

## *A Nice Place to Visit* *By: Mayor Michael Milch*



Back in February 2020, a group of stakeholders—volunteer leaders, business owners, some city staff, and residents—gathered in a basement conference room at the Holiday Inn Express in Gladstone to begin developing a strategy for local branding and tourism in our city.

A group of consultants from Rotator Creative guided those present in a process of identifying “assets and aspirations”—key elements of the Gladstone community and culture that could be emphasized or further developed in seeking to attract more visitors to our community.

It was an enthusiastic and engaging exercise involving long lists on sheets of butcher paper taped to walls, followed by placing sticker dots on words and ideas that resonated with the participants’ vision for a more vibrant Gladstone.

The elements deemed to be the most opportune and viable for tourism strategy included Parks and Nature Access (not surprising in a city with two confluent rivers and five riverfront parks); Community Events, like last month’s Easter Egg Hunt and our summer Festival; Local Sports (from children’s golf to youth soccer to high school football to fishing and pickleball); and opportunities for Main Street Appeal in an ever-changing “downtown” on Portland Avenue anchored by a new local library.

And while the focus and direction of the project were rooted in tourism, another key element of this community was identified and lifted up—Family Life and Neighborhoods. As the initial project report noted:

*“People love living in Gladstone. Many grow up here, go off to school or a job in another city, then come back to settle in. There is a strong sense of generational legacy. Since there is only one school at each level, students develop a close bond with their classmates, thus further enhancing the close-knit small town feel that makes Gladstone so livable and lovable.”*

A phrase often used to describe popular tourist destinations is “a nice place to visit, but I wouldn’t want to live there.” Cities noted for their museums, theater, fine dining, and celebrated architecture will always fill their hotel rooms and vacation rentals. Theme parks and waterfront Ferris wheels make for a memorable family outing. But eventually, the visitors head home.

Even if we don’t expect tourism to become a leading industry in Gladstone, we still embrace the vibrancy and economic impact derived from having enthusiastic visitors to our city. Welcoming the stranger is a value rooted in faith traditions (and just plain good manners).

But a place where parks, rivers, and trees improve the physical, mental, and emotional health of the community; where traditional seasonal events and celebrations bring generations together; and where neighbors take care of one another in time of need—that’s not just a nice place to visit, it’s a place to call home. This is where you belong.

## *City Closures*



Gladstone City offices will be closed May 29th in observation of Memorial Day.

## *Free Meldrum Bar Parking Pass for Gladstone Residents*

It takes 3 easy steps for Gladstone residents to apply for a free annual Meldrum Bar Parking Pass:

1. Visit the Gladstone Civic Center at 18505 Portland Ave.
2. Please bring a piece of mail with your name and Gladstone address as well as a valid picture ID.
3. You will be asked to complete a short application and can be presented with up to two parking passes at that time.

For residents who pay the City of Gladstone directly for water, sewer, stormwater—renewal passes will be mailed to the address on file by the first of the month that your pass expires.

If you have any questions, please contact 503-656-5225 or [contactform@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:contactform@ci.gladstone.or.us).

## *Upcoming City Meetings*

- Park & Recreation Advisory Board- Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
- City Council- Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
- Senior Center Advisory Board- Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
- Planning Commission- Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
- City Council Work Session- Tuesday, May 23<sup>th</sup> 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>

## *Drug Take-Back, Shred-it, and E-Recycling Day*



On Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Gladstone Civic Center, 18505 Portland Ave, the Gladstone Police and the Kraxberger Gearheads Robotics Club are hosting the annual Drug Take-Back, Shred-it, and E-Recycling Day.

Drug Take-Back Day is an opportunity to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths by providing a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs. Things we accept: All Pills (prescription/over-the-counter), Patches or Ointments. We cannot accept liquids, needles, sharps or vitamins.

We will also have shredding services provided on-site to help with the secure destruction of personal information. We are again partnering with the Kraxberger Middle School Robotics Club to

 **Shred-it**® provide electronics recycling, all in one convenient location.



## *It’s Bike Rodeo Season!*

Calling all kids!!! The Gladstone Police Department is hosting the Bike Rodeo on May 20 2023 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Gladstone Civic Center Parking lot. Bring your bike down and learn how to ride safely, then ride your bike through the obstacle course. If you don’t have a bike, this year we will have some, both kid and adult bikes, to borrow to ride the course. Please remember to bring your helmet, but if you don’t have one we will provide a free helmet for you to keep. The coloring contest is also back! We have 2 kid bikes to give away for entry into the contest. For more details about this event, please check out the Gladstone Police Departments Facebook page. Hope to see you there.

## *Kiwanis Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser*

You are invited to the Kiwanis Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!

When: Sunday, May 7, 2023 from 4:00-6:30 pm

Where: Gladstone Adventist Church, 8378 Cason Rd., Gladstone

RSVP at 503-819-8367

\$15 per person, \$12 for children 6-12 years old, children 5 and under FREE

All proceeds go to Gladstone High School Scholarship Program.



**City of Gladstone Job Opportunities**

The City of Gladstone has the following job opportunities: Temporary Seasonal Employee - Public Works, Utility Worker - Journey, Police Officer, Limited Duration Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator.

More information can be found at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/jobs>

**2023 Gladstone Easter Egg Hunt was a HUGE Success!**

Thank you to all the volunteers, businesses, and community donations that helped make the 2023 Annual City of Gladstone Easter Egg Hunt a huge success! We stuffed over 7,000 eggs this year and handed out roughly 600 larger prizes.



