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Gladstone's New Stormwater Program

Introduction:

Gladstone's elected leaders are committed to catch up on infrastructure needs. Water, sewer and stormwater systems are in poor condition due to long deferred maintenance and lack of timely replacement of failing infrastructure. Recently, Gladstone took steps to address longstanding deficiencies in the City's stormwater infrastructure that result in chronic sewer overflows that put public health and the environment at risk. During storms, the rainwater enters sewer pipes and mixes with untreated sewage. The combined sewage/stormwater then overflows onto local streets and into the Clackamas River and other local streams. Those events lead to regulatory violations which can result in stiff fines.



In heavy rain, stormwater mixes with untreated sewage & overflows on city streets (here on Portland Ave, near GHS).

Stormwater Utility Provides Resources to Solve the Problem:

Until recently, Gladstone was the only city in the region without a stormwater utility and fee. Without a stormwater fee, Gladstone could not comply with state and federal regulations to protect public health and the environment. Creating a stormwater utility and enacting a stormwater fee and system development charge allows Gladstone to maintain, operate, and upgrade the stormwater system to prevent sewer overflows and avoid costly regulatory violations. The new stormwater fee will be phased-in, starting below the level in peer communities – to begin, households will pay \$5 per month in the first year. Businesses will pay a proportionate amount depending on their impervious surface (the area covered by roofs, parking, and other hard surfaces that do not absorb water).

Keeping Services Affordable:

The City is committed to maintaining and fixing the stormwater system and keeping it affordable for all customers. Other funding options being pursued are grants, partnerships, and low interest loans from the state.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):

What is stormwater?

When it rains, storm water runs off roof tops, parking lots, streets, yards, sidewalks & fields, carrying pollutants with it.

What's wrong with Gladstone's stormwater system?

Storm drains, catch basins, and stormwater pipes are designed to carry rainwater away from developed areas to prevent flooding. In Gladstone, some catch basins are directly connected to the sewer system. During storm events the rainwater enters sewer pipes and mixes with untreated sewage. That combined sewage/stormwater then overflows onto local streets and into the Clackamas River and other local streams. Those events lead to regulatory violations.

How is the stormwater problem being solved?

In June 2017, the Gladstone City Council took action to become the final city in the region to initiate a stormwater utility and fee. This will enable Gladstone to proactively manage the quality and quantity of stormwater in our city. The Council's action:

- * Establishes a stormwater utility
- * Enacts Gladstone's first stormwater fee for property owners
- * Adopts a stormwater system development charge (SDC) to be paid by new development.

How much is the stormwater fee?

The new stormwater fee will be phased-in, starting below the level in peer communities. To begin, households will pay \$5 per month in the first year. The charge will increase to \$10 per month on July 1, 2018.

How is the stormwater fee calculated?

The average single-family residence in Gladstone has about 3,000 square feet of impervious surface area, the hard area on a property that prevents water from going into the ground and therefore increases stormwater runoff. 3,000 square feet of impervious surface area represents an equivalent residential unit (ERU) which is charged at \$5 per month. Commercial and other non-single family residential accounts are charged \$5 per ERU or 3,000 square feet of impervious area.

How will the City use the money?

The money will enable Gladstone to proactively manage the quality and quantity of stormwater in our city. The first step is to ensure stormwater is separated from the sewer systems to prevent sewage overflows.

Do other communities in Oregon charge for stormwater services? (How much?)

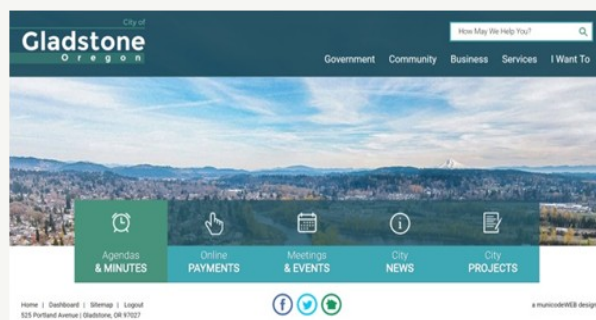
More than 40 other Oregon communities charge a separate stormwater fee. For a single family residential home owner, the service (cont. on next page)

Updates from Acting City Administrator Jacque Betz



New Website: Each month you will hear from me as I

continue to "look for the good in government". Gladstone has a unique culture and we will look for opportunities to clarify our processes and encourage effective participation in civic affairs. It is time for us to highlight successes that parallel the vision and values of the council, the citizens, and of course the budget. One of those successes, is on August 15th the City of Gladstone will launch their new website. aHa! Consulting has created a mobile-friendly, responsive website with a beautiful and professional home page design that flows with all the other department pages and information. Let's face it, government is a bit stale and bureaucratic at times and we want to find ways to celebrate, recognize achievement, and progress and have fun while doing the important work of the community. We are striving to improve our image, promote transparency and self-service, and empower the citizens with access to information so we are connecting better with the community. The site address will be the same, www.ci.gladstone.or.us, and we encourage you to navigate through the pages and provide us your feedback. It will always be a work in progress and our goal is to keep the content fresh so please be patient with our transition.



Reminder—Open House—You're Invited!

