

Management of Gladstone's Most Valuable Asset

Your Gladstone Rights-of-Way: The City's Most Valuable Asset!

About Rights-of-Way

Gladstone's "rights-of-way" are sections of land set aside for public benefit. These sections include streets and sidewalks as well as land set aside for water pipes, electricity lines and other utility infrastructure.

Our City's rights-of-way are our most valuable asset and include all the property and improvements on all of Gladstone's streets. Gladstone coordinates right-of-way use among public and private users so that we can efficiently manage this large and complex resource.

New Ordinance

On May 31, 2016, The Gladstone City Council adopted Ordinance #1465 requiring all utilities to have a contractual agreement or a license to use the City's rights-of-way.

The goal is to accurately identify all right-of-way users and ensure fair, market rate compensation for the use of our most valuable asset.

Prior to the ordinance, four utility companies had obtained a license to operate within the City's right of way. Through these efforts, seven additional utility companies were identified and are in process of obtaining a license.

The Public Works Department manages the new Ordinance through a short term contract with Oregon City's Right-of-Way Program Manager, Lance Powlison.

Contact Lance Powlison at 503.496.1547 or lpowlison@orc.org for more information or if you wish to register.



Right-of-Way FAQ

Right-of-Way Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why does the City charge utilities for using rights-of-way?

A: The rights-of-way are owned by the City. The responsibility to fund improvements and service for our rights-of-way ultimately rests with the taxpayers. In order to ensure a fair distribution of these costs, the City charges utility customers and others that use the right-of-way rather than passing the costs directly to only property taxpayers.

Q: How much does the City charge for using rights-of-way?

A: The amount varies based on the kind of utility and how much facilities they use in the right-of-way.

Q: Does the City charge only private utilities or are publicly-owned utilities charged as well?

A: The City charges any user whether they are private (such as Portland General Electric) or public (such as the Tri-City Wastewater Treatment Plant and even the City's own utilities).

Q: Is it common for cities to charge these fees?

A: Yes. Most cities in Oregon have some kind of right-of-way management policy and charge fees for its use. The [League of Oregon Cities](#) has provided model right-of-way ordinances for cities to use and the Gladstone Ordinance is based on that model. Many other local governments in the area, such as West Linn, Oregon City and Clackamas County, charge right-of-way fees to users.

Q: How does this affect me?

A: Before the new ordinance, each utility company had individually negotiated contracts. Now the requirements and fees are fixed, which eliminates City staff and legal time, thus increasing efficiency. The Ordinance also helps the City coordinate right-of-way use so that improvements and construction happens more efficiently.

Q: Why a new policy?

A: Gladstone has aging infrastructure and is aware that careful coordination of its rights-of-way policy has become a necessary part of responsible management.

Q: Can these fees be negotiated?

A: Generally no. The fees are set by a resolution of the City Council. However, Gladstone staff has been in touch with cable utility users to negotiate their fees as required by federal law.

Maintenance and Improvements in Rights-of-Way

The City of Gladstone is excited to let you know that we'll be doing some maintenance and improvements in your rights-of-way, parks, and other public property throughout Gladstone.

UPCOMING MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

For decades Gladstone has charged franchise fees to utilities for use of the public rights-of-way. A few months ago the franchise fee was put into the Code for increased efficiency, transparency, and equality between users.

The franchise fee, now called the Right-of-Way usage fee, helps cover the costs of maintenance, improvements, and management of your public facilities. This fee fairly distributes the costs among utilities that use the rights-of-way, so that Gladstone residents don't have to shoulder the entire burden.

The recently changed PGE and NW Natural Right-of-Way usage fee now brings these utilities in line with other cities in Clackamas County, as well as the fees other utilities pay in Gladstone.

To learn more, here are some FAQ's.

FAQs:

Q: What's going to be different?