**Thank you for the support provided by:** Gladstone Baskin Robbins, A-1 Income Tax & Bookkeeping, The Children's Course, The Tax Team, Ryan M., Old Spaghetti Factory, Gladstone McDonalds, Portland Japanese Garden, Kathy T., Gladstone Safeway, Auto Town Buick GMC, Mira V., Professional Inventory Service, Jennie R., Kid Castle Cuts, North Clackamas Aquatic Park, Bullwinkle's Wilsonville, Oregon State Beavers, Mira H., Hollywood Beverage, Gladstone Cub Scout Pack 510, Mac S., Stanford's, Watts Heating & Cooling, Josefine D., Gladstone Card Room, Volunteers From Gladstone Senior Center, Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, Pat McMahon, Envirotest LLC, Mayson T., Gladstone High School, Gladstone Family Dentistry, Peggy S., GGK Philippine Sweets & Treats Asian Market, Enchanted Forest, Ashley G., Gladstone High School Key Club, Burgerville, Delaney M., Oregon City Swimming Pool, Friends of Gladstone Nature Park, Pietro's Pizza, Sisul Enterprises Inc., Lily P., Julia's Bookkeeping LLC., Clackamas Fire District #1, Leah C., Road Runner Pizza, Rachel M., Oaks Amusement Park, Portland Spirit, Toy & Joy Makers, Inc., Maddie P., Gladstone Police Department, Shellie M., Atlas Learning LLC, Elena C.



It is fantastic to see how people in a small community will go the extra mile to help and make community events successful.

**Wildfire Prevention Month**

In Oregon, May is designated as Wildfire Awareness Month. Clackamas Fire District is engaged in a month-long campaign to encourage, empower, and inform the community to help prevent and prepare for wildfire.

There are many things you can do to be prepared for wildfire. One of which is following Clackamas Fire District's Ready, Set, Go program. Get **READY** before wildfire happens, is the first step in protecting yourself and your property from the threat of wildfire. Begin in the spring by creating defensible space around your home and property. Defensible space is a 100-foot buffer zone between your home and the surrounding wildland area.

Getting **SET** means creating and preparing your wildfire action plan. The plan will be unique to your family and should include everyone even your pets. The plan is a check list that includes different evacuation routes and emergency meeting locations.

Wildfires are unpredictable, move quickly, and change direction without warning. When a wildfire approaches your home, it is time to **GO!** When you evacuate early, you give your family the best chance of surviving; you also may avoid getting caught in smoke, fire, and traffic jams. Also important in a wildfire emergency, is to stay informed. Pay attention to news and information from local authorities and sign up for emergency notifications at Clackamas County Public Alerts.

The threat of wildfire in our area is real. By following the Ready, Set, Go program, you can help your family increase their chances of surviving a wildfire emergency. For more information, visit <https://clackamasfire.com/readysset-go/>.



**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
<b>Revenues:</b>		
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	
May	11,380.00	
June	9,909.00	
	<b>115,012.00</b>	<b>62,475.00</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Contractual Services	3,488.38	1,312.70
Credit card fees	4,998.08	2,672.72
Operations & Maintenance	9,656.14	622.60
Purchase & install kiosk	5,422.50	—
Year to date	23,565.10	4,608.02
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>91,446.90</b>	<b>57,866.98</b>
<b>Cumulative Balance</b>	<b>20,895.82</b>	<b>78,762.80</b>

**VOLUNTEERS Gladstone Needs YOU!**

The City has six (6) active boards, commissions and committees that are composed of volunteers. Recruitment is underway for 6 open positions to be filled at the May 9, 2023 City Council meeting.

*We Need YOU!*

Vacancies can be found on the following boards, commissions and committees: 1 Senior Center Advisory Board; 1 Park & Recreation Advisory Board position; 1 Traffic Safety Advisory Board position; 2 Audit Committee position.

Visit the city's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us/bc](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/bc), email [bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us), or stop by City Hall at 18505 Portland Avenue to obtain an application. Applications must be returned by 5:00 pm on May 2, 2023.

**North Clackamas Chamber Seeking Nominations for Local Influencers**

The North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce will hold their Annual Awards Celebration on Wednesday, June 21st at Gray Gables Estate in Milwaukie.

The Chamber is seeking nominations for community members for their years of service and contributions to our community. The *Lifetime Achievement and Joseph Krumm Humanitarian Awards* are available for any community members that live or work in Clackamas County.

The Chamber will also recognize *Business of the Year* and *Business Person of the Year*. These are limited to Chamber members and the *Volunteer of the Year* is determined by Chamber staff.

Guests will witness the induction of the 2023-2024 Chair of the Board, Daryl Woods,

Director of Operations for the Portland Distribution Center of Safeway / Albertsons as well as the Board of Directors.

Nomination forms can be attained at [yourchamber.com](http://yourchamber.com) or by calling (503) 654-7777.

This event is open to the public. Registration is required in advance and dinner tickets are \$70.00 per person. Register by phone at (503) 654-7777

**Get Social**

Connect with the City of Gladstone on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Nextdoor Gladstone. Stay up-to-date with all the latest news and events happening around you.





## Backflow FAQ's & Why is Backflow Testing Required?

What is Backflow? When pressure in a water system isn't maintained, the risk for water to flow backward into the water system and become contaminated is greatly increased. Backflow testing monitors the health and safety mechanisms designed to protect water purity. Backflow testing helps prevent water contamination or pollution.