Come learn about Gladstone's new Stormwater Program on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Avenue. ✓Gladstone City Council recently took action to initiate new stormwater utility and fee. ✓Gladstone can now proactively manage the quality and quantity of stormwater. ✓The new program provides resources to prevent stormwater from mixing with untreated sewage and overflowing onto city streets and into the Clackamas River. ✓Stop by the Open House any time between 6:30-8:00 pm to learn about Gladstone's new stormwater program. Questions? Contact Jim Whynot, Public Works Director, 503-656-7957 or whynot@ci.gladstone.or.us. Learn more at the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Upcoming Council Meetings

Upcoming agenda items include: August 22nd: Parks Master Plan Update & Public Works Design & Construction Standards work session. September 12th: Adoption of Parks Master Plan, Approval of System Development Charge increases for water & sewer; Adoption of 50/50 Sidewalk Solutions Grant Program, Amendments to Municipal Ordinance Code Enforcement, Construction & Design Standards, Grant Policy, Amending Park Rules & Regulations. City Council meetings begin at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. City Council packets are available online.

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Stormwater FAQ's Continued

charges in the region range from \$26.59 in Portland to \$9.35 in Oregon City (2015 rates). Here in Gladstone, residents who receive sewer services from Oak Lodge Water Services already pay a stormwater fee.

Will the stormwater bill come on the same bill as the sewer and water bill?

Customers will receive a single bill from the City for sewer, water, and stormwater charges.

When will customers receive their first stormwater bill?

The stormwater rate takes effect July 1, 2017 and the first bills with stormwater charges will arrive in early September.

What is a Stormwater System Development Charge?

Stormwater system development charges (SDCs) are fees that are collected from when new development occurs in the city. The funds are used for stormwater projects identified in Gladstone's Stormwater Master Plan.

Learn more:

Jim Whynot, Public Works Director

whynot@ci.gladstone.or.us / 503-656-7957

Newly Appointed City Councilors

At its July 25, 2017 meeting your City Council appointed Michael Milch to City Council position #1 and Matt Tracy to City Council position #3, terms to expire 12-31-18. Congratulations to your newly appointed City Officials.

Planning Commission Vacancy

At its meeting on September 12, 2017 the City Council will consider request for appointments to one position on the Planning Commission, term to expire 12-31-2017. Applications must be returned by 5pm on Tuesday, August 22nd. Visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us to download an application or for additional information.

Traffic Safety Commission Vacancy

At its meeting on September 12, 2017 the City Council will consider request for appointments to one position on the Traffic Safety Commission, term to expire 12-31-2017. Applications must be returned by 5pm on Friday, September 1, 2017. Visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us to download an application or for additional information.

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/City Shops/Maintenance	503-656-7957
*Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2797
*Fire Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2776
*Police & Fire After Hours	503-655-8211
*Library	503-656-2411
*Senior Center	503-655-7701
*Recreation/Business License	503-557-2769
*Planning	503-742-4520
*Building/Electrical/Plumbing Permits	503-742-4400
*Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance	503-479-6859
*Gladstone School District	503-655-2777
*Gladstone High School	503-655-2544
*Kraxberger Middle School	503-655-3636
*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



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Gladstone Public Works Dept (PWD) News—18595 Portland Ave

Help Keep Our Parks Clean—Gladstone is fortunate to have so many civic minded residents who are willing to help make our city such a great place to live! The Public Works Dept. has



trash pickers available to check out by anyone interested in helping us keep our parks clean. If you would like to be a part of the trash solution during your daily walks in our lovely parks, please don't hesitate to stop by our Public Works office at 18595 Portland Avenue, M-F, 8am to 3:30 pm to check out a trash kit. We all appreciate everyone's efforts in helping to keep our city clean and green!



Gladstone Fire Dept. Updates—Burn Ban in Effect!

Where is the rain ??? Good question. I thought this was Oregon. We always get rain even in the summer. However, at the writing of this article there has not been any measurable amount of rain for over 53 days and the next couple weeks hold little promise of any impactful accumulation. This long dry spell has triggered a word we don't see that often in Clackamas County... **EXTREME fire danger conditions**. As of July 31, 2017, both the Oregon Dept of Forestry (ODF) and the Clackamas County Fire Defense Board Chief have placed all of Clackamas County at **Extreme Fire Danger level**. There are already wild land fires burning all around us that are causing the unpleasant forecasts that read as SMOKEY - instead of the usual sunny and 94 degrees.

As the Gladstone Fire Marshal, it is only reasonable that this County Burn Ban be enforced within Gladstone city limits just as neighboring fire agencies are enforcing this code in their areas.

On Thursday August 3rd, Governor Kate Brown declared a "state of emergency" which allows the

Oregon National Guard to mobilize in order to support ODF and the State Fire Marshal's Office.



What this means to you: **Total open burning ban. No outside fires** including recreational and campfires. While this may be unpleasant and seem unfair, it would be foolish of us all to wait for a large local fire to occur before we invoke this necessary burn ban. For more up to date information please check the City website. PLEASE Note: Even if some rain occurs in the next few days this burn ban will not be lifted until sufficient rain has fallen and our County and State officials lift the outdoor burn ban in our area.