A: Utilities will be charged a user fee (like a rent) when they use City-owned lands in Gladstone. These fees help the City repair and maintain your public rights-of-way and other spaces. Utilities can pass these costs along to ratepayers. Under the new policy, the fee is collected from all users of the rights-of-way, including service districts and utilities. This means that the burden is shared by all users, and not just Gladstone taxpayers.

Q: How will my bill be affected?

A: The new policy spreads costs to utility companies who use the public rights-of-way rather than just all taxpayers. Changes to your bill will be affected by your utility use. Generally, any increases should be about the cost of a cup of coffee each month. Check your own utility bills for exact amounts.

Q: This is labeled a "Privilege Tax" on my customer notice. But Gladstone is calling it a "fee". So which is it?

A: The Oregon Supreme Court has recognized that a "Privilege Tax" is not necessarily "tax" as opposed to a fee. PGE and NW Natural are choosing to label it a "privilege tax" for their purposes. Contact PGE and NW Natural to learn more about their billing language.

Q: How will the City spend the money collected from these fees?

A: The right-of-way user fees will go through the City's general fund. The Gladstone Council will ultimately decide how and where the money is spent.

Q: Why is the City doing this now?

A: Several larger cities in Oregon already have this kind of policy in place. Recently, Gladstone has determined that careful coordination of our rights-of-way have become a necessary part of responsible management.

Q: How is this fairer to ratepayers?

A: Even without this fee structure in place, Gladstone pays for costs associated with the management, upkeep, and repair of our rights-of-way and public lands. Without a policy to regulate rights-of-way users, utility companies were using the ROW for free, forcing the City to choose between forgoing certain maintenance or pass the costs along to all taxpayers.

For more information online, check out:

[Right of Way: Protecting and Paying for the Public's Lifeline Final](#) from [MetroTV](#) on [Vimeo](#) at <http://vimeo.com/70434712>

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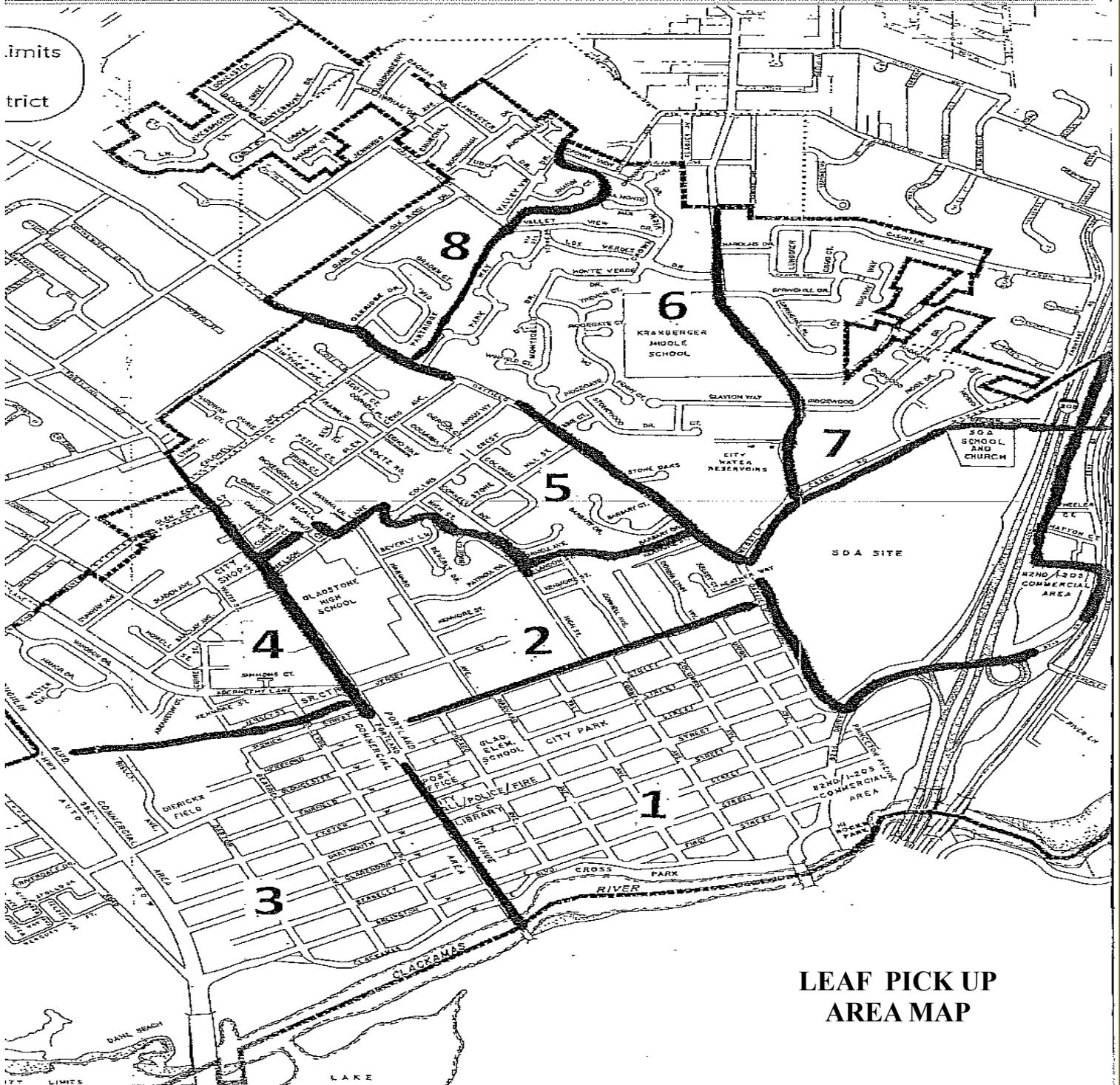
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2016 LEAF PICK UP PROGRAM

