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Master Fee Increases

At its meeting on January 14, 2014, City Council approved master fee increases. Some fee increases include: **Administration:** Business License (see article below); Notary fee: \$5/resident, \$10/non-resident; Public Records Research: based on hourly rate; Copy: 25¢; Returned check charge: \$35; **Fire:** Fire Log Report: \$15. **Library:** Late charge (per day) 25¢ (max \$3 child/\$5 adult); Lost items: replacement cost. **Police:** A-Frame sign permit: \$100; Animal permit application (per year) \$25; Block Party: \$35; Police Report (first 5 pages): \$10, each additional \$1/page; Radar Certification (per record): \$5; Temporary Storage Container: \$50; Vehicle impound (after business hours): \$125, (during business hours) \$100. **Public Works:** Barricade Deliver & Pick Up: \$50; Contractor Hydrant Hook-Up Application (plus water meter costs): \$50; Dye Test (resident or commercial): \$100; Erosion Control Violation: \$300; Fire hydrant water permit (per hook up + cost of actual water): \$50; Street Opening Inspection fee: \$85; Street Opening Permit Fee: \$150; Street Opening Re-Inspection fee: \$85. **Senior Center:** Building Rental (per hour non-profit): \$40; Building Rental (per hour private party): \$50; Building Rental (per hour profit making): \$70; Kitchen Fee: \$50; Meal (suggested donation under 60): \$5, (over 60): \$2.50; Newsletter subscription per year: \$8; Van donation (suggested donation each way): \$1; Friday excursions: \$7-25 (varies). **Sewer:** Sewer Inspection Fee: \$50. **Utilities (Water/Sewer):** Mailed Late Notice/Shut off Notification: \$5; Shut Off Door Hanger: \$25; Shut Off Water: \$25; Turn On Water (during business hours): \$25; Turn On Water (after business hours): \$175.


Business License Renewals/Fee Increases

 *To avoid a \$10 penalty, please submit annual business license renewal forms before March 1st. For businesses located within Gladstone, including home based businesses, the fee is \$35 per year for the first three employees and \$5 for each additional employee. Applications may be downloaded from the city's website, click on City Hall, licenses, forms & reports or by calling 503-557-2769. *The City is in the process of updating business license software. Once the conversion is complete new business license fees will be charged. New fees include: Business License Fee (non-resident): \$125; Business License Fee (resident): \$100; Business License commencing July-December (non-resident): \$62.50; Business License commencing July-December (resident): \$50; Business License fee for each FTE: \$5; Business License for Rental Property (per address): \$25; Business License Past Due Fee (per month): \$10; Home Occupation Fee: \$50.

Gladstone Fire Department (GFD) News

 *Happy New Year—a season for reflecting on the past and for new resolutions. 2014 is a great time to start over or to start something new. Why not make a commitment to fire safety in 2014? The firefighters at the GFD are committed to respond and serve in the event of an emergency. GFD responded to 1571 calls in 2013. Please assist us with prevention efforts to keep your home safe by performing the following simple steps: 1) Always dispose of fireplace ashes in a metal bucket and place outside away from any combustibles. Never use a paper bag and do not place ashes in your garbage. 2) Candles can be beautiful but are one of the leading causes of residential fires recorded in 2013. Never leave candles unattended. Remember the new flameless candles are a safe option—they produce a nice flickering light, with no open flame. 3) Smoke alarms—why mention smoke alarms again—because some people did not take time to inspect or replace alarms since the last reminder. Remember—only working smoke alarms save lives! For smoke alarm or non-emergency questions, contact Mike Funk, Fire Marshal at 503-557-2775 or funk@ci.gladstone.or.us.


Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

 *New Officers Set to Graduate: Officers Mark Herkamp & Casey Newton will be graduating from the police academy on January 24th. Chief Jim Pryde will be the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony for their class of 24 new officers in the State of Oregon. Both are graduating at the top of their class! *Congratulations to our newest police officers!* *GPD Penguins Polar Plunge for Special Olympics: The GPD will again be participating in the Polar Plunge on February 8th, law enforcement's annual dip into the Columbia River to raise funds for Special Olympics. School Resource Officer, Eric Graves, heads up this event for Gladstone. If you'd like to make a donation to this worthy cause, please send your check to SRO Eric Graves, Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Ave, Gladstone, OR 97027. **Please make check payable to Special Olympics.** *Police Hiring Update: The process to hire a new full-time police officer and up to three reserve police officers is well underway. We received a strong response to the recruitment, with the result that 65 applicants will take the written and physical abilities tests on January 25th. The best applicants who pass both tests will then be invited to the oral board interviews, which will be held in February.

PLANNING & PERMITS: The City contracts with Clackamas County for administration of the City's land use planning and building permits, including plumbing, electrical, grading etc. For information, visit www.clackamas.us/jsp/permits.jsp.

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.

