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Application for City Boards

Several terms on city committees, boards and commissions will expire the end of 2013. At its January 14, 2014 meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointment and re-appointment to two positions on the Planning Commission, three positions on the Budget Committee, one position on the Library Board, three positions on the Traffic Safety Commission, three positions on the Park & Recreation Board and three positions on the Senior Center Advisory Board. To obtain an application and information about serving on a committee, board, or commission, visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, email Morishita@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2766 or stop by City Hall. Applications must be returned to City Hall by Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014.

Utility Billing Changes

The City Council will be discussing possible administrative changes to the City's utility (water/sewer) billing process. Potential changes include: 1. utility bills mailed to property owners only (grandfathering in current tenants), 2. terminating utility billing to current grandfathered tenants if they are delinquent in three payment cycles, and 3. eliminating one of the three late notices. Discussion of utility billing changes will take place at the December 10, 2013 City Council meeting beginning at 7:30 pm. Written testimony for review by the City Council must be received at City Hall by Wednesday, December 4, 2013. Public testimony will also be welcome at the meeting on December 10th.



Fire Department Recruitment

The Gladstone Fire Department is currently recruiting for on-call firefighters. Job qualifications required: *high school diploma or equivalent, *must be a minimum of 18 years of age, *must pass a criminal background check and drug test, *must possess a current, valid Oregon driver's license and maintain a driving record insurable by the City's insurer as a minimum qualification to maintain the position of firefighter, *must pass the entrance physical ability test, written exam (70% or better) and interview to be accepted for the department fire academy, *must obtain State of Oregon EMT license within one year after probation and maintain it during duration of employment, *must reside or work within boundaries of Gladstone Fire Dept. during employment, *recruits are required to complete the fire academy and become certified as a NFPA Fire Fighter I. (time commitment—approximately six months, every Friday evening and Saturday), *in addition to a high school diploma, post-high school education or an equivalent combination of education and experience is preferred and will be considered. Applications are available at the Gladstone Fire Station, 555 Portland Ave, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm. The application deadline for this process closes January 31, 2014. For more information, contact Jeff Smith at 503-557-2774 or smith@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Gladstone Fire Dept. Collects and Delivers

The holidays are coming and the numbers of local people who need holiday assistance is larger than ever! For the last several years the Gladstone Fire Department has worked closely with Clackamas County's "Compassion in Action" and the Oregon City Elks Club to help meet the needs here in Gladstone. Gladstone Fire is an agency that collects food and new toys for families in need. Members of the fire department delivered food and toy baskets to more than 120 Gladstone families that qualified for assistance in 2012. The Gladstone Fire Department IS NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT FOOD & TOY REQUESTS. To request a food basket or toys, persons must contact their assigned social worker, food stamp or mental health provider or Clackamas County's Compassion in Action at 503-632-0562 or visit www.ciacc.org. After Thanksgiving, residents may drop off their canned food or new unwrapped toy donations to donation barrels located at many Gladstone businesses, Fire Hall or Library.

Holiday Toy & Food Drive

It's that time of year again—the holidays are upon us! The Gladstone Fire Dept. Members Association is beginning their annual food & toy drive on Nov. 29th. They are also hosting their annual toy drive event at Kmart (Berryhill Shopping Center) in Oregon City on Dec. 7th from 9am to 12pm. Join us if you can in supporting less fortunate families in our city. Thank you for your support!

Santa & the Mack Event

The 6th annual Santa & the Mack arrives in Gladstone once again. Come out and see Santa with his one mack sleigh during the nights of December 18th-21st from 5:30-8:30 pm. Dec. 18th—downtown Gladstone area, Dec. 19th—Gladstone High School area, Dec. 20th—River Road & Senior Center area, Dec. 21st—highlands & Sherwood Forest area. Santa stops and talks with children of ALL AGES, listens to their wishes and gives them wishes of his own! Santa and his helpers also gladly accept canned goods or toys, that will be distributed to needy families in the Gladstone area. So come out and see Santa, his helpers and members of the Gladstone Fire Dept! Go to the Santa Mack Facebook page for route information and times.



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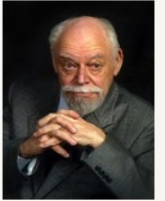
Leaf Pick Up Reminders

The Public Works Dept. would like to remind residents that public works will not pick up leaf piles that contain limbs or other debris. Residents are asked to put their leaves in the street no earlier than one day prior to scheduled pick up and allow six inches of drainage space between leaves and the curb to avoid stormwater flooding. Also, to avoid flooding, please help clean catch basin grates whenever they become covered with leaves. Additional maps/schedules are available on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us or at City Hall.



