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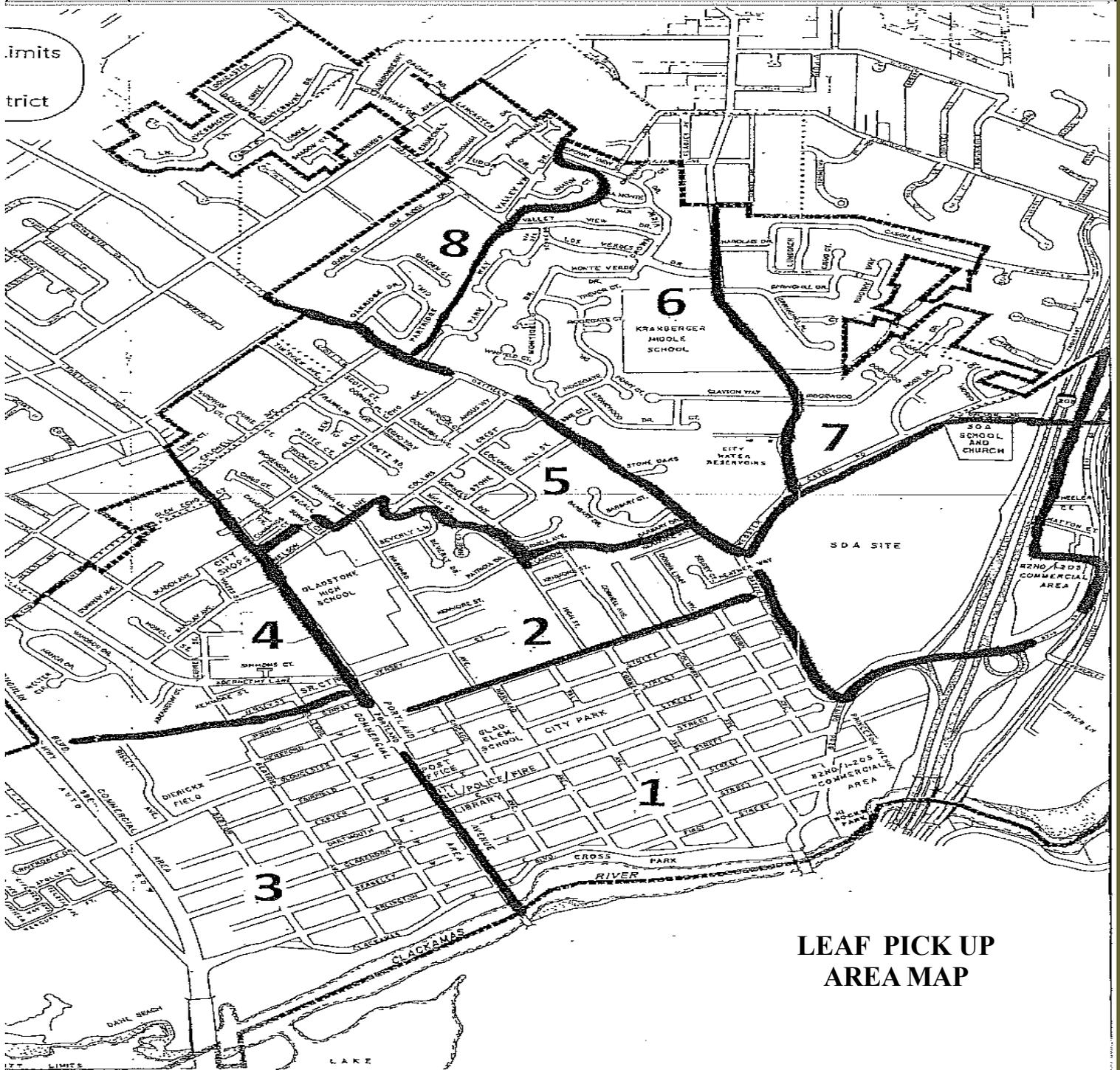
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2014 LEAF PICK UP PROGRAM

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Oct.	13 14 15	16	20 21	22	23	27 28	29	30
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Dec.	1 2 23 24	3 4 29	8 30	9	10 11	15 16	17	18 22
Jan.	For a large pile pick up in January—call Public Works at 503-656-7957 Schedule and complete map may also be found at www.ci.gladstone.or.us							



**LEAF PICK UP
AREA MAP**

Leaf Pick Up

Public Works will pick up leaves (and only leaves) beginning in October. Above is a map and schedule showing eight numbered areas and dates when city crews are expected to pick up leaves in your neighborhood. Please remember, these dates may change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. To reduce flooding, please put leaves in the street no sooner than one day prior to the first pick up day scheduled for your area and allow six inches of drainage space between leaves and the curb. For smaller leaf piles, please place them in your yard debris container for pick up by the Gladstone Disposal Company. Because catch basin grates may get clogged with leaves before city crews arrive, Public Works asks for your help in cleaning off catch basin grates whenever they become covered with leaves.



