

New Gladstone Library Construction Beginning; Community and Officials Celebrated at the June 21 Groundbreaking Ceremony



Architect drawing of exterior of new Gladstone Library

After years of planning and hard work by the community, Gladstone and Clackamas County, construction on our new library began in June. Residents of all ages joined Gladstone and Clackamas County officials to mark this historic event.

The new library is expected to be completed in summer 2024. It is located at the site of the old city hall, at the corner of Portland and Dartmouth in downtown Gladstone.

The 6,000-square foot library has a master plan developed through a team effort between a community advisory task force, county staff and consultants. Upgraded features at the new library will include flexible meeting space, designated areas for children and teens, an external book-drop, public computers, and work space for the Library Foundation.

The new Gladstone Library is part of a county effort, in conjunction with Gladstone, to bring a one-library, two-branch model to the Gladstone, Jennings Lodge and Oak Grove areas. (Construction on the Oak Lodge Library is expected to begin this fall.)

More information about the library project is available online at <https://www.clackamas.us/communityproject>

City Council Election for City Council Position #4



The City Council is an elected policy decision-making body for the City of Gladstone. The council serves with an equal number of "lay members" on the Budget Committee and hears land use appeals of decisions made by the Planning Commission. Council members also serve as liaisons on City advisory boards, committees and commissions. At the January 10, 2023 City Council meeting the City Council accepted Councilor Annessa Hartman's resignation as she was elected State Representative at the November 8, 2022 election. The City Council declared a vacancy on the Council and filled the vacant seat in accordance with Gladstone Municipal Code Chapter 4.03. Gladstone Charter Section 32 – Filling Vacancies indicates Council members fill the vacancy by appointment for an interim period until a special election may be held to fill the remainder of the unexpired term (12-31-2024). In March, the City Council appointed Cierra Cook to fill the interim vacant Councilor position #4 term until the Special Election on November 7, 2023. If you are interested in applying to be a candidate for the remainder of the unexpired term, term to expire 12-31-2024, you must be a registered voter and have resided in the City for twelve months immediately preceding the election on November 7, 2023. A nomination petition or declaration of candidacy must be filed between July 10, 2023 and August 29, 2023. Information and instructions are posted on the city's website: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/administration/page/elections-4>.

Clackamas Fire District – Fireworks Safety Tips

According to the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, you can practice the four BE's of safe fireworks use to protect you and your family from fireworks-related fires and injuries.

BE Prepared:

- Store fireworks out of children's reach.
- Always read and follow label directions.
- Place pets indoors; they're easily frightened by fireworks.
- Always have water handy (a garden hose or bucket of water).



BE Safe:

- An adult should always light fireworks.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Only use fireworks outdoors.
- Only light one firework at a time and

BE Responsible:

- Soak used fireworks thoroughly in a bucket of water.
- Dispose of used fireworks and debris properly.
- Never re-light "dud" fireworks.

Upcoming City Meetings

- Park & Recreation Advisory Board- Monday, July 10th at 6:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
 - City Council- Tuesday, July 11th at 6:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
 - Senior Center Advisory Board- Tuesday, July 18th at 3:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
 - Planning Commission- Tuesday, July 18th at 6:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
 - Clackamas County Library Advisory Board (Virtual Meeting): Thursday, July 20th at 5:30 pm, clackamas.us/lib/clackamas-county-library-advisory-board/#meetings
 - City Council Work Session- Tuesday, July 25th at 5:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center
- More information on all City events and meetings can be found by visiting <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>

City Closures



All Gladstone City offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4th in observance of the 4th of July Holiday.

During that time, payments can be dropped off in the silver drop box in the Civic Center parking lot or made online at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/community/page/online-payments

City of Gladstone Job Opportunities



The City of Gladstone has the following job opportunities: Temporary Seasonal Employee - Public Works, Utility Worker - Journey, Police Officer. More information can be found at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/jobs

Consumer Confidence Report 2022

The City of Gladstone's 2022 Consumer Confidence Report will be posted on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us by July 1, 2023. Hard copies of the report will be available at the Utility Billing office or you may request a copy to be mailed to you by contacting the Public Works Dept. at 503.656.7957 or pwoffice@ci.gladstone.or.us.

**GLADSTONE'S ANNUAL
POLICE &
FIRE
COMMUNITY BBQ**

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY
FOR FOOD, GAMES AND FUN!

**TUESDAY
JULY 4TH
12 - 2 PM**



FREE HOT DOGS - CHIPS - DRINKS

MAX PATTERSON PARK
450 E EXETER ST., GLADSTONE 97027

How to Recognize a Phone Scam

Phone scams are becoming more and more common as scammers have figured out countless ways to cheat you out of your money. The scammer may act friendly and helpful or be threatening and try to scare you. People have lost a lot of money, sometimes even their life savings. The Gladstone Police Department would like to help arm you with tips on how to recognize a phone scam so you do not become the scammers next victim.

Phone scams come in many forms, but they tend to make similar promises and threats, or ask you to pay certain ways. Here's how to recognize a phone scam.

