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Newly Elected City Officials—Applications Wanted

*On January 6, 2015 the Oath of Office was administered to newly elected Mayor Dominick Jacobellis, Councilors Kim Sieckmann, Patrick McMahon and Steve Johnson who were elected in November to four-year terms. Congratulations!

*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.

*At its February 10, 2015 meeting the City Council will consider requests for appointment to one position on the Budget Committee and one position on the Senior Center Advisory Board. Applications must be returned to City Hall by 5pm on February 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 January 13th, the City Council made the following appointments: Elliott Veazey & Malachi deAElfweald to the Planning Commission; John Wohlwend to the Budget Committee and Elaine Hermens to the Senior Center Advisory Board. Thank you to all residents who volunteer their time to serve on boards, committees & commissions that advise the City Council!

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

*Drop Off Old or Unwanted Prescriptions at GPD: It's the beginning of the year and a good time to go through your medicine cabinet and discard all of your outdated or no longer needed medications. Drop off your old or unwanted prescriptions, vitamins, over the counter medications and even pet medications at the GPD lobby to safely be disposed of. The green & blue receptacle in the lobby has easy to follow directions and does not require any paperwork. Make sure to drop off only the items listed on the receptacle, M-F, 8am to 5pm. The collected medications will be properly destroyed on a regular basis.

*Gladstone PD Penguins: Once again this

year the GPD will be participating in the Polar Plunge, which benefits Special Olympics. GPD has 6 brave participants diving into 34 degree waters of the Columbia River on February 28th. Last year was a great success, but we need your help to raise even more this year. Tax deductible donations can be made by bringing a check made out to Special Olympics to the GPD, M-F, 8am-5pm or by going to <http://portlandplunge.kintera.org> follow the direction to the Gladstone PD Penguins page and make a donation. Donations are greatly appreciated and we thank you in advance for your support of Special Olympics!

Construction in Meldrum Bar Park

Earlier this month, crews began installing a water pipeline in Meldrum Bar Park. Construction continues over the next few months, along Meldrum Bar Park Road, through the eastern parking lot and along the Jensen Road pathway. A second crew will begin work in late January at the Jensen Road pathway near River Road. This portion of the pipeline will be tunneled under River Road & McLoughlin Blvd. Access to the park and boat ramp will remain open during construction. To maintain safety, the Jensen Road pathway will be closed during construction. Please watch for flaggers and signage in the work areas. Neighbors and park users can expect to see and hear excavators, loaders, pipe, steel plates, gravel and dump trucks. Thank you to neighbors for your patience during construction. For info, visit www.lotigardwater.org, sign-up for "water pipelines in Gladstone" email list, visit www.lotigardwater.org, email lowater@ci.gladstone.or.us or call the hotline at 503-697-6502.

Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) News

*Happy New Year from the firefighters that serve the City of Gladstone. The makeup of the GFD is men and women that live in the community with a strong desire for community service and willingness to help their neighbors. There are currently 32 members who responded to more than 1500 calls for help in 2014. Gladstone has year-round recruiting for new qualified members and has a training academy once a year for new members. If you are interested in becoming a firefighter, please contact Jeff Smith, Volunteer Coordinator/Training Officer at 503-557-2774 or smith@ci.gladstone.or.us.

*In 2014 four community members, Justin Brenner, Pat Brost, Derrick Moberly & Gabe Stalker, met the educational, physical, residency and background requirements to join the force. These 4 new members have nearly completed all basic requirements and are scheduled to be sworn in the end of January. The new "Probies" have put in over 200 hours of schooling spending Friday nights and all day Saturday in training since mid-September. Once certified as a Firefighter 1, it's back to school to be certified at the Firefighter 2 level, then the new member has 1 year to acquire State certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-basic). This is an extraordinary commitment! Congrats!

*Safety Reminders: 1) Always dispose of fireplace ashes in a metal bucket and place it outside away from any combustibles! 2) Outdoor burning of leaves, branches, lawn clippings, garbage, etc. is NOT allowed in the City of Gladstone. Only dry seasoned firewood is allowed and then the fire must be small and attended at all times. 3) Did you know not cleaning the lint from your dryer is the leading cause of fires in the home? Be sure to clean lint from the filter after every use! Also check the exhaust pipe & drum for collected lint.

Thank You Councilor Kari Martinez

Kari Martinez's term on the City Council expired December 31st. Kari had served on the Council since 2007. Prior to being elected to the Council she served many years on the Library Board. Thank you Kari for your many years of service to our community!

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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 January 26th 6:30 pm; February 9th, 10 am; & February 23rd, 6:30 pm. Please come and share your thoughts.

