



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Library Update



At its meeting on March 12th, City Council voted to request a proposal from LSSI, Library Systems & Services Inc., to outsource library management and operation of the Gladstone Public Library. City Council will consider the proposal at a future meeting. If you would like to receive City Council meeting agendas, please email banick@ci.gladstone.or.us. Also visit the City of Gladstone website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/council.html to view City Council videos, minutes and meeting packets from previous meetings. The City is continuing to work with LSSI to develop a proposal to operate the Gladstone Library.

Temporary Seasonal Employee-Field Maintenance

The City is accepting applications for a Temporary Seasonal Employee for Field Maintenance. Applicants must be 18 years of age, have a valid Oregon driver's license with no violations, have a high school diploma or GE equivalent and three favorable work-related references. Seasonal work is from May through August. Typical work day is 4-6 hours, including some weekends. Duties include: maintain, drag and line softball/baseball fields, trash collection, general maintenance and assisting full-time staff as needed. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 pm on May 3, 2013. For complete details, visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.



Police Department Staff Update

Sgt. Lee Jundt is back on duty following a full recovery from his work-related injury, plus the Police Dept. has two new officers to introduce. Officer Jim MacFarlane started his career in Gladstone, spent several years with Beaverton Police, and now has returned to Gladstone. Officer Travis Hill spent several years with Clackamas County's Sheriff's Office, was an officer in Colorado, and has recently returned home to Oregon. Please welcome these officers to Gladstone!

Thank You to Egg Hunt Sponsors/Volunteers

On Saturday, March 30th, children found approximately 4,500 plastic eggs hidden at the high school. The hunt was a success and could not have taken place without the generous help of volunteers from: Gladstone Chautauqua Festival Committee, Gladstone Fire & Public Works Depts, Gladstone School District, GHS Key Club students, the Wooldridge family, Donna Bart, Lisa & John Sullivan, Sierra Walker, Linda & Hailey Ward. Prizes and donations were received from: Gladstone Chautauqua Festival Committee, Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary, Gladstone Safeway, Gladstone McDonalds, Gladstone Burgerville, Gladstone Baskin-Robbins, Portland Aquarium, Tebo's, Family Fun Center & Bullwinkles, Flying Pie Pizzeria, Chevy's Fresh Mex, Oaks Park, The Children's Course, OMSI, Portland State Football, Oregon City Swimming Pool, Miami Dolphins, Indianapolis Colts, Lloyd Center Ice Rink, US Ski & Snowboard Team, Portland Children's Museum, Portland Rose Festival Association, Seattle Seahawks, University of Oregon, Denver Broncos, USA Swim Team. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Fire Dept. Welcomes Four New Members

*Have you got what it takes? The Gladstone Fire Dept. is proud to say four young men have proved that they do. Please join us in welcoming our new firefighters, Zach Bigo, Jake McMurchie, Ryan Miller & James Moore. Each member lives in Gladstone, has taken a written test, passed a physical ability test and spent every Friday evening and all day Saturday in training classes (over 260 hours) since November 2012. All four recruits were sworn in as probationary members on April 12th. If you are interested in firefighting and would like to know if you qualify to be a Glad-

stone member, please contact Jeff Smith at 503-557-2774.



*If you would like to meet some of Gladstone's finest firefighters, join them at Baskin-Robbins, 19510 McLoughlin Blvd., for Customer Appreciation Days April 23th-25th. The fire dept. will be there with stickers and fire engine tours from 6:00-7:30 pm each day. Baskin Robbins will be offering cones, milkshakes and sundaes at reduced prices as well as collecting food and toys to donate to the Gladstone Fire Dept for their annual toy & food drive.

Gladstone Clean Up & Enhancement Day

Volunteers are needed for the Gladstone Clean Up & Enhancement Day on Saturday, April 20th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Help dress up Portland Ave (Gladstone's Main Street), establish nest boxes & wildlife habitats and spruce up storefront businesses with plants & flowers. Call 503-260-3432 to volunteer. Special thanks to the Oregon City Junior ROTC Program. Sponsored by US Bank and SOLV, Earth Crusaders & the City.

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. The majority of your needs may be answered by visiting the county's website at www.clackamas.us/jsp/permits/jsp.

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Bicycle Rodeo—Calling All Kids



Summer is just around the corner and it's time to get out those bikes and polish up your skills. Come to the annual Bicycle Rodeo, sponsored by the Gladstone Police Dept. and Gladstone/Oak Grove Kiwanis, with help from students from the Gladstone High School's Key Club. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Avenue. Kiwanis and Key Club members will be on hand to issue free bicycle helmets to young children if needed. Come and have fun, ride the challenging bicycle course in the parking lot and learn more about safe bicycling. Hope to see you there!