Area	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Oct.	24—28	24—28	31	31	31			
Nov.	14—23	28—30	1—4 28—30	1—4 28—30	1—4	7—10	7—10	14—23
Dec.		1—2	1—2	1—2	5—9	5—9	12—16	12—16

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

Our beautiful autumn leaves will soon be falling, which means leaf pick up season is coming! In an effort to best utilize public funds, the Public Works Dept. has slightly changed the leaf pick up schedule this year. It is our hope this new scheduling method will allow us to cover our leaf pick up areas in the most cost effective manner, saving your dollars in both manpower and equipment hour costs. We will be picking up leaves within the date ranges above. Please identify your neighborhood area on the map above. Please have your leaves placed in one large pile in the street, at least one foot from the curb. This extra space between the curb and leaf pile allows water to drain into the city's catch basins. Please have your leaf pile ready for pick up on the first day of your area's designated pickup date. Leaves placed in the street too far in advance will cause leaves to wash into storm drains, increasing the risk of flooding. Put leaves out the day before your area's first scheduled day. The City does not have a chipper or a way to dispose of tree limbs or twigs, so please do not mix anything in with your leaves. Public Works always appreciates our residents' cooperation in assisting to keep our city streets clean and our catch basins clear of leaves, allowing water to drain away from homes & businesses. Once our crews have visited your area, they will not return until the next scheduled pick up date for your area. The year's pick up schedule ends December 16th. December 19th—January 13th, the public works crew will do large pile pick up. This post-season pick up will be by request only for citizens with hardships that prevented previous pick up. Large leaf piles must be at least two heaping wheelbarrow loads. Smaller amounts may be placed in your yard debris cans. If you have any questions, please call your Public Works Dept at 503-656-7957 Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Thank you and we look forward to serving you!

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.

Notice of General Election

For the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, there will be submitted to the legal voters within the city limits of the City of Gladstone, Oregon, the following list of candidates for City of Gladstone to vote for one:

Council Position #2:

Four-year term. Begins January 1, 2017 and expires December 31, 2020

Linda Neace
Bill Osburn

Council Position #4:

Four-year term. Begins January 1, 2017 and expires December 31, 2020.