Advisory Committee Applications

Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on a City Hall/Police Station Advisory Committee. The committee will discuss options for the current and/or possible new City Hall/Police Station. Committee appointments are subject to City Council approval at their February 10, 2015 meeting. Applications must be received by 5pm on February 4, 2015. Please visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us for additional details or to download an application.

Thank You Wade Byers

Wade Byers, former Gladstone Mayor, recently completed a long 40+ year career of volunteer service to the Gladstone community, the last 35 years as Mayor. Wade grew up in Gladstone where he has been an active member of the community for many decades. There are few residents that wouldn't recognize his warm smile and friendly greeting at the grocery store, at a Gladstone High School sporting event or at any of the many local events he attended as Mayor. Wade first served Gladstone as a member of the Planning Commission, was eventually elected to the City Council in 1975 and elected as Mayor in 1979. This was a time of significant population growth and changing expectations resulting from Gladstone transitioning from a mill town to a bedroom community. Some of the unique challenges and projects occurring under his stewardship included: the city's acquiring of a new drinking water supply and later obtaining partial ownership in a water treatment facility as well as many other improvements to the water system; building of the Gladstone Senior Center; improving the transportation system; making a couple of additions to the library; acquisition and development of new park lands including Meldrum Bar Park. Wade addressed public safety issues in the community, helping to increase staffing and services offered by the police and fire departments while maintaining the city's sound financial conditions even during difficult times. Wade represented the community as a positive spokesperson at community events. As Mayor, Wade did an excellent job of facilitating discussion and public input during monthly Council meetings. As one of the city's decision makers he has always made it his goal to do what is best for the citizens of Gladstone. His knowledge of the community, its history and his leadership as Gladstone's Mayor is sincerely appreciated. Thank you Wade!

Employment Opportunity

The City of Gladstone is accepting applications for a Police Officer and Police Records Clerk. Application deadline is 5pm on February 6, 2015. Applications are also being accepted for a Library Assistant II and on-call Library Assistant. Application deadline is 5pm on February 20, 2015. For info, visit the employment page at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Utility (Water/Sewer) Billing Auto Pay

Residents now have the ability to have their bi-monthly utility (water/sewer) bill automatically deducted from their checking or savings account. The authorization agreement for Auto Pay (ACH Debits) may be found on the City's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us or by stopping by City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. Funds will be withdrawn on the DUE DATE only for the AMOUNT DUE listed on the billing statement. No alternative payment dates will be available. Completed forms must be returned by February 5th to be effective for the January/February billing cycle.

Junior Gladettes Dance Clinic

The Gladstone Gladettes Dance Team will conduct a youth dance clinic on February 16th at Gladstone High School main gym. The four-hour clinic will start at 9am with a performance for parents wrapping up at 1pm. Girls & boys in kindergarten through 8th grade are eligible to participate at a cost of \$20. Dancers can expect individualized attention from the Gladette dancers, new choreography, and an overall fun experience. All participants will receive a t-shirt. For info or to register, please email Lauren Kuhns at laurenkuhns@comcast.net. Profits go towards the 2015 Senior Class party.

Kiwanis Club Breakfast

Celebrate Valentine's Day & Family Fun with the Kiwanis Club of Gladstone-Oak Grove on Saturday, Feb. 14th from 8-10 am at the Senior Center, 1050 Portland Avenue. Join them for a community breakfast which includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee. Cost is \$7 for adults and Children under 6 are free.

Gladstone Soccer Association

Gladstone Soccer Association registration is open. Cost is \$80 for new players or \$65 for returning players. Registration is February 22nd from 6-8pm at Flying Pie Pizzeria, 16691 McLoughlin Blvd or by visiting www.gladstonesoccer.com.

Little Free Library (LFL) #20884

Gladstone residents now have a "Little Free Library". Community members are invited to bring a new or used book to share, have a cup of cocoa and come see what the little library is all about at the Little Grand Opening on February 14th from 10-10:30 am at the curb of 16550 Nottingham Drive (Sherwood Forest). LFL books are always a gift—never for sale, you return books you borrow and bring new books to contribute. The LFL mission is to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide. For more details, visit www.littlefreelibrary.org.

Bottle Drive—Fundraiser

Kraxberger 8th grade graduation party bottle drive fundraiser. 8th grade parents are collecting cans & bottles on Feb. 8th from 9-3. Please place curbside or call 503-701-0453 for large pick-up.

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

► **Adult Winter Reading Program**—Keep a log of five books you read this winter from January 1st to March 19th, and receive a prize! Ask for the log and more details at the Information desk.
 ► **Toddler Storytime**—Tuesdays, 9:30 am. This movement & rhyme oriented storytime is designed for young children ages 0-3 years.
 ► **Storytime**—Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. is for all ages. Books, songs, rhymes & movement activities that build literacy & language skills.
 ► **Lab Rats**—February 3rd & 17th at 3:30 pm. Discover science through stories & experiments.
 ► **Oregon Author Kate Dyer-Seeley**—February 24th at 6pm.

