



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Application for City Boards



Several terms on city committees, boards and commissions will expire the end of 2016. At its December 13, 2016 meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointments and re-appointments to four positions on the Planning Commission, three positions on the Budget Committee, two positions on the Library Board, three

positions on the Traffic Safety Commission, three positions on the Park & Recreation Board and two positions on the Senior Center Advisory Board. To obtain an application and information about serving on a committee, board or commission, visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, email betz@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2766 or stop by City Hall. Applications must be returned by Dec. 5, 2016.

Public Works News: Public Rights of Way

Gladstone Municipal Code Chapter 17.46.020(7) states: "Land within the public road right-of-way, not developed as sidewalks or driveways, shall be landscaped and maintained by the abutting property owners. Landscaping will be of the variety that would not create a road hazard or impair sight distance." What that means to residents—the City is responsible to maintain the public streets within the public right-of-way. However, landscaping & private signage, such as trees, shrubbery, subdivision entrance signs, ground cover, etc. is the responsibility of the abutting property owners. Some subdivisions have homeowners associations or neighborhood associations which have established fees to maintain their landscaping in the entrance medians. Others do not have homeowners associations so the responsibility of costs to maintain their median falls to individual property owners within the subdivision. While the City has previously performed minor maintenance to subdivision entrance medians, Public Works cannot justify the use of public funds & manpower to maintain private property established within the public right-of-way. Our focus must be on the immediate & critical needs of the City's public water, sewer, storm, streets & parks that serve all of our residents.

Leaf Pick Up Reminders

The Public Works Dept. would like to remind residents that public works will not pick up leaf piles that contain limbs or other debris. Residents are asked to put their leaves in the street no earlier than one day prior to scheduled pick up and allow six inches of drainage space between leaves and the curb to avoid stormwater flooding. Also, to avoid flooding, please help clean catch basin grates whenever they become covered with leaves. Please place small piles of leaves in your yard debris container. Additional maps/tentative schedule dates are available at City Hall or on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us. **Please note the pick up dates are tentative based on the public works department work load.**

Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) News

*Thanks for the TREAT as 650 people of all ages stopped by the fire station on Halloween for education and candy. Thanks for being a part of a safe event.

*As the rainy season is upon us, please be sure to move wet leaves away from your steps and curbs. Falls this time of year are much more common for our elderly. What a great lesson to teach our kids to help mom and dad rake the leaves and maybe even rake them for an elderly neighbor.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

GPD "Shop with a Cop!" 2016—The 10th annual "Shop with a Cop!" is December 10th. This program locates kids whose families have had some enforcement contact with police or require assistance for a variety of reasons. Kids are identified & selected by school counselors & school resource officer and get paired up with a police officer in a positive situation—shopping for Christmas presents! Every \$100 raised allows another child from Clackamas County to participate—this year's goal is to fund shopping for 150 kids. If you'd like to contribute, you can donate via the Clackamas County Peace Officer's Benevolent Foundation at www.ccpobf.org or drop off a donation at the GPD. Every dollar collected goes to funding this program. Questions? Call Maria at GPD at 503-557-2798.

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips—Here are a few reminders of things you can do to stay safe this holiday season: *if you shop at night, park in a well-lit area; *plan to shop with a friend, especially at night (there's safety in numbers); *do not leave packages or valuables where they can be seen in your car; *locate your keys before you leave the store so you can easily & quickly get in your car; *keep a secure hold of your purse & parcels—do NOT put them down to open the car door; *think of carrying a cross-body purse and be sure to keep every handbag zipped/closed so someone cannot reach in and grab your wallet; *avoid carry large amounts of cash—use checks or credit cards whenever possible & save those receipts; be sure to keep a record of all credit card numbers at home in case something ends up missing; *pick-pockets may work in pairs or groups so beware of strangers approaching you; *men—keep your wallet someplace other than your back pocket as it is easy to grab; *stay alert to your surroundings—don't just pay attention to your cell phone. Keep your head up and use common sense to stay safe this holiday season!

Gladstone Municipal Code Updates

Residents are now able to search for Ordinances, Resolutions, Council Minutes and the Gladstone Municipal Code online at <http://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/>.

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General Election Results

On November 8, 2016, Gladstone voters elected the following to terms that expire 12-31-2020: Council Position #2—Linda Neace; Council Position #4—Neal Reisner; Council Position #6—Thomas Mersereau. Voters also elected Tammy Stempel to serve as Mayor for a remainder of a term to expire 12-31-2018. Congratulations!

Ballot Measure Election Results

November 8, 2016, ballot measure results: *Measure #3-481 -Shall Gladstone prohibit medical marijuana processors, medical marijuana dispensaries, recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers in the City? **Failed.** *Measure #3-492- Shall Gladstone impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by a retailer? **Passed.** *Measure #3-506 -Shall Gladstone amend its Charter to require voter approval to remove "park" designations for City-owned property? **Passed.** *Measure #3-505- Shall Gladstone amend its Charter to require voter approval for the sale or lease of City-owned parks? **Passed.** *Measure #3-511- Shall the City of Gladstone adopt a new home rule charter? **Failed.** *Measure #3-512- Shall the City of Gladstone's mayoral term be four years? **Passed** (moot- as 3-511 failed). For more info on these measures, please visit, www.clackamas.us/elections/.

