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Gladstone Implements a Transient Lodging Tax

By *Jacque M. Betz, City Administrator*



Since the 1940s, the state has allowed local governments to collect a transient lodging tax (TLT) on all overnight stays in the city, including hotels, motels, campgrounds, retreat centers, RV parks, bed and breakfasts, vacation rentals, and short-term rentals. State statute requires at least 70% of the tax dollars collected be used for tourism promotion or tourism-related facilities and not more than 30% of tax revenue be used for city services. Gladstone is the only jurisdiction in Clackamas County that does not collect a TLT, however at the November 14th Council meeting, city officials implemented a 6% tax that will go into effect January 1st, 2018. This means the two hotels located in Gladstone and any short-term rentals will be required to collect the tax and remit it to the City.

Statewide Regulation

The Oregon legislature first began regulating TLTs in 2003, and then made changes and expansions to the original law in 2005 and 2013. In 2003, the Oregon Legislature created the Oregon Tourism Commission. The law required the Oregon Tourism Commission to use at least 80 percent of the state-wide tax revenue to fund state tourism and marketing programs and up to 15 percent to implement regional tourism marketing programs.

In 2005, the Oregon Legislature amended state law to include more than just hotels, motels, inns and camping spots, but also houses, cabins, condominiums, apartment units or other dwelling units, or portions of any of these dwelling units that are used for temporary human occupancy.

Most recent Changes and Challenges

In 2013, legislation was passed to address the growing number of online travel companies facilitating transient lodging, and the most recent challenge for local governments is the growing prevalence of residents engaging in short-term rentals, i.e. individuals or “hosts”, who list their homes, or a room in their homes on a website such as Airbnb or HomeAway and allow “guests” to stay with them and charge rent. These rentals also are also subject to the TLT. The problem is that hosts are often not individuals in the tourism industry, may not be aware of the tax, and their rental may not be allowed by local jurisdictions.

The proposed ordinance for Gladstone has language that covers short term rentals and online travel companies. The City will regularly monitor the names and addresses of Gladstone homeowners that list their availability as short-term renters on these online platforms and notify them of the applicability of the new tax. We ask that if you are one of these homeowners you will voluntarily comply.

This year the City adopted its first citywide parks master plan to provide a logical blueprint for the management of the parks system. It is sad that Gladstone doesn't even have a brochure to promote its many high quality, community-driven parks, trails, open spaces and recreational opportunities. The City will collect funds for a year before spending any of the revenue, which will allow time for the Council to create an “advisory” committee to prepare a marketing plan, and perhaps we will finally get that brochure...

A copy of the new ordinance can be found at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/gladstone-implements-transient-lodging-tax>

Good News for Gladstone Library



Good news is on the horizon for Gladstone residents and library users! The City of Gladstone and Clackamas County have been working to improve library services—and are moving forward with a *two building, one library solution*. Plans call for construction of two libraries, one in Gladstone and one in the Oak Grove/Jennings Lodge area. Combined, these facilities will provide an estimated 25,500 square feet of new library space.

In May, Gladstone residents will be asked to vote on a ballot measure to rescind the current prohibition on using local Gladstone City funds for library construction. Nearly every aspect of the new libraries will be determined through a robust public outreach and engagement process, including location, design, service levels, and amenities. We're starting the engagement process now – and want you to be involved.

A public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 5:30-6:30pm at the Gladstone Senior Center, located at 1050 Portland Ave in Gladstone, OR.

Join us to:
*Learn more about the library and what this solution means for Gladstone residents.
*Learn about the ballot measure that Gladstone residents will be voting on in May.
*Begin a conversation on what residents would like to see in their library, including location, services, and amenities.

If you can't make it to the public meeting, there will be an opportunity to learn more and engage online through an online public open house. Sign up for email updates and to learn about engagement opportunities: visit www.clackamas.us/constantcontact.html and click “Gladstone Library Updates” from the email list options.

Learn more: clackamas.us/libraryproject

Investing in Gladstone's Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Introduction

The City of Gladstone is responsible for maintaining a system of over 70 miles of water and sewer pipelines, 5 pumping stations, and 3 storage tanks within the City. This infrastructure is getting older, with portions of the system over 50 years old.