Remembering Herb Beals

Gladstone recently lost long-time local historian, Herb Beals. Herb passed away on November 2nd and will long be remembered for the unselfish contributions he made to our community through his volunteer work and his preservation of the City's history. Herb previously served on the City's Planning Commission, was a member of the Gladstone Historical Society, Chautauqua Festival Committee and author of *Gladstone, Oregon, A History, Part I, II & III*. Herb spent the last several decades of his life as Gladstone's tireless advocate and resident professional historian. At the Chautauqua Festival, Herb's favorite event of the year, he would participate in the parade and set up a booth for the Gladstone Historical Society. During the festival, Herb gave tours of the local historical homes, gladly sharing all the facts he knew about the city from writing his three-volume history of Gladstone. Herb and family moved to Gladstone in 1962, where his love of writing, genealogy and community drew him to Gladstone history. He considered Gladstone to be his extended family. He was a passionate volunteer at schools, historical societies, coffee shops and churches where he enjoyed sharing his knowledge. Herb will truly be missed! (Excerpts from *Clackamas Review*)



Unique Holiday Gift Idea

Are you looking for a unique gift for the holidays? If so, Gladstone, Oregon, A History, Part I, II & III are available for purchase at City Hall, Senior Center, Library or online at www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org for \$20 each. These make great gifts, especially for anyone who ever lived, grew up in or is associated with Gladstone.

Safe Driving Around Schools

Anyone who drives near schools plays an important role in keeping our kids safe. The Gladstone Police Department reminds residents to stay alert, slow down and follow safe driving practices. Watch out for kids who are walking, bicycling, riding their scooters or getting dropped off or picked up. Pay attention and follow the school zone speed limit posted at each school. Please be kind to school crossing guards and help them get children safely across busy streets. Watch for school buses and slow down or stop based on the flashing yellow or red lights. Remember not to talk or text on your cell phone while driving. Please remember the drop off area in front of John Wetten Elementary is only "right turn in" and "right turn out." Arrival and dismissal times are especially busy, so plan ahead and take an extra few minutes for the safety of all!

Delights of Christmas

The exceptional Christmas light display on Ridgewood Drive will be illuminated December 15th—31st. In addition to Ridgewood Drive, the City is extremely fortunate that so many residents throughout the community devote so much time and effort to beautify their properties for the holiday season!

Emergency Preparedness Calendars

Free 2014 Emergency Preparedness calendars are available in the City Hall water dept. Information in the calendar includes emergency preparedness tips, how to prepare for different types of emergencies and contact numbers & websites for use throughout the year.

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Christmas Breakfast



The Gladstone-Oak Grove Kiwanis is sponsoring a free Christmas breakfast—their gift to the community on Saturday, December 14th from 8:00-10:00 am at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave. Breakfast includes: pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee. Good food, fun & fellowship. Support Kiwanis programs. Donations gladly accepted.

Holiday Christmas Bazaar

Come to the Annual Holiday Christmas Bazaar on December 6th & 7th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Avamere Rehabilitation of Clackamas, 220 E. Hereford. Help support the activity dept. by purchasing crafts & gifts made by the residents of Clackamas Rehab and the Gladstone community. Questions, call Chelsea Madewell, Activity Director, at 503-656-0393.

Follow the Star



Follow the Star presents its 11th annual community event the week-ends of Nov. 30—Dec. 9 at the Gladstone Park Conference Center, 19800 Oatfield Rd. Outdoor walk-through tours leave every 8 minutes beginning at 6:00 pm on Fridays and 5:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. This live nativity event is free, but tickets to the performances are required. A portion of the evening's tickets are available in advance at www.FollowTheStarTickets.us, or at the Conference Center the evening of the performances. Gates will remain open until 8:30 pm or until the evening's capacity is reached. For more info, visit www.followthestar.us.

Christmas Musical

Gladstone Church of the Nazarene, 4180 SE Jennings Ave, presents their Christmas musical, "Silent Night! Holy Night!" on Sunday, December 15th at 11:00 a.m. The community is invited to attend their 30 voice choir musical. Nursery care provided. Questions, call 503-654-2900.

"Out Under the Sky"

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 290 W. Gloucester, invites residents to join the Chautauqua Community Chorus present "Out Under the Sky" on Dec. 7th at 7pm or Dec. 8th at 3pm.

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

► **Holiday Open House**—Come celebrate the season with us at our Holiday Open House on Dec. 12th from 4-8pm. Enjoy sounds of the St. Stephen Bell Choir who will ring in the season with holiday songs for the whole family. Santa is planning a special visit between 4:45-5:45pm, so bring the kids!
► **Food for Fines**—Holiday Food for Fines begins Dec. 1-31st. Pay off your overdue fines and help the less fortunate during this holiday

season. For every canned good or non-perishable food donation your fine can be reduced up to 75¢! Food will help the Gladstone Fire Dept. community food baskets.
► **Family Programs**—Dr. Who Club—Are you a fan of Dr. Who? Watch episodes of all the Doctors and discuss/share any "Who" related news. All ages welcome. Third Thursday of each month. Next meeting, Dec. 18th, 7-8pm.
► **Adult Programs**—*Craft Circle*—

