

# GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## Newly Elected Officials and Appointments

\*At its meeting on January 10, 2017 the Oath of Office will be administered to newly elected Mayor Tammy Stempel, Councilors Linda Neace, Neal Reisner and Thomas Mersereau who were elected in the November election.

\*At its December 13, 2016 meeting, the City Council made the following appointments: Malachi de AElfweald, Dennis McCarty & Libby Wentz to the Planning Commission; Johnny Akers, Brenda Schellenberg & John Wohlwend to the Budget Committee; Gary Bokowski & Deanna Robles to the Library Board; John Eichsteadt, Mindy Garlington & Lee Wooldridge to the Park & Recreation Board; and Susan Liston, Yvonne McNeil and Libby Wentz to the Traffic Safety Commission. Thank you to all residents who volunteer their time to serve on boards, committees and commissions that advise the City Council!

## Gladstone Fire Department (GFD) News

\*Happy Holiday from the guys at the Fire Station! We hope this month's newsletter finds you safe, warm & healthy. For the last month, we have been collecting and receiving food and toys from the community to distribute back into the area to families needing assistance this year. Your generous support makes all the difference to families and children that may not receive new toys otherwise.

\*For those of you that must drive in the weather this winter brings, please consider a new can of deicer for your car. Driving with frozen windows can cause accidents. Don't forget to keep an emergency travel kit, blanket, water, high energy food and emergency lights and/or road flares in your car!



\*Chimney Safety Reminder: Always dispose of fireplace ashes in a metal bucket, and place it away from any combustibles.

Never use a paper bag for your ashes and do not place the ashes inside your garage until final disposal. Have your chimney cleaned or checked regularly. Prevention is much cheaper than a fire from a dirty or clogged chimney! Please recycle your Christmas gift wrap—there are an increasing number of chimney fires from placing wrapping paper in the fireplace or wood stove. Stay safe and Happy Holiday wishes from all of us with emergency services!

## Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

\*2016 "Shop With A Cop": If you were at the Happy Valley Walmart on 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. the morning of Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, you would have seen dozens of uniformed officers, volunteers and kids from all over Clackamas County taking part in the annual "Shop With a Cop" event. Santa was there to join in the fun, along with two elves and a very friendly "rein-dog" named Jill who loved to be petted and have her ears scratched. Ten kids from Gladstone were selected for the shopping event and they were accompanied by six GPD officers, two spouses, two of Santa's other helpers (including one of those elves) and two Gladstone school counselors. The morning started with breakfast at Hale's Restaurant, then everyone headed off to shop. Thanks to everyone in the community who supported and contributed to this year's event. This is such an important program, as it provides a way for positive interaction between law enforcement and children or their families who have experienced law enforcement contact. Each child had \$100 to spend and they knew how to make the most of it. To see photos from this year's event, go to the Gladstone Police Facebook page. Contributions to the program are accepted year-round and can be made to the Clackamas County Peace Officer's Benevolent Association at [www.ccpobf.org](http://www.ccpobf.org).



\***Chief's Corner**—Happy Holidays Gladstone! I hope this finds all of you well, safe and enjoying this great time of year! As you are aware, the Gladstone Police Dept has been advocating for citizens to be prepared and self-reliant in times of major crisis and events such as flooding, earthquakes, power outages and such. In 2016 we asked citizens to be able to self-sustain for 3 days with food and supplies. So for 2017, we are seeking volunteers from the community to join the Gladstone Emergency Management Support team (GEMS). We anticipate creating a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) team to assist the community in times of crisis. We will also need to fill positions on GEMS to coordinate areas such as HAM radio, supply, spontaneous volunteers, sheltering and exercise planning. This is an exciting time to get involved in our community and prepare Gladstone. Help shape the future—prepare yourself and then assist others to do the same. Interested persons, or those having questions are encouraged to contact: Maria Aikin, Police Executive Assistant at [aikin@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:aikin@ci.gladstone.or.us) or 503-557-2798 or Len Nelson, Volunteer Coordinator at [nelson6950@comcast.net](mailto:nelson6950@comcast.net) or 503-557-3393. Thank you for your interest and stay safe during this winter season!

