

Proposed Fire and Emergency Medical Services Levy Renewal – Explained

On July 11, Gladstone City Council voted unanimously to send two tax levy renewals to voters. If approved, the measures would continue emergency services at current levels.

One levy would renew the tax that supports fire and emergency services. If passed, Ballot Measure 3-601 would pay to maintain the current fire and emergency medical services. Staffing levels would remain unchanged with three firefighters and one paramedic stationed in Gladstone at all hours.



April 2022, the City entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Clackamas Fire District to operate Gladstone's fire station at 555 Portland Avenue. The District now provides fire protection and emergency medical services to all of Gladstone's residents and businesses.

"Our partnership with Clackamas Fire District assures Gladstone will have trained personnel to handle medical emergencies, round-the-clock," explains Councilor Vanessa Huckaby.

Clackamas Fire District provides comprehensive emergency services to protect 220,000 residents over 228 square miles from 22 community fire stations (one in Gladstone).

Under the agreement, Clackamas Fire District provides the following services. If the measure passes, the current fire and emergency medical services would be maintained:

- Current staffing levels (3 firefighters at Gladstone station) and current response time for 911 calls, round-the-clock

- Includes paramedic on duty at all hours
- Chief officer coverage for command and control of emergencies and other duties
- Fire protection services; response to structure and wildland fires
- Response to medical emergencies, vehicle crashes
- Training and equipping firefighters and paramedics
- Mutual assistance with Portland, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and other surrounding fire departments
- Purchasing capital equipment: fire engines, resource vehicles, protective equipment

The City retains ownership of firefighting vehicles and apparatus, along with Gladstone's fire station. The initial agreement was for one year, with two 2-year automatic renewals (through June 2027).

The levy renewal would continue the rate of \$0.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value, unchanged from today. The cost per household for a home with an assessed value of \$242,000 (different than market value) would be about \$75.

"Our agreement with the District has proven to be a great cost savings for Gladstone taxpayers. There is no other way for our City to retain this high level of protection within our tight budget," says Gladstone City Administrator Jacque Betz.

"Over the past 25 years, the tax rate for this levy has never changed—and this measure guarantees it won't increase for the next five years. The current rate is locked in," says Mayor Michael Milch.

The proposed levy is a renewal request – not a new tax. The fire operating levy was first passed by Gladstone voters in 1998, then reauthorized in 2002, 2008, 2012, and 2018.

Election Day is November 7. Ballots will be mailed starting October 18—no stamp needed.

To learn more, go to www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Clackamas Fire District provides fire protection and emergency medical services for every Gladstone home and business.

Gladstone Disposal Rate Increasing September 2023

In the summer of 2023, the City's franchisee, Gladstone Disposal Company, Inc. submitted a rate adjustment proposal with rationale for the rate increase, they have not requested an increase since 2021.

Clackamas County reviews the financial results of each franchisee in the County. They contract with an outside consulting group specializing in solid waste financial analysis to perform an analysis of the data submitted. Expenses are adjusted to eliminate costs that are allowed for tax purposes, but not allowed for determining collection fees. The County's policy is to measure the health of the solid waste collection system within a range of 8-12% return on

revenues.

In 2022, the City of Gladstone fell below this standard range, called attention by three straight years of increased disposal costs at the Metro Transfer Stations, increased recycling costs, increased fuel costs, and a higher than usual inflationary environment. Disposal is the highest cost component, and those costs have increased from \$98.35 a ton in 2020 to \$137.30 a ton as of July 1, 2023

At the August 8, 2023 City Council Meeting, the Gladstone City Council approved Resolution 1223 to revise the Solid Waste Rate Structure Schedule effective September 1, 2023.

Gladstone Disposal Residential Cart Rates. Effective September 1, 2023									
20 Gallon Weekly	35 Gallon Weekly	65 Gallon Weekly	95 Gallon Weekly	35 Gallon Monthly	35 Gallon Will Call	Extra - 35 Gallon Equivalent	Extra - Yard Debris	Yard Debris - Yearly	Recycle Only
\$ 27.29	\$ 33.66	\$ 45.76	\$ 49.50	\$ 16.37	\$ 13.44	\$ 8.18	\$ 3.58	\$ 73.70	\$ 4.95

Upcoming City Meetings

- Park & Recreation Advisory Board- Monday, September 11th at 6:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
- City Council- Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
- Senior Center Advisory Board- Tuesday, September 19th at 3:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
- Planning Commission- Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
- City Council Work Session- Tuesday, September 26th at 5:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.

More information can be found by visiting www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings

Vacancies on Boards Commission and Committees

Recruitment is underway for 4 open volunteer positions on City Boards and Committees.

We are searching to fill:

- ➔ 2 Budget Committee positions;
- ➔ 1 Traffic Safety Advisory Board position;
- ➔ 1 Audit Committee position;

The application process will be open until all spots are filled. Applications can be found on the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/bc or by visiting Gladstone Civic Center. The first round of applications will be due by 5:00 pm, September 5, 2023.

Recycle+ How the Program Works

Gladstone Disposal Company is now offering the option to recycle even more by opting into Recycle+, a new, optional service from your garbage and recycling. Recycle+ offers a convenient option for the recycling (or down-cycling) of specific, clean, pre-separated materials that are often collected at recycling depots.

