



GLADSTONE
Oregon

2022 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Glad to be here!

CELEBRATING OUR CITY'S SUCCESSES

I'm honored to share with you the City of Gladstone's 2022 accomplishments. We have made significant strides in addressing some of our community's biggest challenges, including critical infrastructure and safety. We could not have accomplished so much without you and our shared commitment to making Gladstone a healthy and welcoming community for everyone. Please join me and the City of Gladstone team, in celebrating success as we look to continue to provide you excellent service in 2023.

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OUR RELIABLE FUTURE

Gladstone Public Works Facility

The Gladstone voters approved up to \$5 million for the financing and reconstruction/remodeling of the 50-year-old Public Works Facility. The new facility will provide a professional and safe environment for our employees while also being practical and functional. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2024.

Rehabilitation of the 82nd Drive Pump Station

In 2022, the City entered into an agreement with Water Environmental Services (WES) for the rehabilitation of the 82nd Drive Pump Station. The pump station was installed by the City in the late 1970s and is approaching the end of its useful life. WES will help the City pay for key parts of the project.

Investing in Gladstone Infrastructure – Fixing Leaking Sewer Lines

Gladstone invested little or nothing in maintaining, updating, or replacing sewer infrastructure for many years. That led to severe deficiencies in the integrity of the utility systems. Now, with a commitment to investing, we completed smoke testing detection and will be replacing and repairing leaking sewer lines.



Completion of the Barclay Storm/Street Upgrade Project

This project installed 400 feet of new storm line to alleviate stormwater backups on Watts Street from the wetland area on Glen Echo Avenue. The City also reconstructed the roadway and the ramps at Portland Avenue and Barclay Street were brought into compliance with the American Disability Act.

Gladstone Streets Pavement Management Program

In 2022, the City completed over a half a million dollars in street pavement repairs. Street maintenance will be a focus for the City Council in 2023, as staff will ask the elected body to adopt an acceptable Pavement Condition Index rating and identify funding mechanisms to pay for the improvements.



A PLACE TO LEARN & PLAY

Gladstone Library Services

In November 2019, Clackamas County and the City entered into an intergovernmental agreement in which the county agreed to construct and operate a 6,000-square-foot library at the former Gladstone City Hall site in exchange for providing the County with all Gladstone Library Service Area district tax revenue and pay an annual fee for operations.

New Gladstone Library

In October 2022, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners approved \$6 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the new Gladstone Library. This project will remain a priority moving forward.



Gladstone Nature Park - Butterfly Pollinator Hill Project

The Friends of the Gladstone Nature Park (FOGNP), received a grant from Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Grant Program for the butterfly pollinator hill project. With support from the City, the project restored the 25-foot hill with native plants, attracting pollinators, butterflies, and birds, resulting in a diverse habitat for all citizens.

Meldrum Bar Park Site Plan

The City adopted the Meldrum Bar Park Site Plan to improve the park for all users and ensure that it supports a vibrant and sustainable future. With an estimated \$5 million in recommended capital improvement projects, staff will work with the Parks and Recreation Board to identify funding sources and prioritization of projects.

OUR SAFE CITY

Police Services

The Gladstone Police Department conducts patrols in the city, enforces the municipal code, provides security for our schools, and has a detective for investigations. The Gladstone Police Department offers exceptional services in our neighborhoods that help strengthen the community. They focus on improving Gladstone's livability and quality of life. Our police officers are caring and visible, creating a sense of safety in Gladstone.



Fire Protection and Emergency Services

An historic decision was made to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for comprehensive fire protection and emergency medical services with Clackamas Fire District #1.

Gladstone Fire Station 22 Remodel

The City just completed a remodel of Gladstone Fire Station 22 including new crew quarters for up to four firefighters. For the first time in its history the station is fully staffed and able to respond 24/7. The infrastructure and protection upgrades to data security and fire system will help extend the facility's life well into the next decade.

Police Body-Worn Cameras

The Gladstone Police Department completed a pilot project assessing the value of body-worn cameras and found them to be valuable for transparency, reporting, evidence gathering, and a means to mitigate confrontational interactions. The City has purchased the equipment and a five-year subscription. We anticipate the "go live" date in the first quarter of 2023.

OUR VIBRANT CITY

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Clackamas County completed an “environmental scan” in collaboration with the Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC), to better understand and improve the county's equity and inclusion efforts. Gladstone will continue to participate in the Clackamas County Research Justice Study which is expected to continue over the next several years.

Tukwila Springs

The Tukwila Springs redevelopment of a permanent supportive housing project in Gladstone was completed in 2022. This is the first project completed within Clackamas County that utilizes Metro Affordable Housing Bond funds. The redevelopment includes 48 studio and senior residential housing units for those 50 years or older with a disabling condition who are exiting homelessness or at risk of becoming unhoused.

Gladstone Tourism & Brand Strategy

A few years ago, the City launched the new Gladstone Tourism and Brand Strategy. One recommendation in the plan was to develop new wayfinding signs highlighting three critical areas of Gladstone; directional callouts, civic spaces, and parks. All the new wayfinding elements are designed for tourists and visitors in Gladstone and were installed in 2022.



Gladstone Senior Center

The City of Gladstone operates a Senior Center which provides a community space for social gatherings, enriching art and wellness classes, nutritious hot meals, and applicable resources for everyday living. The Center also provides vital meal boxes specifically to isolated and homebound Gladstone residents over 60+. The Center is a vibrant and inviting environment for our aging population through a social model of shared meals, games, clubs, field trips, and a network of relevant resources. Celebrations and events are highlight and planned thoughtfully and well attended. All are welcome here. Friendships and connections are made and deepen here. The center is a hub for community volunteers from ages 12 to 99, who want to find purposeful and meaningful connections in their communities.

Community Event Sponsorship Program

This program was launched to support visitor experiences in Gladstone and help local small businesses, non-profits, and community groups through funding. The program is designed to assist in developing and marketing festivals and community events that draw visitors to the City.



CITY CODES UPDATES

More Housing Choices for Our Community

The City Council adopted the amendments to the Gladstone Zoning and Development Code and Comprehensive Plan to meet the requirement of Housing Choices House Bill 2001 (HB). The intent of HB 2001 is to provide people in our community with a variety of housing choices, especially choices people can afford.

Amendments to Comply with State Law

House Bill 4064 prohibits cities from regulating manufactured dwellings inconsistent with detached site-built single-household homes. The City adopted amendments to Chapter 17 to accommodate and comply with this new state law.

Supporting Developers and Owners

City initiated code amendments to Chapter 17.18-C-2 Community Commercial Zoning District and Title 17 of the Gladstone Municipal Code and proposed that the City adopt a new Downtown Code Overlay District to be forward-thinking and poised to support developers' and property owners' vision.



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