



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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City Council Meeting Time Change

Beginning March 10, 2015 all City Council meetings will begin at 6:30 pm rather than 7:30 pm. Also presentations not scheduled on the agenda will be limited to 3 minutes.

Senior Center Advisory Board Applications Wanted

*At its March 10, 2015 meeting the City Council will consider requests for appointment to one position on the Senior Center Advisory Board. Applications must be returned to City Hall by 5pm on March 4, 2015. To obtain an application and info about serving on the committee, visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, email Morishita@ci.gladstone.or.us, or stop by City Hall.

*At its meeting on February 10th, the City Council appointed Doreen Utz to the Budget Committee. Thank you to all residents who volunteer their time to serve on boards, committees & commissions that advise the City Council!

*Mayor Jacobellis is keeping office hours at City Hall. If you would like to schedule an appointment with the Mayor, please call him at 503-656-5225, ext. 2273 or email him at jacobellis@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

*Lt. Jolley-FBI National Academy Training: Lt. Jolley is in week five of his ten week executive leadership training process. He has joined command officers from across the country and from across the world in developing their leadership capacity. We look forward to his return and know he will bring with him great ideas to improve GPD.

*GPD Reserve Police Officers Graduating: We are proud to announce four new GPD reserve police officers will be graduating from the Clackamas County Inter-Agency Reserve Academy on February 19th at Camp Withycombe. Chief Pryde will be delivering the graduation speech. After graduation, Reserve Officers Chris Hutt, Danny Day, Tonya Mackay and Chris Livingston will continue their training with their training officers on patrol in Gladstone. Officer Eric Graves is the reserve unit coordinator—assisted by veteran reserve officer Tyler Hale.

*Did You Know? In January 2015, GPD officers handled 894 police events, an 8% increase over December 2014 calls—according to CCOM (9-1-1 center) statistics. CCOM received 9,218 9-1-1 calls during January 2015.

*Hiring Process: GPD received nearly 90 applications for a police officer opening and almost 50 applications for a records clerk opening. Applications are being screened, testing and interviews for both positions are being scheduled.

*Sgt. Jundt—IPSLEI Training: In order to advance his leadership & supervisory skills, Sgt. Jundt recently completed the leadership development program conducted by IPSLEI, the International Public Safety Leadership & Ethics Institute. This program includes 160 hours of intensive college-level training held over a five-month period. Congratulations to Sgt. Jundt for taking on this challenge and thought-provoking coursework!

Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) News

*Fire Lanes: Please never park in a fire lane, even for just a minute. Marked fire lanes need to remain clear and unobstructed during all hours, every day. This includes all businesses and schools like Kraxberger. There has been a lot of parking in fire lanes “after hours” at this location. As a first step please mention to violators that it is not OK. You know who they are—you see them parking there when you park further away in a legal parking space. During school pick up times, don't even step away from your car when waiting in front of our schools in a fire lane. Thank you.

*Backyard Burning: There have been a number of inquiries concerning outdoor burning. Because Gladstone is located within the Metro-DEQ no burn area, outdoor burning is not allowed. While general outdoor burning is prohibited in city limits, there are provisions that allow for small recreational or cooking fires. Recreational fires are fires that are small and 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 these recreational fire guidelines allow the burning of garbage, grass, leaves, twigs, yard debris, plastics, tires, petroleum products, construction debris, and medical waste or painted materials.

*Do You Qualify? GFD is looking for qualified men and women that would like to be a local firefighter. If you are interested in serving your community at the highest level and meet the requirements to become a member, please consider filling out an application. For information and qualifications, please contact Gladstone Fire Dept-Volunteer Coordinator: Jeff Smith at 503-557-2774 or smith@ci.gladstone.or.us.

*For safety presentation tours or business inspections, contact Mike Funk at 503-557-2775 or funk@ci.gladstone.or.us. For emergencies, call 9-1-1!

