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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 bannick@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.

Solid Waste Rate Increase



Due to increases in the costs of performing the service, rates charged in other cities for similar service, local wage scales and benefit costs, cost of disposal fees & additional costs resulting from recycling current rates do not cover the cost of providing service. Therefore at its March 12, 2013 meeting, the City Council approved a solid rate increase effective April 1, 2013. The majority of Gladstone customers use a 35 gallon roll cart with weekly curbside service. These customers' monthly bill will increase from \$26.79 to \$27.22, or 43¢/mo.

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.



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.

Partnering in Safety: Gladstone Schools & Police

Recently, at the request of the Gladstone School District, the Gladstone Police Dept. (GPD) conducted security assessments at all Gladstone School District schools. GPD examined perimeter and interior security measures, emergency safety plans, communication systems and school safety drill protocols. Gladstone schools do an excellent job of paying attention to the safety of students and staff. GPD is proud to partner with our schools to always strive for best practices for safe schools.

Backyard Burning

The Gladstone Fire Dept. has received a number of inquiries concerning outdoor burning. Because Gladstone is situated within the Metro-DEQ No Burn Area, outdoor burning is generally not allowed. While general outdoor burning is prohibited in the city limits, there are provisions that allow for (small) recreational or cooking fires. Recreational fires are fires that are small and contained to a commercial patio pot, burn pit or stove. Fuels used in these situations are restricted to clean seasoned firewood. Under no circumstances do these (recreational fire) guidelines allow the burning of garbage, grass, leaves, twigs, yard debris, plastics, tires, petroleum products, construction debris or any other product that release offensive smoke or odors into the surrounding area. Agricultural burns do not fall under DEQ guidelines. Agricultural burns have their own special rules that allow the farming community to acquire a permit to burn some of the prohibited materials. Currently there are no areas within Gladstone that qualify for agricultural permits. If you have questions or desire greater clarification, please contact Gladstone Fire Marshal, Michael Funk at 503-557-2775 or funk@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Survey Along Water Pipeline Alignment

A survey crew from the Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership will be working along W. Clackamas Blvd, Bellevue Ave, W. Exeter, Jensen Rd and Meldrum Bar Park Rd for the next two weeks. Surveyors will be mapping the locations of prior utility investigation sites. This information will assist in the final design. Drivers and residents will notice a survey van, crews and in some cases, flaggers, working along the pipeline route. Please use caution, especially on narrower roadways. Any traffic disruptions should be minimal and brief. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to be added to the email update list, visit www.LOTigardWater.org or call the hotline at 503-697-6502.

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.

The Cost of Speeding

Speeding can be a costly and potentially dangerous for the driver and other vehicles on the road. Several issues come with a speeding ticket such as how fast the vehicle is driving and whether the vehicle is traveling in a school zone, residential neighborhood, work zone, or highway. These factors all contribute to the amount of the fine. Gladstone Municipal Court levies fines in accordance with the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) as determined by the Oregon Legislature. Fines vary depending on the class of the violation. There are four classes of violations (A,B,C & D). An "A" violation is higher than a "B" violation, a "B" violation is higher than a "C" violation, etc. The following is a small sampling of minimum presumptive fines for moving violations in Oregon:

*Class "A" violation: \$435 (Driving While Suspended, speeding 31 & over mph over the posted limit, speed racing)

*Class "B" violation: \$260 (speeding 21-30 mph over the posted limit, careless driving, failure to carry proof of insurance, failure to obey a traffic control device)

*Class "C" violation: \$160 (speeding 11-20 mph over the posted limit, expired tags, defective lighting equipment)

*Class "D" violation: \$110 (failure to carry registration card, visible emissions, improper display)

Drivers with no convictions on their driving record for the past three years prior to getting a citation may receive a fine reduction according to state guidelines. However, if you fail to appear for your court date, the Judge will find you guilty in absentia and enforce the full amount of the fine and put a hold on your driver's license. The full fine amount should you fail to appear:

*Class "A" violation: \$2000; *Class "B" violation: \$1000;

*Class "C" violation: \$500 and *Class "D" violation: \$250

It is always important to appear on a traffic citation. In general, you may appear early, but never late! You do not need to have the full amount of the fine when you appear as the court can assist you with a payment plan if needed. For additional information, visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us/court.html.

