



# GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## 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 p.m. City Hall and Police Station space needs analysis 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

\*HAPPY NEW YEAR, a season for reflecting on the past and for new resolutions. Why not make a commitment to fire safety in 2013? Your Gladstone firefighters are committed to respond and to serve you in the event of an emergency, but are a reactive service. They respond when you call for help. Please assist with their 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 it outside away from any combustibles. Never use a paper bag for your ashes and do not place the ashes in your garage. 2) Candles can be beautiful and add wonderful aromas to your home. Please be sure to never leave candles unattended. If there are animals inside the home, you may want to look into the new flameless candles. They produce a nice flickering light—with no open flame. 3) Smoke alarms: (why mention smoke alarms again?) because some people did not take the time to inspect or replace alarms since last month's reminder—requesting all residents to check their home smoke alarms. ONLY working smoke alarms save lives. Remember, smoke alarms do not last forever. The effective life of a smoke alarm is 10 years. Even if the alarm still operates when you

test it, please replace it after 10 years. Between the 10 year device replacements, you should perform battery testing and replacement. If you have a 10 year battery in your alarm, and you test it monthly, the battery should last 7-10 years. If you do not manage to test your smoke alarm on a regular basis, the battery should be changed out yearly. 4) Remember: outdoor burning of leaves, branches, lawn clippings, berry bushes, construction debris, garbage and other like substances is not allowed in the City of Gladstone. Only dry, seasoned fire wood is allowed and then the fire must be small and attended at all times. When burning outdoors, have a water hose or bucket nearby. For any questions, contact Fire Marshall, Mike Funk, at 503-557-2775.

\*Special thanks goes to Airstream trailers, Gladstone Burgerville, O.C. K-mart, O.C. Elks, Santa and the 1947 Mack fire engine, Gladstone Library, all of our Gladstone businesses hosting food and toy barrels, and to the several generous private donors for your gifts of cash, toys, food and time. Gladstone Fire, assisted by local residents and Gladstone FD family members, delivered food and toy baskets to 126 local families this year. Thanks to Lt. Chris Scott for coordinating all of this year's efforts.

## Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News



Gladstone PD Penguins. Again this year the Gladstone Police Department will be participating in the Polar Plunge which benefits the Special Olympics. GPD has 5 brave participants diving into the 34 degree waters of the Columbia River on February 9th. Last year was a great success, but your help is needed to raise even more than last year. You may make your tax deductible donation two ways: by bringing a check made out Special Olympics to the Police Dept, 535 Portland Ave, M-F, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm or go online to <http://portlandplunge.kintera.org> and follow the direction to the Gladstone PD Penguins page where you can make your donation by credit card. Any donations are appreciated and thank you in advance for your support!

## Emergency Preparedness 102

Come and learn what you need to know so you can be ready when disaster hits. On Thursday, January 24th from 6:30-8:30 pm the Gladstone Emergency Management (GEMS) volunteers are hosting a free presentation at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave. Come learn how to develop a family plan, make a supply kit, store food and water, and find out your options for cooking when the power is out. There will be information for you to take home and refreshments will be served. For information, call Maria Aikin at 503-557-2798 or Tom Hogan at 503-819-8367.



## Business License Renewals

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 at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us) under application forms or by calling 503-557-2769.

## Liquor License Renewals

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) advises the City each year of businesses that are eligible for a liquor license renewal. Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 471.166 establishes the process for local governments to make recommendations of approval or denial to the OLCC. The City is requesting residents express any concerns about currently OLCC licensed businesses. Please direct comments or concerns by February 1, 2013 to Jolene Morishita at [Morishita@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:Morishita@ci.gladstone.or.us) or 503-557-2766.

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## Board Vacancies



There are vacancies on the Planning Commission, Budget Committee, Traffic Safety Commission, Park & Recreation Board and Senior Center Advisory Board. Planning Commission: term expires 12-31-15; Budget Commission: one term expires 12-31-13 and the alternate term expires 12-31-15; Traffic Safety Commission: one term expires 12-31-15; Park & Recreation Board: one term expires 12-31-15; and Senior Center Advisory Board: two terms expire 12-31-14. 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 February 6th.

## Swing Dance Fundraiser



The 4th annual Swing Dance Fundraiser—a benefit for the Gladstone High School (GHS) Music Department is scheduled for Friday February 1st from 6:30-9:00 pm in the GHS cafeteria. Join them for a night of music and dance. Don't swing dance? Come for a lesson and then dance the night away. Music provided by the Tualatin Valley Bing Band, GHS Jazz Band and Choir. Dessert and beverages will be available for purchase. Tickets will be available at the door.

