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Water & Sewer Rate Increase

The City sends you a joint water and sewer utility bill every other month. Effective July 1, 2015 the sewer portion of your next utility bill will increase \$2.92 and the water portion will increase \$1.50 for a single-family residence, if you receive wastewater service from Tri-City Service District and your property is located generally south of Abernethy Lane and E. Jersey Street—your new bi-monthly minimum bill will increase from \$86.48 to \$90.90. The sewer portion of your utility bill for a single-family residence will increase \$3.80 and the water portion will increase \$1.50 if you are served by Oak Lodge Sanitary District, generally located north of Abernethy Lane and E. Jersey St—your new bi-monthly minimum

bill will increase from \$132.82 to \$138.12. The water rate increase funds will be used by the City for maintenance and operation of the water distribution system and debt service. A 1971 agreement between the City and Oak Lodge Sanitary District basically requires that Gladstone customers serviced by the district pay the same rate as district customers. As a result, the City does not control the Oak Lodge sewer rates. The rate increases are needed to offset inflation and to purchase equipment or contract for comprehensive inspection and cleaning of the sewer system to reduce the frequency of sewer backups into homes and businesses. New rates will be reflected on the bill you receive in September.

Notice of Budget Committee Meetings

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Gladstone and Gladstone Urban Renewal District, to discuss the budgets for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 will be held at Gladstone City Hall, 525 Portland Ave, Gladstone, Oregon on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meetings is to receive the budget messages and to receive comment from the public on the budget. Copies of the budgets are available on the City's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Gladstone Police Dept. (GPD) News

***National Night Out (NNO) Coming in August**—The 2015 NNO event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4th. If you're interested in hosting an event for your neighborhood or to learn more about it, please contact Carole Winegarden at coffeecarole@gmail.com or 503-880-5346. This annual event is held all over the nation to promote crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

***Reporting a Code Enforcement Concern**—The City encourages all its residents to be good neighbors by taking pride in keeping their properties and neighborhoods safe and well-maintained. If you want to report a code enforcement complaint or concern in your neighborhood, download a Code Enforcement Complaint form from the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us or leave a message on the NEW Code Enforcement hotline at 503-479-6859. We thank you for doing your part to keep our community beautiful!

Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) Recruitment

The GFD is currently recruiting for on-call firefighters. Job qualifications required: * high school diploma or equivalent; * must be a minimum of 18 years of age; * must pass a criminal background check and drug test; * must possess a current, valid Oregon driver's license and maintain a driving record insurable by the City's insurer to drive a department vehicle; * must pass the entrance physical ability test, written exam (70% or better) and interview to be accepted for the department fire academy; * must obtain State of Oregon EMT license within one year after probation and maintain it for the duration of employment; * recruits are required to complete the fire academy and become certified as an NFPA Fire Fighter I. (Time commitment—approximately six months, every Friday evening and Saturday). Applications are available at the Gladstone Fire Station, 555 Portland Ave, M-F, 8am to 5pm. The application deadline is June 26, 2015. For complete details, contact Jeff Smith at 503-557-2774 or smith@ci.gladstone.or.us.

City Board Vacancies

At its meeting on July 14, 2015 the City Council will consider requests for appointments to one position on the Senior Center Advisory Board, two positions on the Budget Committee & one position on the Parks & Recreation Board. Applications must be returned by 5pm on Monday, July 6, 2015. Visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us to download an application & for additional information.

Gladstone Fire Department News

***Fire Hydrant Maintenance:** Seasonal workers will soon be cleaning around and flowing water from fire hydrants in the City. A three foot clear area in all directions around the fire hydrant is required by Oregon Fire Code. Please assist work crews maintaining the water system by trimming flowers, weeds, fences and trees around the fire hydrant. Hydrant flows are necessary to assist the City to maintain a healthy water system and properly working fire hydrants. During testing in your area, you may notice a slight discoloration in the water—that will clear within a day. For questions or concerns, call Mike Funk, Fire Marshal, at 503-557-2775. ***Outdoor Burning:** What can I burn? The only materials you are allowed to burn are *clean seasoned firewood* as part of a recreational or cooking fire. If you believe a resident is burning illegal materials, call our dispatch center at 503-655-8211 to report the violation. Most times residents are not found burning illegal materials, over 50% of calls are simply BBQ's and smokers. When there is smoke in your neighborhood, a reasonable first step is to politely contact your neighbor and advise them of your smoke concerns.

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.