As the drinking water piping system ages, the pipes break more frequently. Pipe failures create service outages and cause damage to City streets and private property. The City's sewer pipelines are also aging. As they get older, they leak more, allowing groundwater to enter the sewers and mix with the wastewater in the pipes. The City then has to pay to have that groundwater treated along with the wastewater at the wastewater treatment plant. This problem is called inflow and infiltration (I&I). Older pipes also get blockages more frequently, leaving wastewater to flood streets and basements and overflow to the river.

Investing in Our Water and Sewer Systems

The City has kept water and sewer rates low for years, which has only provided enough funds to operate the system—there hasn't been enough money for proactive ongoing maintenance and repair. During those years the backlog of old or failing pipelines and other infrastructure has been growing, and addressing these problems only gets more expensive over time.

City Council has made a commitment to investing in our water and sewer systems to maintain the health and long-term vibrancy of the City. Gladstone will be raising water and sewer rates so that we can start to proactively maintain and replace failing infrastructure. The two-year increase was approved by City Council on September 12, 2017 and will go into effect in January 2018 and January 2019.

How much will my bill increase?

The typical household utility bill will increase from \$50.45 to \$57.69 per month. You will see the increased rates for the first time on the bill you receive in February 2018. Even with the increase, Gladstone's water and sewer rates are still low compared to neighboring utilities. The City's portion of your utility bill will increase by around \$2 per month. Those funds help pay to maintain and repair local pipelines, pump stations, and storage tanks.

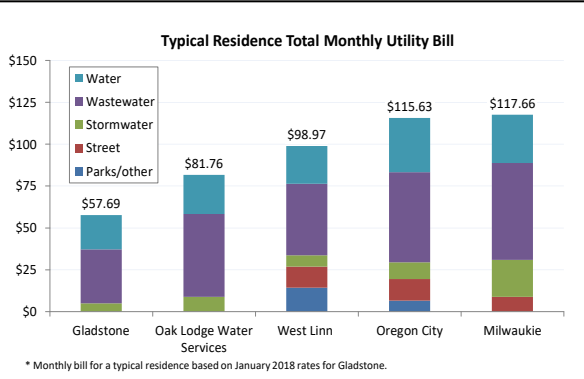
Our regional water and sewer treatment providers have also increased their rates. Those rates are included in your utility bill, but the funds are passed through to the regional providers to pay for maintenance and operations of their water and wastewater treatment facilities. Pass-through costs are increasing \$5 to \$7 per month, depending on which sewer treatment provider area you are in. Pass-through funds do not pay for projects inside the City's system.

Will there be future increases?

Currently, even with the planned rate increases, rates do not collect enough funds to catch up on deferred maintenance. The City is taking an incremental approach to rate increases, raising rates slowly over time. Slow steady increases give residents and businesses time to adjust to needed increases.

What does your utility bill pay for?

- ✓ Clackamas River drinking water filtration (A pass-through charge for service provided by North Clackamas County Water Commission)
- ✓ Safe drinking water delivered to your home (pipes, pumps, reservoirs)
- ✓ Fire protection (fire hydrants)
- ✓ Wastewater treatment (A pass-through charge for service provided by three regional sewer treatment providers, depending on where you are in the City)
- ✓ Wastewater removed from your home (pipes, pumps)
- ✓ Stormwater system managed to reduce flooding and keep river and streams clean (pipes, storm drains)



Gladstone's water and sewer rates are low and don't provide the funds needed to keep our water and sewer systems operating reliably. (Monthly bill is for a typical single family home based on January 2018 rates.)

Disclaimer: This Newsletter contains information provided by various community individuals/groups which are not affiliated with the City of Gladstone. The City does not necessarily endorse such information and provides it simply as an informational service to our community.

New Gladstone Fire Department (GFD) Captain— Richard Newton



Richard Newton has been an amazingly dedicated volunteer, paid-on-call, and part time firefighter with Gladstone Fire Department for over 30 years. On November 29th he was sworn in as our third full time Captain, attaining his lifelong goal of a career position in the fire service. Congratulations, Captain Newton! Gladstone Fire now has a Captain and crew on duty at the station, 24-hours a day, to meet the emergency service needs of our community.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News



Happy Holidays Gladstone. Hopefully the season finds you with peace and joy.