Santa and the Mack Event



The 10th annual Santa & the Mack arrives in Gladstone December 15th-17th from 5:00-8:00 pm. Santa's sleigh will be pulled throughout town by the Mack and his band of merry helpers, stopping to talk with children of all ages. This event helps get toys and food to residents in need, so donations of toys and canned goods are appreciated. Dec. 15th—downtown Gladstone area, Dec. 16th—River Road & High School area, Dec. 17th—highlands & Sherwood Forest area. Come out and join Santa as he joyfully parades around town! More route information will be posted on the Patrick Santa Mack McMahon Facebook page.

Gladstone Groups Team Up for Holidays

Gladstone's Adopt-A-Family effort will again work to help struggling families this holiday season, providing food & toys to 135 families. Partners in this effort include the Gladstone Fire Dept (GFD), Gladstone School District, Gladstone Kiwanis & Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary. Canned food and new unwrapped toy donation barrels are located at the GFD, Gladstone Library, Burgerville, US Bank, Latus Motors/Harley Davidson, YMCA child care center, Gladstone Card Room, Baskin-Robbins, Somerset Lodge & Assisted Living, Vogies Bar & Mr. Rooter. Most needed food items include: peanut butter, jam, tuna, pasta, rice, chili, corn bread mix, soups, cereal, oatmeal, canned beans, fruits, vegetables & mac & cheese. Donations must be received by Dec. 14, 2016. Families in need of assistance should sign up via Clackamas County's "Compassion in Action" by Dec. 6th at www.ciacc.org/Donor_Application_OUFU or by calling 503-632-0562.



Holiday Food & Toy Drive

It's that time of year again —the holidays are upon us! The Gladstone Fire Department will host their annual food & toy drive event at Clackamas Target, December 3rd from 10am to 2pm. Please drop off non-perishable food items, cash or new unwrapped toys and join us in supporting less fortunate families in our city. Thanks for your support!



Transportation System Plan (TSP)

Invitation to assist with the Gladstone TSP Update: The City received a Transportation Growth Management Grant from ODOT in the amount of \$129,800 to complete the Gladstone Transportation System Plan (TGTSPP) update. The City met with ODOT and the project consultants from Kittleson & Associates to establish a timeline and review the goals and objectives. The City is soliciting citizen participation to serve on the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) to assist with the update. PAC members will meet four times through mid-March 2017. For an application or information, visit www.gladstonetsp.com. Application deadline is Feb. 1st.

Avamere Annual Holiday Bazaar

Avamere Rehabilitation of Clackamas Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar is inviting the community to join in on their annual bazaar on November 25th & 26th from 9am to 3:30pm. Most items are \$10 or less! Christmas gifts, crochet & knit scarves, hats, dish clothes, jewelry, ornaments, baked goods and much more. The event is located at 220 E Hereford. Call Chelsea Madewell at 503-656-0393 for details.

Tri-City Baptist Events

Tri-City Baptist Temple, 18025 Webster Rd, would like to invite residents to celebrate: Dec. 18th at 11am, Adult Choir & "His Kids" choir present a Heartwarming Singing Celebration; Dec. 21st at 7pm, Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; Dec. 25th at 11am, Unified service with songs and worship. Bring the family to celebrate. Visit www.tcbt.org or call 503-655-9326.

Free Christmas Concert

The Chautauqua Community Chorus is performing "A Celtic Christmas" on Dec. 3rd at 7pm & Dec. 4th at 3pm at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 290 W Gloucester. Featuring choral music from Ireland, Scotland & Wales. Joined by St. Stephen Bell Choir, Worship Team Band & Praise Pal's Children's Choir. All ages event with activities for children. Visit www.sslcgldstone.org for details.

Follow the Star

Reservations for Follow the Star for Gladstone area only at www.ftsgldstone.com. Act fast, general reservations opened Nov. 1st at www.followthestar.us, where you can find additional info. The 15th Annual Follow the Star live nativity & holiday musical is Dec. 2, 3, 4 & 9, 10 & 11 at 19500 Oatfield Rd.

Employment Opportunity

The City of Gladstone is taking applications for a temporary seasonal employee—public works. For additional information, visit the employment page at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

City Hall Closures

Gladstone City Hall will be closed on November 24th & 25th and on December 26th and January 2nd.

CITY OF GLADSTONE
525 PORTLAND AVENUE
GLADSTONE, OR 97027

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 Board**—2nd Monday (as needed) 6:30 pm 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

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

► **Food for Fines**—During the month of December, earn \$1 off overdue fines for every non-perishable food item you donate. Lost item replacement costs cannot be waived. Ramen will not be accepted and each item will be checked for an expiration date.