For burn information, watch for updates on the City website: www.ci.gladstone.or.us or contact the local Fire Marshal at 503-557-2775.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

•Chief's Corner: With this hot summer weather, we just can't say it enough ... **please stay hydrated**. That means lots of water for you, your kids and your pets. Cut back or eliminate alcohol, because it's extremely dehydrating. Exercise during the cooler parts of the day and start out well-hydrated and end with a big drink of water. Keep pets inside and walk them early in the morning or after dark so their paws don't get burned on blistering hot pavement. **And never, ever leave anyone or a pet in a car in the heat.** Did you know that on an 80 degree day, the inside of a car can heat up to 110 degrees in just ten minutes? If it's 100 degrees outside, the inside of a car can reach 140 degrees in fifteen minutes, which is like an oven. Use extreme caution and check on neighbors and friends, especially older ones and folks who don't have air conditioning and fans. If you're planning on watching the upcoming eclipse on August 21st, plan accordingly now. Lots of traffic is expected in the region, so get to your destination early, be sure to have plenty of gas and water in case of traffic issues – and if you can, just stay off the road. If you'll be watching it, get your safety glasses now. NASA has a website with great information about the eclipse and includes how you can stay safe. Enjoy the rest of the summer and be safe!



*** School Starting Soon:** With the beginning of the fall school season almost here, it's time to start thinking about and reminding ourselves of the changes we all need to make to our driving habits. One of the most important things to pay attention to is the speed limit change in school zones. Pay close attention to pedestrians, stop signs and crosswalks. If you have a new driver in your household it's a good idea to make several "dry runs" of their route to school so they are completely familiar with what to expect. In Gladstone, grades K-9 begin on Tuesday, Sept 5th and grades 10-12 start on Wednesday, Sept 6th. Be ready for all the changes that occur when kids and their families are busy getting out the door to school and work every morning. We want everyone to get to their destination safely and sanely.

***Retirement Congratulations To Officer Bob Maple!:** Please join us in congratulating Officer Bob Maple for his 27 ½ years of service to the Gladstone community. He retired in early August after serving as a patrol officer, detective, and on several county-wide task forces. Along with many city employees, Bob's retirement was celebrated with his family, other law enforcement colleagues and several retirees from the Gladstone police department. We thank him for his years of service, commitment and dedication for us.

Town Hall Meeting Date Announced

The next Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Gladstone High School Auditorium. Please watch upcoming newsletters and website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us for additional details.





SENIOR CENTER GLAD TYDINGS

1050 PORTLAND AVE. GLADSTONE, OR. 97027 **AUGUST 2017**

Ramblings

Happy August everyone! Well, the heat has really hit us good this year. To date, we have had over 31 days straight of no registerable moisture. I would like to remind everyone that the Senior Center and Library are Clackamas County Cooling Centers. This means that you can come down and visit us, stay cool, use our wi-fi, and enjoy something to drink. For elderly residents of Gladstone, we have free box fans if you need one, just let us know. Supplies of fans are limited so please don't wait to contact us, we'll even bring it to you! So many activities are happening here, if you have not been here in while, come and see how we have improved! I challenge all residents of Gladstone to see what we are all about, I guarantee you will be surprised. Remember, be safe, and stay hydrated as the summer is going to be here for a while! See you soon.

~Colin Black, Gladstone Senior Center Manager

Important Dates To Remember

Thursday, August 24, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm- Please join us for a presentation on Tri-Met's new Hop Card provided by Elders in Action. This free event is open to all and will provide guidance on the Hop Card.

Wednesday, August 30 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm- The Gladstone Senior Center will be hosting the City of Gladstone Public Work's Open House. Come down and join us!

Thursday, August 31, 10am to 1pm- Summer Senior Tech Days. Ever ask yourself, how do I use this smart phone? What is this Facebook or Instagram thing? Well, we have all the answers for you and more! The Kraxberger Robotics team is volunteering time this summer to assist you with these and other technical questions during Senior Tech Days. In addition, they will also be showing off their robots and collecting electronics for recycling.

Thursday, September 14, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm- The annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Open to all, however, couples who have been married for 50 years or more will eat for free.

Contact Information

The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. You can contact us at:

(503) 655-7701 or by visiting www.ci.gladstone.or.us

You can contact us anytime!

Tri-Met Hop Fast-pass Presentation

Thursday, August 24, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Elders in Action is a powerful voice of older adults in the greater Portland area. They will giving a presentation on using Tri-Met's new Hop Fast-pass transit card.

This free event is open to all residents of Clackamas County. They will also be providing examples on how to set up and use the new cards.



Senior Center Book Club

August 21, 2017- *Radio Girls* by Sarah-Jane Stratford. London, 1926. American-raised Maisie Musgrave is thrilled to land a job with the BBC, whose use of radio is still new. While working, Maisie and her boss uncover a shocking conspiracy.



Feeling hot? You are not alone!

Well, come on down and cool off at the Senior Center! We offer a safe, relaxing place for older adults and those with disabilities to cool down. We also have box fans for those in need. Please contact us as we have a limited supply. We are open M-F 8:30am to 5pm.



Free Chair Exercise Class Tuesday & Thursday

Join us on Tuesday & Thursday at 10:15 am for a free chair exercise class. This evidence-based exercise class is great for those looking to ease back into getting fit. Come try, we'll even pick you up!