During this busy time it is easy to rush from place to place, often failing to slow down, enjoy, and be safe. At GPD, this time of year has us preparing for “Shop with a Cop”, GFD Food & Toy Delivery, increased calls for service, and maddening traffic. Thieves are also busy seeking to take advantage of the busy season. Please remember to lock the doors to your house, car, and valuables. Keep presents out of view from the front window, and always store valuables out of sight and in the trunk of your car. Try to make your home appear as if someone is always there (think lighting, TV or radio on). Thieves will take advantage of “opportunities” that are easy, quick targets. Package thefts from the doorstep skyrocket during this time of year causing frustration to all. Consider installing

camera(s), a “Ring” type video doorbell, or a package delivery lock box secured to your front porch. Also, during the month of December, you can have packages delivered to the Gladstone Police Department, see details on our webpage <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/police> or our Facebook page. Of course the best remedy is to look out for each other. Don’t hesitate to summon the police if something or someone seems out of place. Just yesterday 2 good neighbors observed a man remove a package from a front porch and our Lieutenant found the suspect, arrested him, and was able to return the package to the rightful owner. This act was a great example of Neighborhood Watch and citizens being the “eyes and ears” in safeguarding our community. We at GPD wish you and yours an enjoyable and safe holiday season!



Pedestrian Safety

With our days of dark mornings and evenings, residents are reminded while jogging, walking or biking to wear reflective and/or light colored clothing during the hours of darkness. Bicycles should have ample reflectors and a light on when it is dark.

Gladstone Fire Dept. Updates—

HAPPY HOLIDAYS: from the Firefighters at Gladstone Fire Station.

We hope this month’s newsletter finds you safe, warm and healthy. For the last month, we have been collecting and receiving food and toys from the community to distribute back into the area to families needing assistance this year. Your generous support makes all the difference to families and children that may not receive new toys otherwise. The food and toy barrels will most likely be all picked up by the time you read this notice, but you are still able to bring donations directly to the fire department during business hours Monday thru Friday until Dec. 20th.

Still stuck buying the perfect gift for someone? Consider a gift of a new smoke alarm or Carbon Monoxide detector. Remember the effective life of today’s alarm is about 10 years. Maybe provide a new flashlight for a winter power outage or a fire extinguisher for the home or car.

For those of you that must drive in the weather this winter brings, consider a new can of deicer for your car. Driving with frozen windows can cause accidents. Don’t forget to keep an emergency travel kit in the car with a blanket, water, high energy food and an Emergency light and /or road flares.

CHIMNEY SAFETY REMINDER:

Always dispose of fireplace ashes in a metal bucket, and place it outside away from any combustibles. Never use a paper bag for your ashes and do not place the ashes inside your garage until final disposal. Have your chimney cleaned or checked regularly. Prevention is a lot cheaper than a fire from a dirty or clogged chimney. Please recycle Christmas gift wrap. There are an increasing number of chimney fires each year from placing wrapping paper in the fireplace or woodstove.

Stay Safe and Happy Holiday wishes from all of us here **Happy Holidays!** at your Fire Department.

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.

Business License Renewals

Business license renewals are due January 1st of each year. For businesses located within Gladstone the fee is \$100, plus \$5 per employee, and if the business is operating out of a home residence, an additional \$50 fee is required. For rental properties, the fee is \$100 + \$25 per rental unit. Business license applications may be downloaded from the city’s website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

City Hall Closures

Gladstone City Hall will be closed on December 25, 2017 and January 1st & 15, 2018.

Upcoming Council Meetings

Upcoming agenda items for the January 9th Council Meeting will include: Downtown Revitalization Plan, Roles and Responsibilities of Boards, Committees, and Commissions, Council Rules, and Adopt Fire Department coverage standards.