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Hang Tree Branches



Public Works is asking residents to trim low hanging tree branches that may damage vehicles or injure pedestrians by cutting branches seven feet (7') above sidewalks and fourteen feet (14') above streets. Please cut up your branches and place them in your yard debris cart. If Public Works determines there is a risk of damage or injury, they may cut your tree branches without notice. Also, during winter months, please remove portable basketball hoops from city streets to reduce interference with street sweeping.

Donovan Arnold Fundraiser

Donovan Arnold, former Gladstone Volunteer Firefighter and softball/baseball coach, faces a lengthy struggle against a drawn out disease process. This is a second major misfortune in his life. His wife's death two years ago left him a single parent with two minor children. Donovan will not be able to work while regaining his health—recovery is expected to last several months. A fundraiser yard sale is scheduled for September 20th & 21st from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at 1395 Harvard Ave, (located behind high school). Proceeds from the yard sale and any cash donations will benefit Donovan and his recovery.



Upcoming TRAM Trips

*October 3rd—Holy Trinity Greek Festival—enjoy a delicious Greek lunch at this annual festival. Tour the church, shop the marketplace, and enjoy the music. Don't miss the honey donut holes—yum! Leave at 10am, return at 3pm. Fare is \$17 (includes bus and meal). *October 11th—

Guide Dogs for the Blind Graduation—Bring your hankies! At this ceremony, the guide dogs will “graduate” from training to be presented to their new owners. Always moving & inspiring! Leave at 12:30 pm, return at 3:30 pm. Fare is \$5 (includes bus). *October 13th—Sauvie Island Hike/Pumpkin Patch—Leave at 9am. Fare is \$7 (bring a sack lunch). *October 17th—Rasmussen Farms—We always enjoy a trip to Rasmussen Farms in Hood River. They have many types of apples to choose from, other produce, a small corn maze, “pumpkin funland” and more! We will have a char-burger in Hood River afterwards. Leave at 8:30 am, return at 4pm. Fare: \$20 (includes bus). November 1st—Verboort Sausage Dinner—Shop the bazaar, play bingo, buy produce, sausage or kraut, tour the church and best of all—LUNCH! All you can eat homemade sausage and kraut, as well as mashed potatoes, salad, beans, roll and pie—YUM! Leave at 9am, return at 2pm. Fare is \$20 (includes meal & bus). Call 503-655-7701 to sign up or for additional information.



Recycling Day

Do you have old computers, printers, TV's, Christmas lights, cords, DVD/VCR players, plastics, batteries, appliances, etc. lying around? If so, the Gladstone-Oak Grove Rotary will be holding a Recycling Day on October 18th from 10am to 2pm at the Gladstone High School parking lot, 18800 Portland Ave. The Rotary will be working with EG Metals to make sure all items are disposed of properly and safely. So if you have a bunch of electronic junk hanging around come by and get rid of it—free up room for more important things. For details and complete list of items accepted, visit www.gladstoneoakgroverotary.org

Annual Family History Fair

Milwaukie Family History Center is sponsoring their annual free family history fair, “Open the Door to Your Past” on Saturday, November 1st from 9am to 4:45 pm at the LDS Church, 8331 Cason Rd. Hannah Allen—a Genealogist at the Oregon Historical Society, will be the keynote speaker. Pre-registration available through October 28th. Walk-ins welcome. No cost to attend. Free lunch is provided. For information, visit www.milwaukiefamilyhistoryconference.blogspot.com.



Planning & Permits

The City contracts with Clackamas County for administration of the City's land use planning and building permits, including plumbing, electrical, grading, etc. For information, visit the county's website at www.clackamas.us/building.

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 and map number (on pole), if available, to lightout@pgn.com.