Sign up: To sign up for the optional Recycle+ service, visit www.gladstonedisposalco.com.

Rates: Customers who sign up for the additional, optional service will be charged a monthly base fee and an additional charge per pickup. Customers only pay for pickups when they occur.

Base monthly fee	\$2.50
Fee per pickup:	
Curbside pickup fee	\$9.25
Non-curbside pickup fee (5-150ft from curb)	\$11.70
Non-curbside pickup fee (>150ft from curb)	\$13.00

Material preparation: You will receive a purple bin (with lid) and plastic bags for Recycle+ materials. Place materials in the plastic bags provided and then place the bags in the purple bin. All bagged materials must fit in the container and the lid must close completely to keep materials dry. No extra bags outside of the bin will be accepted on collection days. Additional material can be included in your next scheduled pickup. Sort all materials by type:

- Plastic film / plastic bags
- Textiles
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Clear plastic containers



Information on what materials that are accepted can be found on the following page in the "Recycle+ Guide".

Collection day: Recycle+ collection days are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Schedule a pickup: Complete the form at www.gladstonedisposalco.com/ at least two (2) business days before a collection day. After scheduling your pickup, please set the purple bin (with lid secured) out by 6 a.m. on your scheduled Recycle+ collection day.

Recycle + Guide

Accepted Materials

Plastic film: Plastic film/bags (also known as plastic film packaging): A soft, flexible, stretchy polyethylene (#2HDPE, #4LDPE) packaging. Bags must be free of food residue. Film must be contained in the sealed bag provided by your collector.

- Produce bags
- Plastic bags
- Dry cleaning bags
- Plastic padded envelopes (no padded manila envelopes)
- Plastic overwrap for paper towels, paper plates, napkins, etc.



Clear plastic #1 hinged clamshell containers

- Plastic egg cartons
- Plastic fruit containers
- Plastic bakery containers



Textiles

- Clothing
- Bed/Pillow linens
- Towels/rags



Compact fluorescent light bulbs



Bulbs must be contained in a 1-gallon sealed bag to protect workers from mercury exposure should bulbs get broken during handling. This bag is not provided by your collector.

Include: Curved or folded fluorescent lamps that fit a regular household lamp.

Do not include: Long fluorescent tubes used in garages, basements or commercial lighting.

Why plastic bags? Each category of items needs to be kept separate and dry during collection. The plastic bags will be recycled once materials arrive at their final destination.

Tips: To ensure materials are collected, make sure items are clean, sorted and bagged. Wet materials cannot be recycled.

Place materials in the plastic bags provided and then place the bags in the purple bin. All bagged materials must fit in the container and the lid must close completely to keep materials dry.

No extra bags outside of the bin will be accepted on collection days. Additional material can be included in your next scheduled pickup

No wishcycling

If you place an item in the purple bin not included in the acceptable list above, it will be left behind in the purple bin on your pickup day. These items may belong in the trash.

Also, do not place any of the acceptable Recycle + items in your weekly recycling cart! These items are must be collected separately because the material recovery facilities are not designed for these additional materials.

What is wishcycling? While we may have an intention to recycle more, the result of "wishful recycling" makes recycling programs cost more and makes materials sent to recycling companies worth less. Materials placed in the wrong bin is called contamination. Recycling companies want the purest material possible to send to manufacturers to make new products. Contamination causes issues in their processes. It's important to recycle only what is on the list so our collective effort is successful.

Clackamas County Vector Control District (CCVCD)



Did you know that West Nile virus (WNV) is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental United States? This virus is mainly spread to humans, horses, and birds through the bite of an infected mosquito that become infected when they feed on infected birds, which

often carry the disease. You can find more information about WNV in Clackamas County at fightthebites.com/west-nile-virus

If you are tired of the BUZZ of mosquitoes and flies? There is a way to reduce and possibly eliminate those "vectors" that really bug you? Clackamas County Vector Control District is responsible for the maintenance of flying vectors within Clackamas County, and they have a program specialized in handling or eliminating mosquitoes and flies. Here at CCVCD, we are committed to controlling flying vectors (mosquitoes and flies) in Clackamas County and have developed a program to tackle this issue. We offer free property inspections, mosquito fish for ponds and pools, and educational presentations to help you protect yourself from mosquitoes.

To learn more visit fightthebites.com where you can request services, watch educational videos, and stay alert with their news and updates. Or simply call (503) 655-8394 between the hours of 6:30 AM and 5 PM, Monday-Thursday. Don't forget to like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) too!

Clackamas County Vector Control District wants to help you enjoy being outdoors this summer BUZZ free!

City of Gladstone Job Opportunities

The City of Gladstone is in search of individuals who are interested in applying to be a Gladstone Police Officer. To view qualifications, duties and responsibilities, please visit the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/jobs

Meldrum Bar Parking Kiosk

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

	FY 22/23	FY 23/24
Revenues:		
July	15,747.00	14,120.00
August	14,525.00	
September	8,383.00	
October	4,963.00	
November	1,525.00	
December	1,718.00	
January	4,921.00	
February	4,006.00	
March	6,687.00	
April	4,370.00	
May	13,571.00	
June	12,064.00	
	92,480.00	
Expenditures:		
Contractual Services	1,312.70	1,312.70
Credit card fees	3,576.94	—
Operations & Maintenance	2,888.18	312.07
Year to date	7,777.82	12,495.23
Net Profit (Loss)	84,702.18	
Cumulative Balance (beginning 06/2021)		\$ 117,527.60

If You Feed Them, They Will Come- Skunk Edition

Skunks are opportunists. They are most attracted to areas with easily obtainable food. This includes pet food or garbage that has been left outside over night or low-hanging fruit trees.