Sidewalks & Clear Vision

A couple of residents recently expressed concern about sidewalks and clear vision. The Gladstone Municipal Code states that property owners are responsible to maintain sidewalks abutting their property and are liable to any person suffering injury due to a defective sidewalk. The City's general standard for sidewalk maintenance states "not to exceed 1/2" vertical lift." This is similar to property owners being responsible for maintaining landscaping for clear vision of motorists at street intersections. The property owner can be held liable for accidents when they are notified but fail to remove clear vision obstructions. Please check the condition of any sidewalks along your property and check for adequate clear vision if your property is located at a street intersection.

Crime Prevention for Local Businesses

Business owners, operators and managers are invited to a quarterly meeting focused on crime prevention and coordinated by Steve Leitz of Baskin-Robbins. The meetings are to share ideas and learn about ways businesses can work cooperatively to prevent crime and promote safety. The March meeting included—"Hardening the Target" - what you can do to prevent crime from occurring at your business. The June meeting date will be announced soon and will focus on the prevention of armed robbery. For info. call Steve Leitz at 503-656-0311 or Gladstone Police Chief, Jim Pryde at 503-557-2765.

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. Acceptable items include: prescriptions & samples, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, pet medications. Items **NOT** acceptable include: needles (sharps), syringes, thermometers, bloody or infectious 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.



Easter Egg Stroll

Somerset Assisted Living, 8360 Cason Rd, will host a Easter Egg Stroll on Saturday, March 30th, at 2:30 pm, rain or shine! Children to age 12 welcome—bring your own basket. There will be a bouncy house, exotic petting zoo with Seymore Teeth the alligator and many more critters, lots of bunnies and of course golden ticket prizes and jellybean guess. All kids will have the same opportunity to get eggs. For information, call 503-723-7868.

Youth Basketball

The Gladiator Basketball Association (GBA) Annual Board meeting will be held on Sunday, April 21st at 7:00 pm at Somerset Lodge in the Willamette Room. All GBA parents and coaches are invited to attend. Nominations and elections will be held for the following board positions: Secretary, Treasurer, Recreation League Coordinator, Referee Coordinator and Equipment Coordinator. For information, visit www.gladstonebasketball.org.

Grad Party Fundraisers -Thanks

Watts Heating & Cooling sponsored a Texas Hold-em tournament and High Rocks Restaurant sponsored a spaghetti feed fundraiser to help raise funds for the substance free 2013 Gladstone High School (GHS) graduation party. The two events raised \$2,900! Parents of the 2013 GHS graduates want to publically thank the Watts & Hermens families for their continued support of the community, in particular, the Gladstone youth. It is business owners and community members like them that help make this a great place to live and raise a family.

2013 GHS Grad Party Fundraisers

*Come enjoy a fun evening with friends, have dessert and play **Bunco** on Saturday, April 13th at 5:30 pm at IUOE Local 701, 555 First St, Gladstone. Cost is \$20 per person. For info., contact Traci Pardee at tpardee7@q.com or 503-539-7021. ***Annual Mother's Day Baskets**—12" Premium Sun Baskets—\$25 or \$20 gift certificate to Serres Greenhouse in Oregon City. Orders due April 24th, pick up May 8th at GHS. For info. contact Diane Manley at 503-577-3515 or dianemanley65@gmail.com. Proceeds benefit the 2013 Gladstone High School Senior Class Drug & Alcohol Free All-Night Party.