What is this "test due" notice I keep receiving? Why do I have to do this? It is a reminder for you to get your backflow assembly tested. It is an important annual test that helps make sure the public drinking water remains clean and safe.

I did this last year. Why am I getting this notice again? Because Backflow Assemblies are mechanical units they must be regularly checked to ensure they are in working condition.

What is a backflow assembly? A backflow assembly is used to protect potable water supplies from contamination or pollution due to backflow. These are often found connected to sprinkler systems and fire systems.

Do I need a backflow preventer on my sprinkler system? YES, sprinkler system backflow prevention devices are safety mechanisms to prevent contaminants from entering water supplies. Irrigation backflow devices are designed for installation on potable water lines to protect against both back-siphonage and backpressure of contaminated water into the potable water supply.

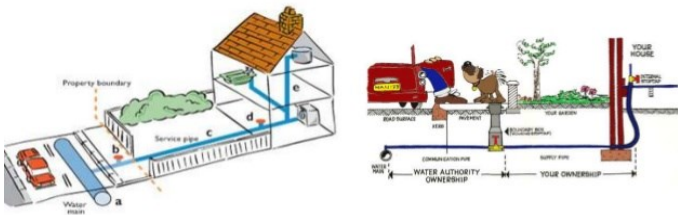
What is a cross-connection? A cross-connection is a "link" between drinking water and a system or fixture that carries or contains something other than drinking water. An example would be a garden hose lying in a hot tub.

Have questions on Backflow testing or requirements, contact Justin with the City of Gladstone Public Works Dept. at 503.656.7957 or email us at PWOffice@ci.gladstone.or.us

## SERVICE PIPES AND WATER MAINS

Service pipe means a pipe extending from the property line into premises supplied with water.

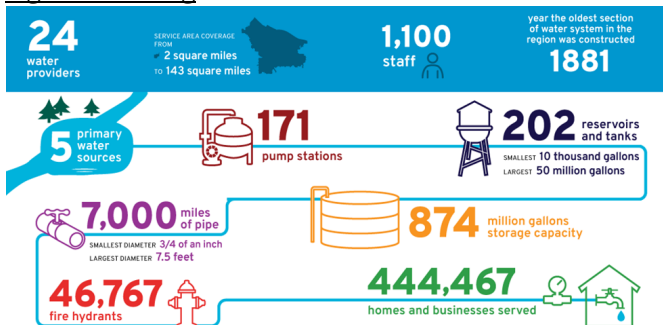
Water main are those pipes, other than supply pipes and service pipes, used for conveying or distributing water in a network



## Drinking Water by the Numbers

Water providers work together locally each week of the year to build, maintain, repair, and upgrade critical water infrastructure like pipes, fire hydrants, pump stations, and reservoirs. In addition, providers comply with drinking water regulations, secure funding for projects, and keep elected officials and policy makers informed about drinking water issues.

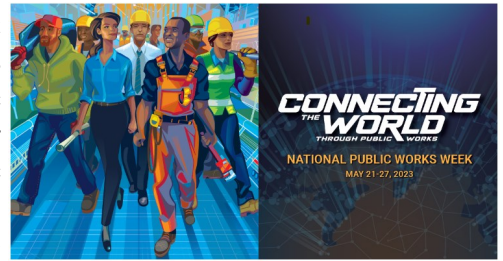
Learn more about how the City of Gladstone is one of many water providers across the greater Portland metro region that works for a reliable, resilient water system at [regionalH2O.org](http://regionalH2O.org).



A snapshot of what it takes to bring drinking water from its source to your home or business in the Portland, OR metro region.

## Public Works Week May 21-27, 2023

The Public Works Department in every community provides essential services while enhancing the quality of life for the communities these professionals serve.



Infrastructure management is mostly unseen and therefore not always acknowledged but it is vital to every community. The Gladstone Public Works Department is a small group of men and women who work to serve the Gladstone community making Gladstone a better place to live, work and enjoy.

## Right-of-Way Permits...Do You Need One?

A permit is required to perform work within the Public Right-of-Way (ROW) such as the following, but is not limited to:

- Water connections, repairs, and new installations to the public water main.
- Sanitary sewer connections, repairs, and new installations to the public sewer main.
- Pavement cuts and repairs in any area in front of curb.
- Driveway approaches, curb, ramp and sidewalk repairs or new installations
- Removal of trees within the City ROW which require the use of cranes and or trucks which use booms.

Temporary obstructions in the public ROW such as moving containers and debris dumpsters, portable restrooms placed during construction.

How much does a ROW Permit cost? Do Permits Expire? Costs vary based on the work being completed, standard permit fees are \$235.00 - \$335.00. Permits are valid for 1 year from the date of issuance for the work detailed on the permit application, once work is completed the permit is closed out. All work completed within the ROW requires a 1 year warranty period that begins at the time of an approved final inspection.

All work within the ROW must adhere to City Standards and pass the required inspections as described in the application packet. If work is being performed on Saturday and Sunday work must be approved prior to commencing and inspections are still required. If you have questions regarding City Standards or need an application to obtain a ROW Permit you may find more information on our website at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/publicworks/page/gladstone-public-works-permits-applications>

If you have questions regarding ROW Permits please contact the Public Works office, at 503.656.7957 or email us at PWOffice@ci.gladstone.or.us. We are happy to advise you.