August 2017

Lunch served Tuesday through Thursday at 12pm. Cost is a suggested donation of \$2.50 for those aged 60 or older, for everyone else it's \$4.00. Menu subject to change without notice.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Menu Legend: A= Activity S= Service			Salad Bar offered Tuesday through Thursday at no additional cost.			29
30	31-	1- Chicken in Peanut Sauce with Pasta A- Bingo	2-Turkey Bake S-Safeway A-Bunco	3-Beef Chili with Beans A-Pinochle	4- A-Bridge	5
6	7- A- Gold Star Potluck at 12pm.	8-Curry Chicken and Rice S- Fred Meyers A-Bingo	9-Roasted Turkey & Gravy S-Safeway A-Bunco	9-Roasted Turkey & Gravy S-Safeway A-Bunco	11- A-Bridge	12
13	14	15- Mexican Chicken Pasta A-Bingo	16-Beef Mushroom Patty S-Safeway A-Bunco	17-Spaghetti S-Walmart A-Pinochle	18- A-Bridge	19
20	21	22-1/2 Tuna Salad sandwich A-Bingo	23-Sweet & Sour Turkey & Rice S-Safeway A-Bunco	24-White Chicken Rice A-Pinochle	25- A-Bridge	26
27	28	29- Chicken Pastini A-Bingo	30- Orange Glaze Chicken S-Safeway A- Bunco	31- Western Beef Goulash A- Pinochle		

Gladstone Senior Center Trips

August 11- HIKE TO UPPER MC CORD AND ELOWAH FALLS- Join us on a grand adventure! All you have to do is bring a snack lunch & we'll provide the coffee. LV: 8:30 am RET: 3 pm. Fare: \$7.00

August 18-BARLOW TRAIL DRIVE AND PICNIC- We will begin this tour of the historic Oregon Trail in Oregon City and travel over the hill and dale to Mt. Hood and enjoy lunch. LV: 9:30 am RET: 4 pm. Fare: \$25.00 (Includes Lunch)

August 25-CANNON BEACH- This quaint beach town is full of shops, restaurants, and of course the beautiful beach! LV: 8:30 am RET: 5 pm. Fare: \$25.00

Thursday, September 7- LAKEWOOD THEATER DRESS REHEARSAL OF CABARET! -Come and enjoy a dress rehearsal of a classic Broadway performance. LV: 6:15 pm RET 10:30 pm. Fare: \$ 5.00



To our August folks, Happy Birthday!!!

8/1-Roger McCann	8/19- Richard Goss
8/2- Kathy Whetstone	8/20-John Trappe
8/12-Elphy Kertzman	8/28-Delores Johns
8/13-Joanne Gothard	8/28-Gerrie Serdar
8/16- Linda Weise	<i>May your coming year surprise you with the happiness of smiles, and the feeling of love. We hope you will find plenty of sweet memories to cherish forever. Happy birthday to you all!!</i>
8/17-Fran Murphy	
8/18-Lila Callaway	

ROTARY

Every Thursday at 12 pm.

Come and join us!



Friday Movies at the Senior Center

Please join us on Fridays at 1pm, as we enjoy family friendly classic movies, air conditioning, and snacks! This is a free program open to all ages. For the current selection of movies and dates, please visit the Senior Center or the Gladstone Library. This program sponsored by the Gladstone Library and Senior Center!

New Utility Billing Software/Changes



The City recently converted their utility billing software to Incode/Tyler Technologies. With this conversion comes some changes to our billing. All customers have been assigned new account numbers—please refer to new account number when making payment. Also note that due to the software conversion billing dates did not convert correctly. Your billing cycle is currently for the two month cycle, however dates did not reflect correctly on the bill. Your next bill should reflect the date range of 07/01/2017—09/01/2017. Bi-monthly utility bill statements will remain in a postcard format and late notices/shut-off notices will continue to be generated in an 8 1/2" x 11" format. However, effective July 1st, all residents will be assessed a \$5.00 per month stormwater fee (see stormwater related article on first page) and any account not paid by the due date will be assessed a \$7.00 late fee. Payments may continue to be mailed in or paid in person at City Hall, by check, cash or credit card (VISA, MasterCard & Discover). Credit card payments may also be made online at <http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/gladstone-online-payments/> or by calling 503-305-9030. You must provide your utility billing account number when making an online or phone payment and a convenience fee will be added to your transaction. Prior to completing your transaction you will be advised of the charge. Residents may also request their bi-monthly utility bill to be automatically deducted from their checking or savings account. The authorization agreement for Auto Pay (ACH Debits) may be found on the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us or by stopping by City hall, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm. Funds will be withdrawn on the DUE DATE only for the AMOUNT DUE listed on the billing statement. No alternative payment dates will be available.

Activities at Patterson Park



Patterson Park will be supervised through August 25th, Monday—Friday, 10am to 4pm (weather permitting). Daily activities include games, sports & crafts. Scheduled special events can be found online at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. Upcoming special events include: August 21st—Fire Breathing Dragon Craft: 1pm (50¢); August 23rd—Sno-Cone Day: 1pm (50¢); August 24th—Picnic in the Park (Jungle Theme): 12pm (\$1.50).

Picnics/Parties at Patterson Park



Reservations for picnics and birthday parties are not required at Max Patterson Park—picnic areas are available on a first come, first served basis. Be aware, bouncy houses and rock climbing walls are NOT permitted at any city park. For additional details, visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Spray Park at Max Patterson



Patterson Park spray park will be open Monday-Saturday, 12-7pm and Sundays, 1-6 pm through September 4th (weather permitting). The interactive spray park feature utilizes a recirculating water system with a filtration unit and chlorine sanitizer. For safe, responsible fun at the spray park, please follow the rules: 1) parental supervision of children is required; 2) swim diapers are required for all persons who are not toilet trained; 3) dogs/animals are not allowed in the feature; 4) rinsing off in shower area is recommended. Your health and safety are our priority.