Drop off Unwanted Prescriptions @ Gladstone Police Dept. (GPD)

Flushing drugs down the toilet or putting them into the garbage have damaging effects on our environment and can contaminate our surface and groundwater supplies. Both drinking water and wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat for these kinds of chemicals. Unused or expired prescription medications are also a public safety threat, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse. Drop off your old or unwanted prescriptions at the Gladstone Police Department Lobby—MED RETURN receptacle. The green and blue “Med-Return” receptacle has easy to follow directions and does not require any paperwork and there is no fee! Just make sure you are dropping only the items listed on the receptacle during regular business hours, 8am to 5pm, Monday-Friday, except for holidays.



What to Recycle at Home & Work



YES, Please: Mixed Paper, Cardboard & Cartons: junk mail, office paper, newspapers, magazines, phone books, cereal and cracker style boxes, milk, juice and soup cartons (rinse & drain). Plastic Bottles, Tubs & Buckets: clean bottles and tubs, 6 oz. and larger, plastic buckets 5 gallons or smaller, rigid nursery pots 4” across & larger. Metal Cans, Foil & Scrap Metal: clean cans, foil, pie plates & trays; empty spray cans, scrap metal up to 30 lbs and no longer than 30”.

NO, thank you: Frozen food boxes, coffee cups, pizza boxes, pet food bags, paper towels, paper plates, napkins & tissue: these contain wet strength, an additive, which means these items won't break down in the paper making process. Plastic Bags & Film: these items jam the machinery during the recycling sorting process, causing worker injury and additional labor costs. To-Go Boxes, Cups, Plates, Clamshells & Styrofoam: these plastics have limited or no demand by manufacturers.

On the Side: Glass Bottles & Jars: clean glass bottles and jars go in SEPARATE recycling container. Motor Oil: recycle motor oil in marked, unbreakable container, nor larger than two gallons, with a screw-top lid.

Wipes in Sewer System

Wipes can ‘wipe out’ costly sewer systems - Wet wipes, baby wipes, cleansing wipes, disinfecting wipes, surface wipes, hand wipes, antibacterial wipes, bathroom wipes or disposable moist towelettes. Whatever you call them, no matter what the packaging says, DO NOT FLUSH! The packaging might say they're flushable, but wipes, no matter the cleaning purpose, are causing expensive problems for sewer operators all over the world and should be disposed of in a waste receptacle and sent to a landfill to decompose. Residents are reminded that Chapter 13.12.070(3) of the Gladstone Municipal Code states: “The customer shall be responsible for the maintenance of the private sewer line from the public sewer connection to the premises served. The City shall not be liable for any damage accruing from the failure of a private sewer or of fixture of appurtenances attached thereto.”

Utility Bill Drop Box

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

Signs

Local elections take place on November 4th. Before posting political signs, here are some helpful reminders: *no application or fees are required to post a sign on your own private property; *No sign shall extend into the public right-of-way; *No sign shall be attached to a tree or utility pole. For sign details, see Chapter 17.52 of the Municipal Code at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Zombie Walk

Please join the Gladstone Library for their 2nd Annual Zombie Walk on Thursday, October 30th at dusk. Contact the library for details.



Winterize Irrigation System



Fall is the time to start thinking about winterizing your irrigation system to protect your valuable investment before the first frost. Extended periods of freezing temperatures can cause considerable damage to underground irrigation systems. Expansion of frozen water will crack water lines and damage internal gearing in the sprinkler head. Initiating an annual winterization program is a positive step toward preventative maintenance care and will save you from problems next spring. You may hire a local landscape/irrigation specialist to perform the winterization procedure. This is also a good time to have your backflow device tested if not already done as required. For information on winter water conservation tips and how to use outdoor water wisely, call 503-723-3511 or visit www.clackamasproviders.org.



City Board Vacancies



There is one vacancy on the Planning Commission, term to expire 12-31-14 and one vacancy on the Senior Center Advisory Board, term to expire 12-31-15. The City Council will consider requests for appointment to the Planning Commission and Senior Center Advisory Board at their meeting on October 14th. To obtain an application or information, stop by City Hall or visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. Applications must be returned to City Hall by 5pm on October 8th.

Check Payment for City Bills/Fees

Due to recent changes at financial institutions, the City is requesting when residents issue checks to pay for their utility (water/sewer) bills, library fines, senior center rental fees, police or fire reports, vehicle releases, business licenses, fowl permits, etc. checks be made payable to "City of Gladstone." Thank you.



Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) Updates

***Firefighter Near Miss on Portland Ave:** A local firefighter was nearly struck by a car on Portland Avenue earlier this week while stopping traffic as a fire engine backed into the fire station. Please DO NOT DRIVE AROUND a fire engine when emergency lights are flashing at any time. Firefighters are around the engines to direct traffic—safely—and are very aware that you want to drive on as quickly as possible. It takes approximately 45 seconds for engines to back into the station. Gladstone Police will begin citing violators when unsafe actions are witnessed.

***Fire Engine For Sale:** Have you always wanted a fire engine of your very own? Here is your chance. The City of Gladstone has placed a 1973 Seagraves Fire Engine up for sale. This 41 year old classic no longer meets requirements for today's fire service usage. Sealed bids will be accepted by the City until 2:00 pm on September 30, 2014. At 3:00 pm bids will be opened and read aloud. There is a minimum bid requirement of \$3,000. This is a good driving fire engine, 500 gallon water tank, has a working 1250 GPM fire pump (not certified). For questions, contact Deputy Chief, Randy Hopperstad at 503-650-0485.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) Updates



***Officer Gilliam in Police Academy:** Our newest officer, Lee Gilliam, will graduate from the academy in November. His academy test scores are impressive and we look forward to his return to complete his field training. Officer Gilliam is excited to contribute to the safety of all Gladstone community members.

***New Patrol Cars Are Ready to Go:** GPD's new patrol cars are ready to roll. Two new Ford Explorer all wheel drive patrol cars are replacing two aging patrol cars. Our new cars provide increased interior room and feature all wheel drive for improved traction for inclement weather and Gladstone's hilly terrain. These patrol cars serve as our officers mobile office. Their appearance reflects the professionalism of GPD and the City of Gladstone.

***Safe Driving Near Our Schools:** With kids back in school and daylight getting shorter we are returning to darker mornings. Please keep this in mind when driving near our schools and school bus stops. Watch out for children please!

***Reserve Police Officer Program:** We are pleased to announce we are adding four new Reserve Police Officers to our program! Their names are: Tonya Mackay, Chris Livingston, Chris Hutt and Danny Day. Each has undergone a written test, fitness test, interview, back-

ground check, psychological test, medical exam and drug screen. These newest GPD members will be sworn in on September 20th, then will begin the reserve academy on September 23rd, graduating February 19th. These dedicated volunteers are excited to serve Gladstone.

***New Rotating Temporary Sergeant:** Officer Travis Hill has been selected to serve in this new career development position. He will attend leadership/supervision training and will be coached/mentored by members of the GPD command staff. This opportunity was created for officers to experience what it's like to be a police sergeant on a temporary basis. Officer Hill, and those who follow him in this assignment will be better prepared for a future sergeant promotional test.

***Chief Pryde Invited to Speak at International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference:** The IACP has asked Chief Pryde to lead a workshop on the Gladstone Public Policy on Policing, where government policy-makers, community members and the police department become aligned on the type of police service that is provided in the City. Roughly 14,000 command police officers from around the world will be attending this conference. This is a great achievement for the City of Gladstone!

Public Safety Fair

Gladstone's third annual Public Safety Fair is scheduled for October 4th from 11am to 2pm at John Wetten Elementary School ball fields. The fair will include fire safety demonstrations with fire extinguishers and car fire props. We have also invited partners from local utilities, Gladstone Emergency Management, Gladstone Police, and weather permitting, Lifeflight helicopter. Watch the streets for informational signs and for flyers sent home with your child from school. You may also visit the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us for additional details. Hope to see you on October 4th for this important Safety Fair!

Business License Fees Increasing January 1st



At its meeting on January 14, 2014, City Council approved master fee increases. This included an increase for 2015 City Business License fees. New 2015 fees will be as follows: Business License Fee (outside city limits): \$125; Business License Fee (inside city limits): \$100; Business License commencing July-December (outside city limits): \$62.50; Business License commencing July-December (inside city limits): \$50; Business License fee for each FTE: \$5/each; Business License Fee for Rental Property (per address): \$25/each; Business License Past Due Fee (per month): \$10; Home Occupation Permit Fee: \$50.