## Scoop the Poop!

Gladstone Public Works Needs Your Help to Keep Our Water System Clean. As our rains continue to move in, streams swell with water. In Gladstone, as well as the rest of our wet region, much of this water washes off the land and into the storm water system. Our storm systems drain water away from the City and into our local rivers. Along the way, it picks up pollutants, some of which you may not think of as pollution. What you do around your home, work, or anywhere in the city, makes a difference for clean water in our environment.

Bacteria is a natural component of lakes, rivers, and streams. Most of these bacterial agents are harmless. But some have the potential to cause sickness and disease in humans, pets, and other animals. Their origin may surprise you. Research conducted by Clean Water Services of Washington County found that, on average, 63 percent of E. coli bacteria contamination in streams originated from waterfowl and canine sources, i.e: Ducks and Dogs!

What you do matters. Gladstone Public Works encourages everyone to please pick up your dog's poop. It is essentially raw sewage and should not be left anywhere on the ground. In addition to E. coli, dog waste can contain harmful organisms such as Leptospira and roundworms. These organisms can be very serious to both humans and pets, and can be carried into your home after walking through yards or parks where animal waste has been present. These same bacteria wash into streams and rivers when it rains. The solution to this pollution is to pick up after your pets in your yard, our parks and streets, put the waste in a bag and properly dispose of it in the trash.

Gladstone Public Works provides doggy-doo bags in all our parks to make cleaning up after your pets convenient for you. We appreciate our residents doing their part to help keep our city clean and green.



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

**We are closed Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day**

**Happy Mother's Day—Kentucky Derby**  
**themed party for ALL Mothers + Mother**  
**figures!**

**When: Friday, May 12th at 12pm** in  
the center! Mocktails, southern style  
hors d'oeuvres, flowers for you and the  
Big Hats!

**Limited seats RSVP: 503-655-7701**



**RENT THE CENTER! Call Deanna H. at 503-655-7701**

Elise Daniel Holcombe, owner of Os-teo Strong in Happy Valley will be here to present on Osteoporosis concerns; **12p– Tues, May 16th, 2023**

### **Can You Overcome Osteoporosis Naturally?**

Discover what your doctor may not know... and probably isn't telling you about addressing Osteoporosis

#### **1 WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?**

Why bone health has become overlooked by the medical establishment, and why you should care about it.

#### **2 IS WHAT YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW, WRONG?**

Learn real role of dairy and supplements in your body's health and discover a little known nutritional secret for better bone health.

#### **3 HEARTBURN: HARMLESS OR DANGEROUS?**

In this free presentation you will learn why simple heartburn might be worse for you than you think.

#### **4 STAY INFORMED WITH NEW INFORMATION**

The big news in science & technology that is helping those suffering from Osteoporosis.



**MAY 2023**

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

- ◇ **Grocery Shopping trips on Wednesdays—sign up please.**
- ◇ **Tram Adventure trips every Friday—sign up for 2/month and wait-list for a 3rd or 4th trip.—list of trips, fee and details at the front desk**
- ◇ **The Magic of Carbon AKA “Diamonds” Presentation 1-2 by fine jewelry consultant, Will Marshall; intro to carbon, learning the history and wealth of gems/diamonds—every last Friday from 1p-2pm at the center.**

*highlights from the center*



#### **Here are some highlights of our services provided in March 2023:**

The center captured **359 Info and Assistance calls** coming in about inquiries regarding program/service needs, transportation, follow-up etc.

The center handled **135 reassurance calls** out into the community to assist participants in need of resource info, and/or follow-up with other organizations/businesses that provide services. As well as **7 case management**, calls to direct plan, support and assist our senior participants navigate the system.

Total number of participants/guests, 1017 this month

We love our partnership with John Wetten Elementary School for monthly visits to share and deepen community engagement and mutual support. Thanks to Theresa Schmidt, Volunteer Coord/John Wetten and retired principal and volunteer, Wendy Wilson.



