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Motorists Take Note—School Starting Soon!



Gladstone students will be returning to school on Tuesday, September 8th, just after the Labor Day holiday. Local drivers are reminded to use extra caution this time of year. Many people assume that motorists who speed in school zones are commuters or commercial drivers. However, our Traffic Safety Com-

mission and Police Department reminds us that many speeders are local residents, especially parents who are rushing to drop off or pick up their kids from school. Please pay extra attention to stop signs, crosswalks and your vehicle speed when driving through school zones where the speed limit is 20 mph when posted or when school zone lights are flashing. Thank you!

New Civic Buildings Ballot Measure

Gladstone City Council has approved a Notice of District Measure Election to be placed on the November 3, 2015 General Election. Voters will be asked for authorization to construct and incur debt to finance new civic buildings (City Hall and Police Station) each project to cost over \$1,000,000. There are no new taxes associated with this proposal. For information, please visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Gladstone Police Dept. (GPD) News

***Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over**—As summer winds down, Gladstone Police will be ramping up its enforcement efforts as part of a national crackdown on drunk driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is conducting a 17-day high-visibility campaign to curb impaired driving and save lives. All it takes to prevent drunk driving is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver, call a cab or stay home. In 2013, there were 10,076 people killed in drunk-driving crashes. We don't want you to become a statistic from this reckless, preventable crime. Be smart, be safe and stay alive. Whatever you do, **don't drink & drive!**



***National Night Out**—On Tuesday, August 4th, several neighborhoods in Gladstone came together for the 32nd annual National Night Out Against Crime event where citizens meet with their neighbors, local police, fire and city officials to talk about crime prevention. Thank you to everyone who participated. Citizens are the first line of defense against crime and your support is appreciated!

Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) News

***Fire Hydrants** need to remain accessible at all times. As you get outdoors this summer, please be sure the fire hydrant on your property is clean and clear of all grass, weeds and other landscaping. After several weeks of hot weather, those un-kept lawns have turned into fire hazards. Please be sure to mow your high grass to eliminate these hazards. Letters have been sent to several residents and some have been cited by local law enforcement. Cut grass reduces the chances of a summer grass fire.

***Gladstone Firefighters Respond:** *Gladstone Firefighters have responded to over 1000 calls for assistance so far in 2015. The 31 members of the GFD have had a busy year and expect to respond to over 1600 calls in 2015. About 75% of calls are for medical needs, where Gladstone responds quickly as first responders along with AMR ambulance. Our EMT's work closely with transport ambulance personnel to provide quick, high quality medical service to residents of Gladstone.

*Gladstone Firefighters responded to the Stouts Creek Fire between Medford and Roseburg—in the end of July for 3 long days. Crews worked in extreme heat conditions while deployed and helped save several homes from the fire threat. Great job—Kirk, Zak, Izaak and Gabe!

*August 12th—Gladstone was placed on alert for the Warm Springs fire but did not deploy. On August 13th, Engine 103 and a crew of 4 were deployed to a new fire near Baker City. Gladstone is one of 6 rigs responding from Clackamas County to the conflagration declared by the Governor. Clackamas County task force crews are being placed (safely) between homes and fire where possible to save homes. Our Firefighters are making a truly courageous effort to save the homes in the path of these growing fires in Oregon. Our wishes for their safe return and thanks for their time and effort!

***Back at Home:** Here in Gladstone we are still completely staffed and ready to continue uninterrupted service. What can you do to help? During the current dry spell residents are asked to refrain from having outdoor fires. While it may not be illegal for you to have a small recreational fire, GFD is asking you to take the safest action and refrain from outdoor fires for now. Remember, you can be held legally and financially responsible for any fire that may be caused by even a legal fire you may choose to have. If you must burn, keep it small, only burn clean seasoned firewood and be sure to have a garden hose next to the fire. If your fire creates sparks, put it out. Never leave a fire unattended—not even for a minute!

Drop off Unwanted Prescriptions at Police Department

Flushing drugs down the toilet or putting them into the garbage have damaging effects on our environment and can contaminate our surface and groundwater supplies. Both drinking and wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat for these kinds of chemicals. Drop off your old, expired or unwanted prescriptions at the Gladstone Police Dept. Lobby—MED RETURN receptacle M-F, 8am to 5pm. The green and blue "Med-Return" receptacle has easy to follow directions, does not require any paperwork and there is no fee!

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.

Pipeline & River Intake Update

The old River Intake Pump Station (RIPS) demolition is almost complete. Demolition is on track for completion by early September. After demolition, the area will be landscaped and repaved. The final pipeline crossing—crews have installed casing and pipe in the Teriyaki Grill parking lot, the Nissan dealership lot and across River Road. The Nissan lot has been paved and the Teriyaki lot will be paved soon. Once the newly installed pipe is tested, final paving will occur on Jensen Road pathway, River Road, McLoughlin Blvd and dead-end block of Exeter Street. McLoughlin Blvd night work has begun. Crews are installing the remainder of the pipe across McLoughlin Blvd. Work on McLoughlin Blvd. will be conducted at night between 8pm and 5am, Sunday-Thursday. During work hours, travelers should expect nighttime lane closures on McLoughlin Blvd between W. Arlington and W. Gloucester streets. In some instances, lane closures may also occur from 9am to 3pm. Expect temporary delays during this time. Steel plates and temporary pavement patches will be present, so driving at slower speeds is encouraged. Once the pipe is tested, final paving will occur. Please obey flaggers' instructions and drive safely through the work zone. For information, email lowater@ci.oswego.or.us, call the hotline at 503-697-6502 or visit www.lotigardwater.org.

