



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

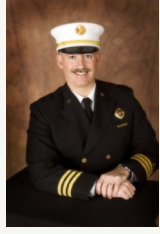
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Welcome New Employees

Please join the City Council in welcoming Tom O'Connor as the City's new Fire Chief and Linda Lewis as the City's new Library Director!



*Tom O'Connor was most recently Base Manager for Life Flight Network, an air medical provider based in Aurora, Oregon. Prior to that, he was a Division Chief with the Canby Fire District in Oregon for ten years. He served the Lebanon Fire District in Oregon as a Battalion Chief from 2000-2005, and he was a Firefighter-Engineer/Paramedic for the Corvallis Fire Department in Oregon for almost seven years. Chief O'Connor also served four years in the US Coast Guard early in his career. He has a bachelor's degree in Management & Organizational Leadership from George Fox University in Oregon. Mr. O'Connor will begin

as the new Fire Chief on March 21st.

*Linda Lewis has been employed as a Library Technician III at State of Colorado Department of Corrections in Canon City, Colorado since 2012. Previously served as Human Resources Analyst at State of Colorado Dept. of Corrections in Colorado Springs, Colorado from 2011-2012, & Assistant City Administrator/Human Resources Director at City of Canon City in Canon City, Colorado from 2005-2011. She has a B.A. in Geography and an M.A. in Political Science & Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver, and a Master of Library Science from Texas Woman's University. Ms. Lewis will begin as the new Library Director on April 4th.

Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) News

☛ **Fire Lanes, Fire Alarms, Fire Hydrants:** Please never park in a **Fire Lane**. Not even for just a minute. Marked fire lanes need to remain clear and unobstructed during all hours, every day. **Fire Alarms** are one of the best ways to provide you with notice of smoke in your home. Battery operated smoke alarms are inexpensive and really do help prevent loss of life and lower property damage when a fire does occur. Remember as we change the time on our clocks this month, don't forget to change the battery in your smoke alarm as well. **Fire Hydrants** need to remain accessible at all times. As you get outdoors this spring and summer, please be sure that 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. For any fire & life safety questions, contact Mike Funk, Fire Marshal at 503-557-2775 or funk@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

***Chief's Corner:** Hope this message finds our Gladstone residents well and excited for spring just around the corner. While attending a recent "Coffee with a Councilor" I was asked by a resident about when should you call 9-1-1. That's a good question. The information below was taken from the C-COM website outlining when to call 9-1-1: You might wonder what is the difference between an emergency and non-emergency. **Emergency** calls may include reports of: *Any emergency where life or property is in immediate danger. *An injury requiring immediate medical attention. *A fire (not a controlled burn pile or other controlled fire). *A crime in progress (occurred minutes ago, not hours). *A serious traffic accident. *A violent dog has attacked a person (not just running at large). *A driver is dangerously swerving on the road. *Someone is playing with guns. *When in doubt, always call 9-1-1. If you call to report a non-emergency, you will be transferred to a pre-recorded message and then follow the prompts. The non-emergency number in Clackamas County is 503-655-8211.

Mayor & City Council Vacancy

The City Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Mayor Dominick Jacobellis and Councilor Susan Turner who held City Council Position #6. The Mayor's term expires 12-31-2018 and position #6's term expires 12-31-16 and will both be open for applicants to run in the November General Election. In the interim, the Council is requesting interested applicants to apply for appointment to the short-term vacancy. The Council will consider applications for short-term appointment (April-December 2016) at the April 26th meeting. Prior to appointment the Council will be conducting interviews on Tuesday, April 12th. For info and to obtain an application for short-term appointment visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, Applications must be returned to City Hall by 5pm on April 4th.