- **There is no prize-** The caller might say you were "selected" for an offer or that you've won a lottery. But if you have to pay to get the prize, it's not a prize.
- **You won't be arrested-** Scammers might pretend to be law enforcement or a federal agency. They might say you'll be arrested, fined, or deported if you don't pay taxes or some other debt right away. The goal is to scare you into paying. But real law enforcement and federal agencies won't call and threaten you.
- **You don't need to decide now-** Most legitimate businesses will give you time to think their offer over and get written information about it before asking you to commit. Take your time. Don't get pressured into making a decision on the spot.
- **There's never a good reason to send cash or pay with a gift card-** Scammers will often ask you to pay in a way that makes it hard for you to get your money back — by wiring money, putting money on a gift card, prepaid card or cash reload card, or using a money transfer app. Anyone who asks you to pay that way is a scammer.
- **Government agencies won't call to confirm your sensitive information-** It's never a good idea to give out sensitive information like your Social Security number to someone who calls you unexpectedly, even if they say they're with the Social Security Administration or IRS.
- **You shouldn't be getting all those calls-** If a company is selling something, it needs your written permission to call you with a robocall. And if you're on the National Do Not Call Registry, you shouldn't get live sales calls from companies you haven't done business with before. Those calls are illegal. If someone is already breaking the law calling you, there's a good chance it's a scam. At the very least, it's a company you don't want to do business with.

Meldrum Bar Parking Kiosk

Below you will find the net profit (loss) since installation of the parking kiosk in June 2021.

	FY 21/22	FY 22/23
Revenues:		
July	27,682.00	15,747.00
August	16,611.00	14,525.00
September	9,736.00	8,383.00
October	5,894.00	4,963.00
November	2,179.00	1,525.00
December	1,799.00	1,718.00
January	6,018.00	4,921.00
February	5,359.00	4,006.00
March	7,373.00	6,687.00
April	11,072.00	4,370.00
May	11,380.00	13,571.00
June	9,909.00	
	115,012.00	80,416.00
Expenditures:		
Contractual Services	3,488.38	1,312.70
Credit card fees	4,998.08	2,977.43
Operations & Maintenance	9,656.14	2,888.18
Purchase & install kiosk	5,422.50	—
Year to date	23,565.10	7,178.31
Net Profit (Loss)	91,446.90	73,237.69
Cumulative Balance (beginning 06/2021)		94,133.51

Online Payments

Beginning July 1, 2023, the City of Gladstone will be expanding its online payments portal to receive the following payments:

- Business Licenses
- Street Opening Permits
- Annual Parking Permits
- Lien Search Fees
- Alarm Permits
- Police Reports
- Senior Center Payments
- Right of Way Licenses
- Right of Way Applications

When making payments for any of these, go to the City of Gladstone website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, click the link for Online Payments, and then select Miscellaneous Payments. A \$1.25 processing fee will be applied automatically at the time of payment.

Summer Activities at Max Patterson

Summer activities will take place at Max Patterson (City) Park through August 25th. Activities may include games, sports, crafts, or special events for all ages - parent or guardian participation during the scheduled event is required.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

- July 3 SIDEWALK CHALK DAY- 11:00-2:00 PM (FREE)
- July 6 PINWHEEL CRAFT DAY- 1:00-2:00 PM (50¢)
- July 11 MAKE YOUR OWN BUBBLE WAND- 1:00-2:00 PM (25¢)
- July 12 SNOW-CONE DAY- 1:00-2:00 PM (50¢)
- July 13 TIE DYE T-SHIRT DAY- 1:00-2:00 PM (\$1.00) Must supply your own t-shirt.
- July 17 ICE CREAM DAY- 1:00-2:00 PM (\$1.00)
- July 18 MAKE YOUR OWN FRISBEE CRAFT- 1:00-2:00 PM (FREE)
- July 25 SUNCATCHER CRAFT DAY- 1:00-2:00 PM (75¢)
- July 26 JUMBO OTTER POP DAY- 1:00-2:00 PM (75¢)
- July 27 DIME-O-MATIC CARNIVAL- 1:00-3:00 PM (limit: 20 dimes or \$2.00 per participant)
- August 1 SNOW-CONE DAY- 1:00-2:00 PM (50¢)
- August 2 MAKE YOUR OWN BIRD FEEDER- 1:00-2:00 PM (75¢)

Activity dates are subject to change or cancellation.

Caution! Road Work Ahead!
Reminders to Keep You and the Crew Safe
Through a Work Zone

With summer upon us, project season is underway and the Gladstone Public Works Department is working hard on improving the city's infrastructure. Many of these projects require road detours or closures and *all* require drivers to slow down.

Thank you for your caution and patience as we keep the people who do this necessary work safe.



Keep your distance. For the safety of everyone, please give our crews the space to complete their work while maintaining proper distance.

Carefully move over. When possible, give workers more room between them and your vehicle.

Stay clear of construction vehicles.

Follow all speed and warning signs. Work zone signs apply to *everyone* traveling through, even those walking and biking. They are there for your safety.

Use an alternate route. When you can, avoid streets with posted work zones.

Expect delays and be kind. Our goal is to get you through the work zone safely, while also completing the necessary improvements in an efficient manner. We appreciate your understanding.

City of Gladstone traffic fines can cost as much as \$875.00 for speeding through a work zone. (https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_153.020)

Stash the Trash! Be The Solution!

