



# GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## *New Library Facility Fact Sheet*

**PROPERTY SEARCH:** The City will be conducting a search for available property in the Portland Avenue area. Universal Field Services has been contracted by the City and will conduct a mail survey for property owners to determine who might be interested in selling their property.

### **PROJECT BACKGROUND:**

- On November 4, 2014, the citizens of Gladstone voted and approved funding for the construction of a new \$6.04 million, 13,000-16,000 sq. ft. library that would serve both the Oak Lodge and Gladstone communities.
- The approved ballot measure mandates library construction in the Portland Ave area between Gladstone High School and the Clackamas River.
- Clackamas County currently funds and operates the Oak Lodge Library. The County would like to turn over the daily operations of the library to a City and is offering Gladstone a one-time capital contribution of \$1 million and a one-time library district fund contribution of up to \$1.375 million to construct a new library and take over library services for the Oak Lodge community.
- The merger of the two libraries will increase the annual funds the City receives from the library district. For FY 2014/15 the library is estimated to receive \$631,763 from the library district. The merger would increase this funding to approximately \$1.2 million.
- Once constructed the library should operate solely on library district funds & grants.
- No new taxes, and no city or urban renewal funds should be used to construct or operate the new library.
- The City has also established a citizen advisory committee to consider the future of the Police Station and City Hall. No decisions have been made. Any additional proposed construction project would need voter approval before proceeding. If a proposal is made regarding a police station and City Hall additional property may be needed in the Portland Avenue area.

## *City Board Vacancies*

At its meeting on April 14, 2015 the City Council will consider requests for appointments to one position on the Senior Center Advisory Board & one position on the Park & Recreation Board. Applications must be returned by 5pm on Monday, April 6, 2015. Visit [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us) to download an application & for additional information.

## *Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) News*

☞ **Don't Become an Oregon Statistic:** The Oregon Fire Marshal's office reports "Fifty Oregonians lost their lives due to fire-related injuries in 2014". Of all fire fatalities, males were more than twice as likely to be a victim as females (35 males vs. 15 females). Adults 50 & older accounted for more than half (28) of total fatalities. Six of the fatalities were under the age of 18. Don't be a statistic in 2015! Residents are encouraged to: \*Have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and in each bedroom. \*If you smoke, smoke outside. Always discard cigarette butts & ashes in a safe container. \*When cooking, stay in the kitchen when using the stove top. \*Keep things that can catch fire 3' away from sources of heat. \*Consider using battery candles rather than open flame. In addition to fatalities, there were 214 civilian injuries, 124 firefighter injuries & more than \$128 million in property damage.

☞ **Do You Have a Home Phone or Only a Cell Phone?** When you call 9-1-1 on a cell phone, you may get a recording advising you have reached 9-1-1, do not hang up. For "help" say help after the tone. 9-1-1 centers receive thousands of accidental 9-1-1 cell phone dials every year, which has necessitated the recording system. For info, on cell phones dialing 9-1-1, visit [www.clackamas911.org](http://www.clackamas911.org).

☞ **Visit Firefighters & Fire Engines in the Field:** March 31st, firefighters will be at Baskin-Robbins, 19510 McLoughlin Blvd, for Community Appreciation Day. Come enjoy a discounted ice cream cone. April 4th, Easter Egg Hunt at 11 am at Gladstone High School. The hunt is sponsored by the City of Gladstone, business supporters and a small group of dedicated volunteers. Come by each event, meet a firefighter and climb on a fire engine!

## *Medical Teams International Mobile Dental Van*

The Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave, will host a Medical Teams mobile dental clinic on April 16th from 9am to 2pm. Space is limited to 10-12 uninsured patients. Aid is for those with urgent dental needs such as extractions and fillings. Income must be under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Gross monthly income: One person = \$1,945/mo; Two people = \$2,622/mo. Call the Senior Center at 503-655-7701 for additional details or to schedule an appointment.