## Welcome Jacque Betz

Please join the City Council in welcoming Jacque Betz to the City of Gladstone as the City's new Assistant City Administrator. Jacque has been recognized by the City Council, staff and citizens for her outstanding contributions to the City of Gladstone while acting as the Interim Assistant City Administrator for the past six months.



## Transportation System Plan Meeting

The City is currently coordinating with the Oregon Department of Transportation to update the Gladstone Transportation System Plan (TSP), which is a long-range plan that guides the development of the City's transportation system over a 20-year period. As part of the planning and public engagement process, we will be seeking public input at two Community Meetings. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8pm at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave. The Community Meeting will include a short presentation by City staff and the consultants to provide citizens with an introduction to the project and an overview of the planning process. Citizens will then be free to ask questions and share their thoughts and concerns on transportation-related issues with City staff and the consultants. A series of poster boards will be used to illustrate the existing conditions and future needs associated with each of the major travel modes within Gladstone (ped, bike, transit, and motor vehicle). If citizens are unable to attend the meeting in person, a Virtual Community Meeting will be available on the project website ([www.gladstonetsp.com](http://www.gladstonetsp.com)) starting Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and continuing through Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The Virtual Community Meeting will offer the same opportunities for citizens to provide input as the in-person meeting via the website. Please plan on attending either the Community Meeting or Virtual Community Meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> to help guide the city's future transportation system!

## Downtown Revitalization Project

Gladstone citizens, business owners and property owners have spent the past few months working with City staff and a consultant team to identify revitalization and redevelopment opportunities and constraints along the Portland Avenue corridor from Abernathy Lane to Clackamas Boulevard. Over 60 people attended the first Open House in late October, where the consultant team presented their initial findings about downtown Gladstone and facilitated discussions with attendees about the strengths and opportunities of the corridor. An online survey, also conducted in October, provided insight into people's experiences with the corridor, as well as their perspectives on downtown Gladstone. In addition, a group of Portland Avenue "stakeholders" - business owners, property owners and residents - met in November and discussed development opportunity sites and corridor-wide street design details. Open house materials, survey results, and a recap of the Stakeholder meeting are posted on the City's webpage <http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/city-of-gladstone-downtown-revitalization/>. The project team will host a second open house in early 2017 to discuss the initial recommendations of the plan. Check the City's webpage in the coming weeks for an announcement regarding the specific time & place of the meeting.



## Business License Renewals Due

Business license renewals are due January 31st. All businesses pay a fee of \$100, plus \$5 per employee and if the business is operating out of a home residence, an additional \$50 fee is required. For owners of rental properties, the \$100 fee applies plus an additional \$25 per rental property. Business license applications may be downloaded from the city's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us).

## Drug & Alcohol Free Bottle Drive



Please help the Gladstone High School senior parents with a bottle drive for their Drug & Alcohol Free Grad Party. They will be collecting cans and bottles on Saturday, January 7th from 9am to 3pm.

Please either place bottles & cans at your curb or drop off at Kraxberger Middle School, 17777 Webster Road on the 7th. If you have a large load, call 503-701-0453, to arrange for a special pick up. Thank you for your donation!

## Delights of Christmas

The exceptional Christmas light display on Ridgewood Drive will be illuminated through December 31st. In addition to Ridgewood Drive, the City is extremely fortunate that so many residents throughout the community devote so much time and effort to beautify their properties for the holiday season!

## 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 January 9th at 10am and January 23rd 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.

## 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



## Application for City Board

At it's January 10, 2017 meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointment to the two positions on the Senior Center Advisory Board. Applications for these positions must be returned to City Hall by 5pm on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

## Employment Opportunity

The City of Gladstone is accepting applications for a Utility Worker II in our Public Works Department. Application deadline is 5pm on January 20, 2017. For information and details, visit the employment page at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us).

## Neighbor Law

The City receives requests from residents about settling issues between neighbors the City does not regulate, such as placing trash & recycling cans out of public view, to trim overhanging tree limbs, move fences or locate property lines. Many of these legal issues between neighbors are now typically settled by mediation instead of being litigated in court. For additional information on neighbor law you may check out "Neighbor Law: Fences, Tress, Boundaries and Noise" by Cora Johnson at the Library.

