



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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City Council Updates

*Your City Council has approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Oregon City on Right Of Way (ROW) Management and Geographic Information Services (GIS). City staff is in the process of working with Oregon City officials to move forward with consideration of approving the Right of Way ordinance. A Council work session is scheduled for 5pm on May 24th. *The Charter Review Committee is working on updates to the Gladstone Charter. Recommended amendments to the Charter will be on the November ballot *The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) has advised a new retail liquor store may be located at 20102 McLoughlin Blvd. Following a 14-day public posting, OLCC will make a final review before final approval. During the 14-day public posting OLCC will accept written public comment. Comments can be emailed to OLCC.RetailServices@Oregon.gov or mailed to OLCC Retail Services, PO Box 22297, Milwaukie, OR 97269-2297. Visit the city's website for additional information.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

Summer Safety Focus—Now that we're enjoying warmer weather, its time to think about window screens & safety. When windows are opened for fresh air, remember that screens only keep bugs out—they do not keep kids & pets in. Take a look at how your furniture is arranged around windows and consider how easy it is for a child to climb up by a window and push against a screen and fall out. Hardware is available that limits how far a window can open and installing it would provide you with peace of mind and keep kids & pets safe from serious injuries.

Calling HAM Radio Operators—GEMS (Gladstone Emergency Management Support) would like to find out if there are any amateur radio operators in the city and get your contact information. We'd like this

information as a resource to use in case of an emergency event that would require assistance via radio operators. Please contact Maria Aikin at aikin@ci.gladstone.or.us or 503-557-2798 with info or questions. **Emergency Preparedness: Storing Water Long Term**—If we experience a big event such as an earthquake, one of the hardest things to get will be water. It is recommended we store at least one gallon of water per person or pet per day. Store enough water for three days and then increase your storage over time to cover two weeks. There's lots of information on the internet about what kinds of storage containers to use, how to keep water safe to drink and how often to rotate your water inventory. Do some reading and get yourself updated!

Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) News

There have been a number of inquiries lately concerning outdoor burning. Gladstone is situated within the Metro-DEQ no burn area, outdoor burning is generally not allowed, however, there are provisions that allow for small recreational or cooking fires. Recreational fires are small fires contained to a commercial patio pot, burn pit or stove. Fuels used in these situations are restricted to clean seasoned firewood. Under no circumstances do recreation fire guidelines allow the burning of garbage, grass, leaves, twigs, yard debris, plastic, tires, petroleum products, construction debris or other product that releases offensive smoke or odors into the surrounding area. A recreational fire needs to be attended at all times. Have a method to extinguish fire quickly if needed, such as a fire hose, bucket of water or shovel with dirt or sand. Remember should a fire get out of control, you can be held responsible for damages caused. If you have questions, please contact Gladstone Fire Marshal, Mike Funk at 503-557-2775 or funk@ci.gladstone.or.us.

High Rocks & AMR Lifeguard Program

High Rocks Park is approximately 1.5 acres in size with the Clackamas River bordering Gladstone and Oregon City, and is a popular place for people to escape the heat or just to enjoy a family outing. High Rocks has seen many fatalities over the years that could have been prevented with a life jacket or a little bit of education on the dangers of the cold and fast water. The Clackamas River in the High Rocks area hides many dangers including strong currents, extremely cold water, large underwater rocks, and large pieces of scrap steel. Some of these items are barely under the surface where many people jump from the rocks, while river temperatures range from the mid-40 degrees in the winter to mid-60 degrees in the summer. This year we had a tragic incident early in April where a 21-year old swimmer became incapacitated due to the cold water temperatures and was found by divers two hours later. After numerous drownings over the years, American Medical Response (AMR), our local ambulance company, brought their River Safety and Rescue Program to our local waterway in 2002. Even with AMR Lifeguards on duty from Memorial Day to Labor Day, there are those situations that require additional resources or a "full marine rescue". The Clackamas Water Rescue Consortium, including Gladstone Fire Department, responds to incidents that require specialized rescue including divers, swift water swimmers, and boat operations. Gladstone Fire and Clackamas County recently met to discuss ideas on public outreach programs to help reduce fatalities and injuries that have been seen at High Rocks over the years. Examples of programs discussed were more signage, videos and photos of underwater obstructions, public service announcements and public forums. Please be safe as you enjoy High Rocks Park this year and remember to have a healthy respect for the dangers of swimming in this area.

Consumer Confidence Report

The City of Gladstone's 2015 Consumer Confidence Report will be posted on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us by July 1, 2016

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Mayor, Councilors & Police Chief

At its May 10, 2016 meeting your City Council appointed Councilor Thomas Mersereau to Mayor, Linda Neace to Council Position #2 and Kevin Johnson to Council position #6. Both Councilor Neace & Johnson previously served on the Planning Commission. All positions will be up for reelection in the November General Election. The Council also appointed Police Lieutenant Jeff Jolley as the City's new Police Chief! Congratulations to your newly appointed City Officials and Police Chief!