Planning Commission Meeting

On December 19, the Gladstone Planning Commission will consider whether to make a recommendation to the City Council that the Council adopt the Downtown Revitalization Plan. The Planning Commission will specifically decide whether to recommend or not recommend that the City Council adopt the Plan as presented, or with modifications.

The Downtown Revitalization Plan (DTR) adoption will recognize it as the official vision for the downtown Gladstone area at a policy and planning level, without making the specific municipal code changes to enact all the specific plan recommendations. A copy of the complete plan is available on the City of Gladstone website.

<https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/community/project/gladstone-downtown-revitalization-plan>. If you have any questions about the Plan or the Planning Commission action, please contact Jenni Lipscomb, Project Manager - lipscobj@comcast.net.

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
*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	503-557-2766
*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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SENIOR CENTER GLAD TYDINGS

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Ramblings

Seasons greetings everyone! What a year we have had! I am thankful for all that has happened here. I am grateful to my wonderful staff, volunteers, patrons, and support given to us here at the Senior Center. As I look forward to a new year, I am truly excited at what is to come. As most of you know, the City is on the cusp of some really outstanding change! A new Police Station, and much more! We So I say to you all, and get ready for the about embark on. The continue its efforts to in-Citizens living in Gladspoke at the Holiday



ing generosity and how sometimes it is lost on us all. So as you read this article, I would like to ask all of you to think how you too can be generous. Generous to your family, friends, and community. Now I say to one and all..... Merry everything and a happy always! —Colin Black, Manager

Important Dates To Remember

Thursday, December 21, 11:30 am– Please join us for our annual Holiday Party. We will have a wonderful lunch, entertainment, and possibly a visit from you know who! Cost is \$4.00 per person, reservations required.

Monday, December 25– Senior Center closed for the Christmas Holiday.

Thursday, December 28, 11:30 am– Help us ring in the New Year at the Senior Center! Join us for some really good fun. No cost! Please RSVP.

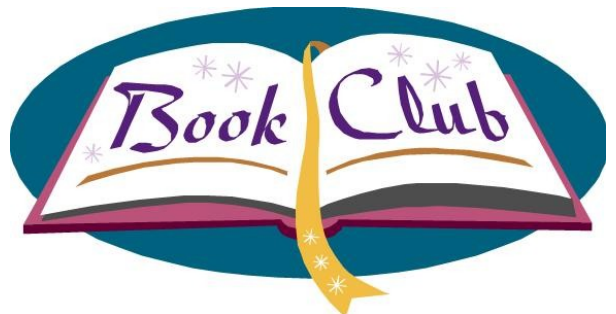
Monday, January 1, 2018– Senior Center closed in observance of the New Year holiday.

Saturday, January 20, 2018– AARP Safe Driving Course. \$15 AARP members & \$20 non-members. RSVP

Monday, January 22, 2018– Reservations for AARP Tax Preparation Assistance begin. Every Friday Feb.-Apr.13.
Gladstone Senior Center (503) 655-7701

Senior Center Book Club

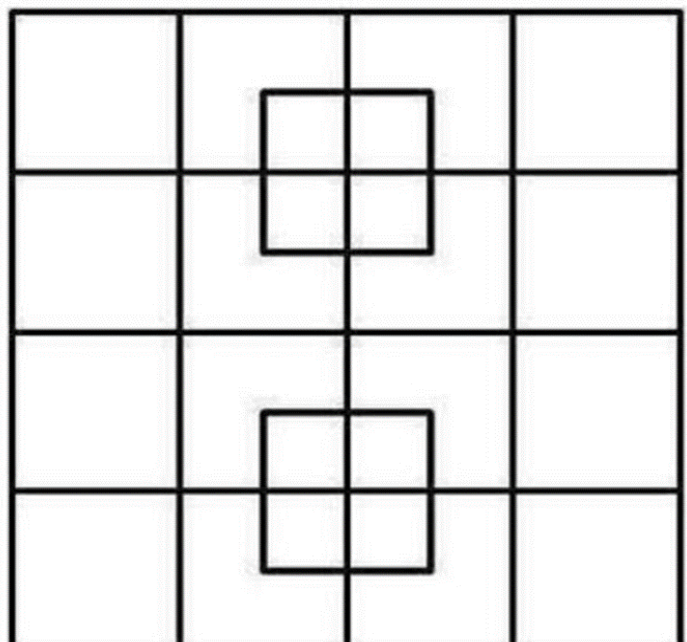
December 18, 2017– *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson. May 1, 1915, with WWI entering its tenth month, a luxury ocean liner as richly appointed as an English country house, sailed out of New York, bound for Liverpool, carrying a record number of children and infants. As the German U-Boat, U-20 and the Lusitania made their way toward Liverpool, an array of forces, both grand and small converged to produce one of the great disasters of history.