## Community School Classes

Sign up for Gladstone Community Education and Recreation winter classes now. Upcoming classes include: Google Drive Basics: Your Office Alternative, February 23-March 2nd (2 classes) from 5-8 pm at Kraxberger Middle School Room 25, tuition \$49 (Seniors \$39); Seafood Night Cooking with Jack Campbell: March 1st or March 2nd, 6:30 -8:30 pm at Gladstone High School, room F103, tuition \$30 (seniors \$28); Landscape Design Basics: Thursdays, February 16-March 2, 6:30-9:30 pm, Gladstone High School, Room A104, tuition \$39 (seniors \$33); Country Line Dance-Beginning with Nadja Schmaltz: Wednesdays, January 11-March 1st from 6:30-7:30 pm, Wetten Gym, tuition: \$45 (seniors \$40); Yoga—Basics: Tuesdays, January 3-March 7th, 5:25-6:25 pm or Thursday, January 5-March 9 from 9-10 am, Gladstone Senior Center, tuition: \$62 (seniors \$50). Visit [www.gladstone.k12.or.us](http://www.gladstone.k12.or.us), click on "Learning



for Life Community Education" for complete details and to register online. You may also call 503-650-2570 for details or walk-in registration at 17789 Webster Road.

## Gladstone Disposal Company Rate Adjustment Notice

Gladstone Disposal Company provides garbage, yard debris and recycling services for the City of Gladstone. The City Council has approved the following rate adjustment for the residential service in the City effective January 1, 2017.

Rates Effective January 1, 2017	
Weekly Service	Curbside (within 3 feet of public street)
20-Gallon Roll Cart	\$21.15 per month
35-Gallon Roll Cart	\$26.55 per month
65-Gallon Roll Cart	\$36.75 per month
95-Gallon Roll Cart	\$39.85 per month
Monthly Service	\$12.3 per month, for one 35 gallon roll cart
Yard Debris Subscription	\$63.60 per year, for one 65 gallon roll cart
On-Call Service (yard debris service not included)	\$11.05 each pick up. 35 gallon roll cart.

There will be additional fees for any special service provided. Please keep the roll carts and bins provided for garbage, yard debris and recycling in good condition, and remove them from the street or curb after collection. Do not overfill the roll carts; the lids must be closed and material must fall loosely when emptied. Roll cart weight limits: 20-35 gallon roll carts: 60 lbs; 65-gallon roll cart: 100 lbs; 95-gallon roll carts: 120 lbs. Please call Gladstone Disposal at 503-656-9426 to make changes, schedule a pick up of large items or a large container.

## Clean Water Tips

Protecting our groundwater is important, especially since 70% of the state relies, at least partially, on it for drinking water. This is why we must keep our groundwater clean by: \*preventing oil & fluid leaks with proper vehicle maintenance; \*picking up pet waste; \*never dumping any type of waste into gutters, catch basins or into the street. Cleaning catch basins also helps maintain good flow through the storm-water system preventing flooding. Residents are asked to help keep catch basins clear of debris. If a catch basin is full or is not draining after a rain event and residents have removed any road debris from the catch basin, please contact Public Works at 503-656-7957.



## Pedestrian Safety

With our days of dark mornings and evenings, residents are reminded while jogging, walking or biking to wear reflective and/or light colored clothing during the hours of darkness. Bicycles should have ample reflectors and a light on when it is dark.

## Drop off Prescriptions

Flushing drugs down the toilet or putting them in the garbage can have damaging effects on our environment and can contaminate our surface and groundwater supplies. Both drinking and wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat for these kinds of chemicals. Drop off your old, expired or unwanted prescriptions at the Gladstone Police Department lobby—MED RETURN receptacle, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm. The green and blue "Med-Return" receptacle has easy to follow directions, does not require any paperwork and there is no fee.



