



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Notice of General Election

For the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, there will be submitted to legal voters within the city limits of the City of Gladstone, Oregon, the following list of candidates for the City of Gladstone to vote for one:

Council Position #2:

Four year term: Jan. 1, 2017—Dec. 31, 2020

Linda Neace

Bill Osburn

Council Position #4:

Four year term: Jan. 1, 2017—Dec. 31, 2020

Neal Reisner

Libby Wentz

Council Position #6:

Four year term: Jan. 1, 2017—Dec. 31, 2020

Frank Hernandez

Tom Mersereau

Council Position Mayor:

Four year term. Due to previously elected mayor's resignation, the election for the Mayor's position is only for the remainder of that term, which ends on Dec. 31, 2018.

Steve Johnson

Tammy Stempel

This election will be conducted by mail pursuant to state law. For more info, visit the city's website: <http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/Gladstone-2016-elections>.

Elections: Ballot Measure

The City of Gladstone has six Measures for citizens to vote on this November. They are:

***Measure #3-481**—Shall Gladstone prohibit medical marijuana processors, medical marijuana dispensaries, recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesales and retailers in the City?

***Measure #3-492**—Shall Gladstone impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by a retailer?

***Measure #3-506**—Shall Gladstone amend its Charter to require voter approval to remove "park" designations for City-owned property?

***Measure #3-505**—Shall Gladstone amend its Charter to require voter approval for the sale or lease of City-owned parks?

***Measure #3-511**—Shall the City of Gladstone adopt a new home rule charter?

***Measure #3-512**—Shall the City of Gladstone's Mayoral term be four years?

Leaf Pick Up has Started



Public Works picks up leaves (and only leaves) from October to January. A map and schedule of estimated dates when city crews will be in your area was published in last month's newsletter (additional maps/schedules are available at City Hall and on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us). Residents are asked to put their leaves in the street no

earlier than one day prior to pick up and allow six inches of drainage space between leaves and the curb to avoid stormwater flooding. For smaller leaf piles, please place them in your yard debris container for pick up by the Gladstone Disposal Company. Also, to avoid flooding, please help clean your catch basin grates whenever they become covered with leaves.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

***\$500 Reward Offered in Arson Cases**—GPD is seeking assistance from the community in identifying witnesses and suspects in several suspicious fires that have recently occurred within the City. Several homes were damaged by fire in the area of W. Arlington & E. Clackamas Blvd late Sunday night, September 4, 2016. Investigators, GPD, GFD, Clackamas County Fire Investigations Team, and Oregon State Police Arson Unit have determined the fires were intentionally set. GPD is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for these fires. Anyone with information is asked to call GPD Detective Travis Hill at 503-557-2788, ext. 4038 or email hill@ci.gladstone.or.us. Thank you for your assistance!

***Vehicle Safety & End of Daylight Savings Time on Nov. 6th**—As we approach the fall time change (fall back an hour) it's a good time to check your car & make sure it's ready for winter driving—check your tires; your oil, windshield wiper fluid & antifreeze full; window scraper, gloves, warm clothing & tire chains in the trunk; headlamps & brake lights working; if you travel with a pet do you have an extra blanket, extra food, water & leash? Stay warm, safe and remember—no texting while driving.

Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) News

***Halloween & Open House**: On October 31st from 5-8pm, Gladstone Fire & Police invite the community to bring their super heroes, ghosts & goblins (no seasonal costume required) to stop by the Fire Station, 555 Portland Ave, for a tour and a piece of candy. Several dedicated police and firefighters will be on hand to welcome you! Hope to see you for a trick or treat! If your trick or treaters are going door-to-door, please see that they: 🍁 have adults accompany them; 🍁 wear light colored clothing short enough to prevent tripping; 🍁 wear see-through masks; 🍁 avoid hard plastic or wooden props; 🍁 add reflectors to costumes; 🍁 carry a flashlight; 🍁 only accept wrapped candy; 🍁 stick to well lit streets & homes you know; and 🍁 use the sidewalk! **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

***Fire Prevention Week**: Firefighters gave fire engine tours and taught fire safety to more than 200 children before and during fire prevention week. Remember this year's campaign: "Don't Wait—Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years." Smoke alarms are an inexpensive tool that provides so much lifesaving power. Discuss working smoke alarms with your landlord, or if you own a home and cannot afford a smoke alarm, the fire department can connect you with a program that may be able to install a new one for you at little to no cost.