Provided by the Clackamas River Basin Council, the City of Gladstone has joined the effort to help keep litter out of the river.

You will find free yellow Stash the Trash bags when you visit Cross Park and High Rocks Park this summer.

Public Works thanks you for your participation in helping keep the river clean.

Stash the Trash bags can be disposed of at any trash receptacle.



Public Works Projects 2023



Webster Rd. and Cason Rd. Crosswalk – We are excited that this project is currently underway and expected to be completed early July. This project was identified as a high priority in our Transportation Safety Plan as well as a year one goal for our City Council. This project will provide an enhanced pedestrian crossing with high visibility pavement markings and signage. Installation of rectangular rapid flash beacons (RRFB's), four ADA ramps and a reduction of the curb radius on the northeast corner of the intersection. This project will increase overall safety in the area for pedestrians, students during the school year and increase access to the Gladstone Nature Park.



Annual Slurry Seal – This yearly project will start in August, if your street is part of this year's project you will be notified by both the City and the contractor with additional information. Slurry Seal is the process of putting down asphalt emulsion mixed with a small aggregate and sand to help extend the life of our roadways. This is an important part of the City's obligation to perform preventative maintenance to prolong the quality of our streets.



Asphalt Repair Project – The Public Works Department will be working with Knife River Corporation to complete several asphalt repairs prior to the Slurry Seal project. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of July. If you will be effected by this project you will be contacted by the City with additional information.



Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) Project – Stages of this project have been ongoing over the past several years. This project focuses on preventing sewage overflows into the Clackamas River. Utilizing smoke testing and CCTV the City has been able to identify areas of cross connections, both public and private. Armed with these findings the City worked with Leeway Engineering to design the I/I project. Construction is set to begin in August.



Paving of Webster Rd: Cason Rd. to City Limit – The City of Gladstone will be soliciting bids for this upcoming paving project which will include a 2" inlay and new pavement markings. Construction for this project will be completed by the end of September.



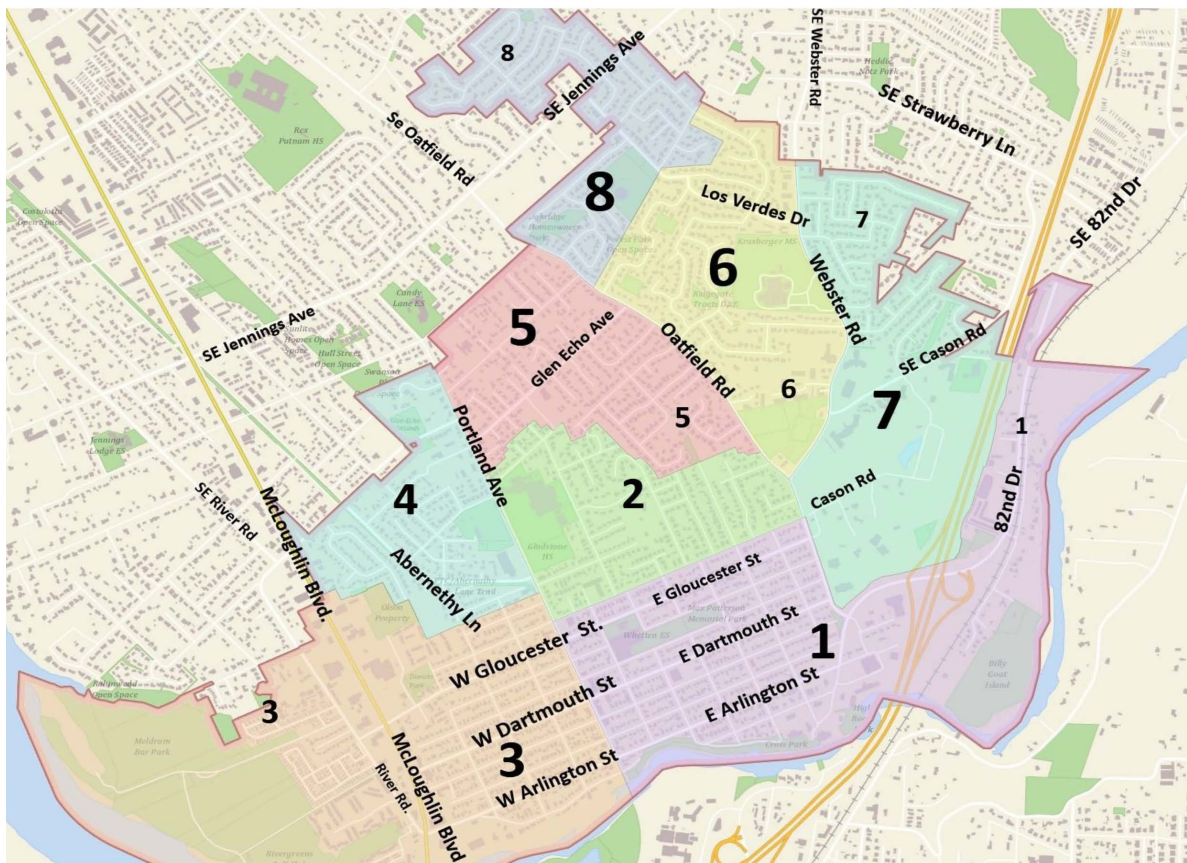
Meldrum Bar Park Playground Replacement – The Public Works Dept. is working with playground design contractors to design and inclusive playground for Meldrum Bar Park. This structure will replace the existing one and provide a wonderful new play experience, we are very excited about this project; the new structure will be in place by this fall.