Neal Reiser
Libby Wentz

Council Position #6:

Four-year term. Begins January 1, 2017 and expires December 31, 2020.

Frank Hernandez
Tom Mersereau

Council Position Mayor:

Four-year term. Due to the previously elected mayor's resignation, the election for the mayor's position is only for the remainder of that term, which will end on December 31, 2018.

Steve Johnson
Tammy Stempel

This election will be conducted by mail pursuant to state law. For more information please visit the City's website at <http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/gladstone-2016-elections/>.

Election Ballot Drop Box

Clackamas County Elections has advised ballots will be mailed out on October 19th. The County & City will be installing an outdoor drop box at the corner of E. Dartmouth



& Portland Avenue (in front of City Hall). This will allow 24 hour accessibility. Voters will need to park and bring their ballot to the drop box. An indoor drop box will still be available at the Gladstone Library, however, it is only accessible during regular library hours.

Downtown Revitalization

Gladstone Downtown Revitalization (DR) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has published a link to the project website which includes the Downtown Revitalization study project goals and objectives, public involvement plan, scope of work and project schedule with project updates as they occur. The estimated DR study completion date is April 2017. Please visit <http://www.gladstone.or.us/city-of-gladstone-downtown-revitalization/>.

Coffee With A Councilor

Coffee with a Council member assists the Council to better communicate with the residents and businesses of our community. Bring ideas, concerns and solutions to make Gladstone a better community! The next meeting date at the Gladstone Library is October 24th at 6:30 pm. Please come and share your thoughts.



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.

Elections: Ballot Measure

The City of Gladstone has six Measures for citizens to vote on this November. They are:
*Measure # 3-481-Shall Gladstone prohibit medical marijuana processors, medical marijuana dispensaries, recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers in the City?

*Measure #3-492- Shall Gladstone impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by a retailer?

*Measure #3-506- Shall Gladstone amend its Charter to require voter approval to remove "park" designations for City-owned property?

*Measure #3-505- Shall Gladstone amend its Charter to require voter approval for the sale or lease of City-owned parks?

*Measure #3-511- Shall the City of Gladstone adopt a new home rule charter?

*Measure #3-512- Shall the City of Gladstone's mayoral term be four years?

For more information on these Measures please visit the City's website at <http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/gladstone-2016-elections/>.



Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for October 18, 2016 from 6:30—9:30 pm at the Gladstone High School Auditorium, 18800 Portland Avenue. Council topics of discussion include: Update on Accomplishments from October 2015 Town Hall & Strategic Plan Update, Planned Civic Building Capital Improvements (City Hall/Library & Police Department), FY 2016-17 Budget Update, Status of On-Going Master Plans & Studies (Parks, Sewer, TSP, Pavement Management, Downtown Revitalization, Trolley Trail Replacement Feasibility), Urban Renewal Map (minor/major) Revisions, Library Capital IGA Dispute with Clackamas County, Completed Dahl Beach/Bulkhead Project at Meldrum Bar in Cooperation with the Port of Portland, Regional Wastewater Governance, Summary of six November 2016 Ballot Measures, Demonstration of New City Website—features, feedback. Please bring your questions. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. For additional information, visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.



Transportation System Plan

Invitation to assist with the Gladstone Transportation System Plan Update: The City received a Transportation Growth Management Grant from ODOT in the amount of \$129,800 to complete the Gladstone Transportation System Plan (TGTSP) update. The City met with ODOT and the project consultants from Kittelson & Associates to establish a timeline and review the goals and objectives. The City is soliciting citizen participation to serve on the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) to assist with the update of the GTSP. Selected PAC members will meet with the Project Management Team four times between mid-October, 2016 and mid-March 2017. For an application, please visit www.gladstonetsp.com. We are very excited to move forward on this project and would appreciate your assistance. The deadline to submit an application is 5pm on October 3, 2016 and appointments to the committee will be considered and approved at the October 11, 2016 regular City Council meeting.