## Neighbor Law

The City receives requests from residents about settling issues between neighbors that the City does not regulate. These issues include requests to: place trash and recycling cans out of public view to help maintain neighborhood livability, to not feed stray cats that may attract unwanted pets to a neighbor's yard or place of business, to trim overhanging tree limbs; locate property lines, move fences, etc. Many of these legal issues were settled years ago and resolution of current issues between neighbors are now typically settled by mediation instead of being litigated in court. For additional information on neighbor law you may check out "Neighbor Law: Fences, Tress, Boundaries and Noise", by Cora Johnson at the Gladstone Library.

## Report Street Light Outages

Portland General Electric (PGE), asks customers, when reporting a street light for repair or outage, to include the address, nearest cross street, pole number and map number whenever possible. If possible, identify the pole with flagging tape to assist PGE in easily locating the light. Please report any outages by contacting PGE directly at 503-464-7777, on their website, [www.portlandgeneral.com](http://www.portlandgeneral.com) under safety & outages or email [lightout@pgn.com](mailto:lightout@pgn.com). Contact PGE directly as the City does not repair or own the streetlight poles.

## Drop Off Unwanted Prescriptions



Drop off your old or unwanted prescriptions at the Gladstone Police Dept.—MED RETURN. It's the beginning of the year and a good time to go through your medicine cabinet and discard all of your outdated or no longer needed medications. Old or expired medications can be dangerous to your health and the health of your family. If you only keep the medications that you need around there is a less likely chance of a mix-up. Now you can bring your old or unwanted prescriptions, vitamins, over the counter medications and even pet medications to the Gladstone Police Dept lobby to be safely disposed of. The green and blue "Med-Return" receptacle in the lobby has easy to follow directions and does not require any paper work. Just make sure you are dropping only the items listed on the receptacle during regular business hours, 8am to 5pm, Monday-Friday, except for holidays. The collected medications will be properly destroyed on a regular basis. There is no fee.

## Public Records, Permits, Planning

\*A Public Records Request form and fee are required for anyone requesting public records information. The form is available on the city's website, [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us). \*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](http://www.clackamas.us/jsp/permits/jsp) or by calling 503-742-4400.

## “Grammy” Awards

Somerset Assisted Living is inviting youth of all ages to nominate their grandma, grandpa or grandparents for best “Grammy” of 2012 by submitting in writing (no longer than 1 page) why they feel their grandma/pa or grandparents were the best of 2012. Please submit to: Somerset Assisted Living, ATTN: “Grammy” Awards, 8360 Cason Rd, Gladstone, OR 97027 by 5:00 pm on January 25, 2013. This will be a “Red Carpet” affair complete with banana split bar, memory making activities (small fee) and Awards Ceremony. There will be 5 nominees for each category and don’t forget to watch for the “Paparazzi” when you arrive! All youth and their grandparents are invited to share in the fun-filled afternoon! For info. call 503-723-7868.

## Spring Soccer

Walk in registration for Spring Soccer is scheduled for February 7th from 6:00-8:00 pm at Flying Pie Pizzeria, 16691 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukie. Registration may also be completed online by February 15th at [www.gladstonesoccer.com](http://www.gladstonesoccer.com).



## Kindergarten Preview Night

All incoming Kindergarteners and their parents are invited to attend Kindergarten Preview and Orientation Night on Thursday, February 21st from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Gladstone Center for Children and Families, 18905 Portland Avenue. Dessert will be provided. Registration information, a tour of the school, a bus ride and a classroom visit will be included. Please call Heidi Smith at 503-496-3939 to RSVP.

## Rotary Supports Gladstone Kids

Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary is sponsoring a Fundraising Alaska Cruise on Norwegian Cruise Lines round trip from Seattle on May 18, 2013. Proceeds go toward playground equipment for Gladstone parks. Cruise fares begin at \$749 + taxes/fees. Contact Darrell at 503-803-0973 for additional information.

## Gladstone Softball



Sign up online now for Gladstone Girls Softball. Girls youth softball, ages 5-14, can sign up at [www.gladstonegirlssoftball.com](http://www.gladstonegirlssoftball.com) or by calling 503-882-5024. Flyers will also be available at the local Gladstone Schools.

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

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## Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

◆Bring your handicrafts to the library on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm and join their craft circles. Cross-stitch, drawing, quilting and many other handicrafts can be done in a supportive environment with a chance for adult company and encouragement.