Water Leaks

It is possible to detect leaks in your home on your own. Most water leaks can be seen or heard, though some can be difficult to detect. Here are steps to check if you may have a leak: 1) Turn off all water sources being used in the house or any water features in your yard. Locate the water meter on your property (usually located between street and sidewalk). 2) Remove the meter box lid and read/write down all the numbers located on the meter. 3) Wait 30 minutes to an hour, then re-read your meter. If you have all the water off in the house/yard and the meter numbers have changed, a leak is present somewhere on the property side of the meter. If you have a bad leak it can be seen pretty fast. If it is smaller leak, like a small leak in the toilet, it may take more time to see it in the meter. Finding the Leak: Isolate the line that runs from the house to the street. Follow these steps: Turn off the water at the house (not at the meter), if numbers continue to increase, there is a leak in the service line from the house to the meter. If the numbers do not continue to increase, there is a leak in the house. Check your house for leaking toilets (toilet flapper not tightly fitted), faucets dripping, look under sinks/fixtures, crawl spaces, outside faucets or hose connections. Some people fix their own leak, while others hire a professional, such as leak detection companies or plumbers. For emergency water turn off, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, call 503-557-2771 or after hours at 503-655-8211.

Back Flow Prevention

The purpose of backflow prevention devices is to eliminate potential contamination of your drinking water by "cross connection" with a pollution related substance such as fertilizer or industrial chemical. For example, a cross connection occurred in Virginia when a water customer's garden hose was connected to an outside faucet and was left in a barrel of highly toxic insecticide, and the insecticide was back-siphoned into the public's water supply. This contamination could have been prevented if a backflow device had been installed in the customer's water supply line. Oregon Administrative Rules and City Code require annual testing of all backflow prevention devices. Devices are required for residential irrigation systems and non-residential land uses including medical clinics, commercial laundries, dry cleaners, etc. Please contact the city's Public Works Dept. at 503-656-7957 if you have any questions including whether you need to install a device or visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us/pw_links.html for a list of backflow assembly testers.

Curbside Drug Take Back Day

Join the Gladstone Youth Coalition (GYC), Gladstone Police Dept. (GPD) and Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) as they host "Take it to the Streets" Prescription Drug Return Day on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. GYC will be street side at the Police Department, 535 Portland Ave, along with members of the police and fire departments to collect all unwanted prescriptions medicines, including pet medications. Acceptable items include: prescriptions & samples, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, pet medications. Items NOT acceptable include: needles (sharps), syringes, thermometers, bloody or infections waste, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, inhalers. The prescriptions will be disposed of safely, securely and in accordance with legal requirements. Returns are anonymous. Refreshments will be provided. In addition, you may also visit the Fire Dept. where you can enjoy a root beer float and get information about keeping Gladstone safe.



Domestic Violence Awareness

Gladstone resident and OCHS senior, MacKenzie Miller, is working to obtain her Gold Award (highest award you can earn as a Girl Scout). She is hosting: "Domestic Violence: The Elephant in the Room" on April 30th at 7:00 p.m. at Oregon City High School Auditorium. Cost is free, but a donation of food (non-perishable) or personal/feminine hygiene products is appreciated. All collected items are donated to the West Women's Shelter through the Salvation Army. Questions? Contact Karin Miller at 503-351-9225.

Youth Football

Gladstone Youth Football is open to 3rd-8th graders and registration has already begun for the 2013 season! Please visit their website at <http://www.gladstoneyouthfootball.com> for more info. or to register online, or pick up registration forms at John Wetten Elementary or Kraxberger. Registration deadline is July 1st.

Can & Bottle Drive

Gladstone Junior Baseball needs your help by participating in their annual Can & Bottle Drive. Please consider donating any cans and bottles and placing them outside your home on Saturday, April 20th (before 10 am). Your donations help the Association keep registration fees to a minimum and helps fund scholarships for deserving participants. For info., contact President Lou McCoy at 503-572-6765. Thanks for your support!



Free Community Concert

The Chautauqua Community Chorus invites you to their Spring Concert, *The Garden of All the World*, on April 20th at 7:00 pm or April 21st at 3:00 pm at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 290 W. Gloucester. For info, call 503-656-8194 or visit www.sslcgladstone.org.

Stop Junk Mail, Online

Catalog Choice offers a free, easy online service to help stop the clutter of unwanted phone books, catalogs and mail. Sign up at oregonmetro.catalogchoice.org. Or, if you prefer to opt out offline—for a kit that helps you say no to junk mail, call Metro's Recycling Hotline at 503-234-3000.

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

◆Business Recipes—Ingredients for Cooking Up a Successful Business on May 2nd from 6:30-7:30 pm. Are you a small business owner or thinking about starting up a small business? Robert Campbell, Director of Small Business Development Center of Clackamas Co, will be at the Library to present "Lessons Learned from Small Business Owners", followed by a question/answer session. Please call to register.