# May 2023



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5/1 Tai Chi Advanced 9-10 Tai Chi Intermediate 10-11 Crochet Club 10-11 Tai Chi Beginner 11-12 Pinochle 12:45-3:45	LUNCH Spaghetti Meat Sauce 5/2 Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Bingo 1-3 Rummikub, Scrabble + Cribbage Clubs 12:45 until close	LUNCH Barbarian Stew 5/3 Tai Chi Advanced 9-10 Tai Chi Intermediate 10-11 Tai Chi Beginner 11-12 Pinochle 12:45-3:45 <b>GROCERY SHOPPING-RSVP</b> <b>LIVE MUSIC Saxophone Cash</b>	LUNCH Pork & Pasta Bake 5/4 Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Rummikub, Canasta, Cribbage Clubs 12:45 until close <i>LUNCH N LEARN by Gladstone LIBRARY on their Homebound Book program</i> <b>HOW TO USE Technology 3-4</b> Get help with your phones, Computers, etc	5/5 <b>TRIP:</b> Columbia Gorge Discovery Museum & Lunch at Cousin's <b>OPEN BOARD GAMES</b> Pinochle 12:45-3:45 Happy CINCO DE MAYO
5/8 Tai Chi Advanced 9-10 Tai Chi Intermediate 10-11 Crochet Club 10-11 Tai Chi Beginner 11-12 Pinochle 12:45-3:45 <b>Foot Clinic</b>	LUNCH Chicken Fajita Bowl 5/9 Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Bingo 1-3 Rummikub, Scrabble + Cribbage Clubs 12:45 until close <b>LUNCH N LEARN James Music History</b> <b>Foot Clinic</b>	LUNCH Western Pork Stew 5/10 Tai Chi Advanced 9-10 Tai Chi Intermediate 10-11 Tai Chi Beginner 11-12 Pinochle 12:45 - 3:45 <b>GROCERY SHOPPING-RSVP</b>	LUNCH Beef Swiss Steak 5/11 <b>TRIP:</b> Serres Garden & Lunch at the Stone Cliff Inn Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Rummikub, Canasta, Cribbage Clubs 12:45 until close	5/12 <b>Honoring our Mother's and Mother Figures -Kentucky Derby themed PARTY!</b> <b>RSVP Please!!</b> <b>12pm – Dress to Impress with your Biggest Big Hat</b> <b>OPEN BOARD GAMES</b>
5/15 Tai Chi Advanced 9-10 Tai Chi Intermediate 10-11 Crochet Club 10-11 Tai Chi Beginner 11-12 Pinochle 12:45-3:45	LUNCH Roast Pork 5/16 <b>TRIP</b> Movie The Book Club The next Chapter Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Bingo 1-3 Rummikub, Scrabble + Cribbage Clubs 12:45 until close <b>Special Guest for LUNCH N LEARN Overcoming Osteoporosis Naturally</b>	LUNCH BBQ Smokehouse 5/17 Tai Chi Advanced 9-10 Tai Chi Intermediate 10-11 Tai Chi Beginner 11-12 Pinochle 12:45 - 3:45 <b>GROCERY SHOPPING- RSVP</b>	LUNCH Sweet/Sour Chicken 5/18 Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Rummikub, Canasta, Cribbage Clubs 12:45 until close <b>HOW TO USE Technology 3-4</b> Get help with your phones, Computers, etc. <b>LIVE MUSIC Guitar/Vocals Dennis</b>	5/19 <b>TRIP:</b> Pizza Caboose & A Play "A Century of Broadway" <b>OPEN BOARD GAMES</b> Pinochle 12:45-3:45 <b>COMMUNITY BINGO 4:30-8</b>
5/22 Tai Chi Advanced 9-10 Tai Chi Intermediate 10-11 Crochet Club 10-11 Tai Chi Beginner 11-12 Pinochle 12:45-3:45	LUNCH Chick Salad Sandwich 5/23 Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Bingo 1-3 Rummikub, Scrabble + Cribbage Clubs 12:45 until close <b>LIVE MUSIC Saxophone Mark</b>	LUNCH Beef Rigatoni Bake 5/24 Tai Chi Advanced 9-10 Tai Chi Intermediate 10-11 Tai Chi Beginner 11-12 Pinochle 12:45-3:45 <b>GROCERY SHOPPING-RSVP</b> <b>LONG TERM CARE CLASS 1-3</b>	LUNCH Chicken Pastini 5/25 Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Rummikub, Canasta, Cribbage Clubs 12:45 until close	5/26 <b>TRIP:</b> A Play "Kindertransport" @ CCC & Lunch At Bugatti's <b>OPEN BOARD GAMES</b> Pinochle 12:45-3:45 The Magic of Carbon AKA "Diamonds" Presentation 1-2 by Will Marshall
5/29 <b>Closed</b> Memorial Day - Federal Observation	LUNCH Chicken Rice Bake 5/30 Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Bingo 1-3 Rummikub, Scrabble + Cribbage Clubs 12:45 until close <b>LUNCH N LEARN James Music History</b>	LUNCH Kielbasa Sausage 5/31 Tai Chi Advanced 9-10 Tai Chi Intermediate 10-11 Tai Chi Beginner 11-12 Pinochle 12:45 - 3:45 <b>GROCERY SHOPPING-RSVP</b> <b>FIRE Safety AWARENESS CLASS 5-7</b>		

## 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](http://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.

**Free Clothes for Babies, Kids, and Teens**

The Gladstone Kids Clothes Closet provides free, gently-used clothing, shoes, & jackets for youths from birth to 18. All are welcome.

Hours: Saturdays, 10 to noon



**Gladstone Kids Clothes Closet**

Location: Off Nelson Lane on the north side of the Gladstone High campus

**Armario de ropa de niños de Gladstone**



Contact: Becky Speulda at [bbspeulda@yahoo.com](mailto:bbspeulda@yahoo.com).

Donation drop-off: Saturdays 10-noon – We only accept clothes for babies/kids/teens. [Please take adult clothing and all other items to a different charity.]

**Gladstone City Newsletter**

The City of Gladstone newsletter is a great way to share upcoming community events with the residents of Gladstone.

Articles regarding community events can be submitted to [kratz@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:kratz@ci.gladstone.or.us) on or before the 18th of each month to appear in the following month's newsletter.

Article guidelines can be found at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/city-newsletter](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/city-newsletter)

**Friends of Gladstone Nature Park**

The Friends of Gladstone Nature Park meet the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at 18111 Webster Rd, Gladstone.

Visit [gladstonenaturepark.org](http://gladstonenaturepark.org) or email [friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com) for more information.

**Register now for fall kindergarten**

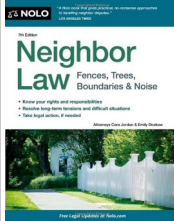
If your child will be five by September 1, it's time to register for fall kindergarten! Register online at [www.gladstonekids.com/Kinders](http://www.gladstonekids.com/Kinders) For information call Heidi Smith at 503-496-3939.