***Firefighters Wanted**: GFD is currently recruiting for paid on-call firefighters. Being a Gladstone firefighter is a rewarding and valuable way to serve your community. It takes a high level of dedication and many hours of training to become a firefighter and emergency medical technician. Applications and complete details and requirements are available at Gladstone Fire Station, 555 Portland Ave, M-F, 8am-5pm. Deadline is Nov. 15, 2016. For more info, contact Jeff Smith, 503-557-2774 or smith@ci.gladstone.or.us.

City Council Meeting Changes/City Closures

Please note the City Council meeting on November 8, 2016 has been rescheduled to November 9, 2016. City Council will NOT meet on November 22, 2016. City Hall & Senior Center will be closed on November 11th, November 24th & 25th, 2016.

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.

Downtown Revitalization Open House

What does "Downtown Gladstone Revitalization" mean to you? How do you want Portland Ave to look 20 years from now? What is different? What is the same? The City is hosting an open house on Wednesday, October 26, 6-8pm in the Gladstone High School Cafeteria, 18800 Portland Ave, to hear your thoughts on the Portland Ave corridor—how it should look, feel, and function in the future. The evening will include a short presentation (6:30pm) that will provide an overview of existing conditions on the corridor, findings from a new market study, and examples from other communities with small but successful downtown commercial corridors. You will be asked to help identify specific areas where public policy, regulations, and/or investment could spur desired changes on Portland Ave. Please plan on attending the Open House to share your aspirations for the corridor and help define the vision for Downtown Gladstone! The City is also launching an online survey to gather information about how those who live, work, own property on, or visit Portland Ave use the corridor today, what people like about it, and what they hope will change. Visit the project website at <http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/city-of-gladstone-downtown-revitalization/> and take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey. Survey also available at open house.

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 additional information, visit www.gladstonetsp.com.

City Board Applications

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 two 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 5pm on Dec. 5, 2016.

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 dates at the Gladstone Library are: Nov. 14th, 10am and Nov. 28th, 6:30 pm. Please come and share your thoughts.

Veterans Day Program

Veterans or enlisted personnel from any branch of military service are invited to a special event in their honor at Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Ave. on November 9th at 9:40 am with a reception in the cafeteria. Honored guests will be treated to performances by the GHS band & choir in a full school assembly. For info, call Ellen Peck at 503-655-2544.

Veterans Day Musical Event

Tri-City Baptist Church, 18025 Webster Rd, will host a Veterans Day Musical Celebration on November 11th from 7-9 pm featuring the Cowboy Church Band. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit two military Christian ministries that help military families. For info, visit www.tcbt.org or call 503-655-9326.

Library Foundation (GPLF) News

*Stop by the Library to pick up a book & candy on Halloween night from 5:30-7:30 pm!

*Our school bus drivers tell us the children are enjoying the Books on Buses so well that we need to replenish some of 320 books that were installed on 13 buses only a few weeks ago!

*We need your help! We've no place to store our books, CDs, DVDs, etc. for our annual book sale. If you know of someone or some place to reasonably rent, please call Lani at 503-260-4786.

* Information on how to link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to the Gladstone Public Library Foundation can be found at www.doyoushop.com. Forms also available at the library.

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

Election Ballot Drop Box

Clackamas County Elections has advised ballots will be mailed on October 19th. The County & City have installed an outdoor drop box at the corner of E. Dartmouth & Portland Ave (in front of City Hall). This will allow 24 hour accessibility. Voters will need to park and bring their ballot to the drop box. An indoor drop box will be available at the Gladstone Library during regular business hours.

Annual Bazaar—October 29th, 9am-4pm, Gladstone High School Cafeteria, 70+ tables of crafts, gifts, food & more. Call 503-997-7068.

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► **Streets**—GPW has contracted with Capitol Assessments & Paving Services for inspection and analysis of our street pavement distress level. Through the process, the City will be provided a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of our streets. This data will allow us to forecast life expectancy of our roads & streets, allow us to best plan a budget & formulate scheduling strategies to provide the most cost effective maintenance, repair and rehabilitation of our streets. A consultant will be traveling the Gladstone streets over the next several weeks to inspect and measure segments of roadway.

► **Stormwater**—The rains have arrived and with them, the risk of water damage and pollutants being washed into our rivers. The City appreciates residents help in keeping catch basins free of debris by removing material away from the

catch basins. Everything washed into a catch basin ends up in our rivers or clogs the catch basin. A clogged catch basin will allow storm water to overflow into our streets and potentially flood homes and businesses.