► **Dungeons & Dragons**—Dec. 19th, 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**—Dec. 20th, 6:30 pm. Books can be checked out at the Info. Desk.

► **Dr. Who Club**—Dec. 15th, 6:00 pm. Are you a fan of Dr. Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode

& share any show related news. All ages are welcome!

► **Toddler Time**—Tuesdays, 9:30 am. This Storytime is geared towards ages 0-3 years with songs, books and play for early development. Older siblings are welcome to come sing & dance with us.

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

► **Lego Club**—Dec. 14th & 28th, 3:30 pm. We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination!

► **Origami 101**—Dec. 29th, 3:30 pm. Teens are invited to make a Yoda or simple box. This work-

shop will get you started with the basics of origami.

► **Teen Art Contest**—Teens are invited to create original artwork on the 2017 Summer Reading theme "Building a Better World." First place wins \$100 and winning artwork will be used throughout the county to promote the Summer Reading Program! Entry forms and rules can be picked up at any Clackamas County Library. Entries will be accepted from January 2nd to February 12th.

► **Library Closures**—The library will close at 2pm on Dec 24th & be closed Dec 25th, 26th & Jan 1st. Open 10am to 2pm Dec. 24th & Dec. 31st.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

© **Annual Holiday Celebration**—December 21st at 11:30 am. All are welcome, but reservations are required. Special lunch will be served. Entertainment provided. Cost is \$3.50. Call to RSVP!

© **Entertainment Books**—are now on sale for \$30.00 each. Make great holiday gifts. Proceeds benefit the Meals on Wheels Program.

© Are you on Medicaid and receiving home services or over the age of 60? Do you need help with transportation? The Senior Center can help. Please call and speak with Colin or Shirley for additional information.

© The Center will be closed on December 26th & 30th in observance of the holiday season. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Please contact the Center for more information on programs or events. You can also visit us online at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/senior-center.

Upcoming TRAM Trips

***Dec. 9th**—Hubers/Pittock Mansion: Famous for their turkey dinners, Huber's has many other delicious choices as well. After lunch we will tour Portland's own Pittock Mansion. Over 80 volunteers will transform the house into this year's theme, "Symbols of the Season." Leave:

10:45 am, return: 3pm. Fare: \$20 (includes bus & mansion tour). ***Dec. 12th**—P.I.R. Winter Wonderland & Tebos: Begin with dinner at Tebos, then travel to the Portland International Raceway where we can drive on the racetrack to view this huge light show. Leave: 5pm, return: 8:30pm. Fare: \$15 (includes bus & lights).

***Dec. 19th**—Shirley's House & Lights: Come enjoy savory & sweet refreshments and Christmas décor then take a drive to see local holiday lights. Leave: 5pm, return: 9pm. Fare: \$15 (includes bus & refreshments).



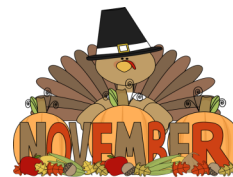
Coffee with a Councilor

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. Upcoming meeting date at the Gladstone Library is Dec. 12th at 10am. Please come & share your thoughts.

Report a Streetlight Problem

Know of a streetlight that's out, flickering or on all day? Tag the pole with florescent tape (available at Public Works, 18595 Portland Ave), make note of nearest address, cross street, map number & pole number (on pole metal tag) and contact PGE at 503-612-4685 or email lightout@pgn.com.

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Library Foundation (GPLF) News

*Books on buses is a new project for the GPLF. We put 320 books on the school buses at the beginning of the year, then added 150 books three weeks later. The children are enjoying the books and the bus drivers are enjoying less disruption. If you have any children's books you wish to donate, please contact Mary Accettura at 1marac@comcast.net. We really need books for the K through 3rd grade level. *The Halloween trick or treat book give away was well received. Over 700 people came through the library on Halloween night. As always, we gladly accept your generous donations. Please remember us as the year ends. All your donations are tax deductible. When you donate to the Foundation, you are helping the whole community of Gladstone patrons!



Ready for Snowy, Icy Winter Weather?

When wintery weather blows will you be ready? It's time to take action now before the bad weather sets in. Find your snow shovel and place it close to where you will need it & make sure you have a good supply of de-icing compound. Check the antifreeze level in your car, replace older batteries, check your tires for proper inflation and keep the gas tank near full to avoid freezing water in the fuel line. Things that could come in handy if you get stuck on the road: bags of sand or non-clumping cat litter, an ice scraper, jumper cables, tire chains, flares or reflective triangles, blanket, flashlight & batteries, a gallon jug of drinking water, jacket, hat, gloves, socks & sturdy shoes/boots, first aid kit and always travel with your cell phone fully charged so you can call for help if needed.



Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, December 14th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Gladstone Fire

Dept, 555 Portland Ave. 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, www.gladstonehistorical-society.org. Guests always welcome! Old photos of the community & ideas are needed.