right when an emergency vehicle approaches from the front or rear.

**\*Outdoor Backyard Burning:** Several calls have been received concerning backyard burning. Some include: What can I burn? The **only** materials you are allowed to burn is **clean seasoned firewood**, as part of a recreational or cooking fire. If you believe a neighbor is burning illegal materials, call dispatch at 503-655-8211 and report the violation. Calls regarding illegal burning are investigated by Gladstone Police & Fire Officers. Most times residents are **not** found burning illegal materials—over 50% of calls are simply barbecues and smokers. When there is smoke in the neighborhood, a reasonable first step is to politely contact your neighbor directly and advise them of your smoke concerns.

**\*Fire Lanes, Alarms & Hydrants:** Please never park your vehicle in a **fire lane**—not even for a minute. Marked fire lanes need to remain clear and unobstructed at all times. **Fire hydrants** need to remain accessible at all times—as you get outdoors this spring & summer, be sure the fire hydrant on your property is clean & clear of grass, weeds and other landscaping. A three foot clear area in all directions around the fire hydrant is required. **Fire alarms** are probably the single most valuable tool responsible for saving lives. Remember to test your alarm weekly to ensure a working alarm. Replace your battery every six months (when the time changes) unless you have a new 10 year battery unit. When an alarm with the new 10 year battery goes dead, replace the whole unit.

## Spray Park

The spray park at Patterson Park will be open Monday-Saturday, 12:00-6:00 pm and Sundays, 1:00-5:00 pm beginning June 10th through September 2nd (weather permitting). The interactive spray park feature utilizes a recirculating water system with a filtration unit and chlorine sanitizer. For safe, responsible fun at the spray park, please follow the spray park rules: 1) Parental supervision of children is required; 2) Swim diapers are required for all persons who are not toilet trained; 3) Dogs/animals are not allowed in the feature (dog hair clogs the water recirculatory system and there is potential of introducing fecal matter into the water system); 4) Do not use spray park if you have had diarrhea in the last two weeks. Your health and safety are our priority. Here are a few additional tips:  For effective sunscreen application, allow it to dry before entering water.  Rinsing off in designated shower area is recommended prior to entering spray park.  Swim socks or shoes are recommended to avoid injury.  Drinking & spitting of water from features is discouraged.

**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.

## Chautauqua Festival Cancellation

The City of Gladstone has been informed by the Gladstone Chautauqua Festival Committee that the 2013 Chautauqua Festival has been cancelled. After much contemplation, the Chautauqua Committee has come to this difficult decision due to an insurmountable budget deficit caused, in part, by a lack of sponsors/donors, the festival's previous year's low attendance and inability to meet new requirements. The City of Gladstone would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the Chautauqua Committee volunteers for their many years of wonderful Chautauqua festivals and countless hours of selfless service.

## Save Gladstone Chautauqua 2013

A Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m. at Max Patterson Memorial Park. Additional meeting times will be available at <http://www.facebook.com/GladstoneChautauqua2013>. **BE INFORMED, BE INVOLVED.** Thanks for your support. Contact us at [gladstonechautauqua2013@gmail.com](mailto:gladstonechautauqua2013@gmail.com).

## Conservation Work in Gladstone Parks

If you have been visiting Gladstone area parks, particularly Meldrum Bar Park, over the last couple of years, you may have seen youth crews working on the natural areas of the park. Five years ago Wilderness International Youth Conservation Corps (WIYCC) started leading youth crews in native habitat restoration work at Cross & Meldrum Bar Parks. The community has gathered around in support with many volunteers and other organizations getting involved. It has evolved to the point that there are now weekly youth crews working at the parks. WIYCC has partnered with Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership (LCEP) who brings in groups of local elementary students to work on the habitat restoration projects. This partnership has resulted in 3 grants being awarded to further support the ongoing work of LCEP & WIYCC for at least the next 12 months. Over the last year, SOLV has been bringing in their high school green teams and getting more involved with the habitat restoration project. As you visit the parks, keep your eyes open for youth crews from all three of these organizations. The youths are removing ivy, blackberries and other invasive weeds that negatively impact the native habitat. Then they bring in and plant native vegetation that helps to reestablish a healthy native ecosystem that benefits the animals that live in the area, the local watershed, and all of us that live in the area. Russ Hall, Executive Director of WIYCC, explains that City of Gladstone has been one of the most proactive and positive municipalities that their organization has worked with. By partnering with organizations like WIYCC, LCEP & SOLV, the City is receiving the benefit of volunteer labor and grant funding with the result of improved natural spaces for everyone to enjoy. For info. email [info@wildernessintl.com](mailto:info@wildernessintl.com).

