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Message from New City Administrator, Eric Swanson

Citizens of Gladstone: Please allow me to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all of you. My name is Eric Swanson, your new City Administrator. It is a pleasure to have joined the City of Gladstone. I consider myself fortunate to have been given this opportunity to join an organization committed to improving the quality of life for its citizens. This leadership position within the City offers new and exciting challenges to me, all of which I am looking forward to. Prior to coming to the City of Gladstone, my background included over 29 years of city management experience. Now, I look forward to this new position where my responsibilities will include working with City Staff, Mayor/City council, citizens and community and regional partners accomplishing the goals that will move this community forward. I'm quite anxious to get started with these new challenges! I can see already that this is a fine group of people I will be working with. I'm looking forward to having an opportunity of chatting with each of you over the next while. Glad to be on board! Sincerely, Eric Swanson.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

***Phone Scam Alert—Don't be a Victim!** Phone calls to residents claiming to be the IRS are picking up again. The call will say there is a warrant for your arrest unless you pay your back taxes and then ask you to purchase prepaid credit cards. THIS IS A COMPLETE SCAM. The IRS will not call you and tell you there is a warrant for your arrest unless you pay. Ignore the call and remember it's generally **never a good idea to give out personal information over the phone.** More information about how to stay safe from scammers can be found at www.irs.gov/uac/Stay-Vigilant-Against-Bogus-IRS-Phone-Calls-and-Emails.

***Dogs Welcome in City Parks:** In order to ensure that all users have a safe and enjoyable experience, please follow city code and park rules and be sure your pet is leashed and under your control at all times! And, of course, please clean up after your dog—remember to take a plastic bag with

you when you take your furry friend out for a walk and do your part to keep the community clean and sanitary.

***Gladstone Police DUII Patrols:** GPD conducted additional patrols over the New Year's holiday focusing on getting drunk and distracted drivers off the road, resulting in several DUII citations issued. Officers remind drivers it's always a good idea to drive at a speed appropriate for road conditions, know the speed limit for the road you're on, avoid distractions (no texting), wear seatbelts and secure children in properly-fitted child restraints. Make smart & safe choices when you get in your car and do the right thing for your passengers, yourself and others on the road. Please be aware additional DUII patrols will take place around the Super Bowl, which is February 7th. Start your party planning now and decide who will be the designated driver so everyone gets home safely!

Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) News

*Happy New Year: This winter is a great season for reflecting on the past and preparing for a safe new year. Why not make a commitment to improve your fire safety awareness in 2016? Gladstone firefighters responded to 1577 calls for assistance in 2015. Please assist us with our prevention efforts to keep your home safe by performing the following simple steps: 1) Always dispose of fireplace ashes in a metal bucket, and place it outside away from any combustibles and never keep the ashes in your garage until disposal day. Never use a paper bag or a plastic bucket for your ashes—they have a history of starting accidental house fires. 2) Candles can be beautiful, but are one of the leading causes of residential fires recorded in 2015. Please never leave your candles unattended. Be sure candles are in an approved holder and in a safe location. Many times pets or children can accidentally knock them over during day to day activities. Remember the new flameless candles are a safe option. They produce a flickering light with no open flame. 3) Smoke Alarms: Why mention smoke alarms again? Because people did not take the time to inspect or replace alarms since the last notice reminding all residents to check their home smoke alarms. Remember, **ONLY** working smoke alarms save lives! 4) Emergency response is sometimes delayed due to poor addressing. Be sure the fire department can read your house numbers. A minimum of 4 inch letters on a contrasting background is current code. Don't forget to illuminate them—with today's energy efficient LED lights you can afford to leave the light on for safety & number visibility. For smoke alarm questions and for other non-emergency questions, contact the local Fire Marshal Mike Funk at 503-557-2775. Want to be a firefighter in Gladstone? Call our Volunteer Coordinator, Jeff Smith at 503-557-2774.

Police Chief's Corner

Welcome to a new year Gladstone! This year promises to be an active one in moving the city forward with a Council determined to improving the quality of life for our citizens. I as your Interim Police Chief and all members of the Gladstone Police Dept. are committed to listening to your concerns, identifying issues, and seeking out the most effective solutions. We undertake this approach with the goal of keeping Gladstone a safe community, and supporting our citizens and Council in constantly striving to improve the quality of life. Gladstone Police Dept. strives to be an accessible, responsive, customer service-oriented organization. We are available 24/7, 365 days a year providing emergency response which can be accessed via 9-1-1 for emergencies. We may also be reached at: 503-557-2797 (M-F, 8am to 5pm); the red phone in front of our building at 535 Portland Ave will connect you with CCOM Dispatch; by fax at 503-650-8938; website: www.ci.gladstone.or.us (contains a list of contact information for all police employees) and Facebook. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions, concerns or requests. Have a safe 2016!

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Business License Fee Work Session

The Gladstone City Council will be holding a work session on March 8, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers to discuss business licenses and fees which include, but not limited to, home occupations, rental properties, etc. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to submit a letter for Council review, please submit to bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us by 5pm on February 29, 2016.