City Board Vacancies

At its June 14, 2016 meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointment to two positions on the Planning Commission, one term to expire 12-31-2017 and one to expire 12-31-2019, one position on the Traffic Safety Commission, term to expire 12-31-17 and one position on the Budget Committee, term to expire 12-31-18. To download an application visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. Applications must be returned to City Hall, 525 Portland Ave, by 5:00 pm on Monday, June 6, 2016.

Clackamas & Willamette River Restoration

Dahl Beach Park will be the location of several fish habitat restoration projects this summer. The Clackamas Confluence Project, located in the Dahl Beach forested natural area, will excavate off-channel areas and place large wood structures behind the beach to improve fish habitat on the Clackamas River. The Dahl Beach Mitigation Project removes a failing bulkhead and a portion of a parking area in the Willamette River floodplain along with improvements that will stabilize the bank, prevent erosion and create wildlife habitat along the river's edge. Project construction will occur between late June—end of August 2016, during which time beach and park access may be limited. Stay tuned for more information to be posted on the city's website. For questions, please contact the City of Gladstone Public Works Dept. at 503-656-7957.

Save the Dates—Community Festival

The Gladstone Community Festival is coming August 5-7. For information, visit our website <http://www.gladstonecommunityfestival.org/>. Join us for Movie in the Park, the parade (with 2 bands!), a dance, live music, food, a vendor fair, a dunk tank & the car show! There's still time to round up your dodge ball team and practice for the pie baking contest. New this year—the Obstacle Course! Volunteers are needed to run the chili cook-off and a kickball tournament. Sponsors are also needed to make this our best event yet. To make a contribution or to volunteer, contact Festival Chair, Bob Everett at 503-201-0785, email reverett78@yahoo.com or Vice Chair Jal Duncan at 503-201-5952, email jal@jalduncan.com. To reserve vendor/food booth space, contact Brad Vollmer at drbradvollmer@gmail.com.

Grand Marshal Nominations

Do you know a citizen who shows civic pride through acts of service and commits to making our community better? The Gladstone Community Festival Parade Committee is seeking nominations for Grand Marshal of our August 6th parade. Nomination applications may be found online at www.gladstonecommunityfestival.org or at the Library or Senior Center. Application deadline is 5pm on June 15th. For up to date parade news, LIKE our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/GCFParade.

Picnics/Parties at Patterson Park

Reservations for picnics and birthday parties are not required at Max Patterson Park—picnic areas are available on a first come, first served basis. Be aware, bouncy houses and rock climbing walls are NOT permitted at any city parks. For additional details, visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Notice of Budget Hearing

The Budget Hearing for the 2016-17 City of Gladstone Approved Budget will be May 24, 2016 at 6:30 pm as part of the City Council meeting. Following this will be the Budget Hearing for the State Revenue Sharing Funds and at 6:45 pm the Budget Hearing for the City of Gladstone Urban Renewal District.

Public Alerts

Clackamas County residents may now 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 Dept. of Emergency Management. Visit www.publicalerts.org/signup for additional information.

Activities at Patterson Park

Patterson Park will be supervised beginning June 20th through August 26th, Monday—Friday, 10am to 4pm (weather permitting). Daily activities include games, sports & crafts. Several special events are planned each summer, visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us for a current schedule. The Spray Park will also be open on June 20th through September 5th, Monday-Saturday, noon to 6pm & Sundays, 1-5pm, weather permitting. Watch upcoming newsletters for details of additional events.

Bottle & Can Fundraiser

June 4th, the Young Life Group at Gladstone High School will be collecting cans & bottles to fundraise for their summer camp. If you have any to donate please leave at your curb that morning or call/text 503-701-0453 for pick up. You may also drop off at Kraxberger parking lot on the 4th. Thanks in advance for your support!

Library Foundation (GPLF) News

*Join us for the Gladstone Burgerville USA fundraiser on Thursday, May 26th from 5-8pm. Proceeds will be donated to the Library!
*Thanks to everyone for making our annual veggie & plant sale a big success! A special thank you to Lisa at Happy Rock Roasting Co. for using her space.
*Did you know you can link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to the Gladstone Public Library Foundation? You won't even lose your rewards points. Don't have a rewards card—go to www.doyoushop@fm.com and sign up.
*When doing a little spring cleaning, don't forget to box up those used books & bring them to the library for our gigantic annual book sale in August.
*Interested in our Foundation? All are welcome to attend one of our meetings. They're held at 6:30 pm the first Monday of the month at Somerset Community Center. Call 503-260-4786 for information.

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

► **Summer Reading Begins!**—Ready, Set, Read! Sign up for Summer Reading and earn awesome prizes, see great performers and read your favorite things! Sign ups begin June 1st.

► **Summer Reading Kickoff Party**—June 18th, 12:00 pm. Party at the library with face painting, fitness activities and more!