Facts About the Emergency Radio Replacement Bond

Currently, the Clackamas County emergency radio system is outdated and prone to failure. Parts are no longer being made and the manufacturer's support will end in 2017. On May 17, 2016, we will decide on a bond to: *Replace Clackamas County's emergency radio/data infrastructure, creating an efficient, dependable communications system that works in all parts of Clackamas County to save lives. *Replace outdated analog technology with current digital technology that ensures that all parts of the system work together. *Maintain existing service levels while improving service in buildings and south County. This project will construct a new P25 open source digital radio system, including a microwave transport system, providing equal coverage and performance to the current system while also expanding coverage and maintaining interoperability. The projected tax rate for these bonds is estimated not to exceed 10¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value. Typical homeowners with a 2016 average assessed (not market) value of \$262,514 would pay about \$26.25 annually or a little over \$2 a month. For additional details, visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us or visit www.C800.org.

Disclaimer: This Newsletter contains information provided by various community individuals/groups which are not affiliated with the City of Gladstone. The City does not necessarily endorse such information and provides it simply as an informational service to our community.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 26th beginning precisely at 11:00 am at the Gladstone High School. Children of Gladstone residents between the ages of 1 and 11 are invited to hunt for over 4,000 eggs "hidden" on the high school grounds. The hunt begins once the fire siren sounds, and parents are asked to let their children "find" their own eggs. Some eggs contain coupons for special prizes that can be redeemed at the prize booth or location specified on coupon. If your child does not "find" any eggs, go the prize booth and an organizer will ensure you child leaves with candy or a prize.

Max Patterson Pancake Breakfast

The 25th annual Max Patterson Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary, will be Saturday, March 26th from 8:00-11:00 am in the Gladstone High School cafeteria. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and seniors or \$15 for a family of four.

Coffee with a Councilor

Coffee with a council member assists the Council to better communicate with the residents and businesses of our community. This is an informal meeting with 1-3 council members. Bring ideas, complaints & solutions to make Gladstone a better community. Upcoming meeting dates at the Gladstone Library are: April 11th, 10am, & April 25th, 6:30 pm. Please come and share your thoughts.

Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates

*Plans for our annual Plant sale are firming up. The correct dates are May 6th & 7th. Herbs and perennials will be featured as well as popular veggies. Lisa from Happyrock Coffee has once again offered her area for us to sell our goods. More details to follow. *Interested in the Library Foundation? You're welcome to attend a meeting, the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at Somerset Community Center. Call 503-260-4786 for more information.

Community Education & Rec Classes

Gladstone Community Education & Recreation Classes starting in April: *Gardening Series with Nan Hage. Series of 7 classes for \$79. Includes spring yard care, organic gardening, companion planting for veggies, plus many more. Thursdays, April 7-May 26, 6:30-9pm @ GHS. *Spanish Beginning Part 1 with Jorge Sotelo: basics of Spanish language, grammar, culture. Book/wkbk used in Parts 1-3. Mondays, April 4-June 13th, 6-7:30 pm @ GHS. \$76+\$38 book fee. *Zumba Made Easy: Learn fun basic steps of Meringue, Salsa, Cha Cha in class geared for beginners. Tuesdays, March 29-June 9 @ JWE Gym. Call 503-650-2570 or register online at www.gladstone.k12.or.us, click on "learning for Life Community Education".

Employment Opportunities

The City is accepting applications for Temporary Seasonal Employees—Public Works and Library Asst II—Reference—Sundays (19 hours). For details, visit the employment page at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Scott Tabor Retires

After 37 1/2 years of service to the city, Gladstone Public Works Supervisor, Scott Tabor is retiring. Residents are invited to join us in thanking Scott for his service on March 31, 2016 from 3-5pm at the Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave.

Celebrate Arbor Day

Celebrate Arbor Day by getting together for some family-friendly fun on April 30th. Join your neighbors and friends at the Gladstone Nature Park for an Arbor-Day Fun Walk and community information event. Registration for the walk starts at 10am and the first 100 registered participants get a free t-shirt. Participants will make laps using the park trail and sidewalks. This is a free community event designed to bring awareness to the benefits of trees, open space & exercise. Please call Glenda Scherer at 503-679-4179 for info.