Evergreen Ln. Stormline Project – The Public Works Dept. will be soliciting bids for the Evergreen Ln. Stormline project in mid-July. This project will include the installation of two new manholes, 400 ft. of new stormline and a storm outfall that will be located at the end of Evergreen Lane.

If you have questions regarding any of the projects listed, please do not hesitate to contact the Public Works Department at 503.656.7957 or via email at PWOffice@ci.gladstone.or.us

Gladstone Street Sweeping Schedule



Sweeping Schedule begins on the 1st Monday of each month.

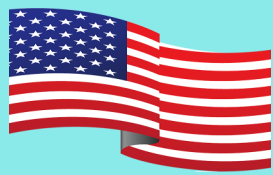
Street Sweeping Schedule

- Monday/Day 1: Area 2
- Tuesday/Day 2: Area 6
- Wednesday/Day 3: Area 5
- Thursday/Day 4: Area 1
- Friday/Day 5: Area 3
- Monday/Day 6: Area 4
- Tuesday/Day 7: Area 7
- Wednesday/Day 8: Area 8

In the event your scheduled day falls on a holiday, the schedule will be delayed by one (1) day. If you have questions, please contact the Public Works Office at 503-656-7957

City of Gladstone—Senior Center
1050 Portland Ave. Gladstone, Or. 97027

We are closed TUESDAY, JULY 4th for Independence DAY; yes we are OPEN on Monday, July 3rd—for Tai Chi + Pinochle.



July 4th is a national holiday, that celebrates the anniversary of the approval of the Declaration of Independence, a document that symbolized the independence of the United States of America from the rule of Great Britain.

How do you celebrate the 4th? Check out the Annual City sponsored BBQ in the park over the holiday weekend.



Thank you Foundation!

As you know we have been under “wet paint” for half of June, due to the sponsorship of a painting contractor for the interior of the center. It’s looking so beautiful, and vibrant. Many compliments on the colors from the community. We want to thank the members of the Gladstone Senior Foundation and all of your donations to the Foundation for these funds that help us beautify the center, and the various events we are able to do!

City Council approves the RENAMING OF THE GLADSTONE SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Advisory Board has worked on renaming the Senior Center over the past several months in our meetings, and by way of surveying the community in-person and virtually. We engaged with City Council members in a work session in May to discuss any concerns.

The board, and city council voted unanimously, the suggested name by you, the community, to rename the Gladstone Senior Center to be **“The Gladstone Community Center – The Spirit of Generations”**.

We feel this incorporates the **new Mission and Vision for the center, which is to enhance the vitality and wellness of a multigenerational community through meaningful connections.**

We intend to continue to encourage and provide space for group activities, meals, recreational classes, share information about health and wellness, as well as other social gatherings that occur within a community.

Ox, Staff



JULY 2023

We are Open
Monday through Friday
8:00am to 4:00 pm
(503) 655-7701
www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc

ADVENTURE TRIPS FOR JULY:
(sign up at 503-655-7701) Michelle McIntire, Tram Driver

July 7th—
ADVENTURE TRIP
Explore McMenemy's Edgefield Resort

July 14th—
ADVENTURE TRIP
Hood River Fruit WINE Loop+ Lunch & Ice-cream

July 21st—Spirit Mt Casino trip



The Gladstone Seniors Foundation is the non-profit fundraising arm of the Gladstone Senior Center

THE PERFECT WAY TO SUPPORT THE

CENTER—Leave a LEGACY STONE!

*This year our major fundraising drive is for **Beautification of the Portland Ave. side of the Center.** We have enlarged the patio with beautiful decorative pavers. The new patio includes cedar fencing, landscaping, better lighting and picnic tables accessible to any ability. We will continue these efforts throughout 2023.*

*For any **\$100 donation, you may engrave your own paver.** To donate, 503.655.7701*



July 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	Pork Loin 5	Beef and Black Bean Chili 6	7
Tai Chi Advanced 9-10 Tai Chi Intermediate 10-11 Tai Chi Beginner 11-12 Pinochle 12:45-3:45	Closed July 4th	Tai Chi Advanced 9-10 Tai Chi Intermediate 10-11 Tai Chi Beginner 11-12 Pinochle 12:45 to 3:45 GROCERY SHOPPING-- Must RSVP	Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Rummikub, Canasta, Cribbage Clubs 12:45 til close Lunch N Learn LIBRARY HOW TO USE Technology (3pm- 4pm) get help with your phones, Computers, etc.	Crochet Club 10-11 OPEN BOARD GAMES come in to play Pinochle 12:45 to 3:45 ADVENTURE TRIP Explore McMenamin's Edgefield Resort
10	Turkey Tetrizzini 11	Cheese Lasagna Roll Up 12	BBQ Smokehouse Chop 13	14
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17	Swedish Meatballs Potato 18	Sloppy Joes w/ Beans 19	Pork Carnitas Beans 20	21
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24	Spaghetti Meat Sauce 25	Chicken Pasta Bake 26	Tuna Sandwich Soup 27	28
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Community School Classes

Thru partnership with the Community School the Senior Center hosts

YOGA 3x/wk * PAINTING 2x/wk * ZUMBA GOLD is every Monday and Wednesday at 9am; at the center

Sign up at www.gladstone.k12.or.us

Or call for fees/schedule 503-650-2570

FEE FOR THESE CLASSES

DID YOU KNOW?