## Gladstone History Books

Gladstone History Books, Parts 1, 2 & 3 are available for purchase at City Hall or online at [www.gladstonehistorical-society.org](http://www.gladstonehistorical-society.org). Cost is \$20 each and proceeds benefit the Gladstone Historical Society.

## Public Alerts

### Public Alerts

Clackamas County residents may sign up for news and information on major service disruptions/community emergency notifications in the Portland-Vancouver Metro area. This is a free service provided by Clackamas County Department of Emergency Management. Visit [www.publicalerts.org/signup](http://www.publicalerts.org/signup) for additional information.

### Resource for Winter Travel

Winter travel information can save motorists the hassle of driving for miles only to find that a route is closed or congested. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) offers travel information on their website at [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com). The site offers camera images from urban areas, mountain passes and other key locations throughout the state. Maps detail road conditions and include information about weather, maintenance work and traffic incidents. Travelers in Oregon may also dial 5-1-1 or call toll free at 1-800-977-ODOT (6768) to access TripCheck road and weather information by phone.



### City Closures

City offices, including the Library, Senior center and Public Works will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

### 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@pge.com](mailto:lightout@pge.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](http://www.clackamas.us/building).

### Utility Bill Payments Available Online

Water and sewer utility payments may be paid online at <http://www.gladstone.or.us/gladstone-online-payments/> or by calling toll-free 1-877-794-1125. You must provide your account number when making your payment.

### Gladstone Municipal Code Updates

Residents are able to search for Ordinances, Resolutions, Council Minutes, City Charter and see the complete Gladstone Municipal Code online at [www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/](http://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/).

### Public Works Sanding



Sanding roadways during winter months is done by spreading small sized crushed rock on streets to improve vehicle traction. Sanding improves vehicle traction when done after snowfall. During inclement snow and ice conditions, the city's Public Works Dept. will sand Oatfield & Webster roads and sometimes just the STOP intersections along Portland Ave. Depending on road conditions, Los Verdes Dr & Springhill Dr may also be sanded for use by residents in the Sherwood Forest, Los Verdes, Forest Park,

Springhill & Charolais Heights neighborhoods. In addition, Caldwell Rd & Park Way to Oatfield Rd are often closed to through traffic during ice & snow conditions. Other streets may be sanded or closed to through traffic depending on weather and driving conditions. Please note that sanding of city streets is generally not effective unless done after snowfall ends. City residents are also requested to keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow. Thank you!



### What Can be Recycled During the Holidays



Many people wonder which items that are frequently around during the holidays that can be recycled. Here's a guide to some of the most common: **\*Wrapping paper/packaging:** Plain wrapping paper can be recycled, wrapping paper with glitter or anything shiny on it can not; **\*Wrapping tissue:** Plain tissue can be recycled, but anything with glitter or metallic can not; **\*Ribbon:** trash or consider reusing or donate to places such as SCRAP; **\*Bubble wrap:** not in home recycle bin, but can be added to plastic bag recycling at participating grocery stores; **\*Styrofoam:** trash; **\*Rigid plastic on packaging:** trash or take to an independent recycler; **\*Christmas lights:** trash or take to an independent recycler. For more information about recycling in Clackamas County, visit [www.clackamas.us/recycling](http://www.clackamas.us/recycling).

### What to Recycle at Home and 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.

### 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](http://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.

### Nuisances

Similar to most cities, Gladstone administers a "nuisance code" which 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 an intersection, tall grass or weeds are all prohibited by the nuisance code. A public nuisance may also be caused by any fence, dam or other obstruction of any kind of natural water course that could back up water and significantly affect other property or improved public street. For questions about nuisances, you may view Chapter 8.04 of the Gladstone Municipal Code online at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us) or to report a nuisance, please call Code Enforcement at 503-479-6859.



## Gladstone Public Library Board

\*As 2016 comes to an end, we'd like to thank you all for your time, energy and support of our library through our various activities this past year. With your help we are able to provide for the many programs the library offers.

\*We are already making plans for a rummage sale in July—so start saving now. We'll collect items (no electronics please) beginning in March.

\*When you are making a list of charitable donations for the end of the year, we hope you will consider making a tax deductible donation to the Foundation. In doing so, you are helping the whole community of Gladstone patrons!