Street Light Out

Contact Portland General Electric (PGE) at 1-800-544-1795 (press "3") or email information, including address of streetlight outage, nearest cross street, pole and map number (on pole), if available, to lightout@pgn.com.

What to Recycle at Home and Work

YES PLEASE: Mixed paper, cardboard & cartons: junk mail, office paper, newspapers, magazines, phone books, cereal and cracker style boxes, milk, juice and soup cartons (rinse & drain). Plastic bottles, tubs & buckets: clean bottles and tubs, 6 oz. and larger, plastic buckets 5 gallons or smaller, rigid nursery pots 4" across & larger. Metal cans, foil & scrap metal: clean cans, foil, pie plates & trays; empty spray

cans, scrap metal up to 30 lbs and no longer than 30". **NO THANK YOU:** Frozen food boxes, coffee cups, pizza boxes, pet food bags, paper towels, paper plates, napkins & tissue: these contain wet strength, an additive, which means these items won't break down in the paper making process, causing worker injury and additional labor costs. To-go boxes, cups, plates, clamshells & Styrofoam: these plastics have limited or

no demand by manufacturers. **ON THE SIDE:** Glass bottles & jars: clean glass bottles and jars go in SEPARATE recycling container. Motor Oil: recycle motor oil in marked, unbreakable container, not larger than two gallons, with a screw-top lid.



Back Flow Prevention

The purpose of backflow prevention devices is to eliminate potential contamination of your drinking water by "cross contamination" with a pollution related substance such as fertilizer or industrial chemical. For example, a cross connection occurred in Virginia when a water customer's garden hose was connected to an outside faucet and was left in a barrel of highly toxic insecticide, and the insecticide was back-siphoned into the public's water supply. This contamination could have been prevented if a backflow device had been installed in the customer's water supply line. Oregon Administrative Rules and City code require **annual testing** of all backflow prevention devices. Devices are required for residential irrigation systems and non-residential uses including medical clinics, commercial laundries, dry cleaners, etc. Please contact the city's Public Works Department at 503-656-7957 if you have questions including whether you need to install a device.

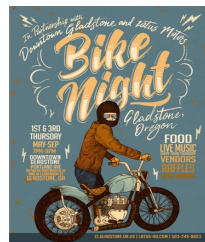
Public Alerts



Clackamas County residents may sign up for news and information on major service disruptions/community

emergency notifications in the Portland-Vancouver metro area. This is a free service provided by Clackamas County Department of Emergency Management. Visit www.publicalerts.org/signups for additional information.

Bike Nights in Gladstone



Join your neighbors at Bike Nights in Downtown Gladstone. Latus Motors in partnership with the City of Gladstone will host Bike Nights in Downtown Gladstone the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month continuing through August 17th from 7-9pm. Portland Avenue will be blocked off between Dartmouth & Berkeley Streets. Food, live music (every 3rd Thursday), vendors, raffles and beer garden. For details visit www.latus-hd.com or call 503-249-8653.

Learn to Control Finances

Learn how to control your finances – instead of them controlling you! Follow the time-tested principles you will learn at the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University classes at the Gladstone Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 8378 Cason Rd. in Gladstone. 6:00 p.m. Thursdays beginning Sept. 14. For more information visit www.daveramsey.com/fpu or www.gladstonepark.org.

Low Income Discount for Water/Sewer Bills

Water and sewer discounts of 50% are available to low income residents who are billed directly by the city. Applications are renewable on an annual fiscal year basis. Current discounts need to be renewed by September 30, 2017. Applications may be downloaded from the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, picked up at City Hall or by calling 503-557-2771. Low income discounts are based on Federal poverty guidelines.

*Gladstone History: Reprints of 2011 Newsletter Articles Written by
Local Historian Herb Beals (1934–2013)*

Pre-Historic Gladstone, Part One

Long before Fendal Cason and the Rinearson brothers, not to mention Charles Pickett, filed their land claims along the Clackamas River, the scene of their claims had undergone spectacular changes. In the remote past, some 20,000 years ago, Gladstone's site and its surrounding region were in the grips of the last Great Ice Age. To the north and east, beyond the Cascade Mountains, most of the northern part of North America lay buried under glacial ice to depths as much as a mile. It was an age of bitter and relentless cold. And even if the glacial ice did not reach the Gladstone locale, icy blasts issued from the Columbia River gorge, stirred up clouds of dust from silt that had accumulated on the flood plains of the Columbia and Willamette rivers. The green, temperate, and richly forested terrain that would one day greet emigrants in the 1840s did not then exist.

Sometime between 10,000 and 20,000 years ago the Ice Age began relinquishing its frigid hold on the North American continent. As the glaciers began periodically retreating northward, lakes would collect in the basins and valleys of the Rocky Mountains where melt waters were temporarily unable to escape. In time, an extensive lake would form in the drainage basin of the Clark Fork River, held back by an ice dam about 60 miles northeast of Spokane, Washington. The lake that formed, called by geologists Glacial Lake Missoula, encompassed 2,000 square miles, with an estimated volume of 500 cubic miles, about half the volume of Lake Michigan. This now-vanished lake once stretched for nearly 200 miles along the Continental Divide, covering the site of Missoula, Montana under 1,000 feet of iceberg-infested water.

