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Application for City Boards

Several terms on city committees, boards and commissions will expire the end of 2014. At its December 9, 2014 meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointment and re-appointment to one position on the Planning Commission, two positions on the Budget Committee, one position on the Library Board, three positions on the Traffic Safety Commission, three positions on the Park & Recreation Board and three positions on the Senior Center Advisory Board. Applications must be returned to City Hall by 5pm on Wednesday, December 3, 2014. At its January 13, 2015 meeting the City Council will consider requests for appointment to two positions on the Planning Commission and two positions on the Budget Committee. Applications for these positions must be returned to City Hall by 5pm on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. To obtain an application and information about serving on a committee, board, or commission, visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, email Morishita@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2766 or stop by City Hall.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

***Reserve Officer Tyler Hale Selected for Leadership Role:** GPD is proud to announce long time Reserve Officer, Tyler Hale has been selected as a regional representative for the Oregon Association of Reserve Police Officers (OARPO). Tyler has served the Gladstone community with distinction for many years and we are pleased his leadership abilities have lead him to this new opportunity to be a positive influence for reserve police officers in Oregon.

***Holiday Gift Ideas to Show You Care:** Many of us struggle with finding just the right gift for friends and family. Here are some ideas that say you care and want them to be safe in case of an emergency. 1) NOAA Emergency Weather Radio; 2) Winter Weather Survival Kit to carry in your vehicle (suggestions include a windshield scraper, small broom, flashlight with extra batteries,

shovel, water, snacks like energy bars & raisins, extra hats, socks, mittens & shoes, road salt or sand for traction, booster cables, emergency flares, reflectors, first aid kit, blanket or sleeping bag; 3) Cell Phone Adaptor Kit for use in a car lighter or with your laptop, etc. These adaptors are affordable and will help keep your cell phone working beyond the charge of the its battery; 4) Home Emergency Kit to keep your household going for several days in case of events such as a prolonged power outage. You can find lists of items to have available online or in resource books at your local library.

***Facebook Page:** The GPD has a Facebook page! Go to Facebook and find us under Gladstone Police Department and like us. We will have updates on crime, traffic issues and other police matters that effect the Gladstone community.



Holiday Toy & Food Drives

It's that time of year again—the holidays are upon us! The Gladstone Fire Department Members Association will host their two annual food & toy drive events: 1) "Fill the Boot" at Gladstone Burgerville on December 9th and 2) Kmart (Berryhill Shopping Center) in Oregon City on Dec. 13th from 9am to 2pm. Please drop off non-perishable food items or new unwrapped toys and join us in supporting less fortunate families in our city. Thanks for your support!

Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) Collects and Delivers

The holidays are coming and the number of local people needing holiday assistance is larger than ever! For the last several years the GFD has worked closely with Clackamas County's "Compassion in Action" and the O.C. Elks Club to help meet the needs here in Gladstone. Gladstone Fire is an agency that collects food and new toys for families in need. GFD members delivered food and toy baskets to more than 140 Gladstone families that qualified for assistance in 2013. The GFD IS NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT FOOD & TOY REQUESTS. To request a food basket or toys, a resident must contact their assigned social worker, food stamp or mental health provider, or Clackamas County's Compassion in Action at 503-632-0562 or visit www.ciacc.org. After Thanksgiving, residents may drop off their non-expired canned food or new unwrapped toy donations to donation barrels located at many Gladstone businesses, Fire Hall or Library.

Santa & the Mack Event

The 8th annual Santa & the Mack arrives in Gladstone once again. Come out and see Santa with his one Mack sleigh during the nights of December 17th-20th from 5:30-8:30 pm. Dec. 17th—downtown Gladstone area, Dec. 18th—Gladstone High School area, Dec. 19th—River Road & Senior Center area, Dec. 20th—highlands & Sherwood Forest area. Santa stops and talks with children of ALL AGES, listens to their wishes and gives them wishes of his own! Santa and his helpers also gladly accept canned goods or toys, to be distributed to needy families in the Gladstone area. So come out and see Santa, his helpers and members of the Gladstone Fire Dept! Go to the Santa Mack Facebook page for route information and times.

Unique Holiday Gift Idea: Gladstone, Oregon, A History, Part I, II & III are available for purchase at City Hall, Senior Center, Library or online at www.gladstonehistorical.org for \$20 each. These make great gifts!

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.