Tri-Met Temporary Detour

Tri-Met Line 79—temporary detour for Strawberry Lane overcrossing construction. Beginning Sunday, June 14th, Line 79-Clackamas/Oregon City will be temporarily detoured to accommodate ODOT's Strawberry Lane overcrossing project. This project is expected to finish in September 2015. **For Riders:** Line 79 will not be able to use Strawberry Lane west of I-205 during construction and will detour from Oatfield Rd, Webster Rd & Strawberry Lane using 82nd Dr. Closed stops will be posted with directions to the nearest stop. A temporary service, Line 179-Webster/Oatfield will serve Oatfield and Webster via SE Roots Rd, McKinley, Hwy 212/224 and SE 82nd Dr. Riders can transfer between lines 79 & 179 near the intersection of Princeton Ave and E. Berkeley or SE 82nd Dr between Adams St/Alansa Dr & Hwy 212/224. **For neighbors:** the detour will require Line 79 & 179 to temporarily use streets that currently don't have bus service. **Shared Use Path:** part of the shared use path located west of I-205 will be closed and a detour established from June-September. Advanced warning signs will be placed on the path to indicate closure. Thanks for your patience during the construction period. For questions, call 503-238-RIDE (7433), M-F, 8:30am to 4:30 pm or visit www.trimet.org/strawberrylane.



Bus Stop

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: June 8th, 10am and June 22nd, 6:30 pm.** Please come and share your thoughts.

Save the Dates—Community Festival

The fun begins July 31st—August 2nd. This year's event promises more fun and games than ever, including an **All-Age Dance**, a **Dunk Tank**, an awesome **Dodge Ball** competition, **Arcade Games**, a community-wide **Treasure Hunt**, **Watermelon Eating Contest**, **Pie Baking Contest**, **Chili Cook Off** and many other new things to accompany our world-famous **Parade** There will be **great music** and other entertainment on the stage, **Movie in the Park**, **Bingo**, **Community Art Show** and many, many more fun things to see and do. Thank you to the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary for presenting this festival for our community! If you would like to rent a booth space to display your wares, your talents or your company for only \$50 or if you have art work you would like to show or would like to volunteer to help, call **Bob Everett at 503-201-0785** or **Jal Duncan at 503-201-5952** or visit www.gladstonecommunityfestival.net.



Grand Marshal Nominations

The Gladstone Community Festival (GCF) Parade Committee is taking nominations for Grand Marshal of our community parade on August 1st. Deadline for nominations is 5pm on June 15, 2015. Nomination applications can be found online at www.gladstonecommunity.net or at the Gladstone Library or Senior Center. For up to date parade information LIKE our page, www.facebook.com/GCFParade.

Picnics/Parties at Patterson Park

Reservations for picnics and birthday parties are not required to reserve the park for a picnic or birthday party at Max Patterson Park—picnic areas are available on a first come, first served basis. Be aware, bouncy houses and rock climbing walls are NOT permitted at any city parks. For additional details, visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us.



Employment Opportunities

The City is accepting applications for Temporary Seasonal Employees-Fire Department. For details, visit the employment page at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

U.S. Flags



If you have a U.S. Flag which has served its useful life flying as a symbol of freedom and you wish to retire it honorably, please drop it off at the Gladstone Post Office. The local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1324 will pick it up and ceremoniously retire it with honors! As Veterans, we fought for it and our coffins will be draped under it. It has earned the ceremonious honor. Thanks!

Shooting & Dribbling Camp



Portland Metro Athletics Shooting & Dribbling Camp is scheduled for Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 23rd—July 23rd at Kraxberger Middle School, 17777 Webster Rd. Calling all ballers grades 4-12. Come have fun and sharpen your shooting and dribbling skills with 10 one-hour sessions this summer. Sessions for boys are from 6-7pm and girls sessions are from 7-8pm. Cost is only \$75! For info or to sign up, visit <http://www.portlandmetroathletics.com>.

Fall Soccer Registration

Gladstone Soccer Association Fall Registration is now open! Registration closes July 16th, waiting list as of July 17th. Cost: \$75 early bird until June 16th, \$85 June 17th-July 17th. Family Max is \$180. For walk in registration dates go to www.gladstonesoccer.com for details.

Library Foundation (GPLF) News

*Another successful plant sale! Thank all of you for your generous support of this fundraiser. Special thanks to Lisa Halcom of Happyrock Coffee Roastery for the use of her patio, tables and parking spaces and to Craig Seghers for donating lavender and sage plants to the sale. Money from the fundraiser goes to the Library's many programs and projects which are not funded by tax payer dollars. *Our famous annual book sale will be Friday, July 31st through Sunday, August 2nd. We need volunteers to make it the success. To volunteer, call 503-655-4248 or sign up at the library!

Fire Lanes

Residents are asked to **NEVER** park in a fire lanes as lanes need to remain clear and unobstructed during all hours, every day. Never step away from your car when in a fire lane. Thanks!

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

► **Summer Reading Program Begins!**—Sign ups begin June 13th for ages 0-18 years. **Kick-off Party with Mystique Face Painting** is June 13th from 1-4pm. **Angel Ocasio-Comedian** is June 17th at 3pm. at the Library and **Birdman** is June 23rd at 3pm at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Ave.
► **Family Game Night**—June 4th, 6:00 pm. Bring your own board/card game or use ours. Come meet others and have fun! Free!
► **Photography Group**—June 14th, 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..
► **Rock Readers Book Club**—June 16th, 6:30 pm. This month club discussion, *Wayfaring Stranger*, by James Lee Burke. Books can be checked out at Info. Desk.