Application for City Boards

There are vacancies on the Traffic Safety Commission and Park & Recreation Board. At its February 11, 2014 meeting,  City Council will consider requests for appointment to two positions on the Traffic Safety Commission and three positions on the Park and Recreation Board. To download an application or for additional information about serving on the commission or board, please visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. Applications must be returned to City Hall, by 5pm on Wed., February 5, 2014.


Alarm & Special Events Ordinances

At its meeting on February 11, 2014 at 7:30 pm the City Council will consider the second reading of the proposed new Alarm Ordinance and Special Events Permit Ordinance. Visit the city's website to view the ordinances.

Barclay Ave & Howell St Improvements

The City has been awarded a block grant for improvements on Barclay Ave (between Abernethy Lane & Addie St) and Howell St. Residents who reside in those areas are invited to attend an informational meeting regarding these improvements on January 30, 2014 from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Representatives from the City, Clackamas County and Sisul Engineering will be available to answer questions.

Volunteers Needed to Serve

*The City of Gladstone is seeking a Gladstone representative to sit on the North Clackamas County Water Commission (NCCWC). The NCCWC provides water to the Gladstone. The NCCWC will make the final appointment.  *The City is also seeking a Gladstone representative to sit on the Tri-City Service District budget committee. Tri-City provides wastewater treatment for Gladstone. The Board of County Commissioners will make the final appointment. Please contact Tami Bannick at 503-557-2769 prior to January 30, 2014 if you are interested.

Recognition/Service Awards

 The City hosted their annual employee appreciation breakfast on December 20th. Service awards for years of service were awarded to: Pete Boyce and Justin Poyser: 5 years; Susan LeDoux: 10 years; Kevin Voss and Stephanie Sullivan: 15 years; Debbie Ferren and Lee Jundt, 20 years; and Scott Tabor, 35 years. Congratulations and thank you to these wonderful employees!

Fire Department Recruitment

Reminder—The Gladstone Fire Department is currently recruiting for on-call firefighters. Applications are available at the Gladstone Fire Hall, 555 Portland Ave, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm. The application process closes January 31, 2014. For information, contact Jeff Smith at 503-557-2774 or smith@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Private Sewer Lines

Did you know that flushing items such as cleaning & baby wipes can cause damage to your private sewer line as well as Gladstone's public sewer system? Many things routinely flushed down the toilet or washed down the drain, including items sold as "flushable" can cause expensive maintenance problems and sewer back-ups in your home, the public sewer system and in the environment. Residents are reminded that Chapter 13.12.070 (3) of the Gladstone Municipal Code states: "The customer shall be responsible for the maintenance of the private sewer line from the public sewer connection to the premises served. The city shall not be liable for any damage accruing from the failure of a private sewer or of fixture of appurtenances attached thereto."

Craft & Collectible Bazaar

Vendors Wanted—for the Spring Fling Craft & Collectible Bazaar on Saturday, April 12th from 9am to 4pm at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave. Cost is \$25/6 ft table or \$40/two tables. Set up day is Friday, April 11th from 5-7pm. Types of vendors wanted: plants, collectibles, jewelry, food items, hats, arts & crafts. For information or to sign up, call 503-655-7701, visit www.gladstoneseniors.org or email Southworth@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Can & Bottle Drive

Senior Girl Scout Troop 40181 will be collecting cans and bottles on February 8th and 16th to raise funds for their trip to Savanna, GA this summer. If you have any to donate, please leave at your curb or call/text 503-701-0453 for a pick up. February 8th, cans will be collected west of Oatfield and on the 16th, cans will be collected east of Oatfield (between the Clackamas River and Jennings Ave). If you prefer, you may drop off your cans or bottles on February 8th or 16th at Kraxberger Middle School from 10 am to 2 pm. Thanks for your support.

Gladstone Junior Baseball

Registration for Gladstone Junior Baseball is scheduled for Jan. 25th & Feb. 9th from 9am to 12pm at Kraxberger Middle School. Registration forms are available at Kraxberger, John Wetten, Jennings Lodge & Candy Lane or online at www.gladstonejuniorbaseball.com. The deadline for receipt of mail-in registration is February 28th. Fees for 2014 are: \$115 for Senior, Junior & Midget levels and \$39 for Rookie level. Tryouts will be held on March 1st for Midgets (ages 9-10) and March 2nd for Juniors (ages 11-12) and Seniors (ages 13-14). There are no tryouts for Rookies (ages 6-8). All tryouts take place at Gladstone High School gym and batting cage.

Upcoming Concert/Workshop

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 290 W. Gloucester invites residents: Feb. 22nd 9am-1:30 pm, South African Choral Workshop with Val Rogers. Cost \$30 ea/advance or \$24 ea/groups of 4 or more. Free Concerts: Feb. 22nd, 7pm, St. Stephen Worship Team Band performing contemporary classic tunes. Feb. 23rd, 11:15 am, South African Choral Services. Call 503-656-8194 or visit www.sslgladstone.org for info.

