



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Reminder—Water & Sewer Rate Increases

The city sends you a joint water & sewer utility bill every other month. Effective July 1, 2013 the sewer portion of your next utility bill will increase \$5.32 and the water portion will increase \$2.16 for a single-family residence, if you receive wastewater service from Clackamas County and your property is located generally south of Abernethy Lane & E. Jersey Street. Your new bi-monthly minimum bill will increase from \$74.28 to \$81.76. The sewer portion of your utility bill for a single-family residence will increase \$13.18 and the water portion will increase \$2.16 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 \$111.18 to \$126.52. 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. The water rate increase funds will be used by the City for maintenance and operation of the water distribution system and debt service. These new rates will be reflected on the bill you receive the first week in September.

Personnel Changes at the Police Department

Great things are happening at your police department. Officer Jim Macfarlane graduated from the police academy on August 16th. Officer Jose Gutierrez has transferred from patrol to a detective assignment. Officer Eric Graves begins his new assignment as the School Resource Officer in September. As a result of two officers retiring recently we are hiring two outstanding individuals to fill these vacancies effective Sept. 1st. Mark Herkamp comes to us from Sandy PD where he served as a Reserve Officer. Casey Newton has experience as a Reserve Officer for Molalla PD. Both Mark and Casey will start the police academy in September. They will be a great fit for Gladstone and the police dept. Finally, the City Council approved a reorganization of the GPD's command staff. This allows for a Lieutenant position and will have a promotional process on Sept. 20th!

National Night Out Against Crime a Huge Success!

Sixteen Gladstone neighborhoods participated in the NNOAC on August 6th. This is the largest number of neighborhoods we've had participate. Neighbors all across Gladstone got reacquainted, had fun and were visited by Gladstone police officers & fire dept. personnel. The topic of conversation was crime prevention. The police dept. appreciates the efforts of the NNOAC committee and hosts in the 16 neighborhoods! Carole Winegarden served as this year's NNOAC Chairwoman and helped create a new Gladstone NNOAC logo with help from the Gladstone High School Art Club. These partnerships & human connections keep Gladstone a safe place to live, work & play.

Max Patterson Spray Park & Picnics/Parties

*Max Patterson Spray Park will be open Monday-Saturday, 12:00-6:00 pm and Sundays from 1:00-5:00 pm, weather permitting, through Sept. 2nd.

*Reservations are not required to reserve the park for a picnic or birthday party—picnic areas are available on a first come, first served basis. When using the park (or any city park), residents are advised that inflatable jumpers, such as bouncy houses, and climb on play equipment, such as rock climbing walls, are not permitted. For additional details about parks in Gladstone, visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us, then click on parks & recreation.

Motorists Take Note—School Starting Soon

Gladstone students will be returning to school on Tuesday, September 3rd. Local drivers are reminded to use extra caution this time of year. Many people assume that motorists who speed in school zones are commuters or commercial drivers. However, our Traffic Safety Commission reminds us that many speeders are local residents, especially parents who are rushing to drop off or pick up their kids from school. Please pay extra attention to stop signs, crosswalks and your vehicle speed when driving through school zones where the speed limit is 20 mph when posted or when school zone lights are flashing. Thanks.

Construction Project on the Clackamas River

Construction began last month on the Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership's new water pump station, located on Clackamas Blvd. and Portland Ave. Slayden Construction Group, the contractor hired by the Partnership, has erected a fence, delivered equipment and constructed a large platform for the crane that will be used to build the pump station on the banks of the Clackamas River. Crews are working to complete construction of a cofferdam in the river this month, to protect important fish species from construction activities and allow work to stay dry during rainy weather. For more information or to ask a question of Partnership staff, visit www.lotigardwater.org or call 503-697-6502.



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Cultural Festival—Thank You!



GLADSTONE
2013 Cultural Festival
Hosted by Gladstone - Oak Grove Rotary

The Gladstone-Oak Grove Rotary would like to thank the Gladstone commu-

nity for their support and the following sponsors for their donations to the 2013 Gladstone Cultural Festival: US Bank (Patrick Gyurica); Gladstone Baskin-Robbins (Steve Leitz); State Farm Insurance (Courtney Bernhard); LB Day & Co. (Natalie Smith); Town & Country Dealerships; Print Kolor; Watts Heating & Cooling, Walt Fitch, Kim Sieckmann, Consumers Choice Insurance (Jim Christensen); Mayor Wade Byers and Gladstone City Council. The festival could not have happened without the wonderful community and sponsor support!

The Gladstone Cultural Festival Board produced a 3 day celebration of community which included a parade, great support and participation by local businesses, wonderful food, and tremendous entertainment. The spirit of the festival was relaxing, welcoming and loads of fun! Many people came, sang, danced, ate, shopped, bought books, and in short, thoroughly enjoyed the festival. Truly, the Gladstone Cultural Festival happily rocked Gladstone and its neighbors.

Please visit the Gladstone Cultural Festival website at www.gladstoneculturalfestival.net to view photos from the festival or to learn how you may become involved!

