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Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

***Spring 2017 Drug Take Back, Shred-it & Recycling Day:** It's time to "think spring" and clean out your medicine cabinet, dispose of old documents and clear out those outdated electronics. **The annual Drug Take Back Day and related activities will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10am to 2pm at the Gladstone Police Dept., 535 Portland Ave.** If you have unwanted or unneeded medications, you can drop them off at the PD and they'll be disposed of responsibly and properly. You can also bring documents for shredding and electronics to be recycled by the Kraxberger Gearheads Robotic Club. There will also be a dumpster available to take household items that won't fit into your regular trash containers. Medications that can be accepted include prescriptions for both pets and people, over-the-counter medicines and vitamins. Items NOT acceptable include needles (sharps), syringes, thermometers, bloody or infectious waste, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, inhalers or epi-pens. While staples and paper-clips are OK in your documents to be shredded, please remove rubber bands and make sure there's no garbage mixed in with the papers. Volunteers will be available to help you unload.



*CERT (Community Emergency Response Team):

The City has partnered with Clackamas Fire District #1 to make CERT training available to Gladstone citizens. CERT educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Using training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT volunteers can assist others in their community following a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT volunteers are also encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking an active role in emergency preparedness projects. In order to learn more about CERT, go to the Clackamas Fire District website at www.clackamasfire.com, click on the Disaster Preparedness image in the middle of the page, then on the CERT tab along the left side. You'll find much more information about CERT and how to sign up for training. If you have any questions, please contact Gregg Ramirez at 503-754-2902 or gregg.ramirez@clackamasfire.com.

Gladstone Fire Department (GFD) News



weekly training. Without access to acquired structures like these, the fire department conducts training in simulated buildings that cannot match the quality of training in the real thing. Gladstone Fire has scheduled nineteen training sessions at the site before the live fire training and demolition of the structures, currently scheduled for Sunday, May 21st, weather permitting.

***Fire Lanes, Fire Alarms, Fire Hydrants:** Please never park in a **Fire Lane**, not even for a minute. Marked fire lanes need to remain clear and unobstructed during all hours, every day. Please, never step away from your car when stopped in a fire lane. **Fire Hydrants** need to remain accessible at all times. As you get outdoors this spring & summer, please be sure the fire hydrant on your property is clean and clear of all grass, weeds, and other landscaping. A 3 foot clear area in all directions around the fire hydrant is required by code.

*GFD recently began training in the structures located at the newly purchased city property on Portland Avenue adjacent to Gladstone Public Works. These buildings are scheduled for demolition to make way for new City of Gladstone civic buildings. Firefighter training is far more realistic with the use of actual structures instead of training props, especially important for the seven new Gladstone Fire recruits currently in their initial training academy, and for experienced personnel during

Budget Notice

The City of Gladstone Budget Committee and The City of Gladstone Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee will hold a public meeting to discuss the budget for the biennium 2017-2019, on April 17, 2017. The City Budget Discussion to begin at 6:30 pm, the Urban Renewal Agency Budget to begin at 7:00pm. The meetings will be held at Gladstone City Hall, 525 Portland Avenue.



Shape the Future of Gladstone Parks

Help shape the future of Gladstone's Parks and Recreation Offerings. The City of Gladstone is in the process of preparing its first citywide Parks Master Plan. The involvement of Gladstone residents plays an important role in guiding the plan and providing direction for how outdoor recreation spaces are connected and developed to add to the community's livability. A community meeting is being planned for **May 17th at 6:30 pm** at Gladstone City Council Chambers (525 Portland Avenue) to continue the public conversation on the parks and recreation plan. Look for more information on the City's website to learn more about this project. <http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/gladstone-parks-master-plan/>. This is the second of two public meetings being held as part of the public planning process. The meeting will give community members an opportunity to learn more about the planning process, review findings from the recent community survey, and offer further ideas and opinions about priorities for the City's parks and recreation system. This input will play an important role in developing the plan update. To reach out to more residents, the City is launching an interesting social media tool called mySidewalk as part of the project. With mySidewalk, the project team will post questions to the community, and participants can submit answers and comments or bring up their own ideas. Also, the questions we ask will change frequently - keeping the site fresh and dynamic. The City of Gladstone is excited to provide this online platform for residents to offer their ideas and questions to the project team and receive announcements and updates. The site works a bit like Facebook and LinkedIn. Login today from the City's webpage to join the community conversation! You can also use your Facebook, Google or LinkedIn accounts to login. <https://mysidewalk.com/organizations/294212/gladstone-citywide-parks-master-plan>. "Public input is essential in developing a plan that is a roadmap for providing high-quality, community-driven parks, trails, open space and recreation facilities across Gladstone over the next 10 years," said Jim Whynot, the City's Public Works Director. The citywide parks master plan will include a review of current conditions and recommend specific projects based on goals and priorities. These will be determined largely by public input. Final review and adoption of the plan is tentatively scheduled for summer 2017.