Would you like to get involved? We offer volunteer opportunities, outreach, and community involvement. We also have rentals spaces available. Please stop by and see us or call 503-655-7701

Free Classes and Activities

The Gladstone Senior Center offers daily free classes and activities. Crocheting Group on Mondays at 10a, Free Tai Chi classes on Mon/Weds * Chair Exercise on Tues/Thurs * Walking Groups * Arts & Crafts * Bingo * Scrabble * Rummikub * Cribbage * Canasta on Thurs
Grocery Trips/ Adventure Trips every week.

Watering Efficiently Outdoors

The greatest waste of water is watering too much, too often. Our water use is at its highest during the summer months – often doubling or tripling – due to outdoor watering.

Oftentimes this is because people don't know how much water their landscape needs. Outdoor watering is key to saving water outdoors. Below are some basic watering tips to get you started.

Can I water efficiently by hand?

Yes! Watering by hand allows you to target where and how much you water. For example, you can "spot water" plants that need a little more water between regularly-scheduled watering times. Adding a hose nozzle to the end of your hose will allow you to control the flow so that the water is only on when you need it.

How much should I water my garden or landscape?

Water your garden or landscape based on your soil conditions and your plants' water needs. We recommend watering your lawn an average of one inch per week. Check with your local garden center or landscape professional to learn about your plants' specific water needs.

What time of day should I water my garden or landscape?

You should water your garden or landscape before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. when temperatures are cooler and the air is calmer so that less water evaporates.

How often should I water my garden or landscape?

We recommend watering established landscapes twice a week rather than every day. Your goal is to water less often and deeply so your soil is moist several inches down.

Adjust the amount you water throughout the summer

One of the best ways to water efficiently during the summer is to adjust the amount you water. This means watering more when it is hot and dry and less when it is cooler and wet.

For more information, visit the Regional Water Providers Consortium website at www.regionalh2o.org/water-conservation/outdoor-water-conservation/watering-efficiently-outdoors

How to Prepare Your Home For Fire Season

As we enter the summer season and temperatures continue to increase, the possibility of fire danger also increases. The City of Gladstone has a list of tips and tricks that you can do to help protect your home from:

- Cut dry grasses and weeds within 100' of structures with a weed eater or mower, to a height of 4" or less. Cut grass in the morning, when temperatures are cool, and be careful not to create sparks. Dry grass is easily ignited by embers and grass fires can spread rapidly. Cutting grass will have a shorter flame length and generate minimal heat.
 - Keep roofs, gutters, decks and patios clear of leaves, pine needles or other flammables at all times.
 - Remove flammable mulch and vegetation within 5 feet of the home and replace with nonflammable material.
 - Remove tree or shrub branches that overhang within 10 feet of your house, roof or chimney.
- If your 4th of July Holiday will involve fireworks, please keep in mind:
- Oregon law forbids possession, use or sale of fireworks that fly, explode, or travel more than 6 feet on the ground or 12 inches in the air
 - Store fireworks, matches and lighters out of reach of children at all times. Fireworks should always be lit by an adult.
 - Always have water handy when lighting fireworks. Soak lit fireworks thoroughly in a bucket of water.
 - Fireworks are prohibited at beaches, city parks, state parks, state and federal forest lands.

Help keep our community safe by doing your part to prevent the possibility of fire in our community this fire season.

Class of 2023 wants to Thank YOU!

Class of 2023 Senior Grad party parents would like to thank Gladstone Boosters, Gladstone School District, The Lair, Coasters, Backyard burger & Menehune Murph's Shave Ice & most importantly, YOU the community for all your support to our graduating seniors. With the funds raised, we provided a fun filled night for our seniors at the Kroc Center. THANK YOU!

Get Social

Connect with the City of Gladstone, Gladstone Police Department or Gladstone Senior Center on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter! Follow us to help stay up-to-date with all the latest news and events happening around you.



Gladstone Back Then

Gladstone Historical Society Historian, Kim Argraves Huey



It's Summer! Besides swimming, fishing, and lazing in the hammock, how did early Gladstonians celebrate summer?

In 1908, Gladstone was known for its bountiful vegetable gardens and flourishing orchards. That year, the social event of the season was a picnic held in a peach orchard.

◀ 1930 – Oscar Freytag digging in his garden and holding up a weed.

Quilts were placed in cozy spots beneath fragrant trees, after which the guests were sent on a

scavenger hunt throughout the orchard to collect up picnic supplies and wrapped foods. Once the tasty meal was assembled and consumed, dessert was pick-your-own peach from a nearby tree. Entertainment was guessing games and singing.