Construction Continues at Meldrum Bar & Jenson Road

Construction of the water pipeline is progressing through Meldrum Bar Park along Meldrum Bar Park Rd through the eastern parking lot, and along the Jenson Rd pathway. Crews will begin boring a tunnel under River Rd & McLoughlin Blvd, working from Jenson Rd east to Exeter St. Large storage tanks to help separate materials removed during construction are set up at the tunneling site. To accommodate equipment, there is a single lane closure on River Rd at Jenson Rd—two lanes of traffic will be maintained. Access to the park and boat ramp will remain open. Neighbors & park users can expect to see and hear excavators, a crane, loaders, pipe, steel plates, gravel & dump trucks. Thank you for your patience! For information, call the hotline at 503-697-6502 or visit www.lotigardwater.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.

Coffee with a Councilor



Coffee with a council member is a new idea the City Council has come up with to better communicate with the residents and businesses of our community. This will be an informal meeting with 1-3 council members. No minutes will be taken. Bring your ideas, complaints and solutions to make Gladstone a better community. It is important to remember to be respectful of everyone's comments. This is an informal meeting and no official decisions will be made. We have scheduled the 2nd Monday of the month from 10-11 am and the 4th Monday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Gladstone Public Library. Upcoming meeting dates are February 23rd, 6:30 pm., March 9th, 10am and March 23rd, 6:30 pm. Please come and share your thoughts.

Business License Renewals

Business license renewals are due January 1st of each year. For businesses located within Gladstone the fee is \$100, plus \$5 per employee, and if the business is operating out of a home residence, an additional \$50 fee is required. Business license applications may be downloaded from the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. Business license fees not paid on or before March 1st will be assessed a delinquent charge of **\$10 per month**.

Indoor Home Water Audit Kit

Winter is a good time to take a look at your indoor water use. Clackamas River Water Providers (CRWP) has a new Indoor Home Water Audit Kit to help you figure out how much water you are using and where you can save the most water. Conducting an audit is simple and may take an hour to complete. It will help you locate leaks so you can prioritize fixing them and identify which fixtures may need to be upgraded to new low flow fixtures so you can start saving water and money. The kit includes: audit kit instructions, flow meter bag, drip gauge and leak detection tablets. For more information, to request free low water using devices for your home or how to participate in the CRWP water conservation rebate program, please visit www.clackamasproviders.org or call 503-723-3511.



Check Payment for City Bills/Fees

The city is requesting when residents issue checks to pay for utility (water/sewer) bills, library fines, senior center rental fees, police or fire reports, vehicle releases, business licenses, etc. checks be made payable to “City of Gladstone”.

Report Street Light Outages

Portland General Electric (PGE) asks customers, when reporting a street light for repair or outage, to include the address, nearest cross street, pole and map number whenever possible. If possible, identify the pole with flagging tape to assist PGE in easily locating the light. Please report outages to 503-464-7777 or visit www.portlandgeneral.com, click on safety & outages or email lightout@pgn.com. Please contact PGE directly as the City does not repair streetlights.

Spring Fling Craft Bazaar

Vendors wanted for the Gladstone Senior Center Spring Fling Craft & Collectible Bazaar on Saturday, April 25th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. One 6ft table \$25/two tables \$40. Set up on Friday, April 24th from 5-7pm. Examples of what we are looking for: plants, collectibles, jewelry, food items, hats, arts & crafts, scarves, soaps, candles, towels. For info, contact Jamie Southworth at Southworth@ci.gladstone.or.us or 503-655-7701.

National Essential Tremor Awareness

Congress has designated March as National Essential Tremor Awareness Month. Essential tremor is a neurological movement disorder that affects nearly 10 million people in the U.S. There is a support group that meets the second Monday of each month from 6:00-8:00 pm at Providence Portland Medical Center. For more information, contact Stephen Loaza at 503-260-1577 or smloaza@comcast.net.