Rinearson Creek

Join your neighbors, the North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council, and Dig In Community on Thursday, May 4th 2017 from 6:30pm-8:00pm at the Gladstone Senior Center (1050 Portland Ave. Gladstone) for a fun and educational evening about Rinearson Creek. Topics will focus on how you can be a leader in the protection and restoration of Gladstone's Rinearson Creek for wildlife and future generations! Rinearson Creek is a small urban creek that faces many issues from poor water quality from roads and parking lots to flooding to loss of wildlife habitat for fish and other animals. However, with your help we can improve that habitat and work with local decision makers to invest in the quality of our backyard stream which enriches our lives. Join us to learn about best practices in restoration of native backyard habitats and how to best engage your local governments to ensure protection for our streams. This project is funded through the Metro Nature In Neighborhoods Restoration Grant program and Oak Lodge Water Services District. Many thanks to the City of Gladstone for their collaboration.

Downtown Revitalization



Since late October 2016, the City of Gladstone has been working on a long-range plan to guide the future of the Portland

Avenue corridor, from Abernethy Lane to Clackamas Boulevard. Working with a consultant team, the City has held two community Open House Meetings, two on-line surveys, and met with each advisory committee and stakeholders three times to identify and refine revitalization and redevelopment opportunities and desired improvements along the Portland Avenue corridor. The project team will present a draft recommended alternative for the Gladstone Revitalization Plan to a meeting of the combined Citizen Advisory Committee, the Technical Advisory Committee, and the Stakeholders on Thursday April 20th at 5:30. The meeting will be held in the Gladstone Senior Center. Since each of the committees participating in the project have different areas of knowledge and expertise, this joint meeting will allow each committee to hear all comments on the draft alternative and collaborate on modifications and suggestions for the draft plan. This meeting is open to the public, but will focus on advisory committee members' comments and direction. The Draft Downtown Revitalization Plan will be produced following the April 20th meeting. A final community Public Forum where public comment will be invited on the Draft Downtown Revitalization Plan will be scheduled later in the spring, date to be determined. The Draft Downtown Revitalization Plan will include the following three components: a plan that focuses on the vision for land uses, development forms, key opportunity sites, urban design elements and public amenities; a transportation design plan that includes prioritized improvements; and an implementation strategy with recommended regulatory changes, development incentives and other strategies to realize the goals of the Downtown Revitalization Plan. To review project documents, survey results, proposed alternatives, and upcoming meetings, see the City Website <http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/city-of-gladstone-downtown-revitalization/>

Local Telephone Numbers

*City Hall General Business Line	503-656-5225
*Utility Billing/Water & Sewer Acct Info	503-557-2771
*Municipal Court/Traffic Citations	503-557-2772
*Public Works/City Shops/Maintenance	503-656-7957
*Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2797
*Fire Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2776
*Police & Fire After Hours	503-655-8211
*Library	503-656-2411
*Senior Center	503-655-7701
*Recreation/Business License	503-557-2769
*Planning	503-742-4520
*Building/Electrical/Plumbing Permits	503-742-4400
*Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance	503-479-6859
*Gladstone School District	503-655-2777
*Gladstone High School	503-655-2544
*Kraxberger Middle School	503-655-3636
*Wetten Elementary School	503-656-6564
*Gladstone Disposal Company	503-656-9426
*Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	503-299-9999
*Portland General Electric	503-228-6322
*Northwest Natural Gas	503-226-4211
*Comcast Cable	1-800-934-6489

Gladstone Public Works Dept (PWD) News—18595 Portland Ave

A Day in the Life of Your Public Works Dept:

This is the fourth in a five part series introducing residents to the role of your Public Works Department. **SANITARY SEWER:** Have you ever wondered why municipal sewers are called “sanitary sewers,” when our sewers are anything but sanitary? Back in the early days of our city, people used backyard outhouses. But as population grew and density increased, public health became a matter of concern. Human waste deposited into the ground could seep into wells, or percolate to the surface of the ground and become a contaminating agent. Eventually, public sewer systems were developed to remove raw sewage away from populated areas in a safe and contained manner. Hence the use of the term “sanitary” sewer. Your PWD is responsible for the maintenance of the City’s sanitary sewer system. Our aging and leaking sewer lines present ongoing challenges for our crew. In some areas, the City is still using clay sewer lines which date back to the 1920’s when the City first installed its public sanitary sewer system. Other parts of the City have concrete sanitary sewer lines, and over the decades, tree roots and rocks have damaged them, opening up cracks and expanding the joints, which allow rainwater to infiltrate the sewer lines. During heavy downpours, or a long rainy season such as we experienced this winter, rainwater leaks into the sewer lines multiplying the volume of raw sewage. This large volume of polluted water overwhelms the City’s sewer system, causing raw sewage to overflow into the Clackamas River. This is further exacerbated by the fact that some of the older parts of town have combined sanitary sewer/stormwater pipes, which causes more mixing of stormwater with raw sewage. You may have noticed the City experienced multiple sanitary sewer overflows this year, with signs posted and alerts going out to the general public to avoid contact with the rivers. The City’s Sanitary Sewer Master Plan, which is currently underway, will determine future priorities for improvement, with an emphasis on relieving these sewage overflows. Public Works recently sent closed circuit television cameras down to inspect the sewer lines for damage and blockages. This inspection revealed that poor construction and age of the sewer lines has caused parts of the lines to settle and “belly out.” These sunken areas then become a catch-all for any sewage debris, such as household and commercial grease, wipes, and personal hygiene products to accumulate, stagnate, and block the sewer lines. Within the last year, your PWD has instituted a routine sewer inspection and line cleaning schedule to help our aging system better serve us until the City has the funding to replace or repair our lines. Currently, we lack the staff and equipment to maintain these lines to industry standards. Public Works is, however, developing a budget that will allow us to better address preventative maintenance issues. The City sanitary sewer system collects and conveys effluent to Clackamas County Tri City Sewer District and Oak Lodge Water Services for treatment. Sewer effluent is treated at the Water Environmental Service (WES) wastewater treatment facility. Your PWD is also responsible to perform underground locates of both the City’s main sewer lines, and to assist property owners with locating private property sewer laterals that are located within the City’s right of way. After decades of lacking infrastructure mapping, the City recently moved to a GIS mapping system that will allow us to map all of our underground infrastructure. Unfortunately, the City did not map the lateral lines over the past decades, and since these lines are constructed of a nonconductive material, they are difficult to locate underground. Public Works is, however, working diligently to bring our new mapping system up to date as information about what lies underground is revealed. Over time, to better serve our residents, we hope to have an infrastructure map which accurately locates all of the City’s underground utilities.



National Public Works Week—May 22nd—26th

The Gladstone Public Works Dept. is hosting an open house on Wednesday, May 24th from 8am-3:30 pm at Public works, 18595 Portland Ave. We are excited to team up with Gladstone High School to introduce the Senior class to this dynamic public industry. Come join students for some demonstrations and get to know the roles & responsibilities of the PWD. Stop by and get to know the men & women who make up the Public Works Dept!.

Celebrate Arbor Day

Get ready for some family-friendly fun on April 29, 2017. Join neighbors and friends at the Gladstone Nature Park on Webster Road for the 2nd Annual Arbor Day Fun Walk and community information event. Registration begins at 10am and the walk continues until noon with music until 1pm on the meadow stage. Participants will lap the park trail and sidewalks, collecting beads for each lap. Prizes at noon! This is a free community event designed to bring awareness to the benefits of trees, outdoor recreation and exercise. Contact FriendsofGladstoneNature@gmail.com for info.



System Development Charge Notice

90-day Notice of System Development Charge Modification: The City of Gladstone hereby issues public notice, pursuant to ORS 223.304, of its intent to impose a stormwater system development charge. A technical report addressing the methodology and calculation of the proposed charge will be available for review after Friday, April 14th at City Hall, 525 Portland Ave, viewing online on the city’s website or by calling 503-656-5225. A public hearing to take comments regarding the proposed modifications to the System Development Charges is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Tuesday, June 13th at City Hall. If you wish to comment but cannot attend the public hearing, please address written comments as follows: Jim Whynot, Public Works Director, City of Gladstone, 525 Portland Ave, Gladstone, OR 97027. Written comments must be received by 4pm June 9th to be considered.