Speaking of singing. In 1921, the local newspaper proclaimed that summertime was a grand occasion for neighbors to get to know their neighbors and enjoy each other's company. After all, the city council had voted to make Gladstone the friendliest town in Clackamas County. So, what better way to get acquainted than an impromptu sing-along. When a summer's evening turned long and dull, the family should drag out the parlor piano, plant it on the lawn, choose an able accompanist to play some jaunty tunes, and everyone start singing. Then, when the neighbors poked out their noses to see what the racket was all about, they should be invited to come and sing. Block party choir anyone?

Sometimes it rains in Oregon in the summer. Ya' think? In 1921, summer parlor games on stormy days were all the rage. One in particular was described as the "most merry hoot" ever played at a party. Two suitcases were packed with a full set of clothes and strapped shut. One suitcase for him and one for her. Couples were timed as they opened the suitcases, donned all the clothes over the clothes they were already wearing, re-strapped the suitcase, grabbed up an umbrella and opened it, and then carrying the empty suitcase and umbrella, the couples ran to a designated "bus stop" somewhere else in the house. The couple with the fastest time won (and ran directly out the back door to "cool down" in the Oregon rain).

Somebody always has to chop off the party just as the fun gets growing. In 1913, that person was County Fruit Inspector Freytag. In his rant to the press, he proposed that folks postpone some frivolity to clean up the edges of their lawns that bordered a county road. In his opinion, Clackamas County was looking "much too tacky" and that was not "the impression we wanted visitors to have of us". The problem? An overgrowth of "Chinese Lettuce", aka Wild Thistle. A few ankle-high plants might seem harmless, but these pesky plant pests could quickly grow out of control, as did the nine feet four inches tall giant thistle that CFI Freytag placed on display at the Commercial Club as a warning. But who was he warning? County road neighbors? Club members? Other thistles? Party goers? Happy Fourth of July! For all the latest from the Gladstone Historical Society: www.GladstoneHistoricalSociety.org.

Gladstone Community Festival August 4-5th

Get ready for the highlight of the summer! August 4-5 at Max Patterson Park, The Gladstone Community Festival is a must-attend event that brings together our vibrant community for two unforgettable days of fun and celebration. From live music and theatrical performances to a bustling marketplace filled with local artisans, community organizations, and delectable food vendors, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Kids will delight in the inflatables, slides, and exciting activities, while adults can relax in the beer garden and soak up the festive atmosphere. This long-standing tradition, now in its 130th year, is organized by the dedicated members of the Gladstone Oak Lodge Rotary Club, showcasing their commitment to fostering community spirit. Don't miss out on the Gladstone Community Festival – a remarkable experience that truly embodies the essence of our wonderful town!

This event takes nearly 100 volunteers and many donations from our generous sponsors and townspeople. All volunteers get a hot dog and beer, and the warm fuzzies of helping your community.

To learn more, check out our new website: www.gladstonecommunityfestival.com

Gladstone School Food Pantry is Open All Summer!

Families can choose free groceries at the Gladstone School Food Pantry each Thursday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. The pantry is at 6460 Glen Echo, behind Hillside Fellowship. All residents of Gladstone, Jennings Lodge, and Oak Grove are welcome.

The pantry provides meat, fresh produce, frozen food, canned food, and bread. Pet food, too! For information or to volunteer, contact Food Pantry Manager Alex Van Pelt at 503.737.5283 or email avanpelt@nwfs.org.

Please Consider Being a Volunteer in the Nature Park

Volunteers are needed in the Nature Park on the last Saturday of each month. Spend a fun morning chipping trails, clipping blackberry vines, or watering our mayor's trees. Share a donut and meet some other great neighbors who support the continued efforts of the Nature Park restoration.

Wacky Weeding Wednesdays

The Butterfly/Pollinator Hill is in bloom! This is a popular attraction for the city. Lots of TLC is happening on the hill. We are organizing a Wednesday morning group that meets at 9am to collect seeds, delete invasives and plan for more wonderful blooms for our pollinators. Contact jneich@comcast.net for details.

If volunteering is not in the cards for you right now, please consider a stroll thru the park to see all the summer beauty blooming.



Gladstone Historical Society Guest Speaker

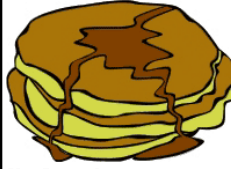
The Gladstone Historical Society welcomes our longest serving Mayor and Gladstone Historian, Wade Byers.

He has served this City for 39 years with 36 years as Mayor. He will speak regarding his memories of growing up in Gladstone forward. The meeting will be held September 21 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at the Gladstone Civic Center located at 18505 Portland, Avenue, Gladstone.

Kiwanis Club of Gladstone – Oak Grove Celebrate Gladstone Community Festival 2023

Join us at the Gladstone Senior Center on August 5th from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM for a Community Breakfast! Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee.

Cost will be: Adults \$12, Senior Citizens \$7, Children under 6 are free.



Support Kiwanis programs with good food, fun and fellowship. The Gladstone Senior Center is located at 1050 Portland Avenue, Gladstone.

Register Now for Fall Kindergarten



If your child will be five by September 1, it's time to register for fall kindergarten! Register online at www.gladstonekids.com/Kinders For information call 503-496-3939.

Beyond reading, writing, and math, each Gladstone kindergarten student also has weekly music, physical education, Discovery, art, and technology instruction. An extended day program offers onsite childcare before and after school.