## Picnics/Parties at Patterson Park

Max Patterson Park, 450 E. Exeter, has been the site of many picnics and birthday parties. Reservations are not required to reserve the park for a picnic or birthday party—picnic areas are available on a first come, first serve basis. When using the park (or any city park), residents are advised that inflatable jumpers, such as bouncy houses, and climb on play equipment, such as rock climbing walls, are not permitted. For additional details about parks in Gladstone, visit [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us), then click on parks & recreation.

## Activities at Patterson Park

 Patterson Park will be supervised through August 23rd, Monday-Friday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (weather permitting). Daily activities include games, sports and crafts. Several special events are planned each summer, check the bulletin board at the park and at City Hall or on the city's website for a current schedule. Upcoming special events include: **June 10th**—Field Day—1:00 pm (free); **June 11th**—Tie Dye T-Shirts—1:00 pm (50¢ - must supply own t-shirt); **June 13th**—Ice Cream Sundaes—1:00 pm (50¢); **June 14th & July 5th**—Sno-Cones—1:00 pm (25¢-1flavor); **June 20th**—Sidewalk Chalk Art—1:00 pm, (free); **July 2nd**—Watermelon Eating Contest—1:00 pm (free); **July 8th**—Ice Cream Sundaes—1:00 pm (50¢); **July 10th**—Penny Carnival—1:00-3:00 pm (Limit 20 pennies). Watch for upcoming newsletters detailing additional events.

## Cub Scout Olympics/BBQ

Cub Scout Pack 523 is hosting a Olympics/BBQ event on Tuesday, June 25th at 5:30 pm at Max Patterson Park. Boys who are between 6 (finished Kindergarten) and 11 are welcome to attend along with their families. The event is free—families are asked to bring a side dish if possible. This is a fun, outside activity where Scouts participate in a variety of “Olympic” events. Top finishers in each event will be recognized. For information, check out their website, [www.pack-523.org](http://www.pack-523.org) or their Facebook page.

## Blended Preschool Class

A blended preschool class is being offered beginning in September at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families. The class includes children showing typical development as well as children with developmental delays. There are about 4-6 openings and costs approximately \$45/mo. The class is offered on Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. For information, contact Allison Bowie at 503-675-4187.

## Youth Football

Gladstone Youth Football is open to 3rd-8th graders. Registration has already begun for the 2013 season. Please visit their website at <http://www.gladstoneyouthfootball.com> for more info. or to register online. Pick up registration forms at John Wetten Elementary or Kraxberger. Registration deadline is July 1st.

## Summer Food Service Program

The Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Ave, will host a free summer food service program—regardless of household income—for children ages 1-18. Free lunch is served Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. No lunch on July 4th & 5th. Program dates are June 10—August 2, 2013. Adult lunch cost is \$3.00. Call 503-496-3939 for info.

## High Rocks Lifeguard Program

An agreement with Gladstone, the City of Oregon City and American Medical Response (AMR) will continue the lifeguard program again this year at the High Rocks Park area, Memorial Day weekend through September 2, 2013. This service, which is provided at no cost to either city, is intended to reduce water related accidents. Thanks to AMR for their excellent community service!

## Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

◆ Summer Reading starts Monday, June 17th! Summer Reading Kick-off Party at 9:30 am at the Gladstone Children’s Center, 18905 Portland Ave. Come see Rys Thomas, the juggler, and pick up your summer reading logs and free coupons (babies thru 12th grade). After the party, get started with your reading. Stop by the library as we continue the kick-off throughout the day with face painting from 10:30-12:30pm and balloons from 1:00-3:00 pm.

◆ Children’s Programs: *Lego Club*,

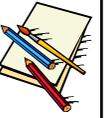
June 12th, 3:00-5:00 pm; *Baby Storytime*, June 14th 10:00 –10:30 am (ages 6-18 mos); *Mad Science—What Do You Know about H2O*, June 20th, 3:00-3:30 pm; *Special Storytime—Silly, Silly Stories & Songs*, June 21st, 9:30-10:15 am (ages 3-6); *Story Hour*, Thursdays in June 9:30-10:30 am.

◆ New Summer Program for Teens! *The New Anime Club* will have its first meeting on June 13th from 6:00-7:30 pm for grades 8-12. Call the library to register. *Board Game Night*—come and

play board games and meet new people on June 20th from 6:00-8:00 pm. (Monthly game night).

\**Teen Art Club*—explore your creative side with collage art on June 27th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

◆ Adult Programs. *Century Gardens—A History of Oregon’s Agriculture & Horticulture*, June 12th from 6:30-7:30 pm. *Craft Circle*, June 5th & 19th from 7:00-8:00 pm. *Beginning Portrait Drawing*, June 26th from 7:00-8:00 pm.



## Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

© Attorney Joshua Lipps will be teaching *Basic Estate Planning* on June 27th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Learn fundamentals of wills, trusts, power of attorney and advance directives. Call 503-650-2570 to sign up.

© AARP Safe Driving Class will be June 12th & 13th from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. This two-part class will give you an insurance discount certificate. Cost is \$14 or \$12 with AARP card. Call the center to register.

© Cribbage or Wii anyone? Come enjoy these fun activities at the center on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

© Father’s Day Lunch—June 12th at 11:30 am featuring our own Shirley Scrivner singing some tunes for the guys! Root Beer floats will be served.

© Couples married 50 years or longer are invited to be honored at the center’s Golden Anniversary Celebration on June 26th. Music by Mark J and friends. Sponsored by the Senior Center Foundation. Must call the center for a reservation by June 20th. Let us know your anniversary date and how many years married.

## Gladstone’s National Night Out (NNO) Against Crime 2013

Please join Gladstone residents for this fun event on the evening of August 6th, where Gladstone neighborhoods gather together to connect with one another in the spirit of keeping neighborhoods safe. Last year there were 15 Gladstone neighborhoods involved. Some neighborhoods have barbecues, or root beer floats—you can plan your festivities with your neighbors however you like. You will be visited by members of the police & fire departments and some city officials too—to talk about public safety. To register your neighborhood for National Night Out (there is no cost), please call or email Chief Jim Pryde at 503-557-2798 or [pryde@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:pryde@ci.gladstone.or.us). If you’d like to know more, please come to a NNO committee meeting on June 11th and/or July 9th at 6:15 pm in the conference room at City Hall.

## Library Foundation Annual Gladstone Book Sale

Please drop off your unwanted books, videos, music CD’s, DVD’s and books on tape at the library by the middle of July so they may be included in the book sale. The Foundation is in high gear preparing for the Annual Gladstone Book Sale. The importance of the partnership with the library is especially vital now, as additional budget cuts to the library’s operating budget are being considered by the city. The Foundation supplements that already minimal budget with money for expanded library programming and advocacy. The annual book sale is where the Foundation raises most of their revenue to support the community and the library programs they provide. With the apparent cancellation of the Chautauqua Festival, which provided the Foundation with a large portion of their buyers, the need to get the word out in the community about the book sale is greater than ever. Please, mark your calendars for the book sale, August 2nd—August 4th at John Wetten Elementary, 250 E. Exeter. Remember, they cannot do this without your help and support. Thank you.



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## Gladiator Graduation Returns Home

After a 25 year road trip, the Class of 2013 will return home for their graduation ceremony this June. 140 seniors, including Valedictorians Madison Wease, Andy Hunt and Salutatorian Dalton Moe, will be honored on Friday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place at Garrett Field, located across the street from Gladstone High School. The public should note Portland Avenue will be closed from Gladstone High School to Nelson Lane from 6:00-10:00 p.m. to accommodate the senior class and their invited guests. Additional parking can be found at either First Baptist Church, 6125 Caldwell Rd or Gladstone Christian Church, 305 E. Dartmouth St, with shuttle service running every 5-6 minutes. The shuttle will run until 10:00 p.m. The entire staff of Gladstone High School wants to congratulate the Class of 2013 on their accomplishments and looks forward to celebrating with them on June 7th. Go Gladiators!



## WILLAMETTE RIVER CRUISE:

Willamette Falls to Sauvies Island/Columbia—“Great River of the West” on Saturday, June 29th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This 60 mile round trip fully narrated Discovery Cruise via luxury Jet Boat will feature 7 “river cities” as Port of Call. Over a dozen historic steamboat landings, scenic Willamette Falls, Portland’s 13 bridges and a multitude of fish and wildlife. Expert guides in history, art, natural resources and fish & wildlife will provide insights from Willamette Falls to Sauvies Island. Included is an authentic Native American style salmon bake. Cost is \$85/person or \$70/kids ages 8-14. Reservations required. Call Jerry Herrmann at 503-260-3432 for info. or to reserve your spot.

## Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, June 12th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Flying Pie Pizzeria, 16691 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukie. Hosted by Joshua Welch. Questions? Contact Walt Fitch at [walt.fitch@gmail.com](mailto:walt.fitch@gmail.com) or 503-544-9672.

◆ The Gladstone Historical Society

meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. For additional info. check out their website, [www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org). Guests always welcome! Old photos of the community and new 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.