► **Photography Group**—June 12th, 2:00 pm. Each meeting a new topic assigned to be photographed and discussed. Occasional outings, group shows, workshops & opportunity to display work..

► **Rock Readers Book Club**—June 21st, 6:30 pm. This month club discussion, *Hunting Shadows*, by Charles Todd. Books can be checked out at Info. Desk.

► **Dr. Who Club**—June 16th, 6:00 pm. Are you a fan of Dr. Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode & share show related news. All ages welcome.

► **Playgroup (Storytime on break May 10th-June 2nd)**—June 2nd, 9:30 am. Enjoy a morning of playing and reading books with your child before the library opens.

► **Toddler Storytime**—0-3 years. Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Songs, books & play for early development. Older siblings are welcome to sing & dance with us!

► **All Ages Storytime**—Thursdays at 9:30 am. No Storytime on June 2nd. All ages welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes & movement activities that build literacy and language skills.

► **Lego Club**—June 8th & 22nd, 3:30 pm. We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination!

► **All Ages PJ Storytime**—June 15th at 6:30 pm. Put on your PJs and bring the whole family for an evening of stories, songs & crafts.

► **Brad Story Song**—June 22nd, 3:00 pm. Enjoy a mix of storytelling, song & fun!

► **Mad Science**—June 29th, 3:00 pm. Explore the science of hot & cold with awesome experiments and colorful demonstrations!

► **Teen Video Game Night**—Get in the Game! June 2nd, 6:00 pm. A video game event for teens also including board games & refreshments.

► **Teen Movie Night**—June 10th. Hang out in the library after hours and catch a movie! We'll have a vote for your favorite movie adapted from a book & watch it.

► **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** - June 23rd, 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 or app at Info. Desk.

► **Comic Book Workshop**—June 23rd, 5:00 pm. Learn the different stages of making a comic and create your own!

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

◎ **Volunteer Receptionist Needed!**—Can you give back to your community? How about being a volunteer receptionist a few hours a week at the Senior Center? The Center is looking for some friendly folks to answer the phone and greet our guests. Get to know some of your neighbors. Call the center for info.

◎ **Father's Day Lunch**—Wednesday, June 15th at 11:30 am. Come have a special lunch to honor our Fathers. Entertainment by Cash Cottrell. Root beer floats & prizes. Cost is \$3.50. Sign up is required.

◎ **Stop by the Center**—There are always fun & exciting events and programs at the Senior Center. If you haven't been to the center, come on down & check us out—we'd love to have you!

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 Library are: June 13th, 10am and June 27th, 6:30 pm. Please come and share your thoughts.

North Clackamas Arts Guild

The North Clackamas Arts Guild is presenting their annual Art Show and Sale on Saturday, June 11th from 11am to 5pm at the Oak Lodge Water District Office, 14496 SE River Road in Milwaukie. All ages welcome to this free art show—fun & balloons. You're also invited to join the art guild monthly meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 1-4 pm at Oak Lodge Water District. Artists of all skill levels are welcome. Please call Connie at 503-454-0447 or go to www.ncartsguild.com.



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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**—1st 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, previous newsletters and Municipal Code are on our website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us

Upcoming TRAM Trips—Call 503-655-7701 to Sign Up/Information

***June 3rd**, Eagle Fern Park Picnic—We'll bring the food & board games, you come along and enjoy the beauty of nature at this riverfront park. Leave: 9:30am, return: 3pm. Cost: \$15 (includes bus & lunch). ***June 9th**, Dinner Out—Tads Chicken & Dumplings—This restaurant on the banks of the Sandy River has good food & lovely views. Leave: 4pm, return: 8pm. Cost: \$5 for bus. ***June 13th**—Mosier Tunnels Hike—The tunnels are part of the original Columbia River Highway. Bring a sack lunch—we'll bring the coffee. Leave: 9am, return: 2pm or later. Cost: \$7 for bus. ***June 24th**—Heirloom Garden—You'll be dazzled by the beauty in this garden & you can buy plants too if you wish. Afterwards we'll have lunch at J's in Newberg. Leave: 9am, return: 3pm. Cost: \$7 for bus. ***June 30th**—One Slight Hitch Clackamas Repertory Theater. It's Courtney's wedding and her mom, Delia, is making sure everything is perfect. Then ... the doorbell rings. This new farce by Lewis Black will keep you laughing. Leave: 7pm, return: 10pm. Cost: \$20 (includes show & bus). **TRIP POLICY:** Sign up for three trips/month and be put on the wait list for additional trips. Please note that return times are approximate as weather, traffic or other conditions may affect travel.



Permits & Planning—The City contracts with Clackamas County for administration of the City's land use planning and building, plumbing, electrical permits. Please call 503-742-4400 for additional information.

Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, June 8th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Sherie Hildreth Ovarian

Cancer (SHOC) Foundation, 18575 is looking for new members!! For additional info, visit their website at www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org. Old photos of the community & ideas are needed.

◆ The Gladstone Historical Society