Firefighter Appreciation Day

Message from Mayor Stempel—May 4th is Firefighter Appreciation Day! Let’s celebrate all our fire department does for our community— their service and sacrifice going far beyond responding to the 9-1-1 calls. They are an integral part of Gladstone, our friends & family, supporting us in so many ways. Let them know how much they are valued. Thank you!



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Community Education & Recreation Classes

Gladstone Community Education & City Recreation Classes in May:

- ♦ **WILLS, TRUSTS & ESTATE PLANNING** What is the difference between a will & a living trust? When does an estate have to go through probate? Power of attorney or advance directive? What if you die without a will? What if relatives disagree with your wishes? Help preserve assets & gain peace of mind with attorney Brian Yapko. Tues., May 9 from 6-7:30 pm at the Senior Center \$10
- ♦ **ILLUSTRATING & PAINTING FLOWERS & PLANT LIFE USING PEN & INK WITH WATERCOLOR** Learn basic pen & ink with watercolor techniques to capture beautiful colors/details of NW flowers/plants. No experience required. Supplies provided; bring sack lunch. Sat., May 20 from 9 am-3:30 pm at Gladstone Senior Center \$29 Lab fee: \$15 Age 62+: \$26+lab Sharla Sevy.
- ♦ **RETIRE & TRAVEL FREE!** Near retirement, retired, changing careers, student, love to travel? Nat'l speaker Gina Henry shares 200+ ways for free vacations, fun work-trips, paying travel opportunities. Teach English, import, mystery shop, start business, etc.. Includes Gina's 100pg bk (\$39.95 value) w/best travel web sites/apps, solo travel, safety, health, avoiding scams. Thurs., May 4 from 6-9:30pm at Gladstone High School \$29+\$15 book
- ♦ Call **503-650-2570** or sign up online at www.gladstone.k12.or.us, click on box that says "Learning for Life Community Education" for registration links.

Annual Bicycle Rodeo



Now that spring is here, it's time to get the annual bike rodeo on your calendar. It will be held on **Saturday May 13th from 10am to 1pm** in the parking lot at the Gladstone Center for Children and Families, 18905 Portland Ave. Bring your kids and their bicycles to complete the bicycle skills safety course, kids can get a new helmet if they need one and everybody can learn bicycle safety tips. It's free & fun and a great family event hosted by the Gladstone/Oak Grove Kiwanis and Gladstone Police, with help from Gladstone High's Key Club members.

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 dates at the Gladstone Library are May 8th at 10am and May 22nd at 6:30 pm. Please come and share your thoughts.



Community Festival: August 4th-6th

It's just a few short months until the Gladstone-Oak Grove Rotary along with the Festival Committee, the City of Gladstone and all the wonderful citizens of our City will be putting on the Gladstone Community Festival. This year the dates of the event will be August 4th-6th. We are expecting it to be as much fun as it was last year, with the same great events and activities! Since this is a community festival the committee has decided to make sure that we have more local acts appear on stage. So if you have talent or know someone who does please visit our website, Gladstonecommunityfestival.org, go to the Band Auditions and enter

the name of your band for consideration. Please make sure you include a link to an example of your talent. In the coming months the committee will decide on who to include. The more we get the more fun it will be, so please enter. The committee would also like to thank the citizens and businesses who have supported us so willingly in the past, and do hope that support continues. So keep those dates in mind, visit the website for updates and if you should have any questions, please contact Bob Everett, reverett78@yahoo.com, 503-201-0785 or Jal Duncan, jal@jalduncan.com, 503-201-5952.

St. Stephen Preschool News

Open registration for 2017-2018 preschool classes has begun at St. Stephen Lutheran Preschool, 290 W. Gloucester. Space currently available in our M/W/F (4 year olds) class & a waiting list is available for our T/Th (3 year olds) class. St. Stephen Preschool has been serving the children of Clackamas County for over 50 years. Please call 503-656-3035 or email preschool.sslc@gmail.com for more information, to request a brochure or to arrange a visit.

U.S. Flags



Do you have a U.S. Flag which has served its useful life flying as a symbol of freedom and you wish to retire it honorably? If so, please drop it off at the Gladstone Post Office, 605 Portland Ave. The local Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Post 1324 will pick it up and on May 1st ceremoniously retire it with honors. The public is invited to the Flag Retirement with Honors at the VFW Post 1324, Three Rivers Post, 104 S Tumwater Drive, Oregon City on May 1st at 4pm. As Veterans, we fought for its freedom and our coffins will be draped under it. It has earned the ceremonious honor. Thank you!