Another attractant for skunks are convenient dining sites such as wood and rock piles, elevated sheds, and openings under concrete slabs, porches, and crawl spaces.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has a few tips and tricks you can do to help prevent the problem:

- **DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE-** Feeding animals artificially increases wildlife populations, making it difficult for them to establish territories for their other needs. It can also lead to unnaturally large concentrations of animals and increase the spread of disease.

- **Feed pets indoors.** If you must feed dogs or cats outside, bring in food dishes after pets have finished eating to prevent wildlife from eating the leftovers. Bring water bowls in before dark.

- **Keep your garbage can in a secure location** like a closed garage or outbuilding and bring it out just before garbage collection time. If you must keep it outside, tie the can upright with a cord through the handle and fasten it to something sturdy like a post. Metal cans and a tight-fitting lid work best.

- **Pick ripe fruit and vegetables daily** in the garden and pick up fallen fruit from the ground. If you use a compost bin, choose a style that excludes wildlife that may be attracted to vegetable and fruit scraps.

- **Share these tips** with your neighbors. It only takes one household to create a problem.

- **Seal potential entryways** with sturdy wire mesh, solid materials or caulk openings before animals move in.

- **Cover window wells** by making a framed cover using hardware cloth, chicken wire or heavy wire mesh; or purchase commercially made grates or bubbles.

- **Screen foundation vents** and close holes around and under foundations so animals aren't tempted to enter. Bury wire mesh 1-2 feet deep in places where animals might gain access.

For more information on protecting your home from skunks and other urban wildlife or to contact a ODFW permitted wildlife control operator, please visit ODFW's website at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/license_permits_apps/wildlife_control_operator_contacts.asp

Public Works Under Construction

Gladstone Public Works will remain open during the construction of the Public Works Facility Project. The office is now located at the back of the existing lot, which can be accessed via Watts Ave.

You may contact the office during normal business hours at 503.656.7957 or via email at PWOffice@ci.gladstone.or.us



Consumer Confidence Report 2022

The City of Gladstone's 2022 Consumer Confidence Report can now be found on the City's website: www.ci.gladstone.or.us Hard copies are available at the Utility Billing office or a copy can be mailed to you by contacting the Public Works Department by calling 503-656-7957 or emailing pwoffice@ci.gladstone.or.us.

WES sells CCTV Truck to Gladstone for City Sewer Inspections
Partners working together to reduce regional inflow & infiltration

To assist in their partnership to reduce inflow and infiltration (I/I), Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES) has sold one of its closed circuit television (CCTV) trucks to the City of Gladstone, which will help detect leaks and other problems in city-owned sewer pipes.

I/I is rainwater or groundwater that seeps into sewer lines through damaged pipes or improper connections and increases the amount of water that reaches WES-owned wastewater treatment facilities, which then must be treated. I/I also increases the risk of sewer overflows within the collection system.

Reducing I/I by 65% in key basins by 2040 would save approximately \$120 million in required upgrades and expansion in the collection system at WES treatment facilities.

The truck is equipped with cameras mounted on a robot crawler that relay live footage from within the sewer to a monitor in the truck via CCTV, where leaks, defects and other problems can be observed.

By working collaboratively with cities like Gladstone in its service area, WES and its partners are making significant strides in reducing the regional problem of I/I in sewer systems owned by cities. In addition to Gladstone, WES partners with all other cities to reduce I/I.

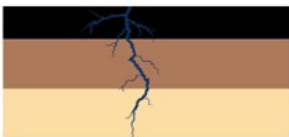
WES has intergovernmental agreements with the cities that allow WES to reimburse 33% of repair costs incurred by each city to reduce I/I in their city-owned pipes and systems. This program was developed with a regional group of WES engineers, public works directors, and city engineers, known as the Technical Advisory Team, which also approves funding for qualifying I/I reduction projects.

Learn more about WES' Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Program at www.clackamas.us/wes/iir

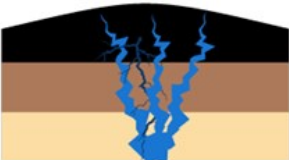


Mayor Michael Milch, Public Works Director Darren Caniparoli, and Utility Manager Justin Poyser from Gladstone receive the CCTV truck from WES Director Greg Geist, Field Operations Supervisor Kyle Bean, Operations Manager Matt House and Sanitary and Stormwater Technician Kevin Rotrock.

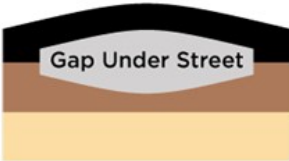
What Causes a Pothole?