Firefighters Wanted

Gladstone Fire Department (GFD) is currently recruiting for paid on-call firefighters. Being a firefighter for the City of Gladstone is a rewarding and valuable way to serve your community. It takes a high level of dedication and many hours of training to become a firefighter and emergency medical technician. If this sounds like something you are interested in, here are our minimum requirements:

- *High school diploma or equivalent;
- *must be a minimum of 18 years of age;
- *must pass a criminal background check and drug test;
- *must possess a current, valid Oregon driver's license and maintain a driving record insurable by the City's insurer in order to drive a department vehicle;
- *must pass the entrance physical ability test, written exam (70% or better) and interview to be accepted for the department fire academy;
- *must obtain State of Oregon EMT license within one year after probation and maintain it during duration of employment;
- *must reside or work within GFD boundaries during employment;
- *recruits are required to complete GFD fire academy and become certified as a NFPA Firefighter I. (time commitment: approx. six months, every Friday evening & Saturday);
- *post high school education or equivalent combination of education and experience is preferred and will be considered.

Applications are available at the Gladstone Fire Station, 555 Portland Ave, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm. The application deadline for our next academy is November 15, 2016. For more information, contact Jeff Smith at 503-557-2774 or smith@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Community Festival

The Gladstone Community Festival would like to reach out and thank all those who gave so much to the festival this year: Our wonderful sponsors, our amazing team of organizers, the many and varied vendors, the parade participants, everyone who competed in the events, all of you who helped make this the best festival in years! Of course we also need to thank all the members of our community who came out to enjoy the festival. We all did. Our committee is already working on ideas for next year and can use your help. You can join the committee (fresh ideas always welcome), show off your talents, bake a pie, make that killer chili you're famous for, devour some watermelon, set up a booth to sell your wares, or simply sit on the hillside and enjoy the show. Keep an eye on our website, gladstonecommunityfestival.org for updates or contact Dr. Bob, Chair, at reverett78@yahoo.com or Jal Duncan, vice chair, at jal@jalduncan.com. Thanks again Gladstone community!

Signs



Local elections take place on November 8th. 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 <http://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/> or www.ci.gladstone.or.us.



Smoke Alarms

October 9-15, 2016 is Fire Prevention Week. The official theme for this year is "Don't Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years". Fire officials have spent years teaching us "smoke detectors save lives" and "change your alarm batteries when the time changes" every 6 months in the Spring and again in the Fall. The message this year is intended to educate about life expectancy of smoke alarms. Smoke alarms do not last forever. While your alarm may still operate at 10 years old, it has become unreliable due to age. Please start systematic replacement of your alarms to insure they will continue to operate correctly. Check the manufacturer's date by removing it from the base and look for this date on the underside of the alarm.

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.

Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) Updates

***Recent Fires in Gladstone:** GFD is working closely with state and local police agencies to find the person(s) involved in intentionally setting fires in the downtown area. GFD is asking people to be aware of all persons in your neighborhood. Do not hesitate to report any questionable or unusual activity. Keep your outdoor lights on all night to make any persons lighting fires more visible. Keep an eye on your property as well as your neighbor's—there is a higher chance someone will see something to assist our police to apprehend the person (s) responsible for these fires. Contact GFD or police department with any credible information, 503-655-8211.



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.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) Updates



***Welcome New Police Officer:** Please join us in welcoming Marinna Orta, Gladstone's newest Police Officer. Officer Orta graduated from the police academy earlier this month. Please say "hello" and welcome her to Gladstone as she continues with her field training!

***Fall Safety Tips:** As the seasons begin to change and daylight hours get shorter, it's time to think about fall and winter safety. Rain and fog can obscure vision, especially while driving, so be sure to turn on your headlights, slow down (especially in residential and school areas) and increase the distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you in case you need additional stopping distance. Check your windshield wipers and replace them as needed. If you're out jogging or walking the dog, **wear bright colors so others can see you.** Florescent colors are always a good choice and many coats, gloves, hats and athletic shoes come with reflective strips on them. Running flashers are inexpensive and a good way to increase your visibility to others. Be sure to cross streets at designated areas and use sidewalks whenever possible. When crossing the street, check both ways and then check again to be certain it's safe to cross!