Dec. 4th & Dec. 18th, 7-8pm. *Help with Online Job Applications*—One-on-one assistance filling out job applications. By appointment only.
► **Children's Programs**—*Stories & Crafts*—Dec. 5th, 12, & 19th from 9:30-10:30 am. *Lego Club*—Dec. 11th, 3:30-4:30 pm.
Please note Holiday Changes: The library will be closed on Dec. 24th & Dec. 25th. The library will close at 5:00 pm on Dec. 31st.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

©AARP Smart Driver Course—December 4th & 5th from 1:00-4:00 pm. This is a class open to all ages to help increase your skills to become a safer, more defensive driver. Upon completion, those 55 years or older may be eligible for an auto insurance discount. Attendance at both sessions is required. Cost is \$20 without AARP or \$15 with card. Call the center to register.

©Sugar Cookie Decorating—December 10th after lunch. Come early or stay after lunch & decorate yummy sugar cookies. Bring your holiday spirit and a little creativity. The center provides the cookies, frosting, sprinkles and holiday entertainment!

©Holiday Senior Santa Luncheon—December 17th at 11:30 am. Come for an afternoon of fun at the holiday party! Enjoy a special holiday lunch, entertainment, tons of fun, gifts and don't forget SANTA! Yes, Santa will be here for the 25th year, come let him know your Christmas wish! Sign up required.

©Entertainment & Chinook Books—The center is selling both books as a fundraiser for the Meals on Wheels Program. Entertainment books are \$25 and Chinook Books are \$20. Make great gifts!

Fire Department Wine Pairing Fundraiser

Wine Pairing Fundraiser for the Gladstone Fire Dept. Holiday Food & Toy Drive on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 6:00 pm at Gladstone Community Club, 255 E. Exeter. Cost is \$50/person and includes six course wine & food pairing, plus wine to take home. For questions or to register, call Pam at 503-318-1719.

Gladstone Public Library Foundation News

*Each child from five 2nd grade classes at John Wetten Elementary School received a non-fiction animal kingdom book provided by the Gladstone Public Library Foundation. The children came to the Gladstone library to choose their book and were given a guided tour of the library by the Library Director. Visit the library and read all the wonderful comments and thank you notes written by the children. This book give away was one of the Foundation's new projects for 2013.

*WOW! Over two-hundred children attended the "trick or treat" event at the Gladstone Library Halloween night. The costumed children eagerly accepted new books, candy and trinkets that were donated by the Foundation. It was such a success that they "wiped out" the library!

*To find out more about the Gladstone Public Library Foundation, visit www.gpl-foundation.org, or attend their next meeting at the Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave, on Dec. 2nd at 7:00 pm.

"Scouting for Food"

Cub Scout Pack 523 will be out in your neighborhood "Scouting for Food" on Saturday, December 7th, beginning at 9:00 am. The Pack will be donating the food collected to the Gladstone Kiwanis Club, who will assemble food baskets and distribute them to needy local families in time for the Christmas holiday. Donations can also be dropped off from 7am—noon at the Gladstone Church of the Nazarene, 4180 SE Jennings Ave. Due to storage restrictions, only non-perishable donations will be accepted. Thank you.

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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 am to 5:00 pm	503-557-2797
Fire Department, M-F, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	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
Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	503-299-9999
Gladstone School District	503-655-2777

Upcoming TRAM Trips—Call 503-655-7701 for Info.

***Dec. 6th**—Culinary Institute for Lunch & Pittock Mansion—Enjoy a three-course lunch prepared by the culinary students. Afterwards, visit Pittock Mansion—all decked out for the holidays. Leave the Senior Center at 10:30 am, return: 3:00pm, cost is \$26 (includes bus, lunch & mansion admission)

***Dec. 12th**—1941-Christmas from Home—This show by local Oregon playwright is a heartwarming event that honors all who have served our country in a fun, musical & holiday-spirited way. Presented by Oregon City High School students. Leave 6:45 pm, return: 10:30 pm. Cost is \$15 (includes tickets & bus)

***Dec. 16th**—Tebos & Winter Wonderland at Portland International Raceway (P.I.R.)—Dinner at Tebo's. After dinner, travel to P.I.R. to view the huge light display! Bring a canned food donation. Leave: 5pm, return: 8pm. Cost: \$8 (includes bus & light show).

***Dec. 20th**—Shirley's House & Light Show Drive—Come to Shirley's house to enjoy light refreshments & good company then to the Ridgewood Light Display. Leave 6pm, return 8:30 pm. Cost:\$10 (bus/refreshment)

Local Meetings—

◆The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, December 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Ave. Bring an unwrapped toy and canned food. Music provided by Gary Steffen & the Festival Brass! 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 & 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.

Copies of City Council & Planning Commission meeting packets are on our website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us