Street Parking Regulations

We are approaching the time of year when owners of boats, trailers and RV's are preparing them for winter storage. Gladstone Code Enforcement would like



to remind its citizens that there are city ordinances regulating on-street parking, and these ordinances are very specific as to the type of vehicles that can be parked on city streets. Chapter 10.04.230 of the Gladstone Municipal Code (available online on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us) discusses parking issues. Please be mindful of your neighbors and use alternative parking, such as RV pads or local RV storage facilities, etc. By following these guidelines we can all enhance our city services, improve public safety and help make our neighborhoods more "neighbor friendly" for the citizens of Gladstone.

Indoor Water Conservation

Every day the average American can splash, pour and flush between 40-130 gallons of water down the drain. In the Clackamas River Water Providers service area, the average person uses 80-100 gallons of water each day, and a family of four typically consumes around 320 gallons per day. We use water to cook, take showers, clean and drink. There are a number of ways you can learn how to save water indoors whether it is through fixing leaky faucets or leaky toilets, to installing new low flow fixtures and appliances, (which can reduce your indoor water usage by up 50%), to learning how to use your water meter to check for leaks. Other water saving ideas include: *Take a shallow bath instead of a shower (saves 15-20 gallons per day); *Turn off water while brushing your teeth (saves 3 gallons per day); *Run only full loads in washing machine and dishwasher (saves 75-200 gallons per week); *Keep a bottle of cold water in the refrigerator for drinking instead of running the faucet (saves 200-300 gallons per month). For information on water conservation, visit Clackamas River Water Provider's website, www.clackamasproviders.org.



5th Annual Golf Tournament



The Sherie Hildreth Ovarian Cancer (SHOC) Foundation is holding its 5th Annual Drive Out Ovarian Cancer Golf Tournament on Friday, Sept. 6th at Stone Creek Golf Club, 14603 S Stoneridge Dr, Oregon City. This is an 18-hole, 4-person scramble with a shotgun start. Registration, includes golf and lunch, is \$125 for single player, \$475 foursome or \$30 for barbecue buffet lunch only. Proceeds benefit research of Ovarian and other Gynecologic Cancers at the Oregon Health & Science University Knight Cancer Institute. For information, visit www.shocfoundation.org.

Hot Rod & Harley Cruise In

Somerset Assisted Living, 8360 Cason Road, is hosting a "Hot Rod & Harley Cruise-In" on August 25th from 2:00-4:30 pm. Free admission & no entry fees.



Come join them for a fun-filled afternoon of great food, entertainment, Hot Rods & Harleys! If you have a Hot Rod or Harley type bike feel free to come & participate. Prizes awarded for bikes and cars. For info. call 503-723-7868.

"Kick Off" Barbecue



The community is invited to the Gladstone Youth Football First Annual "Kick Off" BBQ on Sept. 15th from 12:00-4:00 pm at the Gladstone High School Baseball field. They will serve a BBQ lunch, have carnival style games, a dunk tank, raffle drawings, dessert vendors, live music & more. All proceeds benefit Gladstone youth football. Entrance/lunch tickets are \$5 per person—purchased at the gate. Join them to help kick off the 2013 football season!

GriefShare Seminars

Community members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend are invited to register for the GriefShare program held at Gladstone Christian Church, 305 E. Dartmouth. GriefShare seminars will be held Sunday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 pm beginning Sept. 8th and ending December 8th. Seminars focus on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. There is a \$17 registration fee to cover the cost of the seminar notebook. For information about the GriefShare program, including a list of dates and seminar topics, visit www.griefshare.org. To register or for questions, call 503-656-3394.

Parent Empowerment Program

The Parent Empowerment Program, Wednesdays 6-8 pm, 8 weeks, Sept. 25th—Oct. 13th, Eastham Community Center, 1404 7th St, OC. Cost \$199. Topics include: Power in Family Systems, Components of Change, Ways Parents Give Up Power & more. Call/email Tim OBrien at 503-853-6843 or tobrien_lpc@msn.com.

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

◆ **Children's Events:** **Stories & Crafts*—Thursdays beginning Sept. 12th from 9:30-10:30 am; **Read to Dogs*—Bring a favorite book, or pick one from the library, and read to Cooper Bear, a Labrador retriever. He will even pose for a picture! Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00-11:30 am. (please call or stop by to register—only one child per session); **Lego Club*—Sept. 11th from 3:30-4:30 pm; **Special Storytime—Community Heroes—Our Policemen*—Join us for a special storytime with Gladstone's Police Chief, Jim Pryde on Sept. 17th from 10:30-10:45 am; **Baby Story-*

time—(ages 6-18 mos), Sept. 25th, 9:30-10:15 am.

◆ **Teen Programs:** **Anime Club*—(grades 8-12), Sept. 12th 6:00-7:30 pm; **Teen Art Club*—Explore your creative side! September's theme: duct tape, Sept. 25th 4:00-5:00 pm.