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.

Save the dates for our Connect to Kindergarten orientation sessions on May 9 at 4:30 and 6 p.m.; or May 24 at 4:30 and 6 p.m. You must be fully registered to attend.

**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.

**I-205 Improvements - Stafford Rd to 213**

As part of the I-205 Improvements Project, a new roundabout is being constructed connecting OR 43 with I-205 northbound in West Linn. Related to this work, ODOT's construction contractor needs to install new water infrastructure, and this will require eight, localized rock blasts starting in early May through the end of August. When these blasts happen, there will be 20 mph "rolling slowdowns" on I-205 northbound between the I-5/I-205 interchange in Tualatin and the end of the Abernethy Bridge construction zone in Oregon City.

At this time, the exact dates of the eight rolling slowdowns are still being determined, but they are expected to occur on selected Tuesdays between 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. and selected Saturdays between 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. starting in early May until the end of August.

While these rolling slowdowns are underway, the on ramps to I-205 northbound at Stafford Road, 10<sup>th</sup> Street and OR 43 will be closed for approximately 20 minutes, although residual delays may last up to an hour. During these blasts, I-205 southbound will remain open, but there will be a slight detour from I-205 in the area of the blasts using the off- and on- ramps to OR 43 in West Linn; Oregon State Police

will help direct traffic, but there will be delays.

What are rolling slowdowns and why are they happening? - Although these blasts will be small-scale, they require important safety protocols, and one of them is providing the blasting crews with a 300ft. vehicle-free area when the blasts are occurring. To accommodate this need, ODOT will institute "rolling slowdowns," which is when ODOT vehicles will slow traffic on I-205 northbound to 20 mph from the I-5/I-205 interchange in Tualatin to just beyond the Abernethy Bridge construction area in Oregon City. This reduction in speed, combined with the temporary closure of the northbound on ramps to I-205 at Stafford Road, 10<sup>th</sup> Street and OR 43, will create this necessary 20-minute safety cushion.

Rolling slowdowns will be inconvenient, but they are necessary for ODOT to construct a new roundabout, and to widen and seismically upgrade the Abernethy Bridge. If you would like to receive notifications regarding the I-205 Improvements, visit [www.i205corridor.org/contact](http://www.i205corridor.org/contact).

**City of Gladstone Street Sweeping Schedule**

The Public Works Department will be continuing a "Monthly Street Sweeping Schedule". This schedule will follow the same "area/zone map" as utilized for the Leaf Pick-Up Program. The first Monday of every month the street sweeper will run consecutively for eight business days, completing one area per day until the entire City is completed. The schedule takes into consideration garbage pickup days, as to not interfere with garbage pick-up. In the event your scheduled day falls on a holiday, the schedule will be delayed by one (1) day.

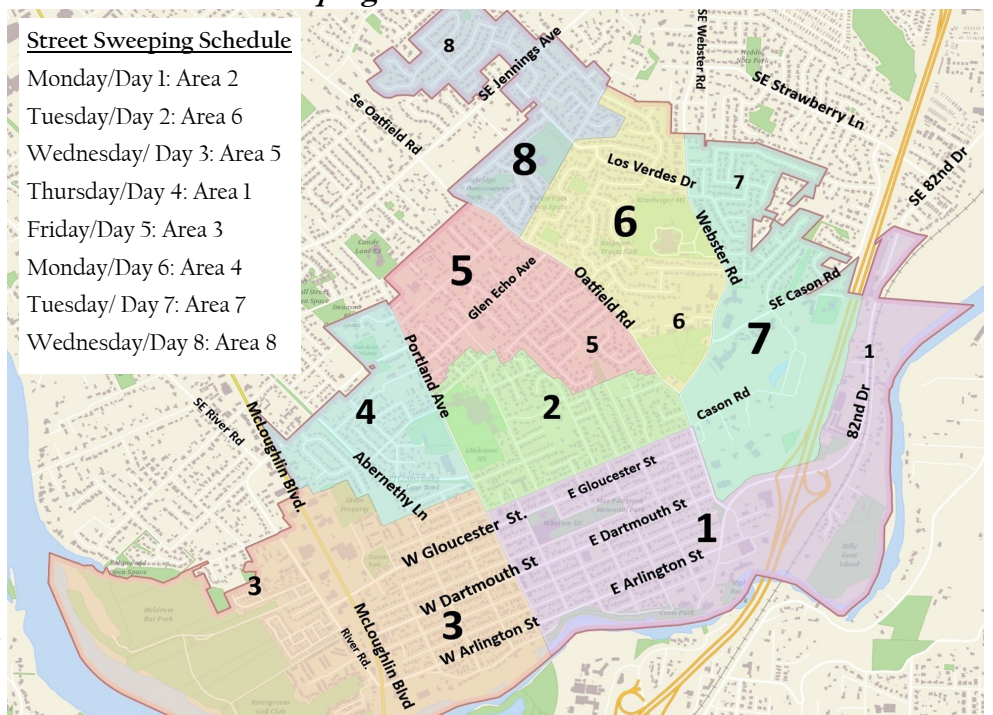
If you have questions, please contact the Public Works Office at 503-656-7957.