Kiwanis Club Spaghetti Dinner

The Gladstone-Oak Grove Kiwanis Club will host a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, April 29th from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Avenue. Dinner includes: spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Cost is \$7 per person or \$25 per family. Children under 6 years of age free. Music & entertainment. Proceeds benefit the Gladstone High School Key Club Scholarship Fund. For information, contact Jerry Deas at 503-319-1326 or Tom Hogan at 503-819-8367.



Annual Garage Sale

Gladstone Christian Church, 305 E Dartmouth, is once again holding its annual Garage Sale. This is a huge indoor two day event on Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd; doors open at 8am. There are lots of great items including furniture, tools, children's clothing and toys, housewares, etc. All proceeds benefit the June 2017 Mexico Mission trip.



Free Comic Book Day/Shop Downtown Gladstone

May 6th is Free Comic Book Day! Stop by Comics Adventure, 465 Portland Ave for a free comic book and shop in downtown Gladstone! Receive 50% off storewide at Sandilake Clothing! Check for deals at Happyrock Coffee, Menhune Murphys, Vogies and other participating Portland Ave businesses.

Planning Commission Meeting

At its meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 beginning at 5:15 pm, the Gladstone Planning Commission agenda will include a public hearing on modification of the Master Plan for 24-Hr Fitness site, change from restaurant to retail/professional office, 6,000 sq. ft for second building along Arlington, 465 W. Arlington St. and a work session on the Transportation System Plan Update.

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF)

*The GPLF will repeat our successful Burgerville USA fundraiser on Thursday, May 4th from 5-8pm. Proceeds from sales will be donated to the Gladstone Library. We will also be handing out free books to kids.



*It's almost here! Our annual Veggie & Plant sale will be held in the parking space behind Happy Rock Roasting Co., 465 Portland Avenue, on Friday, May 12th from noon-6pm and Saturday, May 13th from 10am to 4pm. Veggies & herbs are \$1.75 each or 3/\$5.00; Perennials are \$1.75 each. You can donate bulbs (day lilies, etc) from your garden if you're doing a bit of thinning.

*It's critical. We've run out of storage space for books, CDs, DVDs & other items for our annual book sale. If you know of a space to rent or have a place in your garage or any area in your house to store a few boxes, call Lani at 503-260-4786.

*Interested in knowing more about our foundation? Attend one of our meetings held the first Monday of the month at Somerset Community Center at 6:30 pm. Call 503-260-4786 for info.

Mother's Day Community Breakfast

Celebrate Mother's Day & Family Fun. The Gladstone-Oak Grove Kiwanis Club will host a Mother's Day Community breakfast on Saturday, May 13th from 8-10 am at Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave. Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$25.00 for family and Mother's & children under 6 are free. Proceeds benefit Kiwanis programs.

Gladstone Neighborhood Garage Sale

Gladstone residents are invited to participate in the Gladstone Neighborhood Garage Sale on May 5th-7th. Residents can host their own sale or team up with a neighbor. Questions? Contact Liz Banta at lbanta@lsprep.org.

City Office Closures

City Hall, Public Works, Senior Center, and Library will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 30th!

Chautauqua Community Chorus

Chautauqua Community Chorus presents their free Spring Concert Series: "A Thankful Heart," featuring the works by Schütz Distler, Mozart & Bach, with activities for children too. Saturday, April 22nd at 7pm and Sunday, April 23rd at 3pm at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 290 W Gloucester. For info, call 503-650-8194 or visit www.sslcgladstone.org.

Rummage Sale

Mark your calendar for the Gladstone Foundation Rummage sale July 21-23, 2017 from 8am to 4pm at 190 W Dartmouth (next to Library). If you have items you would like to donate please contact Linda Cosgrove at 503-557-0796. Thanks for your support!

Teen Friday Night Lights/Concert

*Inviting teens 6th-12th grades to Friday Night Lights at Tri-City Baptist Temple Family Center, 18025 Webster Road, Friday, April 28th from 7:30-11:00 pm. Free—food, fun, games, contests, basketball & volleyball! For more information, visit www.tbct.org.
*Community members are invited to Blackwood Brothers in concert on May 11th at 7pm at Tri-City Baptist Temple. A free will offering taken.