From time-to-time, the ice dam that plugged the throat of the Clark Fork Valley would form, then fail, unleashing a flood of monumental proportions and catastrophic consequences downstream. By the time floods reached the vicinity of the Portland-Vancouver region, it was a wall of water hundreds of feet high, triggering an iceberg-and-debris-choked deluge so vast and powerful as to make any modern day flood seem puny. As the volume of water was too great to escape from the region quickly enough through the Columbia's seaward outlet, the flood surged southward through two lowland gaps, one at Lake Oswego and the other at Oregon City's Willamette Falls, spilling into the Tualatin and main Willamette valleys. The site of Gladstone would have been covered to a depth as much as 400 feet. Such events, variously called Missoula, Spokane, or Bretz floods (a name derived from J. Harlen Bretz, the geologist to first describe them) are believed to have occurred no less than forty times.

Pre-Historic Gladstone, Part Two

Despite the precariousness of living under the threats of massive floods, there is evidence that herds of Ice Age mammals, such as mammoths and horses in particular, roamed the landscape between floods. As to whether human inhabitants in Ice Age times hunted these herds remains uncertain in the absence of indisputable evidence support it; or if such evidence did once exist, it likely would have been erased by the flooding. The Ice Age floods also changed the topography of the Portland basin drastically by depositing immense beds of silt, sand and gravel, as well as altering the drainage patterns of its rivers and streams. It appears, for example, that the Clackamas River once flowed along two abandoned river channels that passed northeast of Gladstone emptied into the Willamette River near present-day Milwaukie. Only a small stream tributary to the Willamette flowed where the mouth of the Clackamas is now located. Sometime during the era of Ice Age floods, the Clackamas abandoned these earlier channels and its mouth moved to its present location. One likely cause of this alteration may have been the disruption of drainage patterns caused by floods of such great magnitude.

Exactly how and when human inhabitants began to filter into the Clackamas River basin after the Ice Age flooding ceased is a matter of some controversy. One possibility, advanced by archaeologist John Woodward, is they came from the direction of the Barlow Pass in the Cascade Mountains. The prehistoric peoples who came this way probably were not emigrants in the ordinary sense, as they were likely on seasonal food-gathering expeditions originating from areas east of the Cascades. They came at first primarily to hunt deer or other game; but later their food-gathering activities widened to include plant foods such as hazelnuts and huckleberries. Sometime within the last 3,000 years the descendants of these peoples, or others coming from the coast or lower Columbia River, learned or brought with them techniques to exploit the fishing resources of the Clackamas & Willamette Rivers.

The prehistoric peoples who inhabited the village of the present-day Gladstone made seasonal trips, mostly by canoe, upriver on expeditions to augment their food supply. During the summer and fall seasons, they lived in temporary camps from which a variety of fishing, hunting and plant-gathering activities could be conducted. In winter and springtime, they remained in more permanent villages. Woodward's research suggests that the Gladstone village site may have been occupied as early as 2,500 years ago (or about 500 BC). Whatever the case, the people of this village were almost certainly ancestral to the Clackamas Indians of historic times, whose villages dotted the shores of the lower Clackamas River and vicinity of Willamette Falls when the first Euro-Americans arrived.

For more information on Gladstone's history, visit the Gladstone Historical Society website at www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org.

9th Annual Drive Out Ovarian Cancer Golf Tournament

The Sherie Hildreth Ovarian Cancer (SHOC) Foundation is hosting their 9th Annual Drive Out Ovarian Cancer Golf Tournament on Friday, September 8, 2017 at Langdon Farms Golf Club, 24377 NE Airport Rd #1, Aurora. Shotgun start at 7:45 am. Single player: \$135 or Four-some: \$500. No experience needed! Enjoy camaraderie and fun with survivors, friends & supporters, an 18 hole scramble, hole contests, catered lunch, raffle, oral and silent auctions and a wine pull. Visit www.shocfoundation.org for additional details.



Indoor Water Conservation

Every day the average American can splash, pour and flush between 40-130 gallons of water down the drain. In the Clackamas River Water Providers service area, the average person uses 80-100 gallons of water each day, and a family of four typically consumes around 320 gallons per day. We use water to cook, take showers, clean and drink. There are a number of ways you can learn how to save water indoors whether it is through fixing leaky faucets or leaky toilets, to installing new low flow fixtures and appliances, (which can reduce your indoor water usage by up 50%), to learning how to use your water meter to check for leaks. Other water saving ideas include: *Take a shallow bath instead of a shower (saves 15-20 gallons per day); *Turn off water while brushing your teeth (saves 3 gallons per day); *Run only full loads in washing machine and dishwasher (saves 75-200 gallons per week); *Keep a bottle of cold water in the refrigerator for drinking instead of running the faucet (saves 200-300 gallons per month). For information on water conservation, visit Clackamas River Water Provider's website, www.clackamasproviders.org.

Take Note—School Starting Soon!