Meet the local author & learn what inspires her writing!
 ► **TAB Group Forming**—Gladstone Library is starting a Teen Advisory Board (TAB). If you are interested, please ask for info. at the reference desk.
 ► **Bored after School?**—Board games are available for in-library play. Ask at the info. desk for a list.
 ► **Be a Friend of the Library**—A Friends of the Library group is forming. For info, contact Maria Mitchell at gladstonelibrary-friends@gmail.com.
 ► **Dr. Who Club**—Are you a fan of Doctor Who? Watch an episode and share show related news. Meets February 19th at 6pm.

► **The Rock Readers Book Club**—meets February 17th at 6:30 pm. This month we'll discuss, *Sycamore Row*, by John Grisham. Books can be checked out at info. desk.
 ► **Book Buddies**—meets February 10th at 3:30 pm. Book Buddies is for 1st-3rd graders who meet for fun activities and a discussion of this month's book, *Flora & Ulysses* by Katie DiCamillo. Books can be checked out at info. desk.
 ► **Lego Club**—meets Wednesday, February 11th at 3:30 pm.
 ► **Family Game Night**—February 5th at 6pm. Bring your own board/card game or play one of ours! Free & open to all ages.
 ► **Library Closed**—February 16th.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

©AARP Smart Driver Course is scheduled for Saturday, February 21st from 9am to 4:30 pm. Cost is \$20 or \$15 with AARP card. May receive insurance discount. Call the center to sign up.
 ©Special Valentine's Day Lunch—February 11th at 11:30 am. Featuring jazz musician, "Mark J". Bring your sweetheart and celebrate. Cost is \$2.50. Call the center to reserve your place.
 ©AARP Tax Assistance—AARP Tax Aide volunteers provide FREE tax counseling and electronic preparation service for simple tax returns. The program will be on **Fridays only** from 9am to 2:30 pm, beginning February 6th. Call the Center to schedule an appointment. Appointments fill up quickly. No walk ins! Bring proof of health insurance if you received a 1095—new requirement.
 ©Health Nutrition & Diabetic Presentation—February 19th at 11am. Maintaining good health is important at any age. To help maintain your health and independence, come to the FREE health nutrition & diabetic presentation at the Center. Presented by Interim Health Care.
 ©Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning—Thursday, February 19th at 6:30 pm. This class is taught by a local attorney. Cost is \$10. Sign up through Gladstone Community Schools, 503-650-2570.
 ©Living Well Classes—Mondays, February 23rd—March 30th, from 1-3pm at the center. Learn how to improve your life. Call the center for details. Cost is Free, but you must pre-register.
 ©Emergency Preparedness Presentation—January 28th from 10:30-11:30 am. Clackamas County Emergency Management will give an emergency preparedness presentation. Cost is free.
 ©Tram Trips—**January 23rd**—Stonecliff Inn—Enjoy lunch at the Stonecliff Inn, overlooking the Clackamas River. Leave 11 am, return 2pm. Fare is \$5. **February 20th**—Portland Home & Garden Show. Leave at 10 am. Fare is \$15. Call the center for information or to sign up.



Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) News

GPLF is gearing up for a new year—we've had many successful fundraisers in 2014 and new ones in the works for 2015. At our January meeting, we elected Veronica Reichle to fill the director position previously held by Nancy Eischsteadt, who retired in December. We've had much success partnering with Fred Meyer & Amazon to earn funds for our new library. We appreciate those who are already in one of these programs! If you haven't signed up, please go to www.fredmeyer.com or www.amazon.com to sign up. Volunteers are needed for many fundraising events for the library's many programs. If you'd like to volunteer, become a member or make a donation, please call 503-734-0999. Thank you.

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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

Gladstone Junior Baseball

Registration for Gladstone Junior Baseball is scheduled for January 24th from 10am to 1pm at Kraxberger Middle School. Registration forms are available online at www.gladstonejuniorbaseball.com or at John Wetten or Kraxberger. The deadline for receipt of mail-in registrations is February 7, 2015. Fees for 2015 season are: \$115 for Senior, Junior & Midget levels and \$39 for Rookie level (ages 6-8). Rookie registration will continue through the month of March. There is a \$10 discount for each additional player within the same family. Tryouts are February 8th for Midget, Junior & Senior Divisions at High School field, gym and/or batting cages. No tryouts for Rookie division. Time and information available on the website.

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.

Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, February 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at High Rocks Restaurant, 915 E. Arlington. Hosted by Lea McWhorter of Sophisticated Beads. 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.

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