Kindergarten classes are at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families [GCCF]. The spacious and secure classrooms, playgrounds, and facilities are specially designed for the district's youngest learners. Preschools and many family services are located there, too. The Gladstone district welcomes transfers from other districts.

Summer Reading in Here!

It's time to "Find Your Voice" during our Summer Reading Program at Gladstone Public Library! Register in person at the library by July 31, 2023 (or visit clackamas.us/lib/summer-reading-program for online options if you can't make it to the library). Here's how it works:

Youth (ages 0-17) receive a *Reading Log* and prize book when registering in person (or print a *Reading Log* online and get your prize book when you turn your *Log* in for finisher prizes). Use your *Reading Log* to track every day you read on your own or with a loved one. Your *Reading Log* is complete when you've tracked 20 days of reading.

Adults (ages 18 +) receive an *Activity Card* when registering in person, or can print one online. Complete assigned activities to be entered into drawings for great prizes. Earn a maximum of 3 entries for a fully-completed card.

Prizes! Bring your completed *Reading Log* or *Activity Card* to the library anytime in August to earn instant prizes for completing the reading challenge, and to be entered into our prize drawings held in September!

Book Sale Support Literacy Project

The Clackamas Bookshelf is a Gladstone non-profit that holds 1-2 used book sales each month. All proceeds are used to provide free books to kids across Clackamas County.

The Bookshelf is located on the Kraxberger Middle School campus near the covered playground at 17777 Webster Road. All books cost 50 cents or less.

The next book sales are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both Sunday, July 16, and Saturday, August 12. Used book donations are welcome these days or during business hours at the Les Schwab on Highway 212. Find out more: www.theclackamasbookshelf.org/



The Clackamas Bookshelf

Free Summer Lunch Site Moves to Jennings Lodge School

Free summer lunches are available for all youths ages 1 to 18. Lunches will be provided at Jennings Lodge School- 18521 SE River Rd. June 19 through August 17 [Closed July 3-4] from 11:30 to 12:30, Mondays through Fridays. This site is an equal opportunity provider. All are welcome.

Year-Round Gardening & Nutrition for Families

You can develop gardening, harvesting, and cooking skills for family nutrition and independence. A free class is offered every second and fourth Thursday night at 7:00 to 8:30pm. Join us at the Gladstone Park Seventh-day Adventist Church Group Ministries Room at 8678 Cason Rd in Gladstone. If you have specific questions email or call Robert: GardenFamilyProgram@gmail.com 682.408.4413.



GHS Grad Party Fundraiser



The fundraising committee for The Class of 2024 is holding a can & bottle drive to raise money for the drug and alcohol free grad party. Please bring your empty cans and bottles to the Gladstone High School parking lot on Saturday, July 15th, from 10 am-1 pm.

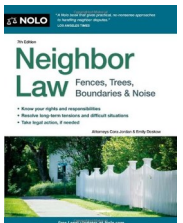
The class of 2024 appreciates your support.

Neighbor Law

The City receives requests from residents about issues between neighbors that the City doesn't regulate.

These issues include: to place trash and recycling cans out of public view, not to feed stray cats that may attract unwanted pets to a neighbor's yard or place of business, 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, Trees, Boundaries and Noise", by Cora Johnson at the Gladstone Library.



Local Telephone Numbers

City Hall General Business Line	503-656-5225
Utility Billing/Water/Sewer Acct Info	503-557-2771
Municipal Court/Traffic Citations	503-557-2772
Public Works	503-656-7957
Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2797
Clackamas Fire District #1	503-742-2600
Library	503-655-8540
Senior Center	503-655-7701
Recreation/Business License	503-557-2766
Planning	503-946-9365 x206
Electrical/Plumbing Permits	503-742-4240
Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance	503-557-2763
Clackamas County Dog Services	503-655-8628
Gladstone School District	503-655-2777
Gladstone High School	503-655-2544
Kraxberger Middle School	503-655-3636
John Wetten Elementary School	503-656-6564
Gladstone Disposal Company	503-656-9426
Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	503-299-9999
Portland General Electric	503-228-6322
Northwest Natural Gas	503-226-4211
Comcast Cable	1-800-934-6489
Century Link	1-866-642-0444
Non-Emergency Dispatch	503-655-8211

(option 1 for police or fire calls)

CALENDAR ENTRIES

- **All-Ages Storytime** Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:15 am – 10:45 am. Enjoy your favorite storytime books, songs, and games with Teacher Heather on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:15 am at the library! All ages welcome!
- **Fourth of July – Gladstone Public Library CLOSED** Tuesday, July 4th, 2023 – all day. The Gladstone Public Library is closed for business in observation of the Fourth of July. Book drops will remain open, and no fines will accrue.
- **Gladstone Senior Center’s Luncheon Librarian**, 1050 Portland Ave, Gladstone OR 97027 Thursday, July 6th, from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. Library representatives are partnering with the Gladstone Senior Center on first Thursdays to

present various library-related topics. This month we’ll discuss *LINCC & Library Basics*. Gladstone Senior Center lunch donation is \$4 for ages 60 and over, or \$5 for ages 59 and under (all ages welcome).