Gladstone students will be returning to school on Tuesday, September 5th, just after the Labor Day holiday. Local drivers are reminded to use extra caution this time of year. Many people assume that motorists who speed in school zones are commuters or commercial drivers. However, our Traffic Safety Commission and Police Department reminds us that many speeders are local residents, especially parents who are rushing to drop off or pick up their kids from school. Please pay extra attention to stop signs, crosswalks and your vehicle speed when driving through school zones where the speed limit is 20 mph when posted or when school zone lights are flashing. Thank you!

Coffee With A Councilor

Coffee with a Council member assists the Council to better communicate with the residents and businesses of our community. Bring ideas, concerns and solutions to make Gladstone a better community! The next meeting dates at the Gladstone Library are September 11th at 10am & September 25th at 6:30pm. Please come and share your thoughts.



City Office Closures

City Hall, Public Works, Senior Center and Library will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 in observance of Labor Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

August High Rocks Clean Up

Help SOLV and members of the community clean up the river banks and surrounding area at High Rocks Park on Saturday, August 19th from 10am to 12 pm. Plan to meet at DMV



parking lot, 10 82nd Drive, near the pedestrian bridge. High Rocks is a popular river destination that sometimes get loved too much. Please help us remove any litter to keep it from being washed into the river and endangering wildlife. For information, please contact Bill Osburn at whosburnjr@yahoo.com or call 503-351-3861.

Thank You from Gladstone Community Festival

Another Gladstone Community Festival has come and gone and the Festival Committee would like to give thanks to a number of individuals and groups. First to the Gladstone-Oak Grove Rotary for taking on the Festival and donating so much of the proceeds back to Gladstone.



The Clackamas Chamber of Commerce and Clackamas Tourism Board, Latus Motors, Gladstone Education Foundation, Bridges of Real Estate and many others. Please take the time to visit the website, gladstonecommunityfestival.org, for all the sponsors and all we do hope you support them. Without them, along with all the sponsors for the car show, this event would never happen! Finally to all the citizens of Gladstone for taking part and for having fun and enjoying what is your Festival. The support you give us means so much. I hear it every year from vendors, this is a wonderful little town with wonderful people. On a personal note from the Festival Chair –words cannot express how much I truly appreciate all the work and effort that the members of the committee give to putting this on. Without all of you this would never be possible. Working with all of you is such a pleasure and I consider it an honor to be able to do so. Next year will be here shortly and we are always looking for new ideas. So let's hear them and continue to grow. Thank you!

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Have You Prepared for the Solar Eclipse?

In less than 2 weeks a rare Solar Eclipse will affect you. Even if you don't really care about it there are an estimated one million people headed to Oregon that do care. Oregon Police, the State Fire Marshal and County Emergency management centers all over the State have been meeting and preparing for the flood of onlookers that will be filling our hotels and restaurants, congesting our freeways, consuming local fuel and groceries, and impacting emergency service delivery.



The following are just a few items to consider even if the eclipse event does not interest you:

- Traffic congestion is expected to greatly increase freeway travel times.
- Delayed emergency services due to increased road congestion.
- Possible food and water shortages.
- Fill all required medications days prior to the eclipse event.
- Diminished access to automotive fuel and auto services.
- Increase threat of fires as the population venture into forest areas.
- Communication difficulties as cell sites become saturated.

If the eclipse is your thing. Consider the following:

- All items listed above.
- Fill your fuel tank early.
- Carry extra food and water with you.
- Obtain proper solar eclipse glasses and never view while driving.
- Know your travel route before you set out. Have a plan B.
- Inform friends or family of your plans. Include times and locations.
- Make plans for your pets. Pets often react differently to strange events.

For some great safety tips and ideas, gather travel and safety information from websites like: Oregon State Police, State Fire Marshal, County Emergency Management resources, Travel agency resources, and many Chamber of Commerce groups in impacted communities. Gladstone Fire Marshal, Michael Funk, 503-557-2775, funk@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Drop Off Unwanted Prescriptions at PD

Flushing drugs down the toilet or putting them into the garbage have damaging effects on our environment and can contaminate our surface & groundwater supplies. Both drinking and wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat for these kinds of chemicals. Drop off your old, expired or unwanted prescriptions at the Gladstone Police Department, MED RETURN receptacle, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm. No paperwork or fee required!



Sidewalks & Clear Vision

The Gladstone Municipal Code states that property owners are responsible to maintain sidewalks abutting their property. The city's general standard for sidewalk maintenance states "not to exceed 1/2" vertical lift." Property owners are also responsible for maintaining landscaping for clear vision of motorists at street intersections. Please check the condition of sidewalks along your property and check for adequate clear vision at street intersections. Thank you!

Hanging Tree Branches

Public Works is asking residents to trim low hanging tree branches that may damage vehicles or injure pedestrians by cutting branches seven feet (7') above sidewalks and fourteen feet (14') above streets. Please cut up your branches and place them in your yard debris cart. If Public Works determines there is a risk of damage or injury, they may cut your tree branches without notice.



Congratulations Anne Paden

Congratulations to Gladstone resident, Anne Paden, who is a finalist in the Unpublished Nonfiction Book category of the Cascade Awards, Oregon Christian Writer's annual writing contact. Her book, *Fruit Flies: A Woman's Journey Nurturing and Sharing the Fruit of the Spirit*, was 1 of over 250 entries submitted.