1. Water enters the cracks in the street



2. Water freezes and expands, forcing the cracks to expand in the street.



3. Water thaws, leaving voids under the pavement.



4. The weight of vehicles breaks the pavement, which then collapses to form a pothole.

DID YOU KNOW? - Pothole Edition

The "gestation period" for a pothole includes:

1. Snow-melt or rain seeps through cracks in the pavement and into the sub-base; if the moisture cannot adequately drain away from the sub-base and soil underneath, it becomes saturated and soft.
2. Trapped moisture is subjected to repeated freeze/thaw cycles—and with each occurrence the expanding ice lifts and cracks the pavement more. The passing traffic weakens the pavement, cracking it further.
3. As temperatures rise and the ice melts, a void is left under the pavement. This void collects more water, and during the next freeze, the void will enlarge.
4. Vehicles driving over the weakened pavement pound it until the surface breaks and collapses into the void below, thus creating a pothole.

methods used by the City of Gladstone:

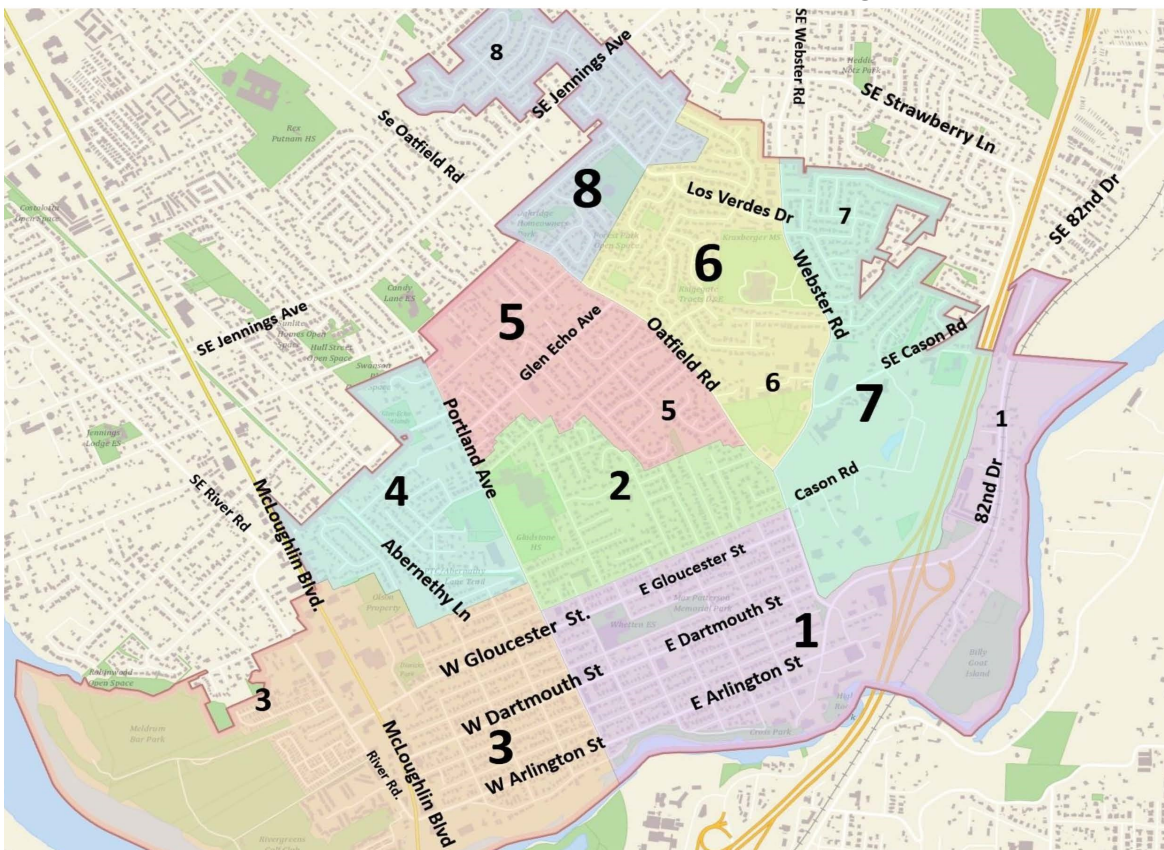
1. Cold-Patch: Patching material is shoveled into the pothole and compacted. Cold patch repairs are quick, but temporary; they are an expedient fix performed when traffic, weather and general pavement conditions preclude a more permanent repair.
2. Hot-Patch Semi-Permanent: Tack oil is applied and then a heated asphalt mix is placed and compacted with a plate compactor, sanded and sealed. Although it raises the cost of the operation, this is considered one of the best methods for repairing potholes, because it improves patch performance. Because this method is more labor and equipment intensive, it is usually done when traffic and weather conditions are more favorable.

Potholes can be reported to Public Works by sending an email or calling directly: Pwoffice@ci.gladstone.or.us, (503) 656-7957

How are potholes repaired?

