



# GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## REMINDER—Town Hall Meeting

City Council is inviting residents to attend a Town Hall Meeting at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave, on Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 pm. City Hall and Police Station facility needs will be discussed. Bring questions or comments for City Council. Please help us get the word out by telling your friends and neighbors!

## Gladstone Fire Department News

\*Gladstone firefighters respond to calls for help, 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. When you call 9-1-1 for help, you can expect our firefighters to arrive quickly (average time 6 minutes) with trained personnel to help with your emergency. You may not be able to be a firefighter but here are a few things you can do to help: 1) Help emergency responders by having a clearly posted address—can you see the numbers posted on your house when driving 25 mph? How about at night—if you can't clearly read your house numbers, neither can emergency responders. House numbers should be posted near your front door and numbers should be 4 inches or larger on a contrasting background and illuminate house numbers at night. 2) Tell neighbors if you can't read their house numbers so they may fix or post new numbers.

\*Fireman Mike says, "Test your smoke detector and stay safe!"

## Gladstone Police Department (GPD) Awards

\*At GPD's annual meeting on February 2nd, awards were given to citizens and officers who have gone above and beyond the call for the past year. These awards are nominated by and voted on by police dept. members. The first award is "Volunteer of the Year", which is given to a citizen who dedicates time to improve the public safety of Gladstone. This year's recipients were the Gladstone Fire Dept—for their ongoing dedication to the community, and Police Chaplains Brian Early & Kevin Smith for helping start the Police Chaplain program. The next award was for "Citizen of the Year", which is given to a citizen who has helped another or to improve the community. This year's recipient was Malea Anderson for her dedication to help rid her neighborhood of a chronic nuisance that influenced crime in her neighborhood. "Employee of the Year" is an award given to an employee that goes above and beyond in their duties and reflects GPD's core values. This year's award was given to Officer Bob Maple. The "Chief's Award" is decided solely by Police Chief Jim Pryde and is for an employee that has worked to improve GPD behind the scenes—sort of unsung hero. This year's award was given to Sgt. Lee Jundt. Two Clackamas County Sheriff's Office deputies received special awards. Karen Moss & Hillary Robinson were given awards for their assistance when GPD was involved in an officer involved shooting. Their dedication to help our fellow officers that have gone through this traumatic event is greatly appreciated by all. A special "thanks" to guest speaker, Chaplain Jim Crowley, for his inspirational words. Chaplain Crowley is the Executive Chaplain for Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy and trains many of the Police Chaplains in Oregon and surrounding states. Congratulations to all—they represent the City of Gladstone & Police Dept. very well!

## Board Vacancies

There is a vacancy on the Park & Recreation Board, term to expire 12-31-15. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, downloaded from the city's website, [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us) or by calling 503-557-2769 and returned to City Hall by March 6th.

## Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 30th beginning precisely at 11:00 a.m. at Gladstone High School. Children of Gladstone residents between the ages of 1 and 11 are invited to hunt for over 4,000 eggs "hidden" on the high school grounds. The hunt begins once the fire siren sounds, and parents are asked to let their children "find" their own eggs. Some eggs contain coupons for special prizes that can be redeemed at the prize booth or location specified on coupon. The Chautauqua Festival Committee is assisting in coordinating this event. If your child does not "find" any eggs, go to the prize booth and an organizer will ensure your child leaves with a prize or candy. Donations and volunteers are always needed! If you would like to donate items or volunteer, please call 503-557-2769 or email [bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us).

## Max Patterson Pancake Breakfast



The 22nd annual Max Patterson Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary, will be Saturday, March 30th from 8:00—11:00 a.m. in the Gladstone High School cafeteria. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and seniors or \$15 for a family of four.

## New Off-Leash Dog Park

The City of Gladstone has a new off-leash dog park located next to Nick Shannon Park on Valley View Rd. The dog park is located on the Oak Lodge Water District property and is maintained and operated by the Gladstone Parks Dept. The park is open for use and rules on proper dog etiquette are posted at the park.

## Gladstone Youth Coalition

The Gladstone Youth Coalition invites you to join them for an evening with Police Chief Pryde on February 21st from 6:30-8:00 am at City Hall, 525 Portland Ave. The meeting includes open forum conversations about concerns involving local youth. Join us!

**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.

## Gladstone in the 1920's—Part Two

Gladstone entered the 1920's without benefit of a public library, a situation deplored by a group of Gladstone women calling themselves the Euturpian Club. They considered a lack of a public library an embarrassment for a town that annually hosted one of the region's most prestigious cultural events: the Willamette Valley Chautauqua. Three club members would spearhead the effort to remedy the situation. They included: Marcelline Hammond, wife of William, the attorney who had first brought the Sievers matter to the City Council's attention: Gertrude Oswald, wife of Frank L., a patternmaker by occupation; and Sally Gault, wife of Thomas E., at the time Gladstone's police chief and superintendent of the city's street and water departments.