- **Hora de Cuentos en Español – Spanish Story & Play Time** Saturday, July 8, 2023 from 10:30am. ¡Acompáñenos el segundo sábado de cada mes a una hora de cuentos y juegos en ESPAÑOL con Portland Early Learning. ¡Gratis y divertido para todas las edades! Join us on second Saturdays for Spanish Story & Play Time with Portland Early Learning. Free and fun for all ages!

Horowitz. Ask for a copy of the book at the Gladstone Public Library’s front desk, then call or email the library at 503-655-8540 or gladstone@lincc.org for meeting information.

- **Clackamas County Library Advisory Board (Virtual Meeting)** Thursday, July 20th, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Your Clackamas County Library Advisory Board meets at 5:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month. Meetings are open to the public; visit clackamas.us/lib/clackamas-county-library-advisory-board/#meetings for more information.

City Hall—18505 Portland Ave
 Police Department—18505 Portland Ave
 Fire Department—555 Portland Ave
 Public Works Dept.—18595 Portland Ave
 Senior Center—1050 Portland Ave
 Library—135 E. Dartmouth St.

- **Kid Craft: Take & Make Craft Kits – Egg Carton Turtles!** Sunday, July 9th, 2023 (and while supplies last!). Take-home craft kits for kids appear on the 2nd Sunday of each month and are available at the Gladstone Public Library while supplies last. Most supplies and instructions are included. This month’s **Egg Carton Turtle** kit will swim in on July 9th – ask for yours at the desk!



- **Music: Bruce Charles – Gladstone Public Library** Tuesday, July 25th, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Musician Bruce Charles presents *Classical Guitar, Yesterday and Today*. Free and fun for all ages!

- **Adult Craft: Stamp Making (18+ Years) – Gladstone Public Library** Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Learn how to carve Rubber Stamps with Jenna Lechner. All supplies are provided, and beginners are welcome. Students will learn the basic techniques and tools for carving and printing rubber stamps. With their new rubber stamps, students can decorate cards, gift tags, fabric, and more. Register in person at the library or by phone at 503-655-8540. Ages 18+ only please.



City Meetings:

- ***City Council**- 2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary) - 6:30 pm—Gladstone Civic Center and Zoom
- ***Planning Commission**- 3rd Tuesday (as needed) - 6:30 pm Gladstone Civic Center and Zoom
- ***Traffic Safety**- 4th Monday every other month (as needed) - 6:00 pm—Gladstone Civic Center and Zoom
- ***Park & Recreation**- 2nd Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm, currently being held on Zoom
- ***Senior Center Advisory**- held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 3:30 pm at the Gladstone Senior Center., 1050 Portland Avenue.

Copies of all City meeting packets and agendas can be found on the City’s website at: www.ci.gladstone.or.us

- **Summer Reading 2023’s Terrific Tuesdays** Gladstone Center for Children and Families, 18905 Portland Ave., Gladstone OR 97027 at 12:00 pm.

- ➔ **July 11: Eric Herman and the Puppy Dogs** – Described as “Shel Silverstein meets The Beatles,” Eric’s concerts are bursting with comedy, creativity, audience participation, and outrageously fun songs!



- ➔ **July 18: Angel Ocasio** – Angel Ocasio Comedy! Angel Ocasio combines physical comedy, magic, juggling, music, and his unique style of comedy to present a fun-filled family show.

- ➔ **July 25: Juggle Mania “Hilarity and Dexterity”** – Learn how a rural Oregon boy turned books into an all-expense paid trip around the world!



- **Rock Readers Mystery Book Club** – Gladstone Public Library Tuesday, July 18th, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Engage with other readers in a discussion of *Magpie Murders* by Anthony

OTHER LIBRARY UPDATES AND INFORMATION

- **StoryWalk®** at the Gladstone Nature Park features the English/Spanish “*Spectacular Spots*” by Susan Stockdale, coming later in July. Take a stroll, read the pages, and perform fun activities along the way! Presented in partnership with the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park and the Gladstone Public Library Foundation.

- Our **Seeds for Sharing** seed library is stocked and open. Visit clackamas.us/lib/seeds-for-sharing to review the seed catalog, then stop by the library to check out your seeds (up to twelve varieties per day)!

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates

The dream of a new library is finally becoming a reality. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on June 21st, at Dartmouth and Portland Ave. Construction will begin soon.

We’re planning a one day pop-up book sale set for Saturday, August 5th, in the library parking lot.

Donations of 2 bags/ boxes per visit of newer, gently used books and media are now being accepted at the library. PLEASE NOTE: we can no longer take magazines, text books, reference books, VHS tapes, old book series such as, Time/Life, or torn books.

Looking for a good way to save money and support our new library at the same time? All you need to do is join Fred Meyer’s Community Awards program. Simply go to:

www.https://FredMeyer.com/communityrewards, select Gladstone Public Library Foundation, and sign up.

Interested in serving as a Foundation Director? For information, email us at: GPLF.contactus@gmail.com. Donations to the foundation can be sent to: Gladstone Public Library Foundation, 135 E. Dartmouth, Gladstone, OR 97027, or online at: <https://gpl-foundation.org>. Every penny earned and/or donated, goes to support our library. Thanks once again for your continued support.

Librarians are tour-guides for all of knowledge – Patrick Ness

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