Round Up

Rivergate Adventist Elementary, 1505 Rivergate School Rd, cordially invites your student to attend their annual ROUND UP on Friday, March 13th. Round Up is for students who will be PreK—8th grade for the 2015-16 school year. Classroom interaction for PreK & K students will be from 8:30-10:30 am. Classroom visitations for students in 1st-8th grades will be from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. A complimentary lunch will be provided for all students visiting through the lunch hour. RSVP is required. To RSVP or for info, call 503-656-0544 or respond by email to: office@rgsda.org.

Kindergarten Preview Night

All incoming kindergarteners and their parents are invited to attend Kindergarten Preview & Orientation Night on Thursday, April 16th from 5:30-7:30 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, 2015, it is time to register for kindergarten. Kindergarten registration is May 5th from 5:30-7:00 pm and May 7th 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.

Easter Pageants

Follow the Lamb Easter pageants—5th annual production of two different performances: A World Turned Upside Down, Fri., April 3rd at 7:00 pm and The Weight of Evidence, Sun, April 5th at 9:00 am at Gladstone Park Adventist Church new Fellowship Hall, 8378 Cason Road. Get required free tickets beginning March 15th at www.followthelamb.us or 503-655-2614. Brought to you by the Christmas drama, Follow the Star.

N. Clackamas Art Guild

The North Clackamas Art Guild welcomes new members to their monthly meetings at 1:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday (March 10th) of each month at Oak Lodge Water District, 14496 SE River Rd. For info, call Connie Emmons at 503-454-0447.

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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
Municipal Court/Traffic Citations	503-557-2772
Public Works/City Shops	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 & 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	503-557-2763
Gladstone Disposal	503-656-9426
Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	503-299-9999
Gladstone School District	503-655-2777

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

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

► **New Photography Group**—A photography group will meet from 2-4pm the second Sunday of each month beginning March 8th. Each meeting a new topic will be assigned to be photographed and discussed. The assignment for March is “Spring”.

► **Adult Winter Reading Program**—Keep a log of five books you read this winter, January 1st-March 19th, and receive a prize. Ask for the log and more details at the information desk.

► **TAB Group**—The Library is starting a Teen Advisory Board (TAB). If you’re interested, ask for an application and updates at the information desk.

► **Be a Friend of the Gladstone Library**—A Friends of the Library group is forming. For info, contact Maria Mitchell at gladstonelibraryfriends@gmail.com.

► **Bored after School? Try Board Games**—The library has games available for in-library play. Ask at

info. desk for list of games.

► **Dr. Who Club**—Are you a fan of Dr. Who? March 19th at 6:00 pm. Meet fellow fans, watch an episode, and share any show related news. All ages welcome!

► **Family Game Night**—March 5th at 6:00 p.m. Bring your own board/card game or play one of ours. Come meet others during this unsupervised, unstructured event that is free and open to all ages!

► **Taxes Q&A Session**—March 4th from 6-8pm. An H&R Block representative will answer tax-related questions.

► **Rock Readers Book Club**—March 17th at 6:30 pm. This month the club will discuss *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. Books can be checked out at the Information Desk.

► **Toddler Storytime**—for 0 to 3 years. Tuesdays at 9:30 am. No sessions March 10th or 17th. This movement & rhyme oriented storytime is designed for young chil-

dren. Older siblings who want to shake, read & rhyme are welcome!

► **Storytime**—for all ages. Thursdays 9:30 am. No sessions March 12th or 19th. Books, songs, rhymes & movement activities that build literacy & language skills.

► **Library Playgroups for all ages**—meets Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:30 am. Playgroup is an opportunity for children to find new playmates. Toys & games are provided. Playgroups are unsupervised.

► **Lab Rats**—March 3rd & 17th at 3:30 pm. Discover the world of science through stories & experiments.

► **Book Buddies**—March 10th at 3:30 pm. Book club for elementary kids who meet for fun activities and discussion of book. This month’s book, *The Life of Ty* by Lauren Myracle. Check out a copy at info. desk.