Pillar of Peace Pole



Rotary plants Pillars of Peace across Gladstone: Joining a global effort, the Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary Club has begun planting Pillars of Peace across the Gladstone community. A Pillar of Peace is a hand-crafted monument that promotes peace, friendship, kindness, and community unity. Gladstone's Pillars of Peace were designed by advanced art students from Kraxberger Middle School, and each one is unique. "Promoting peace is one of the six focus areas of Rotary International," said club president Josette Godsey. "Our hope is that these monuments will inspire the people of Gladstone to work together to make our town a caring and supportive community for all who live and work here." The first three Pillars of Peace were installed at Gladstone Center for Children & Families, the Gladstone Senior Center, and Max Patterson Park. The next four will be located at John Wetten Elementary, Kraxberger Middle School, Gladstone High School and Cross Park.

Skopos Christian School

Now enrolling for the 2017-18 school year at Skopos Christian School. Small class sizes from Kindergarten-8th grade with affordable prices at Tri-City Baptist Church, 18025 Webster Rd. For more info go to www.skoposcs.org or call 503-4740.

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

◆ **Foreign Movie Night:** No Foreign Movie Night for September. Will resume in October.
 ◆ **Dungeons & Dragons:** September 18th, 4:30 pm. Whether you already love D&D or just want to see what it's about, join us for adventure!
 ◆ **Rock Readers Book Club:** September 19th at 6:30 pm. Books can be checked out at the Information Desk.
 ◆ **Dr. Who Club:** September 21st at 6:00 pm. Are you a fan of Dr. Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode, & share any show related news. All ages welcome.

◆ **Baby Storytime:** for 0-18 months. Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Storytime geared towards babies & caregivers with books, songs, lap bounces, cuddles & play to help with early development.
 ◆ **Toddler Storytime:** for 18 months to 3 years. Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Includes songs, books & play for early development. Older siblings are welcome to sing & dance with us.
 ◆ **All Ages Storytime:** Thursdays at 9:30 am. All ages welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build literacy and language skills.

◆ **Lego Club:** September 13th & 27th, 3:30pm. We provide the Legos you provide the imagination!
 ◆ **Art in Action:** for elementary & middle school ages. September 20th, 3:30 pm. Art in Action is a hands on approach to learning about famous artists. We will read about famous artists & explore their style & techniques as we create our own masterpieces.
 ◆ **Teen Creative Collective:** September 28th, 5pm. This month teens in the 6th-12th grades are invited to come make their own slime! All materials & snacks provided by the Library.

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates

*A great big thank you to all who donated, volunteered and shopped at our two big events. The Rummage Sale was a great success. Special thanks go to Amy Behrens and her son, Kyle, who donated all the money he earned from selling lemonade to help build the library. Thanks to Linda Cosgrove for all the hard work she put into making it a profitable event to support our library. Our annual Book Sale was well-received. Many people stopped in and picked up armloads of books. We Appreciate You!
 *Interested in knowing more about our foundation? Attend one of our meetings held the first Monday of the month at Somerset Community Center, 6:30pm. Call 503-260-4786 for more information.

Baskin-Robbins Blood Drive with American Red Cross

Please help fight summer blood shortages and receive a free pint of Baskin-Robbins ice cream. Save lives on August 31st from 10am to 8pm at Gladstone Baskin-Robbins, 19510 McLoughlin Blvd. To schedule an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: icecream or for more info, contact Jeanie.greisser@redcross.org or text Jeanie at 503-866-2023. Also, as a thank you, all presenting blood donors will receive a \$5 Target eGiftCard.

Planning & Permits

The City contracts with Clackamas County for administration of the City's land use planning and building permits, including plumbing, electrical, grading, etc. For information, visit the county's website at www.clackamas.us/building or call 503-742-4240.



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CITY MEETINGS:

- ***City Council**—2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary) - 6:30 pm—in the City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Planning Commission**—3rd Tuesday (as needed) - 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Library Board**—1st Tuesday—6:30 pm—City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Traffic Safety**—4th Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm—City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Park & Recreation**—2nd Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Senior Center Advisory**—held quarterly—3rd Tuesday—3:30 pm—Gladstone Senior Center

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

Audit Committee

There are still several positions open on the City's Audit Committee. The committee's next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first part of September. Following our final 2016-17 audit scheduled for the week of August 28th. The date & time has yet to be determined. Applications may be downloaded from the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. For additional information, please contact Carolyn Gray at 503-479-6860 or email gray@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Do you have a question about fence height, setbacks, zoning, traffic or park regulations? If so, the Gladstone Municipal Code is online at <http://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/>.

Local Meetings—

◆ The next **Gladstone Business Owners & Managers** meeting is Wednesday, September 13th from 5-7pm at Gladstone Family Dentistry, 1105 Portland Avenue. Please contact Doug Loose at DougLoose46@gmail.com or

503-595-5379 for additional information.
 ◆ The **Gladstone Historical Society** is looking for new members! They meet the 2nd Saturday of each month from noon-1pm at Somerset Community Room, 8360 Cason Rd. For info, check out their website at, [\[historicalsociety.org\]\(http://historicalsociety.org\). Guests always welcome! Old photos of the community and new ideas are needed.
 ◆ **Take Off Pounds Sensibly!** TOPS #579 \(Gladstone\) meets at St. Stephen Church, 290 W Gloucester, Friday at 9:30 a.m. Visit \[www.tops.org\]\(http://www.tops.org\).](http://www.gladstone-</p>
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