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

◆National Library Week is April 14th-20th. Don't have a library card? This is the perfect time to stop by and get one. Come in for free treats, courtesy of the Gladstone Library Foundation. To say "thank you" to our patrons, the library will waive a dollar for every dollar you pay in fines. (Unable to waive fines for lost materials.)
◆Planning a spring outing? Don't forget the library has passes to the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, Portland Japanese Garden and Lan Su Chinese Garden. Check out the newest cultural pass to Evergreen Aviation Museum—call in advance of your visit so the library can supply you with a pass valid for two admissions to this

aeronautical adventure.

◆Bring your preschooler to our weekly story hour on Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am. On April 18th we will have a special story hour on "Earth Day".

◆Our Lego Club meets on Wednesday, April 10th from 3:30-5:00 pm. We have tons of Legos to spark your imagination!

◆Gather your handicrafts and bring them to our Craft Circle held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Share your skills or enjoy the company of other crafters.

◆Attention Teens! The library is starting a Teen Activity Group (TAG). Stop by or call the library and speak with Sean, our teen

librarian, if you are interested in being part of this group.

◆Federal tax forms are in. Stop by and pick up a copy of the most commonly used forms and instruction booklets. You can also access federal forms online at www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-829-1040. Oregon tax forms are no longer sent to libraries, however, you can access them at www.oregon.gov/DOR or call 1-800-356-4222.

◆Database of the Month: "Garden, Landscape & Horticulture Collection". This collection has over 50 journals focused on gardening, landscaping and other areas of horticulture. A resource to help keep your garden in shape!

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

◎AARP Smart Driver's Course is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Bring your AARP card. Cost is \$12 or \$14 without an AARP card. Call the center to sign up.

◎The center will be hosting a Wii Bowling tournament group starting at 10:30 am on Wednesday mornings. Join in for fun and exercise!

◎TRAM Trips: *Tony's Starling Sing for You Supper Club Open Mic is scheduled for April 4th. Our own Shirley Scrivner will be singing! TRAM leaves the center at 6:00 pm and the cost is \$15 which includes cover charge and ride. *Pacific University Luau on April 13th. TRAM leaves the center at 3:15 pm. Cost is \$30 which includes the show and transportation—no meal included this year. More trips available.

◎A Nutrition Tips for Healthy Living presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at 11:30 a.m. Dietician Emily Gissel will provide information and free samples.

Gladstone Public Library Foundation

The Gladstone Public Library Foundation knows your spring cleaning means you may have books you are ready to let go of. Please drop them by the library. If you have a large quantity you would like picked up, please call 503-734-0999. Donations and ongoing support is appreciated! Look for our NEW newsletter in April, available at the Library, Senior Center and other locations. Questions and feedback are welcome.

Gardening, Pesticides and Fertilizers

Spring is right around the corner and many residents are starting to think about gardening. Lawn and garden care products can help your lawn and garden look great, but if used and disposed of improperly, these products can also harm beneficial bugs, plants, soil microbes and ultimately, our streams and rivers. Remember to follow these three steps to help protect our waterways from the harmful effects of pesticides and fertilizers: 1) BUY—think before you buy; 2) USE—Use only what you need and 3) DISPOSE—Not down the drain. For additional information on gardening, visit oregonmetro.gov/growsmart or www.govelink.org/hazwaste.house. Residents may also want to contact an OSU Master Gardener. Master Gardeners love helping gardeners. For guidance on how to better care for your yard, including diagnosing plant problems, landscaping advice, and tips and techniques to maintain your plants without toxic chemicals. Contact them at 503-655-8631 or clackmg@oregonstate.edu. (excerpts from City of L.O.)



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Gladstone-Oak Grove Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

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.



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, April 10th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Oxford Suites, 75—82nd Dr. Hosted by Brian Barisano, Manager. Questions? Contact Walt Fitch at 503-544-9672 or walt.fitch@gmail.com.

◆The Gladstone Historical Society now meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Next meeting, April 10th at 145 E. Dartmouth.

Check out their website, www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org for additional info. They have several new members, many questions to answer about the website and great new historical pictures and scrapbooks. Plans are afoot for promotional activities. 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