◆Lego Club will continue on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Thanks to the generous donations from several local patrons. The library provides the Legos to work with, you just

need to bring your imagination!

◆Gladstone Library’s annual magazine sale will be February 2nd through 16th. They are selling 2011 issues—runs of 10-12 cost \$1.50; 4-9 are \$1.00; and individual issues are 25¢ each. Weekly news magazines, People and Entertainment Weekly generally do not sell and are recycled. Stop by the desk and put in your request if you hope to have a specific magazine.

◆Tax forms are beginning to arrive at the library. Some forms may be delayed due to the tax law

changes. Please remember that Oregon no longer sends the library tax forms. If you submitted a paper tax form last year the state should mail you one this year. All tax forms will be available on the Oregon State and Federal websites. Library staff can assist you locating the websites on the library computers. Copies are available for 10¢ each.



## Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

◎Valentine’s Day Dance, February 15th from 4:30-6:30 pm. Live music by “Mark J” band. Light refreshments will be served. Donations accepted.

◎Special Valentine’s Day Lunch and entertainment will be on February 14th at 11:30 am.

◎Pacific Audiology Clinic will present information related to hearing loss on February 26th at 10:30 am. A free screening, hearing aid checks and cleaning will be available. Call to sign up.

◎AARP tax aide volunteers will be assisting with simple returns on Fridays only, February 1st through April 12th. Appointments are from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Sign up early as the schedule fills up fast!

◎Upcoming TRAM Trips: February 8th—“The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” play—the group will leave the center at 6:30, cost is \$18 for the fare and tickets. February 22nd—Visit the Museum of the Oregon Territory, have lunch at Rivershore in Oregon City. Cost is \$10, lunch on your own. March 1st—Culinary Institute for lunch. Cost is \$16 for fare and lunch.

◎Vendors wanted for Spring Craft Bazaar on Saturday, March 16th. Tables are \$20. Call Jamie for info.

◎Donate your old vehicle and help the Meals on Wheels Program. Volunteers of America will pick up your vehicle. Call the center for details.

◎February 13th from 7:00-8:00 pm, Scotland Slide Tour by Ken Lister, native Scot, will narrate his tour of Scottish Castles, history and gardens. Cost is \$5. Register through the Community Schools, 503-650-2570.

◎One time opportunity to take the AARP Safe Driving course for NO COST. February 5th & 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm at the Senior Center. Must call to sign up and is limited to 25 participants. Auto insurance discount certificate issued upon completion of both classes.

## Chautauqua Committee Continues to Need Assistance

The Gladstone Chautauqua Festival Committee, which is an all-volunteer committee, is looking for new volunteers and donations. Without volunteers or donations, the festival committee is unable to put on a festival. Are you able to volunteer a few hours of your time? Do you have a group (church group, girls scouts, boy scouts, etc) that has a great new idea they would like to implement? Do you own a business that may be able to donate? Please call Martha Wooldridge at 503-657-8048.

## Celebrating Parents & Families



The Gladstone Youth Coalition & Gladstone School District present: “Celebrating Parents & Families—Strengthening Positive Relationships” on February 2, 2013 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Ave. Join them for an excellent keynote speaker, great presentations, fabulous catered food (provided by the Gladstone High Culinary Club) and awesome raffle prizes. It’s all free and childcare is available.

## Recycling Services

Gladstone residents receive recycling pick up services with their weekly garbage service. Recycling must be separate from your garbage. Please use the large gray recycling roll cart, recycling bins or paper bags, such as a brown grocery bag. Do not use plastic bags. All recycling can be combined into the large gray recycling roll cart except for glass and motor oil. Glass and motor oil must be kept separate from all other recyclables. All paper, plastics (including plastic tubs—yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese and salsa tubs) and metals can be combined in your roll cart. The following items will NOT be accepted as recyclables: plastic bags, plastic coated envelopes, block foam, label backing sheets, brittle deli & bakery plastic, ceramic plates, wax or plastic coated containers, drinking glasses, paper cups and plates, light bulbs, frozen food boxes, paper towels, napkins and tissues. Motor oil is acceptable, but must be in a non-breakable see-through container, such as a gallon milk jug. During severe weather conditions, residents are asked to hold back recyclables until their next pick up day. Visit [www.gladstonedisposal.com](http://www.gladstonedisposal.com) for details.



## Local Meetings—

◆The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, February 13th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at High Rocks Restaurant, 915 E. Arlington. Hosted by Lea McWhorter of Sophisticated Beads. 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.

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