Sidewalks and Clear Vision

A couple of residents recently expressed concern about sidewalks and clear vision. The Gladstone Municipal Code states that property owners are responsible to maintain sidewalks abutting their property and are liable to any person suffering injury due to a defective sidewalk. The City's general standard for sidewalk maintenance states "not to exceed 1/2" vertical lift." This is similar to property owners being responsible for maintaining landscaping for clear vision of motorists at street intersections. Both the property owner and the City can be held liable for accidents when they are notified but fail to remove clear vision obstructions. Please check the condition of any sidewalks along your property and check for adequate clear vision if your property is located at a street intersection.

Street Parking Regulations

We are approaching the time of year when owners of boats, trailers, and RV's are preparing them for winter storage. Gladstone Code Enforcement would like to remind its citizens that there are city ordinances regulating on-street parking, and these ordinances are very specific as to the type of vehicles that can be parked on city streets. Chapter 10.04.230 of the Gladstone Municipal Code (available online on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us) describes parking issues. Please be mindful of your neighbors and use alternative parking, such as RV pads or local RV storage facilities, etc. By following these guidelines we can all enhance our city services, improve public safety and help make our neighborhoods more "neighbor friendly" for the citizens of Gladstone.



Nuisances

Similar to most cities, Gladstone administers a "nuisance code" that essentially prohibits conditions that may affect public health or safety. For example, unsanitary and unsafe conditions such as accumulations of debris or rubbish or storage of junk, obstructing clear vision at intersection are prohibited by the nuisance code. A public nuisance may also be caused by any fence, dam or other obstruction of any kind in a natural water course that could back up water and significantly affect other property or improved public street. For questions about nuisances, contact Sean Boyle, Municipal Ordinance Specialist, at 503-557-2763 or boyle@ci.gladstone.or.us

Audit Reports

The past five years of audit reports for the City of Gladstone and Gladstone Urban Renewal Agency are posted on the city's website.

Gladstone Annual School Bazaar



Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 1st, to attend the annual Gladstone School Bazaar at the Gladstone High School cafeteria, 18800 Portland Ave. The cafeteria will be buzzing with excitement with 65+ tables. The sale hours are 9am to 4pm. The Boy Scouts will be serving beverages, lunch and treats. The school is handicap accessible. Both new and returning vendors will provide a variety of items at reasonable prices, including: Thanksgiving, Christmas, gift, food, personal and home décor items. Emphasis will be on hand-made articles of wood, ceramic, fabric, jewelry, soap, paper and more. Popular sale items include hand-painted ornaments, painted wood, decorations, floral and the ever-present snowmen! Jump start your holiday shopping and support local crafters! For information, call Teena Reed at 503-997-7068. Please help support the school and Boy Scouts. Proceeds benefit the At-Risk High School Kids program.

Children's Programs



The Gladstone Center for Children and Families, 18905 Portland Ave, offers many children's programs including free parenting classes, Incredible Infants—10 week series for new moms and babies, Beautiful Babies—for parents with children under 18 months, Terrific Toddlers—for parents with children 18 months to 3 years old, and Growing Up—for parents with children age 3-6. For additional information, visit their website at <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/center/> or call 503-496-3939.

Thank You!



The Gladstone-Oak Grove Rotary would like to thank all who donated clothes, shoes and blankets to their clothes drive which benefitted the Portland Rescue Mission and Shepherd's Door. Your donations were sincerely appreciated!

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Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

◆ **Library Fine Forgiveness Days:** October 13th-15th. We want you to come back and use your library! Whether you owe 25¢ or \$25, come in on those days for a clean slate. Valid only at the Gladstone Public Library.
◆ **A Friends of the Library group** is forming. For information, contact Maria Mitchell at gladstonelibraryfriends@gmail.com.
◆ **Family Events:** **Are you a fan of Dr Who?* Come meet, watch an episode and share show related news. All ages welcome. Dr. Who Club meets the third Thursday of each month at 6pm. Next meeting: Oct. 16th. **Anime Club* meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm, next meeting: Oct. 9th.
◆ **Adult Programs:** *Introducing

the *Oregon Authors Series*—come meet local authors and hear about what inspires them. This month meet Matt Love, award winning author of numerous books about Oregon and founder of Nestucca Spit Press, Oct. 21st from 6-7pm. **The Rock Readers*—Adult book club meets the third Tuesday of each month and will meet on Oct. 14th at 6:30pm. This month's book, "A Colorful Death" by Carola Dunn. Books can be checked out at the information desk.
◆ **Teen Programs:** **Teen Game Night* is held the first Thursday of each month, Oct. 2nd at 6pm.
◆ **Childrens Programs:** **Tiny Tots Storytime:* Tuesdays at 9:30am. This program is designed for ages 0-3 years. Families & older siblings