REMINDER: Budget 101 workshop on March 29th at 6:30 pm at City Hall. Learn how a governmental budget is put together, sources of revenue, examples of expenditures.

Volunteer Opportunity at JWE

Do you have a hobby or special skill you would like to share? If so, John Wetten Elementary has a volunteer opportunity for you! We are seeking volunteers to lead after school clubs. You won't be alone—school employees will be there to assist. Classes meet 2-4 times based on your availability. They are from 2:20-3:20. Class size is limited to 10 students. The subject/theme of the activity is wide open. Past volunteers have done chess, Lego, knitting, robotics, card making, theater, speech & debate, crochet, science & book clubs. We provide the supplies. If interested, contact Theresa Schmidt at 503-656-6564, ext 265 or schmidt@gladstone.k12.or.us.

Kindergarten Preview Night

All incoming kindergarteners and their parents are invited to attend Kindergarten Preview & Orientation Night on Thursday, April 14th from 5:30-7:00 pm at Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Ave. Dessert will be provided. Registration info, a tour of the school, a bus ride and a classroom visit will be included. Contact Heidi Smith at 503-496-3939 to RSVP.

Kindergarten Registration

Calling all kindergarteners! If you have a child that is five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2016, it is time to register for kindergarten. Kindergarten registration is May 3rd from 5:30-7:00 pm and May 5th from 9-11 am. You only need to attend one of these times to turn in paperwork needed. For info, call Heidi Smith at 503-496-3939.

Preschool Workshops

On April 23rd from 9am to 1pm, the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Ave, will host a free half-day conference for preschool parents and early childhood professionals. Learn about brain development & how to choose a preschool and find support programs for families. For info, contact Christina Alquisira at 503-496-3939. Free childcare provided. Online registration is available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ReadySetLearn.

Congrats Happy Rock Coffee!

Clackamas County recognized Happyrock Coffee as a Leader in Sustainability. The awards were presented by the Board of County Commissioners at their business meeting. Congrats!

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Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

► **Photography Group**—April 10th, 2pm. Each meeting a new topic will be assigned to be photographed & discussed. The group will have occasional outings, group shows, workshops and opportunity to display work in the library.

► **Rock Readers Book Club**—April 19th, 6:30 pm. This month the club will discuss *The Gods of Gotham* by Lindsay Faye. Books can be checked out at the Information Desk.

► **Dr. Who Club**—April 21st, 6pm. Are you a fan of Doctor Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode and share show related news. All ages welcome.

► **Oregon Author, Tom Miller**—April 23rd, 1pm. Fighting the Forces of Evil: One Man's Battle

with Normal. Come listen to local author Tom Miller take about his recently published work.

► **Toddler Storytime**—Tuesdays 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 and dance with us.

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

► **Lego Club**—April 13th & 27th, 3:30 pm. We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination!

► **All Ages PJ Storytime**—April 20th, 6:30 pm. Put on your PJs and bring the whole family for an evening of stories, songs and crafts.

► **Teen Video Game Night**—April 7th, 6:00 pm. A video game event for teens also including board games and refreshments.

► **Teen Comic Book Club**—April 22nd, 4:00 pm. If you like graphic novels and comic books, this is the book club for you! Each month we will read a different selection and then meet on the last Friday of the month to discuss. Pick up a copy of April's book, *Tomboy* by Liz Prince in the Teen Room.

► **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**—April 28th, 4pm. Interested in representing teens at the library? Gladstone Library's TAG is a great volunteer opportunity to help plan events and shape the young adult space and collection. Ask for info or an application at Info desk.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

© **March For Meals Fundraiser**—No Senior Should Go Hungry! - National campaign to increase awareness of Meals on Wheels Program. March 24th from 5-8pm at Gladstone Burgerville, 19119 SE McLoughlin Blvd. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the Gladstone Meals on Wheels Program. Look for donation buckets in the community or donate at the Senior Center during the month of March.