► **Lego Club**—March 11th, 3:30 pm. Free, unstructured Lego play time! Legos provided.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

☺ **Tax Assistance**—Low-middle-income tax payers, with special attention to those 60+, may sign up for tax assistance. AARP Tax Aide volunteers provide FREE tax counseling and electronic preparation service for simple tax returns. The Tax Assistance program will be on Fridays from 9am to 2:30 pm through April 10th. Call the center to make an appointment. Appointments fill up quickly. No walk in appts.

☺ **Living Well**—Feel better, be in control, do things you want to do! If you or someone you care for is living with diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, depression, heart disease, chronic pain, etc. learn how to improve your health and your life! Classes are Mondays, Feb. 23rd to March 30th from 1-3:30 pm. Cost is FREE but you must pre-register by calling the Center.

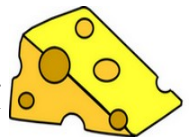
☺ **Spirit Mountain Casino Trip**—Sign up to ride in Style! Monday, March 9th, boards at 8:15 am and leaves casino at 3:30 pm. Cost is \$5/person (non-refundable). Must be a Coyote Club member. For info or to sign up for trip, contact the Center. Fundraiser for the Meals on Wheels Program!

☺ **AARP Smart Driver Course**—Monday, March 30th & Tuesday, March 31st, 1:00-4:30 pm. Cost is \$15 with AARP card or \$20 without AARP card. This class is open to all ages to help increase skills to become a safer, more defensive driver. Upon completion of class, those 55 & older may be eligible for discount on auto insurance. Call the center to register.

☺ **March For Meals**—No Senior Should Go Hungry! - National campaign to increase awareness of Meals on Wheels Program. We need your help! Nearly 1 in 6 seniors is threatened by hunger. Look for donation buckets by registers in the local community or donate at the Gladstone Senior Center during the month of March. On Thursday, March 19th from 5:00-8:00 pm Burgerville will share a percentage of proceeds to March for Meals—come get dinner and help support the Meals on Wheels Program. Meals on Wheels programs collectively serve a nutritious meal, a warm smile and the safety check that keep over 2.5 million seniors a year healthy and living in their own homes. Please help support this important program!!

Upcoming TRAM Trips—Call 503-655-7701 to RSVP or for Info.

***February 27th**—Albertina’s—a Portland charity that benefits children. Shop the thrift, gift & antique shops before having lunch at Albertina’s restaurant. Leave: 10am, return: 2pm. Fare: \$7.00 (includes bus); ***March 13th**—Tillamook Forest Center. Drive to Tillamook for lunch at the Cheese Factory, followed by the Forest Center Museum to view exhibits and film about the famous Tillamook burn. Leave: 8:30 am, return: 5:00 pm. Fare: \$25 (includes bus); ***March 20th**—Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge/Miss Myrtles Tea Room. This large refuge features all kinds of birds and animals then on to Miss Myrtles which features a full afternoon tea. Leave: 9:00 am, return: 3:00 pm. Fare: \$35 (includes bus & lunch).



Gladstone Softball—Sign up online at www.gladstonegirlssoftball.com prior to February 28th for Gladstone girls youth softball ages 5-14. Registration fees are T-Ball \$39, 8U \$90, 10U-14U \$125. A softball skills clinic is scheduled for February 28th at 4:30 pm—additional details on the website.

Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, March 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Gladstone Community Club, 255 E. Exeter. Hosted by Robert Haltiner. Questions? Contact Walt Fitch at 503-544-9672 or walt.fitch@gmail.com.
◆ The Gladstone Historical Society meets the second Thursday 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.
◆ T.O.P.S. Take Off Pounds Sensibly, a non-profit weight loss support group, meets at St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 290 W. Gloucester, on Mondays at 6:00 pm and Fridays at 9:30 am. For info. visit www.tops.org or call 503-750-7686.