The following are the standard pothole repair

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

September 2023



HELP! PET FOOD NEEDED:

We are looking to contribute to **FIDO program** (a program that funds and provides pet food for families struggling to feed their pets). They gather dog/cat food donations and our center receives and distributes to our participants who are in need. If you have extra pet food (**dry or can**) **PLEASE BRING BY THE CENTER.** This will go to **needy pets whose owners need assistance feeding them.**

Drop off: Gladstone Community Center 1050 Portland AVE



Adventure Trips
planned weekly
in September:

Sign up starting August 31st and on:

503-655-7701 Michelle McIntire, Tram

- 8/1 ADVENTURE TRIP: Silver Falls State Park. Bring Your Own Picnic or Cafe
- 8/7 ADVENTURE TRIP: Lakewood Theater "Arsenic and Old Lace"
- 8/8 ADVENTURE TRIP: Scandinavian Nordic NW Lunch @ Broder Soder Cafe
- 8/15 ADVENTURE TRIP: Swan Island Dahlias, Food Trucks For Lunch or Bring Your Own Picnic
- 8/22 ADVENTURE TRIP: Rockaway Beach Trip, Train Optional, Tillamook Cheese Factory
- 8/29 ADVENTURE TRIP: Rocky Butte Walk & Lookout. Lunch @ Black Bear Dinner

HANDY PERSONS—NEED RESOURCE INFO

We are looking for reliable and honest **RESOURCES/ CONTACTS** to provide to our community members who live alone or are unable to get help with **odds/ins in the home, such as (handiwork, a/c/heating appliances help, fixing a leak or patching up a hole, lifting a box or help with a light switch, or painting something)—** > If you are that Helper, please provide your name and number at the center for a resource. We are keeping a list of Handworkers to



share as a resource to our community leads bulletin board. **You may also leave your info with Manager Tiffany Kirkpatrick, 503-655-7708**

Some August Pics



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 Jennifer at 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 Community Center offers daily free classes and activities.

- Crocheting Group on Friday 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.

City of Gladstone—Gladstone Community Center

—the spirit of generations—

1050 Portland Ave. Gladstone, Or. 97027

SEPTEMBER

2023

We are Open
Monday through Friday
8:00am to 4:00 pm

(503) 655-7701

www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc

**CLOSED ON SEPT
4TH—LABOR DAY**



FREE FRIDAY MUSIC Concert for ALL

on

September 8th from

6pm—8:00pm

JAZZ + BLUES! Please Bring your lawn chairs, snacks and drinks (family-friendly)



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				9/1
AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS is Oct. 14th. Call To RSVP.				Crochet Club 10-11 Pinochle 12:45 to 3:45 ADVENTURE TRIP: Silver Falls State Park. Bring Your Own Picnic or Cafe
9/4	Kielbasa Sausage 9/5	Lasagna Roll Up 9/6	BBQ Chicken Sandwich 9/7	9/8
CLOSED Labor Day	Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Bingo 1 to 3 Rummikub, Scrabble + Cribbage Clubs 12:45 Lunch N Learn: James P "Music History"	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 till close Lunch N Learn: Nick Rhodeside "Tech For All" ADVENTURE TRIP: Lakewood Theater "Arsenic and Old Lace"	Crochet Club 10-11 OPEN BOARD GAMES come in to play Pinochle 12:45 to 3:45 ADVENTURE TRIP: Scandinavian Nordic NW Lunch @ Broder Soder Café MUSIC ON THE GREEN—Jazz/Blues Bands 6p-8pm
9/11	Chicken Fajita Bowl 9/12	Beef Mushroom Patty 9/13	Turkey Salad Sandwich 9/14	9/15
Tai Chi Advanced 9-10 Tai Chi Intermediate 10-11 Tai Chi Beginner 11-12 Pinochle 12:45-3:45 Foot Clinic by appointment	Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Bingo 1 to 3 Rummikub, Scrabble + Cribbage Clubs 12:45 Foot Clinic by appointment Lunch N Learn: "DON'T CLICK" Internet Safety presented by the Gladstone Library	Tai Chi Advanced 9-10 Tai Chi Intermediate 10-11 Tai Chi Beginner 11-12 Pinochle 12:45 to 3:45 AM GROCERY SHOPPING—RSVP FREE MOVIE DAY at the Gladstone Community Center—watch the movie "State Fair" & enjoy Root Beer Floats	Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Rummikub, Canasta, Cribbage Clubs 12:45 till close	Crochet Club 10-11 OPEN BOARD GAMES come in to play Pinochle 12:45 to 3:45 ADVENTURE TRIP: Swan Island Dahlias, Food Trucks For Lunch or Bring Your Own Picnic All AGES / Rotary Community Bingo
9/18	Goulash 9/19	Pork & Noodles 9/20	Garlic Chicken 9/21	9/22
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Gladstone Back Then

From Gladstone Historical Society Historian, Kim Argraves Huey

Wells First Store - 1908



This month, we finish our summer of mysteries by asking for help. Tell us where the store was located (with proof, please), and win the Gladstone History Book of your choice!

Our story begins with Peter G. Wells, a Civil War drummer boy who later found his way to Oregon City. In 1894, Peter was recorded as part-owner of a construction company currently remodeling the local Baptist church.

There was no doubting that Peter was an enterprising man. In 1899, he worked at the Clackamas Fish Hatchery, but by summer, he was gone from Oregon and staking a claim in Skamania County Washington where he began prospecting for Quartz. His ledge turned out to hold both gold and copper ore that assayed as high as \$130.00 per ton.

In 1901, Peter was back in Oregon and scouting for a new claim. This time he had investors, and the group chose a 20' ledge in Summit. They struck it rich. That ore assayed at \$7452.77 in gold per ton.