Leaf Pick Up Reminders

The Public Works Dept. would like to remind residents that public works will not pick up leaf piles that contain limbs or other debris. Residents are asked to put their leaves in the street no earlier than one day prior to scheduled pick up and allow six inches of drainage space between leaves and the curb to avoid stormwater flooding. Also, to avoid flooding, please help clean catch basin grates whenever they become covered with leaves. Additional maps/tentative schedule dates are available at City Hall or on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

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, just as if we were to meet on a street corner and have a discussion. 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. In an effort to meet at a time that is convenient for you, 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. The first meeting dates are January 12th, 10 am & January 26th, 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 January 13, 2015 meeting. Applications must be received by 5pm on January 7, 2015. Please visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us for additional details or to download an application.

Fire Department Reminders

*Fall has arrived and so has the rain and falling leaves. Gladstone Emergency Medical Technicians would like to remind residents to watch for slippery porches and driveways. Slips and trips account for many needless hospital visits this time of year. The extra minute spent cleaning your walkway may prevent weeks of pain. Ask a family member or neighbor to assist if you are unable to do this yourself. *Fall also brings fireplace use. Remember to check your fireplace closely prior to use. The cost of a professional chimney sweep is much cheaper than the cost of losses due to a house fire caused by a faulty or clogged chimney. *Outdoor burning reminder: Gladstone is within the Portland Metro DEQ boundary which means no outdoor burning of leaves, grass, twigs or garbage of any kind. You are ONLY allowed to burn seasoned firewood outdoors.

Delights of Christmas

The exceptional Christmas light display on Ridgewood Drive will be illuminated December 15th—31st. In addition to Ridgewood Drive, the City is extremely fortunate that so many residents throughout the community devote so much time and effort to beautify their properties for the holiday season!

Employment Opportunities

The City of Gladstone is accepting applications for two positions: 1) On-Call Library Assistant—Reference. Application deadline is 5pm on December 1, 2014. 2) Municipal Court Clerk. Application deadline is 5pm on December 15, 2014. For information and details, visit the employment page on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Boosters Club Tree Sale

With Christmas around the corner it's time to start thinking about "The Perfect Tree". On Saturday, December 6th from 9am to 4pm the Gladstone Booster Club will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Sale. You can choose from Douglas, Grand Firs, Nobles and of course, festival Christmas wreaths. They even deliver locally. Come and support Gladstone High School athletics.



Joy to the World

The Milwaukie Oregon Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 8331 Cason Road, present "Joy to the World—A Community Celebration 2014" This annual free community event will run December 10th-13th, from 1-8:30 pm and December 14th & 15th, from 5-9pm. Please visit www.moslds.com for details.

Follow the Star

Follow the Star presents its 13th annual community event Dec. 5-7 & Dec. 12-14 at the Gladstone Park Conference Center, 19800 Oatfield Rd. Outdoor walk-through tours leave every 8 minutes beginning at 6:00 pm on Fridays and 5:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. This live nativity event is free, but tickets to the performances are required. A portion of the evening's tickets are available in advance at www.FollowTheStarTickets.us, or at the Conference Center the evening of the performances. Gates will remain open until 8:30 pm or until the evening's capacity is reached. For more info, visit www.followthestar.us.



Chautauqua Community Chorus

St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 290 W. Gloucester presents: *Chautauqua Community Chorus Free Winter Concert: God Whispers Love—Carols from a Frozen Land, Dec. 6th at 7pm & Dec. 7th at 3pm; *Christmas Pageant—the Presents, Dec. 14th at 10am (free); *Scandinavian Christmas, Dec. 21st at 10am (free). For additional details, visit www.sslcgladstone.org or call 503-656-8194.

Tri-City Baptist Temple Events

Tri-City Baptist Temple, 18025 Webster Rd, invites the community to: *AWANA Clubs on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm. Bring children for a great time of learning; **Beyond the Walls" a group of home studies available throughout the week, call 503-655-9326 for info; *HID KIDS choir present "Star of Wonder" a kids Christmas musical on Dec. 7th at 11am; *Adult Choir presents "The Road to Bethlehem" a musical drama on Dec. 12th at 7pm and Dec. 14th at 11 am. For details visit www.tcbt.org.



Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

► **Holiday Open House**—Join us on Dec. 4th from 4-8pm. Santa will make an appearance around 5pm. Game night cancelled for Dec.
► **Holiday Food for Fines**—Dec. 1-31st. Pay off overdue fines and help the less fortunate by bringing in canned or non-perishable food donations. For every non-expired item, \$1.00 of your fine will be forgiven. Food will be contributed to the Gladstone Fire Dept. community food baskets.
► **Be a Friend of the Gladstone Library**—A Friends of the Library group is forming. For information, contact Maria Mitchell at gladstonelibraryfriends@gmail.com.