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Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

► Oregon Reads 2014: William Stafford—Gladstone Public Library and libraries across Oregon will be commemorating the centennial of Oregon's most celebrated poet, William Stafford. Check our website & Facebook page for weekly poems, videos and resources about Stafford, other Poets and Poetry.

► February is Black History Month: Check the library's website, www.gladstonepubliclibrary.wordpress.com for details about events, resources and games in your library and online!

► Blind Date with a Book: During the month of February, the library will fix you up with a blind date with a book. Books will be disguised in secret paper and will only be identified by a few words describing their genre and subject matter. What will you choose?

Books for young adults and adults will be available.

► Family Programs—Dr. Who Club: Are You a fan of Dr. Who? Watch episodes of all the Doctors and discuss any Dr. Who related news. All ages welcome—the third Thursday of month: Feb. 20th from 6-7:30 pm.

► Adult Programs—One to one computer help. Need help filling out that online application? Want to learn more about online technology tools or desktop publishing? Ereader help? Having trouble downloading books or audio? Want to know more about your ereader and its capabilities? If so, sign up for an appointment at either the reference desk or by email at gladstonepubliclibrary@gmail.com. Rock Readers Mystery Book Club: to be decided. Check the library's website for

information.

► Children's Programs—Stories & Crafts—Every Thursday morning from 9:30-10:30 am; Book Babies (6-18 months)—every other Saturday from 9-9:50 am: Feb. 8th & 22nd.; Tiny Tots Read (18 mos-3 yrs) - Every other Saturday from 10-10:50 am: Feb. 8th & 22nd. Preschool Storytime (3+) - Every other Saturday, 11-11:50 am: Feb. 8th & 22nd.

► Sign up for Gladstone Public Library's Monthly newsletter: <http://gladstonepubliclibrary.wordpress.com/library-newsletter/>

► Check online for the library calendar, events, special programs and more information: Website: <http://gladstonepubliclibrary.wordpress.com/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gladstonepubliclibrary/>; Twitter: @GladstonePubLib; Email: Gladstonepubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

☺ Bring a friend and celebrate Valentines at the Center on February 12th. Join us for a specially prepared luncheon, party favors and themed prizes. Music starts at 11:30 am with Mark J—a fantastic local jazz musician. Cost is by donation. Please call to reserve your spot by February 7th.

☺ A Defensive driving course is scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd from 9am-4:30 pm. Cost is \$15 with AARP card or \$20 without. Insurance discount certificate will be issued upon completion of class.

☺ AARP Tax Assistance begins January 31st. Low-middle-income tax payers, with special attention to age 60 & over, are welcome to sign up for tax assistance. AARP Tax Aide volunteers provide FREE tax counseling and electronic preparation service for simple tax returns. The program will be on Fridays from 9am-2:30pm. By appointment only—so call to reserve your spot.

Community Rewards Program Benefits Senior Center

Would you like to help the Gladstone Senior Center earn money for local programs? The Gladstone Seniors Foundation is very excited about a new Community Rewards program from Fred Meyer that benefits non-profit organizations. This program links your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Gladstone Seniors Foundation. Whenever you use your Rewards Card, you will be helping the Gladstone Senior Center earn a donation from Fred Meyer. If you do not have a Rewards Card, you can sign up for one at the Customer Service Desk at the store. To link your card, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. If you need assistance with registering online, ask Shari or Jamie at the Senior Center. Please note: the donation comes directly from Fred Meyer and does NOT impact your rewards points, rebates or fuel points.

Audit Reports

The past five years of audit reports for the City of Gladstone and Gladstone Urban Renewal Agency are posted on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us.



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Upcoming TRAM Trips

*Feb. 6th—Tony Starlights, 6:00 pm; Feb. 14th—Tigard Thrift Shops; Feb. 21st: McMenamin's Kennedy School; Feb. 28th: Wurstfest at Mt. Angel; March 7th: Kells. The TRAM is available for trips to medical appointments, beauty and barber shops, the library, Oregon City Shopping Center, banks and grocery shopping. Please call the Center at 503-655-7701 for details. The TRAM operates Tuesday-Thursday, from 9am to 3pm. You can also get a ride to the Senior Center for lunch or one of the many activities such as Bingo, Wii Bowling, cribbage, pool, exercise, foot clinic. Call for details.

Gladstone Junior Baseball Can & 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 19th (before 10am). Your assistance helps the Association keep registration fees to a minimum and helps fund scholarships for deserving participants. For info. call Pres. Jason Pugh at 503-680-9231. Thank you for your support!

Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, February 12th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at High Rocks Restaurant, 915 E. Arlington. Questions? Contact Walt Fitch at walt.fitch@gmail.com or 503-544-9672.

◆ The Gladstone Historical Society meets the second Wednesday of each

month at 6:00 pm. 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.

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.

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