Coffee with a Councilor

Coffee with a council member assists the Council to better communicate with the residents and businesses of our community. This will be an informal meeting with 1-3 council members. Bring ideas, complaints and solutions to make Gladstone a better community. Upcoming meeting dates at the Gladstone Public Library are January 25th, 6:30 pm, February 8th, 10 am; & February 22nd, 6:30 pm. Please come and share your thoughts.



Charter Review Advisory Committees

The City Council is accepting applications from residents to serve on the City and Urban Renewal Charter Review Advisory Committees. The City's Charter has not been reviewed in over 20 years. The committee will review the current City Charter and make recommendations to City Council on revisions/updates to the Charter. With Council approval, those recommendations will be prepared for the Ballot for a vote of the people. Applications are available at City Hall or on the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. Applications must be returned to City Hall by noon on Monday, January 25, 2016 for appointment by the City Council at their January 26, 2016 meeting.

Business License Renewal Reminder

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. Business license fees not paid on or before March 1st will be assessed a delinquent charge of **\$10 per month.**

Security Alarm Permits Required

Effective January 1, 2016 security alarm permits will be required for any homes/businesses with security alarms located within Gladstone City limits. The annual cost for the permit is \$25. Blank forms may be downloaded from the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us or picked up at Gladstone City Hall or Police Department. If you have any questions regarding security alarm permits, please contact Maria Aikin at 503-557-2798 or ai-kin@ci.gladstone.or.us.



Employment Opportunities

The City of Gladstone is accepting applications for a Library Director and Part-Time Temporary Public Works Office Assistant. Application deadline is 5pm on February 1, 2016. For additional information, visit the employment page at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Utility (Water/Sewer) Billing Updates

*Residents now have the ability to have their bi-monthly utility (water/sewer) bill automatically deducted from their checking or savings account. The authorization agreement for Auto Pay (ACH Debits) may be found on the City's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us or by stopping by City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. Funds will be withdrawn on the DUE DATE only for the AMOUNT DUE listed on the billing statement. No alternative payment dates will be available. Completed forms must be returned by February 5th to be effective for the January/February billing cycle.

*At its meeting on January 12th, the City Council approved master fee increases. This included an increase to mailed late notice/shut off notification fees. The rate increased from \$5.00 to \$7.00.

Library Foundation (GPLF) News

*Now that the location for the new library has been chosen (located at the current City Hall site), we are excited about looking into new fundraising events this year. Thinking of making a donation? We now have envelopes available at the library. The envelopes make it easy for you to decide if you'd like your donation to go to programs and services, or for the new library building.

*Help! We really need to find a location for an on-going used book store. If you have or know of anyone with space to lease, please contact Lani at 503-260-4786.

*Volunteers are always needed for the many fundraising events the foundation provides for our library's many programs. We are now funding new programs for teens. If you are interested in becoming a new member or volunteering, please call 503-260-4786.

Kiwanis Club Breakfast

Celebrate Valentine's Day & Family Fun with the Kiwanis Club of Gladstone-Oak Grove on Saturday, Feb. 13th from 8-10 am at the Senior Center, 1050 Portland Avenue. Join them for a community breakfast which includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee. Cost is \$7 for adults and children under 6 are free.

Gladstone Soccer Association

Gladstone Soccer Association spring registration is open. Cost is \$65, maximum per family is \$140. Registration is February 4th from 6-8pm at Flying Pie Pizzeria, 16691 McLoughlin Blvd or by visiting www.gladstonesoccer.com. Registration deadline is February 20th. Players registered after February 20th will be placed on a waiting list.

Gladstone Softball

Sign up now for girls ASA youth softball, ages 5-14. Practices start in March or April and games start in May and continue through the middle of June. There are a limited number of spots and teams will be decided by the end of February. More information and online signups can be found at www.gladstonegirlssoftball.com, by calling 503-882-5024 or emailing gladstonegsa@yahoo.com.

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

▶ **Adult Winter Reading Program**—Complete an adult winter reading bingo card to be eligible for a prize! Ask for more details at the Information Desk.

▶ **Photography Group**—No Photography group in February—check back in March.

▶ **Rock Readers Book Club**—Feb. 16th, 6:30 pm. This month the club will discuss *Spider Woman's Daughter* by Anne Hillerman. Books checked out at Info. desk.

▶ **Dr. Who Club**—Feb. 18th, 6:00 pm. Are you a fan of Dr. Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode and share any show related news. All ages welcome!

▶ **Discover E-Books Class**—Feb. 29th, 6:00 pm. Learn how to use Library2Go and 3MCloud Library to download e-books and audiobooks on your e-readers and tablets. Registration required, inquire at the Info. Desk. A limited number of e-readers will be available to borrow or you can bring

your own fully charged device.

▶ **Toddler Storytime**—for ages 0-3 years: Tuesdays, 9:30 am. Geared towards ages 0-3 with songs, books and play for early development. Older siblings welcome!

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

▶ **Lab Rats**—Feb. 2nd & 16th, 3:30 pm. Discover the world of science through stories and experiments.