© **Spring Lunch**—Mark your calendars for the Spring Lunch on April 13th at 11:30 am. Come and join us for a fantastic lunch where we will celebrate old man winter leaving and welcoming spring! Entertainment provided by Mark J Accordions. Cost is \$3.50. Come one, come all!

© **Annual Spring Fling Bazaar Craft & Collectible Show**—April 16th from 9am to 3pm. Come and join us for a spring time tradition at the Center. Here you will find vendors from the Portland Metro area selling their home made goods. This event is free and open to the public. There will be food & drink available for purchase. Join us in this fantastic spring time tradition and help support your senior center!

© **AARP Tax Assistance Program**—for low to moderate income filers. Basic forms only. This service is offered only on Fridays through April 15th from 9am to 2pm. Please call to make your appointment as space is limited and filling fast.

© **Upcoming TRAM Trips**—*April 11th—*Hike: The George Rogers Park*. Bring a sack lunch for this easy and fun hike nestled along the Willamette River. Leave at 9am, return at 2pm. Cost: \$7(includes bus); April 29th—*Oregon Trail Interpretive Center*. Learn about those intrepid pioneers who braved the Oregon Trail. Then its off to lunch at Bugatti's. Leave at 9am, return at 2pm. Cost is \$15 (includes bus & museum); May 6th—*Vintage Tektronix Museum*. Venture to a place dedicated to all things Tektronix, then its lunch at Golden Crown. Leave at 9am, return 2pm. Cost: \$8 (includes bus & museum). Call Center to RSVP!

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The Gladstone-Oak Grove Kiwanis is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, April 9th from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave. Dinner includes: spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & dessert. Cost is \$7/person or \$25/family. Children under age 6 are free. Proceeds benefit the Gladstone High School Key Club Scholarship fund. Music & entertainment provided. For info, call Tom Hogan at 503-819-8367, email kiwanis-gladstone@hotmail.com or visit www.gladoak.org.



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HOMESERVE USA

The City of Gladstone has received numerous inquiries regarding a mailing local residents have received from HomeServe USA. The mailing informs recipients that they are responsible for the maintenance and repairs of their exterior water lines, leaving them liable for repairs which could potentially cost thousands of dollars. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises residents to read the notice very carefully, particularly the portion that says "HomeServe is an independent company separate from your local utility or community." The BBB notes that while the company is correct when they say homeowners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of their water lines from the meter to the house the warranty coverage they offer is optional, not mandatory. The BBB recommends the following tips: *Never agree to any contract over the phone without first receiving it in writing; *Read the service contract very carefully; *Review your homeowners insurance policy or call your insurance agent to see if coverage is already provided; *Check the BBB website at www.bbb.org for issues.

Tri-City Baptist Temple Events—18025 Webster Road

*REFIT is fitness for all. Join us every Tuesday & Thursday, 7pm, at the McCormick Family Center. Contact Paula for more information at 503-459-3016 or www.tbct.org. *Join us March 27th at 11am for "Champion of Love" a Easter story revealed through worship, song & word.

Follow the Lamb Easter Pageant

Follow the Lamb Easter pageant is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th at 10:45 am at Gladstone Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 8378 Cason Road. All are welcome and no tickets are required, but seating is limited. For more info, visit www.followthelamb.us.

Gladstone Jr. Baseball Bottle Drive

Gladstone Jr. Baseball needs your help by participating in their annual Can & Bottle Drive. Please consider donating any cans & bottles by placing them outside your home on Saturday, April 16th before 10 am. For info, call President Jason Pugh at 503-680-9231. Thanks for your support!



Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, April 13th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Clackamas Federal Credit Union, 18600 SE McLoughlin Blvd. Questions? Contact Doug

Loose at 503-595-5379 or dougloose46@gmail.com.

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