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





### 3 May Events Raise Funds for Gladstone Kids!

The Gladstone Education Foundation (GEF) plans 3 fun events in May. All proceeds will support Gladstone youth programs, including academics, athletics, the arts, the Food Pantry, and the Clothes Closet. Consider making a direct donation to Gladstone's top-rated band program at Kraxberger Middle School and Gladstone High, which won the State Championship last spring. Events include the following:

- **Online Auction:** The online auction will run from noon May 7th to 5 pm May 14th. Bid on gift baskets, vacation get-aways, artwork, gift certificates, tickets to athletic or performing arts events, local attractions, and more. Shop for Mother's Day, Father's Day, summer vacation, or graduation gifts! Visit <https://bit.ly/GEFcares> for more information
- **Casino Night and Gourmet Dinner:** Join us on May 13th from 5:00-9:30 pm at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas for the GEF Casino Night Fundraiser and Gourmet Dinner. Tickets can be purchased now at <https://bit.ly/GEFcares>. Admission is \$100 per person. Each ticket includes \$20 worth of scrip to play roulette, black jack, and craps for top prizes valued at over \$200! Dinner options include: Bavette Steak, Chicken Skizzle, Brazilian Salmon, or Vegetarian Lomo Saltado. Cocktail hour includes a performance by the Gladstone High School jazz band.
- **Hawaii Trip Raffle:** Enter for a chance to win a Hawaiian vacation valued at \$3,500. The winner will receive 8 days, 7 nights at the Bay Club at Waikoloa Beach on the Big Island of Hawaii, plus a \$500 Visa gift card. Raffle tickets are \$100 each and will be sold online at <https://bit.ly/GEFcares> until May 13 at 6:30 pm. Only 200 tickets will be sold. [raffle participants must be in Oregon]. The winner will be announced at 7:00 pm on May 13th at the GEF Dinner & Casino Night and posted online at the link above. You need not be present to win.

### Book Sale Support Literacy Project

The Clackamas Bookshelf, a Gladstone non-profit, runs two used book sales each month. All titles cost 50 cents, or 10 cents for children's books. Proceeds are used to provide free children's books to kids and teens in Gladstone and across Clackamas County. It is open two days each month, announced on Facebook, Instagram, and their website: [www.theclackamasbookshelf.org/](http://www.theclackamasbookshelf.org/)

The bookstore is behind Kraxberger Middle School just past the covered playground. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 7 and May 20. Book donations are welcome at Kraxberger on these dates or during business hours at the Les Schwab on Highway 212.



### Gladstone Historical Society Meeting

The Gladstone Historical Society meets the 3rd Thursday of the month in the City of Gladstone Community Room, 18505 Portland Avenue. The next meeting date: May 18th at 6:30 pm.

### Gladstone Community Garden Invites Gardeners

Would you like to grow some healthy delicious food for your table? A few flowers for the home? Join the Gladstone Community Gardening Association and rent your own garden lot at the community garden at Meldrum Bar Park. We have full lots for \$40 per year (approx 20'x30') and half lots for \$35 per year (approx 15'x20') – an incredible bargain that also includes water. Visit our website at [gladstonegarden.org](http://gladstonegarden.org) to contact us for membership information. Let us know if you are interested in a full or half lot, and what is your experience with organic and community gardening. One of our volunteers will contact you about garden membership and the next steps to adopting a lot.

The Gladstone Community Garden is one of the largest community gardens in the Portland Metro area. Our gardens cover nearly 5 acres and comprise 134 separate garden lots. We help maintain the area and work with the City of Gladstone to keep it neat and productive.

- Grow your own favorite produce and flowers
- Enjoy all the health benefits of outdoor physical activity in nature
- Learn from other gardeners



Hope to see you in the garden!

### Gladstone Food Pantry Provides Free Groceries

Families can choose free groceries at the Gladstone 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 products from Bob's Red Mill and Dave's Killer 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](mailto:avanpelt@nwfs.org).

### 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)

### Gladstone High School SPRING Home Game Schedule - May 2023

DATE	TEAM	GAMES
1-May	Varsity Softball	vs Madras at 4:30pm
	Girls Golf	at Quail Valley at 12:00pm
3-May	Varsity Softball	vs Crook County at 4:30pm
4-May	Baseball	Varsity vs The Dalles (GHS Field) at 5:00pm JV vs The Dalles (Kraxberger Field) at 5:00pm
6-May	Track & Field Dick Baker Invitational	The Gladstone Track & Field team will host their annual <b>Dick Baker Invitational</b> - 13 teams from all over our area will be competing! Admission will be charged at the gate. The first event will start approx 10:00am. The Booster Snack Shack will be open with pancakes & sausage served in the morning and the BBQ going at lunch time. (cash & Venmo)
8-May	Baseball	Varsity vs Estacada (GHS Field) at 5:00pm JV vs Estacada (Kraxberger Field) at 5:00pm
	Girls Golf	Special Districts Championships at Quail Valley at 12:00pm
9-May	Girls Golf	Special Districts Championships at Quail Valley at 12:00pm
10-May	Varsity Softball	vs Molalla at 4:30pm
11-May	Baseball	Varsity vs Madras (GHS Field) at 5:00pm JV vs Madras (Kraxberger Field) at 5:00pm
15-May	Track & Field	Gladstone will host the JV Districts Meet
	Girls Golf	State Championships start at Trysting Tree
19-May	Softball & Baseball	Playoff rounds start...watch for updated information on our district facebook page and website calendar.