► **Children's Programs on Break for Holidays**—Storytime & Lab Rats will take a break Dec. 14—Jan. 11. Playgroup continues during storytime hour at 9:30 am on Dec. 16, 18, 23 & 30. Playgroups are an opportunity for children & parents to make new friends. Toys & games provided by staff.
► **Teen Advisory Group (TAB) Group Starting**—ask for updates and info. at the reference desk.
► **Family Events**—Dr. Who Club meets Dec. 18th at 6pm. All ages welcome!
► **Rock Readers**—book club meets the third Tuesday of each month, Dec. 16th at 6pm. This month's

book, "Who's Sorry Now" by Jill Churchill. Check out at info. desk.
► **Book Buddies**—Meets the first Tuesday of each month, Dec. 2nd at 3:30 pm. Book Buddies is a club for 1st-3rd graders. This month's book, "Frammy K. Stein: The Invisible Fran" by Jim Benton. Check out copy at information desk.
► **Lego Club**—Meets the second Wednesday of each month, Dec. 10th at 3:30 p.m.
► **Holiday Closures**: The library will be closed on Dec. 24th & Dec. 25th. The library will close at 5:00 pm on Dec. 31st.



Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

©Entertainment Books 2015—It's that time of year again. We are selling Entertainment books as a fundraiser for our Meals on Wheels Program. Price is \$30. Get yours at the reception desk at the Center!
©Spirit Mountain Casino Trip—Monday, Dec. 8th. Boards at 8:15 am, leaves casino at 3:30pm. Cost is \$5/person (non-refundable). Fundraiser for Meals on Wheels Program. Must be a Coyote Club member. For information or to sign up call the Center!
©Sugar Cookie Decorating—December 9th. Come in before lunch and decorate some delicious sugar cookies! All you need to bring is your holiday spirit and a little creativity. We provide the sugar cookies, frosting & sprinkles. Don't miss out on this fun time! Cost is FREE!
©Holiday Senior Santa Luncheon—December 17th at 11:30 am. HO, HO, HO! Come for an afternoon of fun at the holiday lunch party! The fun will include a special holiday lunch, gifts, friends, and of course, SANTA! You can get your picture with Santa and tell him your Christmas wishes. Sign up required! Cost: donation.
©New Year's Eve Lunch Party—December 31st at 11:30 am. 2014 has been an amazing year and there is no better way to end it than with a party! Come celebrate the end of the year with good food, fun & friends. Entertainment by Shirley Scrivner. Sign up required! Cost is \$2.50.
©Tax Assistance Sign Ups—Tax assistance sign ups begin in January as a FREE service through AARP. Tax preparers will be at the center starting in February—April. Appointment scheduling in January.



Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) News

*Hooray! We're going to get a new library. Thanks to all who voted. The next step is to determine where.
*Halloween Trick-or-Treat night was a huge success. We treated nearly 300 children and most of them were just as excited to pick out a book as well as candy. "Thank You" to Lisa at Happy Rock Roastery & Luna Studios Photography for teaming up with the Foundation to support the Holiday Pet Photos. *We are currently partnering with Fred Meyer & Amazon. If you would like to sign up for either or both, go to www.fredmeyer.com, click on Rewards at top menu bar, then scroll to Community, click on and follow instructions. If you are an Amazon customer, log onto www.amazon.com.

Christ's Light Community Church Accepting Non-Perishable Food Items

Christ's Light Community Church, 4670 SE Jennings Ave, is accepting donations of non-perishable food items to help those families in need over the holidays. Drop off times are 4-7pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays.

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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

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

Christmas Breakfast

The Gladstone-Oak Grove Kiwanis is sponsoring a free Christmas breakfast—their gift to the community on Saturday, December 13th from 8:00-10:00 am at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave. Breakfast includes: pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee. Good food, fun & fellowship. Support Kiwanis programs. Donations gladly accepted!



Gladstone Junior Baseball Association (GJBA) Annual Meeting

GJBA will hold their annual membership meeting on November 20th at 7pm at Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Ave. All members (parents with children participating in the program) are encouraged to attend. Voting on key positions for the Board of Directors will be conducted. Contact Jason Pugh at 503-680-9231 or jasonpugh@gladstonejuniorbaseball.com for information about the Board of Directors and the local youth baseball program.

Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, December 10th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Gladstone Fire Dept, 555 Portland Ave. Bring an unwrapped toy and canned food. 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.