◆ **Adult Programs.** **Help with Online Job Applications.* One on One help filling out job applications. By appointment. **Craft Circle*—Sept. 4th & Sept. 18th 7:00-8:00 pm. **Rock Readers*—New Book Club! Sept. 24th 6:30-7:30 pm. This month's book, "The Help" by Katherine Stockett. **Beginning Portrait Drawing*—Sept. 25th 7:00-8:00

pm; **Walk Down Music Memory Lane*—Local pop music historian, Jim Pritchard, will talk about various facets of pop history. Sept. 26th, 6:30-7:30 pm.

◆ **Family Programs.** **Family Movie Night*—(sponsored by Gladstone Library Foundation), Sept. 7th at dusk (7:30-8:00 pm), in library parking lot. Bring your chairs. Space opens after 6:00 pm. **Learn about Juggling!* Jacob Graham demonstrates basic juggling techniques, Sept. 14th, 2:00-3:00 pm. **Board Game Night*—Sept. 19th, 6:00-8:00 pm, play games & meet new people.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

©VIEWS (Volunteers Involved for the Emotional Well-being of Seniors) will be offering their first FREE facilitated conversation at the Center on Wednesday, Sept. 11th from 10:00-11:30 am. The topic is **Staying Engaged in Life:** Ever had "the blues" or been "down in the dumps?" What is the difference between sadness, depression and grief? Learn from others and yourself how to help make the "dark" days a little brighter. Space is limited to 10 participants and you must sign up at the Center.

©Spirit Mountain Casino—Sign up now to ride in style! A bus will take you to Spirit Mountain Casino on Monday, Sept. 16th boarding at 8:15 am and leaving casino at 3:30 pm. Cost is \$3.00 per person. Space is limited and fills up fast so if you are interested, sign up at the Center ASAP!

©Health & Wellness Fair—Wednesday, Sept. 26th from 10:00 am to noon. Arm yourself with a flu shot! The Health & Wellness Fair will offer flu shots, free blood pressure checks, informational tables, demonstrations and presentations, screenings and FREE lunch! Flu vaccine cost: most insurance accepted. No out of pocket cost with Medicare Part B & \$25.99 without insurance.

©Upcoming TRAM Trips: Sept. 13th—Otto & Anita's Bavarian Restaurant. Leave at 10:00 am, return at 2:00 pm. Cost is \$5 and lunch on your own; Sept. 19th—"The 39 Steps" at Clackamas Repertory Theater. This new version of a classic comedy play! Leave at 6:30 pm, return at 10:30 pm. Cost is \$20; Sept. 27th—The Museum at Warm Springs. Museum has a large collection of Native American artifacts, modern art and history of the Warm Springs tribe. Dine at Indian Head Casino. Leave at 8:30 am, return at 4:30 pm. Cost is \$20—lunch on your own. Sign up for these trips at the Center.

©AARP Safe Driving class on Oct. 5th from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Cost is \$14 or \$12 with AARP. Insurance discount available upon completion of class. Register at the Center.

Library Foundation Fall Events—Family Movie Night

The Gladstone Library Foundation (GPLF) sponsored Movie in the Park at the Gladstone Cultural Festival (special thanks to Jeremy Schumacher) and will be followed up by a Family Movie Night on Saturday, Sept. 7th at dusk (7:30-8:00 pm), in the library parking lot—weather permitting. The space opens after 6:00 pm. Vote on your favorite movie at the library and watch the library's or GPLF website for winning selection. Bring your own chairs! Snacks may be available from 2 Girls Catering & Happyrock Coffee. Movie is free, but donations are appreciated. In addition, the Foundation will be kicking off their annual Eastside Athletic Club fundraiser. Purchase a two-month pass for full access to the club for \$20. Sale runs Sept. 7-28. Passes mailed in October. Look for more info at the library. And a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers and to those who attended the book sale! It was a big success this year, and couldn't have done it without your dedication and enthusiasm.



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Gladstone Education Foundation News

Garage Sale Items: The Gladstone Education Foundation would like your garage sale left overs that are clean and gently loved. Sorry no computers or TVs. The foundation would like to be able to sell these items at a garage sale the foundation will host in 2014. All proceeds will go to the Foundation to help with needs and growth for the education of kids in the Gladstone community. Garage sale items may be dropped off at Kraxberger Middle School on August 24th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you have items that need picked up call Kathy Beykovsky at 971-227-2655 or Corinne Milano at 503-722-2284. Thanks!

Midget Division Fall Baseball Camp

Gladstone Jr. Baseball Association will be hosting a baseball training camp for those participants who will be playing in the Midget Division (boys ages 7-9) for the 2014 season. Camp sessions will be Sundays, Sept. 8-Oct. 6th, 10am to noon at Dierickx Field. Cost is \$25/player. For info. call Brian at 503-319-1629.

Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, September 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Gladstone Family Dentistry, 1105 Portland Ave. Hosted by Dr. Jeremy Kato & Dr. Candace Krause. 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 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.

CITY MEETINGS:

***City Council**—2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary) - 7:30 pm—in the City Hall Council Chambers

***Planning Commission**—3rd Tuesday (as needed) - 7:30 pm
In City Hall Council Chambers

***Library Board**—4th 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 meeting packets are on our website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us