The spring sports schedule is as unpredictable as the spring weather. Changes may occur. To have the most up to date schedule information (including our away events, track & field meets, and golf matches), visit our school calendar on our website <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/high/>. All games/meets/events listed here may charge admission: price and form of payment varies.

NO Tobacco or Alcohol use on any Gladstone School District property at any time. ALL humans who are not old enough to attend high school MUST BE ACCOMPANIED AND SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES.

We are Open:

Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 10 am – 6 pm, Tuesday and Thursday: 12 noon – 8 pm, Wednesday: 10 am – 8 pm

• **All-Ages Storytime:** *Every Monday and Wednesday from 10:15-10:45 am.* Enjoy your favorite storytime books, songs, and games with Teacher Heather at the library! All ages welcome. *No storytime on Memorial Day - Monday, May 29, 2023!*

• **Luncheon Librarian: Homebound Program:** Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Avenue, Gladstone, (503) 655-7708, *Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 12:00-1:00 pm.* Library representatives are partnering with the Gladstone Senior Center to present various library-related topics. This month we'll discuss the library's Homebound Program. Gladstone Senior Center lunch donation is \$4 for ages 60

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.

**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](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us)

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and over, or \$5 for ages 59 and under (all ages welcome).

• **Gardening: Resilient Gardening & Seed Saving:** *Thursday, May 11, 2023 from 6:30-7:30 pm.*

Join local garden expert Kay Everts to explore the power of resilient gardening and seed saving. This class will explore gardening with landraces compared to hybrids and heirlooms. Landraces are locally-adapted, promiscuously-pollinated, and community-selected food crops. Because of high genetic diversity, they adapt to ever-changing and challenging local conditions. The principles of landrace gardening are 1) save local seeds; 2) celebrate diversity and encourage cross-pollination; 3) encourage selection by the local ecosystem; 4) select characteristics you value; and 5) share seeds with your community. If you're worried about all the changes in our local growing environment, this class can help you make your garden a success. Be sure to visit our *Seeds for Sharing* seed library while you're here!

• **Hora de Cuentos en Español - Spanish Story & Play Time** *Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 10:30-11:00 am.* *iAcompáñenos 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!



• **Adult Craft: Birds on the Block** *Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 2-4 pm.* Olga will help you choose and use a variety of recycled fabric, wood, notions, and other materials to create unique bird sculptures. Simple hand sewing required. Instruction and supplies provided. Registration is required, and opened April 22<sup>nd</sup> (three weeks before the class). Call 503-655-8540 to register. Adults only (age 18+), please.

• **Kid Craft: Take & Make Craft Kits - Mini Koinobori (Flying Carp)** *Sunday, May 14, 2023 (and while supplies last!).* Take-home craft kits for kids appear on the second



Sunday of each month and are available to pick up at the Gladstone Public Library while supplies last. Most supplies and instructions are included. This month's *Mini Koinobori (Flying Carp)* kit arrives May 14th – ask for yours at the desk!

• **Rock Readers Mystery Book Club** *Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:30 pm.* Engage with other readers of "*The Bangalore Detectives Club*" by Harini Nagendra. Ask for your copy at library's front desk, then join the group to discuss it (staff can provide virtual or in-person meeting information on the day before).

• **Clackamas County Library Advisory Board (Virtual Meeting)** *Thursday, May 18, 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](http://clackamas.us/lib/clackamas-county-library-advisory-board/#meetings) for more information.



• **Music: An Evening of Folk & Blues with Howard Wade** *Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm.* Local musician Howard Wade delights his fans; one mused, "Howard has a great feel for fingerpicking this century old roots music. Never rehashing the 'same old' but creating his own compelling arrangements, he is an old soul in this modern world of ours". An evening not to be missed! Free and fun for all ages.

• **CLOSED: Monday, May 29, 2023** for MEMORIAL DAY Book drop will remain open; no fines will accrue.

**OTHER LIBRARY UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

• **StoryWalk®** at the Gladstone Nature Park features the English/Spanish "*Book Fiesta*" by Pat Mora. 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.

• The Gladstone Public Library Foundation's *Twice Sold Tales* bookstore is open, and donations of books and media are being accepted (please limit to ONE bag/box per visit).

**Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates**



Believe it or not, summer is only a month away. First off, we want to thank you for supporting the plant sale at the Arbor Day celebration at Gladstone's Nature Park, Bingo Night at the Senior Center, and Fred Meyer Community Awards. It's easy to join. Just go to: [www.https://FredMeyer.com/communityrewards](https://FredMeyer.com/communityrewards), select Gladstone Public Library Foundation, and sign up.

We are accepting donations of 2 bags/ boxes per visit of newer, gently used books and media. PLEASE NOTE: we can no longer accept magazines, text books, reference books, VHS tapes, old book series like Time/Life, and torn books.

Did you know? Our library has a new bilingual English/Spanish Storytime. Call: 503-655-8540 for more information.

Want to donate? Our address is: Gladstone Public Library Foundation, 135 E. Dartmouth, Gladstone, OR 97027, or donate online to: <https://gpl-foundation.org>.

If you have questions about our foundation or are interested in becoming a member, contact us at: [GPLF.contactus@gmail.com](mailto:GPLF.contactus@gmail.com). Every penny earned and/or donated, goes to support our library. Thanks once again for your continued support.

"To build up a library is to create a life. It's never just a random collection of books" –Carlos María Domínguez

Stay safe, stay healthy, and read.