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: Sept. 14th, 10am and Sept. 28th, 6:30 pm. Please come and share your thoughts.

Energy Assistance

Clackamas County Energy Assistance has funds available to help income-eligible households with their PGE and/or NW Natural utility bills. You don't have to have a past-due notice, you may be eligible even if you pay your bill every month and assistance is available year round. To be eligible, a household's gross monthly income (before taxes and deductions) must be at the following: Single-person household: \$1,792.14/mo; Two-person household: \$2,343.56/mo; Three-person household: \$2,894.99/mo.; Four-person household: \$3,446.42/mo. For information, visit Clackamas County Energy Assistance at www.clackamas.us/socialservices or call 503-650-5640.

City Board Vacancies

At its meeting on September 8, 2015 the City Council will consider requests for appointments to one position on the Budget Committee and one position on the Park & Recreation Board. Applications must be returned by 5pm on Monday, August 31, 2015. Visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us to download an application or for additional information.

Conservation of Water

The State of Oregon continues to experience a drought as we move past the mid-summer mark. This year the snowpack in Mt. Hood National Forest, which normally helps replenish water supplies as it melts in the summer, was a record low. Here are some tips to help reduce water consumptions this summer: 1) Irrigate smart! Water your lawn only between the hours of 8pm and 10am. 2) Refrain from washing cars except at commercial establishments that recycle or reuse water in their cleaning process. 3) Non-essential use of water including recreation, remodeling, construction and cleaning uses (i.e. power washing) is discouraged. These water conservation measures in homes or businesses can help mitigate the effects of reduced water flow by keeping excess water where it belongs—in the river.



Employment Opportunities

The City is accepting applications for a Public Works Operations Director, an Accounting Manager and On-Call Library Assistants-Reference & Circulation. For details, visit the employment page at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. Closing date is August 28, 2015.

Community School Classes

You can now register for Gladstone Community School classes online! Please go the Gladstone School District website, www.gladstone.k12.or.us and click on the box that says "Learning for Life Community Education" for the quickest way to register. View the fall brochure using one of the links on that page too. You can also register for classes by mail, in person or by phone. Questions? Call 503-650-2570.

AWANA

Before we know it, AWANA will be here! Gladstone First Baptist Church, 6125 Caldwell Rd, is looking forward to an awesome year of AWANA for kids ages 3—12th grade. Leaders meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at 6:30 pm. First club night for kids, 3 years-6th grade, will be Sept. 9th from 6:30-8:15 pm. First club night for those in 7th-12th grade, is Sept. 10th from 7:00-8:30 pm. Registration forms available in the church office or contact michelle@gfbcfamily.org or 503-654-7728.

New Daisy Girl Scout Troop

New Daisy Girls Scout Troop forming in Gladstone. Kindergarten & 1st grade age. Sign up at www.girlscoutsosw.org. search troop 40314. If you have questions, email troop leader, Megan Hiatt at meg.hiatt93@gmail.com.

Library Foundation (GPLF) News

*Once again our annual book sale was a huge success due to the amazing help of our wonderful volunteers! Special thanks to John Wetten Elementary custodians, Ryan & Jim, Gladstone Public Works Dept, and Mayor Dominick Jacobellis—who pitched in and helped with Wednesday's set-up and our Library Board! *Volunteer Recognition Day for all volunteers from the library and book sale is set for Saturday, Sept. 12th from 2:00-4:00 pm. Come and enjoy a root beer float or scoop or two of ice cream. We'll have prizes too! *We will begin collecting books for next year's sale starting Sept. 1st. Dates & times posted at the Library!

Preschool Open House

Primary Prep Preschool Open House Enrollment, August 27th, 6-8pm at Good Roots Community Church, 1908 SE Courtney, Oak Grove. Contact primprep@gmail.com or 503-757-0550.

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

► **Storytime on a Break!**—Playgroups will run instead of Storytime on Sept. 1st, 3rd, 8th & 10th at 9:30 am. Storytime will resume on Sept. 15th with a Baby Dance Party, followed by regular all ages Storytime on the 17th!
► **Retro Game Night**—Sept. 3rd, 6:00 pm. A video game event for teens featuring Nintendo & Super Nintendo games, including board games & refreshments. Free!
► **Photography Group**—Sept. 13th, 2:00 pm. New topic assigned to be photographed and discussed each month. Occasional outings, group shows, workshops & opportunity to display work.
► **Dr. Who Club**—Sept. 17th, 6:00 pm. Meet fellow fans, watch an episode & share any show related news. All ages welcome.