## *Water Project Construction Update*

The tunnel boring machine will begin boring a tunnel under River Rd and McLoughlin Blvd, from Jenson Rd to Exeter St. Large storage tanks 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 park and boat ramp remains open. Over the next month, the ball field parking lot and portions of Meldrum Bar Park Rd where the water pipe was installed will be repaved. The new river intake pump station located on the Clackamas River will begin pumping water to the existing treatment plant in West Linn. For info, visit [www.lotigardwater.org](http://www.lotigardwater.org) or call the hotline at 503-697-6502.

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## *Easter Egg Hunt*



The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 4th beginning precisely at 11:00 am at the Gladstone High School. Children of Gladstone residents between the ages of 1 and 11 are invited to hunt for over 4,000 eggs "hidden" on the high school grounds. The hunt begins once the fire siren sounds, and parents are asked to let their children "find" their own eggs. Some eggs contain coupons for special prizes that can be redeemed at the prize booth or location specified on coupon. If your child does not "find" any eggs, go the prize booth and an organizer will ensure you child leaves with candy or a prize. **Donations** of plastic eggs, prizes or wrapped candy are always welcome! Or you may provide a monetary donation to assist in purchasing such items. Anyone interested in volunteering or donating is asked to email [bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us) or call 503-557-2769. Thanks!

## *Max Patterson Pancake Breakfast*

The 24th annual Max Patterson Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary, will be Saturday, April 4th from 8:00-11:00 am in the Gladstone High School cafeteria. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and seniors or \$15 for a family of four.

## *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. Bring ideas, complaints and solutions to make Gladstone a better community. This is an informal meeting and no official decisions will be made. Upcoming meeting dates at the Gladstone Library are: March 23rd, 6:30 pm, April 13th, 10am, and April 27th, 6:30 pm. Please come and share your thoughts.

## *County Launches Citizen Academy*

Clackamas County is initiating a new program: Clackamas County Citizen Academy. It's a 6 month long training course designed to educate citizens about the County government & its services. Twenty openings are available & the county will seek to select applicants from a range of geographic areas as well as interests in programs & services. The first session is April 22nd from 6-8:30 pm and monthly until September 2015. Applications are due by March 23rd and can be submitted online at [www.clackamas.us/pga/citizenacademy.html](http://www.clackamas.us/pga/citizenacademy.html). For a paper copy or information, call 503-655-8520.

## *Clean & Green City-Wide Clean-up*

The 13th annual Gladstone Clean & Green City-Wide Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th from 9am to 1pm. Come make our city beautiful. Activities include: place nesting boxes, prune areas of our cityscape, place donated mulches, weed and beautify walkways, plant colorful and drought-tolerant native foliage. Document shredding, hosted by Gladstone-Oak Grove Rotary, will be provided at Gladstone City Hall, 525 Portland Ave. Pre-registration is requested by calling 503-260-3432 and lunch will be provided to all volunteers. This event is sponsored by Gladstone-Oak Grove Rotary, US Bank, Earth Crusaders, Rivers of Life Center and City of Gladstone.

## *Employment Opportunities*

The City is accepting applications for a Library Assistant II - Youth Services, on-call Library Assistants, and Temporary Seasonal Employees-Field Maintenance. For details, visit the employment page at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us).

## *Library Foundation (GPLF) News*

\*Second annual Veggie Plant Sale will be held in the Library parking lot, 135 E. Dartmouth, on May 8th from noon to 6pm and May 9th from 10am-4pm. Big selection of veggie plants and herbs, plus fresh cut flowers! \*Volunteers are always needed for the many fundraising events for our library's many programs. If you are interested, please call 503-734-0999. \*GPLF is joining the Gladstone Baskin-Robbins for their community appreciation day on Tuesday, March 31st from 3:00-6:00 pm., handing out books to the children as well as flyers for upcoming events.