By 1908, Peter was back in Gladstone and building a store described by the local newspaper as sitting on the west side of Portland Ave., mid-block between Dartmouth St. and Clarendon St., and from Nile's Grocery and across from the Gladstone Depot. The new store carried a line of confectionery, tobacco, and other notions. That same year, Peter became Gladstone's postmaster. He housed the post office in a corner of his new store.

But then suddenly, in 1909, Peter sold his store to

his son-in-law, Thomas Gault and resigned as postmaster. After a quick trip to a national Grand Old Army of the Republic Encampment in Salt Lake City, he returned to Gladstone and built a second store.

Now here is where the facts become fuzzy, and the mystery appears. According to the local newspaper, Peter's next (2nd) store was "located on the opposite of the street from the Gladstone Depot" and carried a line of confectionery, cigars, and other notions. It also shared space with a real estate office and a barber shop. Sounds like the first store, right?

Here are some facts. In 1909, there was only one Gladstone Depot in the entire town. It was located on the eastside of Portland Avenue, third building south of the Dartmouth St. intersection. If the newspaper is to be believed, the location of Peter's second store places it at the same location as his first store. How is that possible? Was the newspaper account wrong? Might there have been only one building and two building phases? Take a look at the photos of Peter's two stores. (Larger photos can be seen on our website. Link on home page.) If there were actually two different stores, can you tell us where the second one was located? Give us your best thoughts, and if your historical theory checks out, we'll provide you with a book. Send your replies to: GladstoneHistoricalSociety@gmail.com. For the latest happenings visit our website: www.GladstoneHistoricalSociety.org.

Wells Second Store - 1909



How To Access Water From Your Water Heater During An Emergency

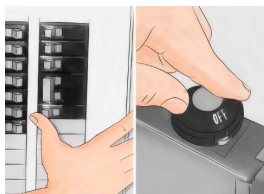
In an emergency, such as a severe winter storm or an earthquake, your home's water service may be temporarily unavailable. If that occurs, your home's water heater could provide you with 30-80 gallons of water for drinking, cooking, and hygiene. (Tankless heaters do not provide this option.)

Before accessing water from your water heater:

Locate your water heater: Typically water heaters are located in the basement or garage of free standing homes, and in closets of apartments and manufactured homes.

Turn off your home's water supply: Taking this step, especially after a big earthquake, could help ensure that the water remains in your tank, and that its quality isn't compromised or unsafe to use. Emergency water shut off valves are usually found in the basement, crawlspace, or garage of most homes, or outside by the home's foundation. Use this valve to turn your home's water supply off.

Instructions for accessing water from your water heater:

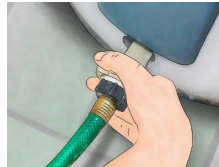
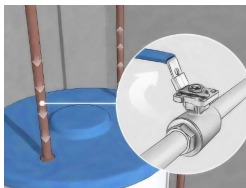


1. **Turn off your water heater's power source.** This step is crucial to ensuring your safety. You may want to keep a flashlight, safety goggles, gloves, and a screw driver in a location that is easily accessible. **Electric water heaters:** Shut off your water heater's power by flipping the correct

switch on your electrical panel. (Taking the time to correctly identify the correct circuit breaker beforehand is recommended.) **Natural gas water heaters:** Locate the on/off switch on the water heater and turn the knob to the pilot setting — do not turn it completely off.

2. **Turn off your water heater's water supply.** Locate the water shut-off valve and turn it clockwise until it stops. This valve is typically located on the top of the water heater.

3. **Let air into your water heater.** You can do this by opening the relief valve



Gladstone Dog Waste Facts

Some pet owners think that dog waste is a natural fertilizer. This is not true. In fact, it is toxic, bad for the environment, and unhealthy for both dogs and humans.

Did you know?

- There are 1812 estimated dogs in Gladstone
- They produce 3/4 lbs of waste per dog per day (average)
- That's 1,359 lbs per day for all dogs in the city
- And 496,035 lbs per year for all of Gladstone



OR:

2.48 tons of dog waste in Gladstone per year
Dog waste is bad for dogs and people

Diseases from bacteria

- Campylobacteria
- E. Coli
- Salmonella

Diseases from parasites

- Giardia
- Cyclospora
- Cryptosporidium
- Roundworm
- Ringworms
- Hookworms
- Tapeworms
- Toxoplasmosis

Dog waste is bad for the environment

- Produces carbon emissions
- Pollutes our groundwater and rivers
- Produces plastic waste
- Impacts biodiversity in high-traffic areas
- Reduces oxygen levels in water and thus kills fish

Remember:

Be kind to your neighbors. Always pick up after your dog.

It's the right thing to do!



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(flip the handle so that it sticks straight up or out) located on the side of the tank or by turning on hot water spigots in the main living area or upstairs in your home. This will help release water from your water heater.

4. **Locate the drain valve at the bottom of your water heater and release water from your tank as needed.** Place a clean container under the drain valve spigot to capture the water and turn the spigot or screw of your water heater's drain valve to the left. Be careful, because the water may be very hot. Wearing gloves and safety glasses for your protection is recommended. Turn the spigot or screw to the right to stop the flow of water. Repeat this process as often as needed until the tank is empty.