► **Master Gardeners of Native Plants**—June 15th, 6:00 pm. Learn about the benefits of native plants and how to incorporate them into your yard.
► **Dr. Who Club**—June 18th, 6:00 pm. Are you a fan of Dr. Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode & share show related news. This month's episode, *The Silver Nemesis*. All ages welcome.
► **A Town Hall with Abraham Lincoln**—June 23rd, 6:30 pm. Praised as "the best Lincoln in America," Steve Holgate brings the former American President alive in this press conference-style Town Hall production.
► **Estate Planning Workshop**—June 25th, 6:00 pm. Provides up-to-date advice about wills, living trusts, health care documents, guardianship, conservatorship & power of attorney.
► **Library Playgroups for All Ages**—Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 am. Library playgroup is an

opportunity for children to find new playmates and for parents to make new friends.
► **Toddler Storytime**—0-3years. Tuesdays, 9:30 am. Movement & rhyme oriented storytime is designed for young children.
► **Storytime**—for all ages. Thursdays in 9:30 am. Books, songs, rhymes & movement activities that build literacy & language skills.
► **Lab Rats**—June 2nd & 16th, 3:30 pm. Discover the world of science through stories & experiments.
► **Lego Club**—June 10th, 3:30 pm. Free, unstructured Lego play time! Legos provided.
► **Teen Movie Night**—June 11th, 6:30 pm.
► **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** - June 4th, 4:30 pm. Interested in representing teens at the library? TAG is a great volunteer opportunity to help plan events and shape the young adult space & collection.



Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

© **Spirit Mountain Motor Coach**—Sign up now to ride in style! Monday, June 1st. Boards at 8:15 am and leaves casino at 3:30 pm. Cost is \$5/person (non-refundable) and must be Coyote Club member. Fundraiser for the Meals on Wheels Program. For info, sign up at the Senior Center.
© **Father's Day Lunch**—Wednesday, June 17th at 11:30 am. Come have a special lunch to honor our Fathers. Entertainment by Shirley Scrivner. Cost is \$3.50. Sign ups required at the front desk.
© **Parking Lot Sale**—Have you ever wanted to have a yard sale, but don't have the space or enough traffic? Well here's your chance. This year the Senior Center is selling space for our first ever parking lot sale. The sale will be Sunday, August 2nd during the Gladstone Community Festival. The cost for a parking lot space is \$10 (limit 2 spaces). Call the Center for more info or to reserve your spot.

Gladstone Historical Society Meet and Greet

Join Past, Present and Future members of the Gladstone Historical Society for coffee (provided by Happyrock Coffee) and snacks on Wednesday, June 10th from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Gladstone Library. The Historical Society will be accepting new membership and would like to hear thoughts and ideas for future projects and activities. We hope to see you there! For information, call Craig at 503-334-5849. (Picture right: Judge Harvey Cross, 1856-1927, Founder of Gladstone, Oregon. Courtesy of John Hammond Jr)



Vacation School

The Mega Sports Camp Vacation School is scheduled for June 24th-26th from 9am to 12pm at Gladstone Church of the Nazarene, 4180 S Jennings Ave, Milwaukie, OR 97267. Cost is FREE. Contact Kelly for info. at gladnazkids@gmail.com. Registration forms available online at GladNazKids Facebook page.

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

June 5th, Oregon Garden In Silverton—This beautiful garden will amaze with its beauty & variety. Take a guided TRAM tour around the park and go to Silverton for lunch and browsing the downtown area. Leave: 9am, return: 4pm. Cost: \$20 (includes garden & bus). ***June 8th, Hike to Macleay Park/Audubon Society**—This park in the middle of Portland offers a peaceful wooded trail, old growth trees and an added bonus of the Audubon Society. Bring a sack lunch. Leave: 9am, return: 2pm. Cost: \$7. ***June 19th—Tillamook Forest Center**—Drive to Tillamook to have lunch at the Cheese Factory, then to a museum deep in the forest to view exhibits related to history of the area including a film about the famous Tillamook Burn. Leave: 8:30 am, return 5pm. Cost: \$25 (includes bus). **June 25th—Cat on a Hot Tin Roof at Clackamas Rep**—This well-known play will be presented by the talented cast at Clackamas Repertory Theatre. Leave: 6:30 pm, return: 10:30 pm. Cost: \$20 (includes ticket & bus). **TRIP POLICY:** Sign up for three trips/month and be put on the wait list for additional trips. Please note that return times are approximate as weather, traffic or other conditions may affect travel.



Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, June 10th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Baskin-Robbins, 19510 McLoughlin Blvd. Hosted by Steve & Dalia Leitz. Questions? Contact Doug Loose at 503-595-5379 or

DougWithTLC@msn.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.

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.

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