Employment Opportunities

The City is accepting applications for Temporary Seasonal Employees—Public Works and Temporary Seasonal Park Aides. For details, visit the employment page at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

◆ **Foreign Movie Night:** May 1st, 6:30 pm. Starting May 1st come watch a foreign film at the library on the first Monday of each month. Movies will be in the teen room. A variety of light, subtitled films will be shown. There will be popcorn! Call, or visit the library, or check out our website, <http://gladstonepubliclibrary.org> for more information.

◆ **Dungeons & Dragons:** May 15th, 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:** May 18th at 6:00 pm. Are you a fan of Dr. Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode, & share any show related news. All ages welcome

◆ **Rock Readers Book Club:** May 16th at 6:30 pm. Books can be checked out at the Information Desk.

◆ **Playgroup:** at 9:30 am. on May 23rd & 25th. (Storytime on Break May 23rd-June 1st) Enjoy a morning of playing & reading books with your child before the library opens.

◆ **Toddler Storytime:** for 0-3 years. (Storytime will be on a break from May 23rd through June 1st.) Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Includes songs, books & play for early development. Older siblings are welcome to sing & dance with us.

◆ **All Ages Storytime:** Storytime on a break May 23rd-June 1st. Thursdays at 9:30 am. All ages welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build literacy and language skills.

◆ **Lego Club:** May 10th & 24th, 3:30 pm. We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination!



◆ **Art in Action:** for elementary & middle school ages. May 17th, 3:30 pm. Art in Action is a hands on approach to learning about famous artists. Each month we will read about a famous artist and then explore their style and techniques as we create our own masterpieces.

◆ **Teen Creative Collective:** May 25th, 5:00 pm. Teens are invited to explore their creativity in our new monthly craft program! Each month will feature different projects and materials. All materials provided by the library.

◆ **Library Closure:** The Library will be closed Tuesday, May 30th through Saturday, June 3rd for the RFID update. Talk to us about volunteering during this closure to help with the upgrade! See the Information Desk for more info on RFID technology.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

◎ **Annual Mother's Day Celebration**—The celebration will be held on Thursday, May 11th at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to this annual event. Entertainment and food provided. Cost is \$3.50/person. Please call and reserve your spot today!

◎ **New TRAM**—Please join us in welcoming our new TRAM! Our new TRAM is the same size, only new! Keep an eye out for the snazzy-looking TRAM as it operates in Gladstone. For more information about transportation services, please call the center.

◎ **AARP Safe Driving Course**—Saturday, May 20th from 9am to 4pm. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Please call the Center to sign up as space is limited.

◎ **Legal Clinic**—The Senior Center provides a free legal clinic the first Tuesday of every month from 10am to 4pm. Please call for information or reserve your spot today.

◎ **Community Garden**—The Senior Center is planning to build a wheel chair accessible garden and we need your input and assistance to make it happen! Please contact Colin at the Center for more information.



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Outdoor Backyard Burns

The Fire Dept. has received several calls with questions about backyard burning since the last newsletter posting. If you still have questions, please contact Michael Funk, Fire Marshal at 503-557-2775. **What can I burn?** The **only** material you are allowed to burn is **clean seasoned firewood**, as part of a recreational or cooking fire. Burning clean dry firewood will produce the least amount of smoke and reduce nuisance calls generated by your neighbors. If you believe that a resident is burning illegal materials, you should call our fire dispatch center (non-emergency #503-655-8211) & report the violation. Calls regarding illegal burning activities are investigated by Gladstone Police or Fire officers. **Most times** residents are **not** found to be burning illegal materials. Over 50% of the smoke calls are simply BBQ's & smokers. When there is smoke in your neighborhood, a reasonable first step is to politely contact your neighbor and advise them of your smoke concerns.

Local Meetings—

◆ The next **Gladstone Business Owners & Managers** meeting is Wednesday, May 10th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Crossroads Cafe, 250 Princeton Avenue. Questions? Contact Doug Loose at

DougLoose46@gmail.com or 503-595-5379.

◆ The **Gladstone Historical Society** is looking for new members! They meet the 2nd Saturday of each month from noon-1pm at Somerset Community Room, 8360 Cason

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

City Hall—525 Portland Ave
Police Department—535 Portland Ave
Fire Department—555 Portland Ave
Public Works/City Shops—18595 Portland Ave
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 Council Chambers

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

* **Park & Recreation**—2nd Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers

* **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