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

▶ **All Ages PJ Storytime**—Feb. 17th, 6:30 pm. Put on your PJs and bring the whole family for an evening of stories, songs & crafts.

▶ **Fun with Worms!**—Feb. 17th, 3:30 pm. Learn about the natural process of composting while exploring a worm bin.

▶ **Teen Art Contest**—Submissions

accepted through Feb. 13th. Do you want to design original art for LINCC's Teen Summer Reading? Visit us for info. about rules & submissions.

▶ **Teen Video Game Night**—Feb. 4th, 6:00 pm. A video game event for teens also including board games and refreshments.

▶ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting**—Feb. 25th, 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 & collection. Ask for info and application at Info Desk.

▶ **Teen Comic Book Club**—Feb. 26th, 4:00 pm. If you like graphic novels and comic books, this is the book club for you! Each month read a different selection and meet on the last Friday of the month to discuss. Pick up a copy of January's book, *Ms. Marvel Vol. 1: No Normal*, in the Teen Room!

▶ **Library Closed**—February 15th.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

©Dr. Anderson from Adventist Health Clinic will come give a brief presentation on the "Beer's List" at the Center on January 26th at 11:30 am. The Beers List is a guideline for healthcare professionals to help improve the safety of prescribing medications for older adults. It emphasizes deprescribing medication that is unnecessary health care—which reduces the problems of high risk-benefit ratio, polypharmacy, drug interactions, and adverse drug reactions.

©AARP Safe Driving Class—January 30th from 9am to 4:30 pm. All day class. Cost is \$20 or \$15 with AARP card. You will receive an insurance discount certificate.

©Wills, Trust & Estate Planning—February 8th, 6:30-7:30 pm. Taught by local attorney, Joshua Lipps. Learn the fundamentals of wills, trusts, power of attorney and probate. Cost is \$10. Sign up with Gladstone Community Schools, 503-655-2570.

©Valentine's Lunch—February 10th at 11:30 am. Entertainment provided by Kim & Terry. Special lunch will be prepared. Lots of fun and chocolates. Cost is \$2.50.

©Old Time Fiddler Jam was rescheduled to February 14th at 1:00 pm. The snow and ice came the same day they were to play in January. Come enjoy a great way to celebrate Valentine's day with some free music. Bring your sweetheart and listen to the toe tapping fiddlers!

Upcoming TRAM Trips—Call 503-655-7701 for Information

Feb. 12th—Ohana Café, nice Hawaiian food, after lunch take a drive around Milwaukie. Cost is \$5, lunch on your own. Leave 10:30 am, return 1:30 pm. Feb. 19—LaProvence & Bridgeport Mall. LaProvence is known for delicious pastries, then shop at the mall. Cost \$6, meal on your own. Leave 8:30 am, return 3:30pm. Feb. 26th—Kells. Yummy Irish food. Cost is \$6, lunch on own. Leave 9:30 am, return: 2:30 pm.

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Gladstone Junior Baseball

Registration for Gladstone Junior Baseball is scheduled to begin during the month of January. Registrations can be dropped off at Kraxberger Middle School on Jan. 9th or Jan. 30th between 9am & 12:00 pm. Registration forms are available online at www.gladstonejuniorbaseball.com or at your local school. The deadline for receipt of mail-in registrations is February 1st. Fees for 2016 season are: \$140 for Seniors (Grade 7 & 8); \$125 for both Junior (Grade 5 & 6) & Midget (Grade 3 & 4) levels and \$49 for Rookie level (ages 6-8). Rookie registration will continue through the month of March. There is a \$10 discount for each additional player within the same family. Tryouts are February 7th for Midget, Junior & Senior Divisions at High School field, gym and/or batting cages. No tryouts for Rookie division. Time and information available on the website.

Leaf Pick Up—Due to inclement weather, Public Works did their best to stay on the leaf pick up schedule and thanks residents for their patience during adverse weather conditions. The leaf pick up schedule is completed and residents are asked to please use their home yard debris recycling containers to place any additional leaves in. Thank you.

Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, February 10th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at High Rocks Restaurant, 915 E. Arlington. Hosted by Lea McWhorter of Sophisticated Beads.

Questions? Contact Doug Loose at DougLoose46@gmail.com or 503-595-5379.

◆ The Gladstone Historical Society is looking for new members! For additional info. check out their website, www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org. Old photos of the community & new

ideas are always needed.

◆ The Gladstone Youth Coalition holds meetings the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Ave. The community and parents are encouraged to attend.

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.

LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS:

City Hall General Business Line	503-656-5225
Utility Billing/Water & Sewer Account Information	503-557-2771
Municipal Court/Traffic Citations	503-557-2772
Public Works/City Shops	503-656-7957
Police Department, M-F, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	503-557-2797
Fire Department, M-F, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	503-557-2775
Police & Fire, After Hours	503-655-8211
Library	503-656-2411
Senior Center	503-655-7701
Recreation/Business License/Planning	503-557-2769
Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance	503-479-6859
Gladstone Disposal	503-656-9426
Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	503-299-9999
Gladstone School District	503-655-2777

Copies of City Council & Planning Commission meeting packets are on our website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us