***Senior Fraud Panel:** Come to the Gladstone Senior Center on Wednesday, October 4th from 1-3 pm and learn how to protect yourself or your loved ones from various types of elder abuse and fraud. Speakers will include a panel of four professionals from law enforcement, Adult Protective Services, the Oregon Department of Justice and Elders in Action. There will be handouts to take with you and plenty of time for questions. This seminar is free and all are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call Colin Black, Senior Center Manager at 503-655-7701 or Maria Aikin, Gladstone Police Dept at 503-557-2798.

Citizen Life Saving Award—Bryan Meyers



On the evening of July 20, 2016, Gladstone resident Steve Barton suffered a cardiac arrest. His wife called 9-1-1 and went to neighbor Bryan Meyers seeking assistance. Meyers immediately started bystander CPR. GFD EMT's & American Medical Response soon arrived and took over medical care. After many rounds of

CPR and advanced medical interventions, Mr. Barton was stabilized and transported to a local hospital for continued medical care. Two weeks later, Mr. Barton and his wife walked into the Gladstone fire station to express their thanks. At the September 13th City Council meeting GFD presented Bryan Meyers with the Citizen Life Saving Award. Without the early bystander CPR done by Mr. Meyers, the chances of Mr. Barton surviving would've been greatly reduced.

Street Parking Regulations

We are approaching the time of year when owners of boats, trailers, and RVs 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 neighbors and use alternative parking, such as RV pads or local RV storage facilities, etc. By following these guidelines we can all enhance city services, improve public safety and help make our neighborhoods more "neighbor friendly" for Gladstone residents.

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 for maintaining 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 sidewalks along your property and check for adequate clear vision if your property is located at a street intersection.

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, not larger than two gallons, with a screw-top lid.

Hanging 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. During winter months, please remove portable basketball hoops from city streets to reduce interference with street sweeping.

Library Foundation (GPLF) News

*The GPLF annual Halloween Trick or Treat event will be held at the library on Monday, October 31st from 5-8 pm. We will be handing out books and candy. *Our annual Christmas Pet Photo and Family event is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th from 1-4 pm at the library. Posters and flyers will be out sometime in October. *Information on how to link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to the Gladstone Public Library Foundation forms are available at the library. You won't even lose your rewards points! You may also go to www.doyoushop@fm.com and sign up. *Learn more about our Foundation by attending a meeting. They are the first Monday of the month at Somerset Community Center starting at 6:30 pm. Call 503-260-4786 for more information. *Materials for next year's sale are being accepted at the library!

Gladstone Annual School Bazaar

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 29th to attend the annual Gladstone Christmas Bazaar at the Gladstone High School cafeteria, 18800 Portland Ave. The cafeteria will be buzzing with excitement with 70+ tables. 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. Sale items include hand-painted ornaments, painted wood, decorations, greeting cards, floral and the ever-present snowmen! Jump start your holiday shopping & support local crafters! For info, call Teena Reed at 503-997-7068. Please support the school and Boy Scouts. Proceeds benefit the At-Risk High School Kids program.



Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

◆ **Harvest Festival:** Oct. 27th at 3:30 pm. There will be a variety of crafts, activities and snacks for kids and families of all ages. Come dressed up to enter the costume contest!

◆ **Trick or Treat:** October 31st, come by the library between 5-8 pm for a great treat!

◆ **Dungeons & Dragons:** Oct. 17th at 4:30 pm. Whether you already love D&D or just want to see what it's all about, join us for an evening of adventure!

◆ **Dr. Who Club:** Oct. 20th at 6pm. Are you a fan of Dr. Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode and share any show related news. All ages welcome.

◆ **Rock Readers Book Club:** Oct. 18th at 6:30 pm. This month the club will discuss *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart. Books can be checked out at the Information Booth.