On August 1, 1920, Sally Gault presented a note to the Council, which read in part: "We the undersigned, Women of Gladstone, request that we have the use of The City Council Hall, for the use of a free circulating Library and reading room. We will have a responsible attendant in charge when the room is open. We also ask your assistance in papering the room after the partition has been removed." The Council approved the request, following which City Engineer Richard Freytag and "other enterprising citizens" offered to donate books, work and materials.

By 1924, Gladstone's water system, constructed in 1912, was experiencing difficulties, not the least of which was the poor quality of water taken from the Clackamas River. On at least one occasion Mayor Hammond was sufficiently concerned to instruct Water Superintendent Thomas Gault and Water Collector Carrie Terry "to notify all water users to boil the water before using." Additionally, the system was experiencing considerable leakage in its wooden stave pipes. A bond issue totaling \$20,000 to improve and expand the water system was proposed by the Council, but rejected (120 to 84) by voters in a special election held in January, 1925. The Council next tried to deal with poor water quality by adopting an ordinance "to prohibit polluting the water of the Clackamas River and to prohibit bathing, swimming and wading in the waters of said stream within the city limits of Gladstone." As this could not be enforced beyond the city limits, it was not likely very effective, and Gladstone's water problems only worsened.

In April, 1926, the Council decided to put on the ballot a water bond issue for \$42,000 to update the system and improve the water supply. To the surprise of some, the measure was approved by a comfortable margin (281 to 160). Despite the bond approval and efforts by Mr. Hammond, as City Attorney, to negotiate a contract with the newly formed Clackamas Water District to obtain Bull Run water for Gladstone, the Council showed little sign of acting in haste. Instead, it voted to hire six police officers at 50¢ an hour "to seek out and eliminate illegal connections to the system." This decision assumed that illegal tapping of the system was so widespread that ending it would help solve the water supply shortage. But it would do little if anything to improve water quality.

A citizen's committee for Bull Run water had been formed to pressure the Council to pursue the agreement with the Clackamas River Water District for Bull Run water. And on September 7, 1926, the Council authorized the Mayor and City Recorder to enter into such an agreement with the district. While a step in the right direction, Gladstone water woes were far from over. The loss of water previously attributed to illegal tapping of the system was more likely the result of leaky wood stave pipes and mains. The truth of this unwelcome news was learned after hiring civil engineer H.L. Gilbert to survey the city's entire waterworks system. All the wood staves would have to be replaced by cast iron ones; and the cement reservoir by a steel tank. Gilbert estimated the cost to be as much as \$70,000. The Council voted on August 2, 1927 to put a water bond issue of that amount on the ballot for a special election on September 7th. The measure was approved, but just barely (153 to 129).

For all practical purposes, the project amounted to the construction of a new water system to replace the one built only 15 years earlier. At the same time, the city's sewer system was being expanded, and wooden sidewalks were being replaced by concrete curbs and sidewalks. Graveled city streets were increasingly being upgraded with hard surface pavements to better withstand the wear of automobile traffic. Asphalt pavement was first laid down on Portland Ave and Abernethy Ln in June 1924. Property owners never knew what new assessments might be arriving in the mail. They objected by the droves; some by letters, others in person at Council meetings; but it seldom resulted in much change. The cost of progress was usually carefully calculated & difficult to avoid. Such as the Roaring 1920s. *Herb Beals, Gladstone Historical Society.*

## Volunteers Needed

Would you like to do something fun and make a difference in children's lives and the community? Gladstone Center for Children and Families, 18905 Portland Ave, needs volunteers to help 3-5 year olds in a variety of activities, including classroom literacy groups, one-on-one tutoring, playing in Learning Zones and art and other special projects. No special skills required except an interest in helping kids. Time commitments and schedules are flexible. Any time you can offer is appreciated. To find out how to be involved, contact Susan Trone, Volunteer Coordinator, at [trones@gladstone.k12.or.us](mailto:trones@gladstone.k12.or.us) or 503-496-3939.

## Rivergate Round Up

Rivergate Adventist Elementary, 1505 Rivergate School Rd (formerly Ohlson Rd), would like to invite you to their annual Round Up on Friday, March 8th. They are hosting the opportunity for students, who will be in PreK, K and 1st grade to interact in the classroom. Visitation time for PreK and K will be 8:30-10:30 am. Classroom visitation for 1st-8th grades will be 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. A complimentary lunch will be provided for all students visiting through the lunch hour. PLEASE RSVP at 503-656-0544 or email [office@rgsda.org](mailto:office@rgsda.org) if you would like to participate.



## Preschool News

Open registration for 2013-14 preschool classes will begin March 11th. St. Stephen Preschool is located at 290 W. Gloucester. They offer a Tuesday/Thursday morning class for 3 year olds, a Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning class for 4 year olds and will offer a Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoon class for 4 year olds if needed. St. Stephen Preschool has been serving the children of Clackamas County for over 50 years and provides an educational foundation for young children in an environment that nurtures all aspects of a child's growth and development. Please call 503-656-3035 for information, request a brochure or arrange a visit. Email them at [preschool.sslc@gmail.com](mailto:preschool.sslc@gmail.com) or check out their website at [www.ststephenpreschool.webs.com](http://www.ststephenpreschool.webs.com).



## Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

◆The library is looking for quality collections to display in their front window. If you have items you think the general public would enjoy, please call the library at 503-656-2411 and leave a message for Kristine or Stephanie.

◆Lego Club is March 13th at 3:30 pm.  
◆Craft Circles will be March 6th & 20th at 7:00 p.m.



◆Storyhour for 3-5 year olds is Thursdays at 9:30 am. There is no Storyhour on March 28th, during Spring Break.

◆Plans for Summer Reading Program are being prepared. This year, we will have our first official Teen Read, as well as special programs for that age group. If you have any suggestions for fun Teen Programs, please see Sandy.

◆National Library & Patron Appreciation Week is coming in April. Watch the newsletter for announcements & events.

◆Check out a Family Cultural Pass from the library. Passes include: Crystal Spring Rhododendron Gardens, Japanese Garden, Pittock Mansion, Ptd Art Museum, Ptd Children's Museum & Ptd Chinese Garden. Reserve Pass in advance at library.

## Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

◎St. Patrick's Day celebration with traditional corned beef and cabbage luncheon on March 13th at 11:30 am. Accordion music by "Mark J" playing some Irish tunes. Senior donation of \$2.50.  
◎Second Annual Spring Fling Bazaar on March 16th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Over 40 crafters, collectibles and artists will be selling their wares. Lunch will be served at the snack bar. Come find a treasure!  
◎Easter lunch will be on March 27th at 11:30 am. Music with saxophone player Cash Cottrel.  
◎AARP Safe Driving Course is March 13th & 14th from 1:00-4:30 pm. Cost is \$14 or \$12 with AARP card. Insurance discount certificate awarded to attendees. Next class will be April 6th from 9:00-4:00 pm.  
◎A six-week class, Living with Chronic Illness, will be on Mondays from 1:00-2:30 pm. Call for details.  
◎AARP tax appointments are filling up fast. Appointments are on Fridays from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm through April 12th. Call to schedule your appointment.

## Emergency Preparedness 102 Training Held

Gladstone Emergency Management (GEMS) volunteers hosted a community training session at the Senior Center on January 24th. The focus of the session included learning about food storage and preparation during an emergency. Wendy Burns, GEMS volunteer, was the main speaker. Participants took home handouts including directions on how to make "Heat in a Can" - easy recipes that can be made using emergency food supplies, a suggested reading list of books on survival skills & food storage and a list of supplies to collect for emergencies. If you would like handouts or info on GEMS, call Maria at 503-557-2798.

## Spaghetti Dinner Fundraisers—GHS Senior Grad Party & Kiwanis

Two upcoming Spaghetti Dinner Fundraisers include: 1) Help support the Gladstone High School (GHS) Senior Grad Party on Wednesday, March 6th from 6:00-8:00 pm at High Rocks Restaurant, 915 E. Arlington. Cost is \$10 per person and includes—spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread and non-alcoholic beverage. All proceeds benefit the 2013 Substance-Free Grad Party. GHS Seniors will be serving you and working for your tips. For information or to reserve your seat, email Amy at [gladiatormom@gmail.com](mailto:gladiatormom@gmail.com). 2) A Gladstone-Oak Grove Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave. Cost is \$7 per person or \$25 for family. Children under 6 are free. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & dessert. Benefits GHS scholarships & Key Club. For information, call Jerry Deas at 503-659-7037 or email [kiwanisgladstone@hotmail.com](mailto:kiwanisgladstone@hotmail.com).

## Gladstone Public Library (GPL) Foundation News

The Gladstone Public Library Foundation offers book bags for sale at the Gladstone Library for \$3 each. They are a terrific way for you to support your library and at the same time save the environment by keeping more plastic bags out of the landfills. They are available at the circulation desk at the library. In addition, please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 16th for a Craft Fair at the Senior Center. The GPL-Foundation will be selling nicer, slightly used books. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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## Gladstone Police Department (GPD) 2013 Polar Plunge

The GPD Penguins would like to thank the City and its citizens for helping to raise money for the Special Olympics of Oregon. With your help, and the help of the 6 brave souls that jumped into the 38 degree waters of the Columbia River, the Penguins raised over \$1800. The event in total received over \$250,000 to support Special Olympic athletes. Thanks again for your support and we look forward to next year!

## Library Street Trees & Sidewalks

Three trees next to the library have been removed to make way for new Japanese Snowbell trees and sidewalks on E. Dartmouth next to the library. This was funded by a grant from the City's insurance company. New trees of the same variety were recently planted in front of the businesses in the 400 block of Portland Ave.

## Local Meetings—

◆The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, March 13th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Family Stepping Stones, 18907 Portland Ave. Hosted by Jal Duncan Photography. Questions? Contact Walt Fitch at 503-544-9672 or [walt.fitch@gmail.com](mailto:walt.fitch@gmail.com).

◆The Gladstone Historical Society now meets quarterly at the Senior

Center on the second Wednesday of each quarter at 6:00 pm. Check out their website, [www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org) for additional information and upcoming events. Many new things are going on and guests and prospective members are 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](http://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