► **Rock Readers Book Club**—Sept. 15th, 6:30 pm. This month the club will discuss *The Professional* by Robert B. Parker. Books can be checked out at the Info. desk.
► **Craftapalooza!**—Sept. 23rd, 3:30 pm. Sample all kinds of crafts & activities. Make something awesome to wear, take home, and show friends!
► **Toddler Storytime**—Tuesdays at 9:30 am beginning Sept. 22nd. Geared for ages 0-3 years with songs, books and play for early development. Older siblings welcome to sing & dance with us.
► **All Ages Storytime**—Thursdays at 9:30 am beginning Sept. 17th. All ages welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes & movement activities that build literacy & language skills.

► **Lab Rats**—Sept. 1st, 3:30 pm. Discover the world of science thorough stories & experiments.
► **Lego Club**—Sept. 9th, 3:30 pm. We provide the legos, you provide the imagination!
► **Baby Dance Party**—Sept. 15th, 9:30 am. Move & shake with rhythm makers, new and old songs, and your hands & feet!
► **No Book Buddies in September**—Check back in October.
► **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**—Sept. 24th, 4:30 pm. Interested in representing teens at the library? Gladstone Public Library's TAG is a great volunteer opportunity to help plan events and shape the young adult space & collection. Ask for info at the Reference Desk.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

◎ **50th Anniversary Party**—Couples married 50 years or longer are invited to come celebrate their anniversary at the 50th Anniversary Party on Thursday, Sept. 3rd at 11:30 a.m. Invite your friends to help us honor the couples married 50 years or longer. Music by local musician, Mark J. Event sponsored by the Senior Center Foundation. Couples please call to reserve your spot at 503-655-7701.
◎ **AARP Safe Driving Class**—Saturday, Sept. 19th from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Cost is \$15 with AARP card or \$20 without card. Receive an auto insurance discount certificate at the class. Call to register.
◎ **Sing A Long**—on Thursdays at 11:30 am with pianist, Betty Pogue, who leads this music time before lunch every week. Come join us as the group sings some of your favorites, then stay for lunch & pinocle.
◎ **Last Summer BBQ**—September 30th at 11:30 am. Western music and hamburgers with all the fixings!
◎ **Gladstone Family Dentistry (GFD)**—is proud to announce a special partnership with Gladstone Meals on Wheels! GFD will donate the proceeds from every new patient during the months of August & September to the Senior Foundation. Each new patient's first appointment, cleaning & check up costs \$19.95. Learn more at gladstonefamilydentistry.com/new-patient-special.
◎ **Spirit Mountain Casino Trip**—October 12th. Bus boards at 8:15 am, leave casino at 3:30 pm. Cost is \$5/person (non-refundable). Must be Coyote Club member. Fundraiser for Meals on Wheels Program. For info, or to sign up, contact the Senior Center.
◎ **Free Dental Van**—Northwest Medical Teams Dental Van will be available in October (time & date to be announced). Dentist available for extractions & urgent dental needs. Service is FREE through a grant from Clackamas County Senior Centers. Call the Center for an appointment.

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

Trip Policy—Sign up Sept. 1st or after for all trips listed. Sign up for three trips per month and be put on wait list for any additional trips. *Sept. 11th—Champoeg Park/Newell House Museum Picnic. Travel to Champoeg Park to enjoy the visitors center and then tour the Newell House, log cabins, school house and early jail. Leave 9am, return 3pm. Fare is \$20 (includes lunch, bus & museum). *Sept. 14th—Hike to Rood Bridge Park in Hillsboro, leave 9am, bring sack lunch. Sept. 17th—Tad's Chicken & Dumplings on the banks of the Sandy River. Leave 4pm, return, 8pm. Fare is \$7 (includes bus only).

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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**—4th Monday (as needed) - 7:00 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 and previous newsletters are on our website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us

Neighbor Law

The City receives requests from residents about settling issues between neighbors that the City does not regulate. These issues include requests to: place trash and recycling cans out of public view to help maintain neighborhood livability, to not feed stray cats that may attract unwanted pets to a neighbor's yard or place of business, to trim overhanging tree limbs, locate property lines, move fences, etc. Many of these legal issues were settled years ago and resolution of current issues between neighbors are now typically settled by mediation instead of being litigated in court. Locating property lines must be completed by a surveyor. You may contact Clackamas County Surveyor's Office at 503-742-4475, or email surveyor@co.clackamas.or.us to see if a survey has been conducted on your property. For additional information on additional issues on neighbor law you may check out "*Neighbor Law: Fences, Trees, Boundaries and Noise*" by Cora Johnson at the Gladstone Library.

Gladstone Municipal Code Online—Do you have a question about fence height, setbacks, zoning, traffic or park regulations, temporary dwellings, or clear vision? If so, the Gladstone Municipal Code is available online on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, September 9th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Mr. Rooter Plumbing, 260 82nd drive. Hosted by Steve & Michele Ferree. Questions? Contact Doug Loose at 503-595-5379 or

DougLoose46@gmail.com.

◆ The Gladstone Historical Society meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Gladstone SDA Church, 8378 Cason Rd. For additional info. check out their website, www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org. Guests always welcome! 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.