Filter any water used for drinking, food preparation or hygiene:

- Bring water to a rolling boil for at least one minute. Let it cool, and then use;
- Put water in a sanitized container and treat it with unscented liquid chlorine bleach. To sanitize the container, vigorously shake a bleach solution (4 cups water and 1 teaspoon of bleach) for 30 seconds, making sure to cover all surfaces. Pour out solution and let air dry. Fill your container with water and treat it by adding 1/8 teaspoon of bleach per gallon;
- Use a personal water filter to remove any bacteria or parasites. Be sure to carefully read and follow the manufacturer's instructions;

Water Heater Maintenance Tips

Water heater maintenance plays a critical role in the availability and quality of water contained in your water heater.

Properly brace your heater to the wall so that it is more likely to remain connected to the wall and your water system.

Flush your water heater annually. Doing this can significantly decrease the amount of sediment build up, and may improve the quality of the water in your water heater.

Get more information and resources at www.regionalh2o.org



The Clackamas Bookshelf

50¢ Book Sale Held Monthly

The Clackamas Bookshelf will have a used book sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 17, and Saturday, October 21. The facility is located on the Kraxberger Middle School campus at 17777 Webster Road, near the covered playground. Book donation drop off is welcome at the events.

All titles are 50 cents or less, with kids books priced at 10 cents each. [Cash only, please] All proceeds support our non-profit mission to provide free books to low-income kids across Clackamas County. For more info, visit www.theclackamasbookshelf.org/

Draining Your Swimming Pool

With fall soon approaching, it's time to start thinking about the proper way to empty your pool.

It's important to remember water from swimming pools often contain high levels of chlorine. Discharging chlorinated water into live bodies of water is harmful to fish and other aquatic life. Pool water is not equivalent to storm water and therefore should not be placed directly into ditches, street gutters, or storm drains.

Pool water is safe to drain after sitting for 1 to 2 weeks to allow for the chlorination to evaporate. Once it's in the safe zone, slowly release the water into a large, vegetated area so that plants and soil can clean and absorb the water before it eventually enters nearby storm drains and waterways.

Be mindful of neighboring properties when you're draining your safe pool water. The illegal discharging of any liquids or substances into the stormwater system can be reported to the Gladstone Public Works Department by phone 503.656.7957 or email PWOffice@ci.gladstone.or.us.



School Has Started!

As Gladstone students are returning back to school, it is important for local drivers to remember to use caution when traveling to and from work in and around Gladstone.

- Be prepared for kids to appear in unexpected places, like between parked cars; if they're on bikes, prepare for them to turn in front of you without looking or signaling.
- Pay attention to stop signs, crosswalks and vehicle speed when driving through school zones, speed limits reduce to 20 MPH when posted or school zone lights are flashing.
- Yellow flashing lights on a school bus mean slow down — don't speed up — because the bus is preparing to stop. There are likely students waiting to get on the bus or parents waiting nearby to pick up children.
- Red flashing lights mean stop — and wait at least 20 feet behind the bus — because children are getting on or off the school bus. Stay stopped until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving.
- If you're driving behind a school bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car—at least three car lengths.
- Please be alert. Children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.



Gladstone High School FALL Home Game Schedule - September 2023			
DATE	TEAM	GAMES	
2-Sep	Cross Country	Ultimook Race - 10:00am	The Hydrangea Ranch in Tillamook, OR
4-Sep	JV Football	vs. Scappoose - 4:30pm	
7-Sep	Boys Soccer	Varsity vs. Junction City - 6:00pm	
11-Sep	JV Football	vs. Stayton - 4:30pm	
12-Sep	Volleyball *	JV vs. Sweet Home - 4:15pm (Main Gym)	Varsity vs. Sweet Home - 6:30pm (Main Gym)
	Girls Soccer **	JV vs. Stayton - 4:00pm	Varsity vs. Stayton - 6:00pm
14-Sep	Boys Soccer	JV vs. North Marion - 4:00pm	Varsity vs. North Marion - 6:00pm
16-Sep	Cross Country	Oregon City XC Invitational	Oregon City High
18-Sep	JV Football	vs. Astoria - 4:30pm	
19-Sep	Volleyball *	JV vs. Madras - 4:30pm (Main Gym)	Varsity vs. Madras - 6:00pm (Main Gym)
	Girls Soccer	JV vs. Molalla - 4:00pm	Varsity vs. Molalla - 6:00pm
21-Sep	Volleyball *	JV vs. Crook County - 4:30pm (Main Gym)	Varsity vs. Crook County - 6:00pm (Main Gym)
	Boys Soccer	JV vs. Madras - 4:00pm	Varsity vs. Madras - 6:00pm
22-Sep	Varsity Football	vs. St. Helens - 7:00 pm	
	Cross Country	Bridge Nelson Meet - 3:00pm	Sorosis Park - The Dalles
25-Sep	Boys Soccer	JV vs. Crook County - 4:00pm	Varsity vs. Crook County - 6:00pm
27-Sep	Girls Soccer	JV vs. The Dalles - 4:00pm	Varsity vs. The Dalles - 6:00pm
28-Sep	Varsity Football	vs. The Dalles - 7:00 pm	
30-Sep	Cross Country	Nike Portland - 12:30pm	Clackamas Community College

Schedule may change without notice, sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

* This game will charge admission: \$6 Adults, \$4 Students (Free for Seniors 62+, GHS ASB Cards, Tri-Valley & OACA Gold Cards, District ID and GHS Athletic Passes).