◆The Oregon Passport Program beginning May 1, 2013. Planning a trip to the beach and forgot something to read? Beginning May 1st, the Library will begin participating in the Oregon Library Passport Program. The Oregon Library

Passport is free, valid for one year, and allows you to check out materials from participating libraries all over the state! If your home library is participating in the Passport Library Program and have a valid library card, all you need is the personal identification necessary to obtain a card from another Passport Library and agree to abide by their rules. If you don't have a home library, you can still participate by purchasing a non-resident card at participating Passport Program Library. You choose which library to use, where and when it best suits you!

◆Library2Go: Always on the go? Try out our free downloadable E-Books, Audio Books and yes,

videos, from Library2Go. Library2Go allows you to download materials to your Kindle, iPad, iPhone, Android phone and several other devices. Stop by or feel free to call the library for info.

◆Children's Programs: Preschool StoryHour—Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Lego Club—Wednesday, May 8th from 3:30-5:00 pm. Summer Reading Program begins June 17th—watch for our new Teen Read Program!

◆Adult Programs: Craft Circle—May 1st & 5th, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.; Beginning Portrait Drawing—Wednesday, May 22nd from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Learn to develop your artistic skills. Bring your sketchpad and pencils.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

◎Adult Recreational Bingo every Tuesday from 1:00-3:00 pm. Great activity for a fun afternoon. Cards play for 25¢ each—purchase as many as you wish.

◎Spirit Mountain Motor Coach will leave the center May 20th at 8:15 am. Cost is \$3.00/person. This is a fundraising event for the Meals on Wheels Program. Must be a Coyote Club member. Lunch discount is included. Sign up and pay in advance.

◎Second Annual Mother's Day Tea, Luncheon & Entertainment, May 8th at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$3.50.

Save a Little—Help A Lot—Compost

Want to save water this summer? Want to make a positive difference in your community? Save a little—adding compost to your soil will improve its ability to hold water. Help a lot—Composting keeps useful materials out of the landfill and recycles them in a sustainable manner that benefits you and your community. Recipe for Basic Compost: 1) take one part green (leaves, stalks, trimmings), 2) add two parts brown (dried leaves, newspaper, straw); 3) add moisture; 4) add air by mixing regularly; 5) cooking times vary, but the resulting dark, rich compost will be well worth the wait! Learn more at www.conserveh2o.org.

What to Recycle at Home & Work

YES, Please: Mixed paper, Cardboard & Cartons: junk mail, office paper, newspapers, magazines, phone books, cereal and cracker style boxes, milk, juice and soup cartons (rinse & drain). Plastic Bottles, Tubs & Buckets: clean bottles and tubs, 6 oz. and larger, plastic buckets 5 gallons or smaller, rigid nursery pots 4" across & larger. Metal Cans, Foil & Scrap Metal: clean cans, foil, pie plates & trays; empty spray cans, scrap metal up to 30 lbs and no longer than 30".

NO, thank you: Frozen Food Boxes, Coffee Cups, Pizza Boxes, Pet Food Bags, Paper Towels, Paper Plates, Napkins & Tissues: These contain wet strength, an additive, which means these items won't break down in the paper making process. Plastic Bags & Film: these items jam the machinery during the recycling sorting process, causing worker injury and additional labor costs. To-Go Boxes, Cups, Plates, Clamshells & Styrofoam: these plastics have limited or no demand by manufacturers.

On the Side: Glass Bottles & Jars: clean glass bottles and jars go in a SEPARATE recycling container. Motor Oil: recycle motor oil in a marked, unbreakable container, no larger than two gallons, with a screw-top lid.

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REMINDER—Community Shredding Event

Edward Jones, 820 Portland Avenue, is hosting a community shredding event on Friday, April 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Let them help you clear the clutter. For information, call 503-656-4878.

Local Meetings—

◆The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, May 8th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Two Girls Catering, 125 E. Dartmouth. Hosted by Pam McClung, owner. Questions? Contact Walt Fitch at walt.fitch@gmail.com or 503-544-9672.

◆The Gladstone Historical Society meets the third Wednesday of each

month at 6:00 pm. Next meeting May 15th at 6:00 pm at High Rocks Restaurant, 915 E. Arlington. Check out their website, www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org for additional info. Involvement in Chautauqua activities will be on the agenda. Guests always welcome! Old photos of the community and new 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, 8:00-5:00	503-557-2797
Fire Department, M-F, 8:00-5:00	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
Gladstone School District	503-655-2777
Gladstone Post Office	800-275-8777
Building/Plumbing/Electrical Permits	503-742-4400