◆ **Toddler Time:** for 0-3 years, Tuesdays at 9:30 am. This story-time is geared towards ages 0-3 with songs, books and play for early development. Older siblings are welcome to sing & dance too!

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

◆ **Lego Club:** Oct. 12th & 26th at 3:30 pm. We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination!

◆ **Annual Zombie Walk Party:** October 30th at 4:00 pm. Join the shuffling corpses and invade downtown Gladstone for our annual Zombie Walk! Arrive early to get your face painted like a zombie. There will be pizza and a movie shown, with the walk happening afterward at sunset.

◆ **Library Closure:** The library will be closed on October 10th for an all staff training day.



Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

◎ **Flu Shot Clinic**—October 11th from 10 am to 12 pm. Gladstone Walgreens and the Senior Center is hosting a Flu Shot Clinic for those aged 60 and older. Most insurance is accepted. If you have Medicare Part B, there is no out of pocket expense. With no insurance, the cost is \$25 per person. For more information, call 503-655-7701.

◎ **SHIBA Counseling**—Tuesday, October 25th from 9am to 3pm. Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance Programs. Certified counselors will be on site for individual counseling and for an enrollment workshop for Medicare. Call 503-655-8269, option 4, to schedule an appointment for individual counseling. The workshop is free and open to the public.

◎ **Halloween Party**—Wednesday, October 26th at 11:30 am. Come join us for our annual Halloween party and stick around for the best costume award too! Maybe the Great Pumpkin will make a surprise early visit to our Senior Center! Everyone is invited, cost is \$4.00 per person for this event. Please call and reserve your spot today!



◎ **Clackamas County Assessor's Town Hall Meeting**—Tuesday, November 1st from 2-3:30 pm. Bob Vroman and his staff will be providing important information about this year's property tax statement. He will discuss current property values, veteran's exemptions, senior citizens tax deferrals, farm and forestland special assessments, new money measures affecting taxes, Measure 50 and the property value appeal process. All are welcome to attend!

◎ **TRAM Trips**—October 10th—Hike—Wildwood Recreation Area. Our last hike of the season will be at Wildwood in the Streamwatch area. Bring a sack lunch and we'll bring the coffee. Leave: 9am, return: 2pm, Fare: \$7. ***October 21st**—Miss Myrtles Tea House. A delicious three course tea awaits us at Miss Myrtle's Tea House. Before the tea we'll take a drive through the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge. Leave: 9am, return: 2pm, Fare: \$30 (includes bus & lunch). ***October 28th**—IKEA Portland. Eventyr venter dig! Or as it is know in English—adventure awaits you! IKEA may be only a furniture store but it's a one of a kind furniture store. We'll explore all of the rooms, products, and even food items. Afterwards we will have lunch at Cascade Station and then shop at Home Goods and more! Leave: 9am, return: 2pm. Fare: \$25 (includes bus and meal). ***November 5th**—Verboot Sausage Dinner. Shop the bazaar, plant sale or buy produce, sausage, or even kraut! This all you can eat lunch is always a hit. Leave: 9am, return 2pm. Fare: \$25 (includes meal and bus).

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."

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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**—1st Monday (as needed) - 6:30 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

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.clackamas.providers.org.

New Daisy Girl Scout Troop

New Daisy Girl Scout Troop is forming in Gladstone. Serves kindergarten and 1st grade. Sign up at www.girlscoutsosw.org and search for Troop 21080. If you have questions, email troop leaders Glenda Scherer, schererglenda33@gmail.com or Sara Miller at miller.sarae@gmail.com.



Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, October 12th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Hamilton's Appli-

ance, 19790 McLoughlin Blvd. Questions? Contact Doug Loose at DougLoose46@gmail.com or 503-595-5379.

◆ The Gladstone Historical Society looking for new members! For

additional information, check out their website at, www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org. Guests always welcome! Old photos of the community and new ideas are needed.