** This game is an Endowment Game. Admission is \$6 Adults, \$4 Students; NO passes accepted.

Yes; we have a few THURSDAY night Varsity Football Games.

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.

Save the Date!



The Friends of Gladstone Nature Park would like to invite you to an event happening at the Gladstone Nature Park!

What: Gladstone Nature Park Dog Fest
Where: Gladstone Nature Park, 18111 Webster Rd, Gladstone OR 97027
When: October 14, 2023 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Free Clothes for Babies, Kids, and Teens

The Gladstone Kids Clothes Closet will reopen September 9 for all your Back-to-School shopping needs. The facility is located on the north side of Gladstone High School off Nelson Lane. The facility provides free, gently-used clothing, shoes, and jackets, plus new socks and underwear.

The Clothes Closet is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon during the school year. Donations of kid sizes are welcome during shopping hours.

The Gladstone Historical Society Welcomes Longest Serving Mayor

A Gladstone historian, Wade Byers had served as mayor for 36 years and has been in public service for 39 years. He will speak regarding his memories of growing up in Gladstone forward. The meeting will be held September 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at the Gladstone Civic Center, 18505 Portland Ave, Gladstone.

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, September 16th, from 10 am-1 pm.



The class of 2024 appreciates your support.

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 from 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.

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.



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 Center for Children & Families	503-496-3939
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)	

Community BINGO Night Returning!



Community BINGO night, hosted by Gladstone Oak Lodge Rotary is returning to the Gladstone Community Center (formerly the Senior Center) on September 15, 2023. Sales start at 4:30 and BINGO starts at 5:30. Come join us for a burger or bratwurst, beer or wine, and a chance to win up to a \$100 cash prize. As always, we partner with a local non-profit and September's group will be the Oregon City Children's Theater. Mark your calendars and come join us for your favorite evening entertainment in Gladstone!

Community BINGO is held at the Gladstone Community Center the 3rd Friday of the month from 5:30-8:00 pm.

More information can be found at gladstoneoaklodge.rotary.org.



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

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Open Hours:

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

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 at the library! All ages welcome! Please note: there will be no storytime on Monday, September 4th
- **Labor Day – Gladstone Public Library CLOSED**- Monday, September 4th – all day. The Gladstone Public Library is closed for business in observation of Labor Day. Book drops will remain open, and no fines will accrue.
- **Gladstone Senior Center's Luncheon Librarian**, 1050 Portland Ave, Gladstone OR 97027- Thursday, September 7th, 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 *Technology for All*. 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, September 9th, 2023 from 10:30am - 1:00pm. *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!

• **Kid Craft: Take & Make Craft Kits – STEAM boat, car, or plane** - Sunday, September 10th, 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 *STEAM boat, car, or plane* kit will travel in on September 10th – ask for yours at the desk!

• **Gardening: Guide to garlic planting – Gladstone Public Library**- Thursday, September 14th, from 6:30 pm –

7:30 pm. This class includes a garlic giveaway! Join local gardeners Arthur Moore and Kay Everts for guidance on garlic planting. Be sure to visit our full-stocked *Seeds for Sharing* seed library while you're here!

- **Rock Readers Mystery Book Club – Gladstone Public Library**- Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Engage with other readers in a discussion of *The Plot* by Korelitz, Jean. 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, September 21st, 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.
- **Music: Arthur "Fresh Air" Moore's Harmonica Party – Gladstone Public Library**- Tuesday, September 26th, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Local legend Arthur "Fresh Air" Moore will bring a cool breeze to the stacks for our musical programing at Oak Lodge Library! His musical friends are sure to stop by – so should you! All ages will enjoy!
- **Adult Craft: Quilling with Jenna (18+ Years) – Gladstone Public Library**- Saturday, September 30th, 2023 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Create a quilled paper art card or magnet with Jenna's help; supplies provided. Register in person at the library or by phone at 503-655-8540. Ages 18+ only please.



OTHER LIBRARY UPDATES AND INFORMATION

- **StoryWalk®** at the Gladstone Nature Park features the English/Spanish *"Spectacular Spots"* by Susan Stockdale. 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



We hope this month brings cooler weather, but if you need a place to go for a little retreat from the heat, the library is there for you.

Many thanks to all who attended our book sale last month. We value your continued support of our new library .

Have you checked out our updated website? Visit us at: <https://gpl-foundation.org>. We have pictures of the old library and will post photos of the new library in the future. 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.

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.

There is no problem that a library card can't solve. – Eleanor Brown

Stay safe, stay healthy, and read.

Online Payments

The City of Gladstone has now expanded its online payments portal!

Along with Utility Billing and Court payments. You can now make payments for the following:

- Alarm Permits
- Annual Meldrum Bar Parking Passes
- Business License Fees
- Permit for working in the Public Right of Way/Street Opening
- Planning Fees
- Police Reports
- ROW Application for License
- ROW License Payment
- Community Center Payments - including Tram trips, Meals and Rental fees
- Utility Lien Search Fees

All payments can be made by visiting the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. Click on the link for Online Payments and then select Miscellaneous Payments.

A \$1.25 processing fee will be applied automatically at the time of payment.