## Preschool News

Open registration for 2015-16 preschool classes begins April 20th at St. Stephen Lutheran Preschool, 290 W. Gloucester. They offer a Tuesday/Thursday morning class for 3 year olds, a Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning class for 4 year olds and a Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday afternoon class for 4 years olds if needed. Please call 503-656-3035 for info, to request a brochure or to arrange a visit. Classes fill up quickly so don't hesitate. You may also email preschool at [sslc@gmail.com](mailto:sslc@gmail.com) or visit their website at [www.ststephenpreschool.webs.com](http://www.ststephenpreschool.webs.com).

## 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 Pageant—Rescheduled

Follow the Lamb Easter pageant has been rescheduled. Just one performance of "The Weight of Evidence" 10:45 am, Saturday, April 4th at Gladstone Park Adventist Church new Fellowship Hall, 8378 Cason Road. All are welcome and no tickets are required. For more info, visit [www.followthelamb.us](http://www.followthelamb.us).

## Easter Egg Stroll & Zumba Class

\*Somerset Assisted Living, 8360 Cason Rd, offers a Easter Egg Stroll for 12 years & younger on April 4th at 2:30 pm. Bring your own basket. Live bunnies, bouncy house, gold ticket prizes and adult plant raffle. \*Zumba Gold Classes, taught by Eastside Athletic Club, on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am. Free for Silver Sneaker members or \$5 for non members. Call 503-723-7868 for info.

## Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

► **Friends of the Gladstone Public Library**—April 13th, 6:30 pm. For info, contact [gladstonelibrary-friends@gmail.com](mailto:gladstonelibrary-friends@gmail.com).  
 ► **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**—TAB is a great volunteer opportunity to help plan events & shape the young adult space & collection. Inquire at the Information Desk.  
 ► **Bored After School**—Try board games. Games are available for in-library play. Inquire at the Information Desk for a list of games.  
 ► **Oregon Author, Timothy Lane**—April 28th, 6:00 pm. Enjoy refreshments and meet the local author of *Rules of Becoming a Legend*.  
 ► **Altered Book Art**—April 14th, 6:30 pm. Create your own masterpiece out of old, discarded books. All materials provided.  
 ► **Photography Group**—April 12th, 2:00 pm. Meets from 2-4pm the 2nd Sunday of each month.

New topic assigned to be photographed and discussed each month. Occasional outings, group shows, workshops & opportunity to display work. April assignment, "Look at Life a Little Differently".  
 ► **Dr Who Club**—April 16th, 6:00 pm. Meet with fellow fans, watch an episode and share show related news. All ages welcome.  
 ► **Family Game Night**—April 2nd, 6:00 pm. Bring a board/card game, meet others. Open to all ages.  
 ► **Teen Writing Group**—April 27th, 4:00 pm. Working on a novel, comic, manga or short story? Come share, give feedback and discuss with other teen writers.  
 ► **Rock Readers Book Club**—April 21st, 6:30 pm. This month's discussion, *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. Books can be checked out at Info. Desk.  
 ► **Toddler Storytime**—0-3years.

Tuesdays, 9:30 am. No sessions April 7th-16th. Movement & rhyme oriented storytime.  
 ► **Storytime**—for all ages. Thursdays in 9:30 am. No sessions April 7th-16th. Books, songs, rhymes & movement activities.  
 ► **Library Playgroups for all ages**—Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 am. Playgroup is an opportunity for children to find new playmates and parents to make new friends.  
 ► **Lab Rats**—April 7th & 21st, 3:30 pm. Discover the world of science through experiments.  
 ► **Book Buddies**—April 14th, 3:30 pm. Book club for elementary school children. This month's book, *Kenny & the Dragon* by Toni DiTerizzi. Check out books from the Information desk.  
 ► **Lego Club**—April 15th, 3:30 pm. Free, unstructured Lego play time! Legos provided.

## Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

◎ **March For Meals**—No Senior Should Go Hungry! - National campaign to increase awareness of Meals on Wheels Program. Nearly 1 in 6 seniors is threatened by hunger. Look for donation buckets in the community or donate at Gladstone US Bank or Senior Center during the month of March. Purchase 50/50 Raffle Tickets at the Center for \$1/each or 6/\$5.00. Drawing on April 2nd (need not be present to win). Meals on Wheels programs collectively serve a nutritious meal, a warm smile and the safety check that keep over 2.5 million seniors healthy and living in their own homes. Help support this important program!!

◎ **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program**—Starting April 1st, the Center will be offering a free 8-week program developed specifically for people with arthritis. It is a low-impact, joint-safe program to help decrease arthritis pain & relieve stiffness while increasing flexibility and range of motion. Classes are Wednesdays & Fridays from 10-11 am, April 1st-May 22nd. Sign up by calling 503-650-2570.

◎ **Wills, Trust & Estate Planning**—April 16th from 6:30-7:30 pm. Learn fundamentals of wills, trusts, powers of attorney, etc. Presented by Attorney Joshua Lipps. Cost is \$10, call 503-650-2570 to sign up.

◎ **Spring Fling Craft & Collectible Bazaar**—**VENDORS WANTED!** Saturday, April 25th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Cost for 6 ft. table is \$25 or \$40 for 2 tables. Call the Center at 503-655-7701 for email [Southworth@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:Southworth@ci.gladstone.or.us) if you would like to be a vendor or for information.

◎ **Easter Lunch**—April 2nd at 11:30 am, entertainment by John Bennett. Call to RSVP. Cost is \$3.50.

## Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The Gladstone-Oak Grove Kiwanis is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, April 18th from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave. Dinner includes: spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & dessert. Cost is \$7/person or \$25/family. Children under age 6 are free. Proceeds benefit the Gladstone High School Key Club Scholarship fund. Music & entertainment provided. For info, call Tom Hogan at 503-819-8367, email [kiwanis-gladstone@hotmail.com](mailto:kiwanis-gladstone@hotmail.com) or visit [www.gladoak.org](http://www.gladoak.org).



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## HOMESERVE USA

The City of Gladstone has received numerous inquiries regarding a mailing local residents have received from HomeServe USA. The mailing informs recipients that they are responsible for the maintenance and repairs of their exterior water lines, leaving them liable for repairs which could potentially cost thousands of dollars. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises residents to read the notice very carefully, particularly the portion that says "HomeServe is an independent company separate from your local utility or community." The BBB notes that while the company is correct when they say homeowners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of their water lines—from the street to the meter—the warranty coverage they offer is optional, not mandatory. The BBB recommends the following tips: \*Never agree to any contract over the phone without first receiving it in writing; \*Read the service contract very carefully; \*Review your homeowners insurance policy or call your insurance agent to see if coverage is already provided; \*Check the BBB website at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) for issues.

## And All the Trumpets

Chautauqua Community Chorus, St. Stephen Worship Team & Bell Choir presents "And All the Trumpets" on Saturday, April 25th at 7pm and Sunday, April 26th at 3:00 pm at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 290 W. Gloucester. Children are welcome—activities available for them. A free-will offering will benefit the Willamette Riverkeepers and the Landfill Harmonic. For info, call 503-656-8194.



## An Evening of International Music

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 8331 Cason Rd, invites you to a free community event featuring an evening of international music and dance on April 18th at 7:00 pm. Showcasing the culture, traditional music and dance performances by various local community groups. For info, call 503-867-5341.

## Gladstone Jr. Baseball Bottle Drive

Gladstone Jr. Baseball needs your help by participating in their annual Can & Bottle Drive. Please consider donating any cans & bottles by placing them outside your home on Saturday, April 18th before 10 am. For info, call President Jason Pugh at 503-680-9231. Thanks for your support!



## Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, April 8th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at O.C. Acupuncture, 619 Madison St, #110, Oregon City. Hosted by Scott Stuart & Carol Griesmeyer. Questions? Contact Walt Fitch at

5 0 3 - 5 4 4 - 9 6 7 2 o r [walt.fitch@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.