who want to shake, read & rhyme are welcome! **Preschool Storytime:* Thursdays at 9:30am. This program is geared towards preschoolers but all ages welcome to come enjoy books, songs, rhymes & movement activities. **Lab Rats:* Saturdays at 11am. Discover the world of science through stories and hands-on experiments. **Book Buddies:* First Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm—Oct. 7th. Book Buddies is a book club for 1st-3rd graders who meet for activities & discussion of the book. This month's book, "Lulu & the Brontosaurus" by Judith Viorst. Kids can check out a copy at the information desk. **Lego Club:* Second Wednesday of each month at 3:30 pm., Oct. 8th.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

©**ARM Yourself**—with a **Walgreens Flu Shot**—Walgreens pharmacists will be giving flu shots at the Senior Center on Wednesday, October 1st from 10am to Noon. It will be a brown bag event so, with the flu shots, you can also get a free blood pressure check and consultation. Annual flu shots are recommended for anyone 6 months and older. Each Walgreens pharmacist goes through an extensive training program to be able to provide immunization services. Most insurance is accepted and no appointment is necessary. If you have Medicare Part B, you will have No out of pocket costs! No insurance—cost is \$25.99.

©**2015 Entertainment Books**—it's that time of year again! The center is selling Entertainment books as a fundraiser for our Meals on Wheels Program! To start saving, pick up your book at the front reception desk at the center. Price is \$30/each. Come get yours today as they go fast!

©**Medicare 101 Presentation**—Wednesday, October 22nd from 10:30-11:30 am. This is the FREE Medicare session you do not want to miss! SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance) Counselors will go through extensive training on Medicare and all the most recent changes. They will be available to answer questions after the presentation. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to sign up for a one-hour personalized appointment with a certified SHIBA Counselor volunteer. The enrollment workshop for individual counseling sessions will be held after the presentation from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

©**Medicare Enrollment Workshop**—Wednesday, October 22nd from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. If you are preparing to enroll in Medicare for the first time, or are wondering if you have chosen the best plan for your needs, call and make an appointment. This is an outstanding opportunity that provides a Medicare Checkup to ensure you are fully utilizing this important medical and drug program. Call SHIBA at 503-655-8269 to schedule your appointment today.

©**Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning**—Wednesday, October 8th from 6:30-7:30 pm. Learn fundamentals of wills, trusts, powers of attorney, advance directives, probate and trust administration. Find a personalized plan that fits your life and family. Presentation by local attorney, Joshua Lipps. Tuition is \$10 (Seniors—\$5), Sign up through the Gladstone Community Schools, at 503-650-8570.

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Senior Center—1050 Portland Ave
Library—135 E. Dartmouth St.

CITY MEETINGS:

***City Council**—2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary) - 7:30 pm—in the City Hall Council Chambers

***Planning Commission**—3rd Tuesday (as needed) - 7:00 pm
In City Hall Council Chambers

***Library Board**—4th Tuesday—6:30 pm—City Hall Conference Room

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

***Park & Recreation**—4th Monday (as needed) - 7:00 pm
In 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 are on our website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF)

The GPLF is geared up for a busy and fun fall. We start off the fun with our annual Halloween trick or treat book give away at the library on Halloween night, October 31st, from 5:30-7:30 pm. Last year we gave away over 250 new books along with tasty treats to all the goblins that visited us. Beginning October 1st, the library will accept your donations of used books. Remember, we do not take magazines, periodicals, text books or VHS tapes. AMAZON customers: Amazon will donate 5% of all eligible purchase to the GPLF. With the start of the holiday shopping season upon us, this is an excellent way for you to support your library. We are always looking for new members, visit www.gpl-foundation.org or call 503-734-0999.



Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, October 8th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at SHOC Foundation, 18575 Portland Ave. Hosted by Bruce Hildreth. Questions? Contact Walt Fitch at walt.fitch@gmail.com or 503-544-9672.

◆ The Gladstone Historical Society meets the second Thursday of each

month at 6:30 pm at the Gladstone Park SDA Church, 8378 Cason Rd. Check out their website, www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org, for additional information. 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 or call 503-750-7686.