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

## 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."



## Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

◆ **Adult Winter Reading:** January—March. Complete the Adult Winter Reading bingo card to be eligible for a prize! Visit the Info. Desk for additional information.

◆ **Dungeons & Dragons:** January 9th, 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!

◆ **Rock Readers Book Club:** January 17th at 6:30 pm. This month the club will discuss *Capitol Murder* by Phillip Margolin. Books can be checked out at the Information Desk.



◆ **Dr. Who Club:** January 19th at 6:00 pm. Are you a fan of Dr. Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode and share any show related news. All ages are welcome.

◆ **Toddler Storytime:** for 0-3 years, Tuesdays beginning January 10th at 9:30 am. This storytime 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 beginning January 12th at 9:30am. All ages welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build literacy and language skills.

◆ **Lego Club:** January 11th & 25th at 3:30 pm. We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination!

◆ **Teen Art Contest:** Visit the library for more information about rules and submissions.

◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting:** January 26th at 4:00 pm. Interested in representing teens at the library? TAG is a great volunteer opportunity to help plan events and shape the young adult space and collection. Ask for details or an application at the Information Desk.

◆ **Library Closure:** The library will be closed on Jan. 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.



## Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

☺ **Family Care Giver Training & Support**—Thursday, January 19th at 11:15 am a free seminar on family care giver training and support. If you or a loved one are caring for someone, this would be a great opportunity to meet with others facing similar situations as you.

☺ **Free Legal Clinic**—Beginning in February, the first Tuesday of each month there will be a free legal clinic at the Senior Center. This clinic is open to all residents of Gladstone over age 60. For more info, please contact the Center at 503-655-7701.

☺ **Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning Class**—Tuesday, February 7th from 6-7:30 pm. Cost is \$10, sign up through the Gladstone Community School by calling 503-650-2570 or enrolling online at [www.gladstone.k12.or.us](http://www.gladstone.k12.or.us), click on "Learning for Life community Education."

☺ **AARP Tax Preparation**—Beginning in February, AARP Tax Preparation will be every Friday from 9am to 2:30 pm. This is a free service provided to low income families and seniors in the Gladstone area.



## Upcoming TRAM Trips

☺ **TRAM Trips**—January 13th—Just Lunch—McGrath's (weather permitting). We'll take a drive after lunch. Leave: 10:30 am, return: 2:00 pm. Fare: \$5 for Tram & you must pay for your own lunch. \*January 20th—Just Lunch—Gustav's (weather permitting). We'll take a drive after lunch. Leave: 10:30 am, return: 2pm. Fare: \$5 for the Tram, you must pay for your own lunch. \*January 27th—Just lunch—Olive Garden (weather permitting). We'll take a drive after lunch. Leave: 10:30 am, return 3pm. Fare: \$5 for Tram, you must pay for own lunch.



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## Gladstone Spring Soccer Registration is Open

Online spring soccer registration is now open! Online registration will continue through February 16, 2017. Early bird registration through January 15th is \$65 and January 16-February 16 is \$75. Family maximum is \$180. Financial assistance is available by approval only. Walk in registration will be on Thursday, January 12th from 6-8pm and Thursday, February 16th from 6-8pm at Flying Pie Pizzeria, 16691 SE McLoughlin Blvd. Visit [www.gladstonesoccer.com/registration/](http://www.gladstonesoccer.com/registration/) for complete details.



## Upcoming Gladstone High School Basketball Games

Gladstone High School basketball is in full swing. Upcoming varsity home Girls games are: January 6th at 5:30 pm, vs Philomath; January 10th at 7pm vs Cottage Grove and January 17th at 7pm vs Corbett. Upcoming varsity home Boys games are: January 3rd at 7pm vs Tillamook; January 6th at 7pm vs Philomath and January 7th at 7pm vs LaSalle. Come out and support our local athletes! Complete schedules are available online at <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/high/>.



## Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, January 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Comics Adventure,

455 Portland Ave. Questions? Contact Doug Loose at [DougLoose46@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.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 Conference Room

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

\* **Park & Recreation**—2nd 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](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us)