► **Street Sweeping**—Our DEQ stormwater permit requires regular maintenance of our stormwater conveyance system. As part of DEQ permit requirements, GPW sweep the streets regularly to limit pollutant outflow into our rivers. The street sweeper operates on an efficiency pattern to make the best use of personnel time, wear and tear on the sweeper and to position the sweeper for the next section to be swept without backtracking. If you see the street sweeper in your neighborhood and it seems to have missed your street, be patient, it will be back in a few days. The street sweeper does not typically

sweep streets on garbage collection day, as maneuvering around trash cans poses a risk to the can and to the sweeper. The same is true for parked cars, basketball hoops, overhanging limbs, or anything that blocks the travel portion of the street. GPW asks you to use your yard debris receptacles for your yard clean up needs, except during leaf pick up season. Please refer to instructions for putting leaves into the street for this event. GPW appreciates the cooperation and assistance of our residents. If you see a catch basin that needs attention or have questions, please call 503-656-7957 M-F, 8:00 am—3:30 pm.

► **Sand Bags**—In an effort to assist residents during heavy rains or storms, GPW will have a sand bag station set up outside the main gates.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

© **Thanksgiving Fest**—Come join us for the annual Thanksgiving Fest on November 17th at 11:30 am. Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving fare as we celebrate this annual event. Open to all, cost is \$4.00/person and reservations are required. Please call the center to reserve your spot!

© **Clackamas County Assessor's Town Hall Meeting**—Nov. 1st from 2-3:30 pm to discuss tax statements.

© **Upcoming TRAM Trips**—Nov. 3rd, *One Man One Gunner* at Lakewood Theater. This is a dress rehearsal play, an exciting chance to see a great play before everyone else does! Fare: \$5; **Nov. 18th**: NW Senior Theater—we will start our day with a stop at Al's Garden Center, then enjoy lunch at Red Lobster, followed by delightful entertainment at the Alpenrose Opera House and Senior entertainers. Leave: 9am, return: 5pm. Fare: \$20 (includes bus & show).

Gladstone High School (GHS) 50 Year Celebration

In 1966, the newly built Gladstone High School opened, eliminating the need for Gladstone students to travel to West Linn for High School. This year the school plans a celebration of its first 50 years with a special homecoming event, *50 Years of Fabulous*. The celebration is planned the night of the Homecoming football game on Friday, October 21st. School tours & an Open House start at 5pm, followed by the game at 7pm. A student-led food drive will support the Gladstone Food Pantry and Backpack Buddies program, both housed at GHS. All attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable canned or boxed food donations. "We invite alumni, past employees, and our community to join us in celebrating Gladstone High School," said Principal Kevin Taylor. "Our strong traditions, close-knit community and array of academic opportunities draw students here from over 20 surrounding school districts."

Follow the Star—Early reservations for Follow the Star for Gladstone area only at www.ftsgladstone.com. Act fast, general reservations open 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.

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
(Water/Sewer Emergencies after 3:30 pm)	503-655-8211
Municipal Court/Traffic Citations	503-557-2772
Public Works/City Shops/Maintenance	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	503-557-2776
Police and 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

Fall Carnival & AWANA

*You're invited to Gladstone First Baptist Church, 6125 Caldwell Rd, for their Fall Carnival on Wednesday, October 26th from 6-8pm. Lots of fun games, candy for the kids & a raffle drawing for the adults. Bring kids in their friendly, non-scary costumes and have a great time.

*AWANA has just begun for fall, but not too late to sign up. It's held Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15 pm, visit www.gfbcfamily.org or call 503-654-7728 for additional information on either event.



A Night of Fun!

Come join us for a night of fun and LOTS OF CANDY at the 3rd annual Gladstone Christian Church, 305 E. Dartmouth, Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 31st from 5-7:30 pm. Our parking lot will have lots of decorated vehicles with plenty of candy to give away. For info, call 503-656-3394. Hope to see

Harvest Carnival

On October 31st, from 6-8pm, Tri-City Baptist Temple McCormick Family Center, 18025 Webster Rd, will host their annual Harvest Carnival. Admission is 2 cans of food per child which helps provide food during the holidays to our community. Blow ups, games, & fun for all! Visit www.tcbt.org.



Employment Opportunity—The City of Gladstone is taking applications for an Assistant City Administrator position. Application deadline is 5pm on Thursday, November 17, 2016. For additional information and details, visit the employment page on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, November 9th from

5:00-7:00 p.m. at US Bank, 19900 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, www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org. Old photos of the community & ideas are needed.

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