Brain Teasers.....Keep that old noggin' working right!

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How Many Squares Are There?




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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.

Menu Legend: A= Activity S= Service

Salad Bar included at no additional cost!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5- Beef Spanish Rice with Green Beans A- Bingo	6- Mac & Cheese A- Bunco S-Safeway	7- Beef Stroganoff over Brown Rice A- Pinochle	8 A- Bridge	9
10	11	12- BBQ Chicken Sandwich A- Bingo	13-Beef Chili Mac A- Bunco S-Safeway	14- 1/2 Turkey Sandwich on Whole Wheat A- Pinochle	15 A- Bridge	16
17	18 Book Club	19- Chicken Supreme with Potatoes A- Bingo	20-Western Pork Stew A- Bunco S-Safeway	21- Holiday Lunch A- Pinochle	22 A- Bridge	23
24/31	25/1 Senior Center Closed 12/25 & 1/1	26- BBQ Smokehouse Chop with Potatoes A- Bingo	27- Lasagna Roll-ups A- Bunco S-Safeway	28- Chicken a-la-King with Potatoes A- Pinochle	29 A- Bridge	30

Gladstone Senior Center Trips-

DEC 18- (MONDAY) THE GROTTO FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS- There will be choirs in the chapel, a petting zoo, gift shop and Nativity display too! It is approximately 1/4 of a mile walk through the light exhibit on paved paths. We will stop for dessert on the way home. Bring a food donation for Snow-Cap if you wish. LV: 5 pm RET: 9 pm FEE: \$15

JAN 4- PARNASSUS ON WHEELS-LAKEWOOD THEATER-Fortyish Helen has spent years taking care of the family farm. Fed up and itching for adventure, Helen impulsively buys a caravan filled with books from a wiry Irishman and abandons her chickens for life on the road as a traveling salesman. LV: 6:30 pm RET: 10 pm or later FEE: \$5

JAN 12-WOODBURN OUTLET MALL- Did you get some money for Christmas that's burning a hole in your pocket? You'll be able to find some treasure at this large outlet mall. There are a number of cafes that we can have lunch at also. LV: 8:30 am RET: 3 pm FEE: \$10

JAN 19- PENDLETON WOOLEN MILLS TOUR-WASHOUGAL, WA. This tour will take us from raw wool to finished fabric. Tour is approx. 1 mile of walking with no place to sit. At the end of the tour, we will visit the gift shop. LV: 8:30 am RET: 3pm FEE: \$10




VOLUNTEERS! We need your assistance. The Gladstone Senior Center is always looking for volunteers. From dishwashers, food servers, and relief drivers to front desk assistance, any help is greatly appreciated. Please visit us for more information, thanks!

AARP Tax Foundation Assistance 2018
Starting in February 2018, the AARP Tax preparation assistance will be each Friday through April 13, 2018. We will start accepting appointments on 1/22.

<u>Happy December Birthdays!</u>					
<i>May the joy that you have spread in the past come back to you on this day! We wish you a very happy birthday!</i>	Juanita Anderson	12/8	Ethelyn Baker	12/27	
	Caroline Newton	12/6	Roxanne McMullin	12/27	
	Carolyn Hauck	12/15	Delores Scouten	12/27	
	Marie Dove	12/18	Katie Ellerby	12/29	
	Valerie Rountree	12/27	Dick Andrews	12/30	
	Phyllis McIntire	12/26			

ROTARY
Thursday's 12pm.



Ron Partch- Former City Administrator



Ron Partch, age 66, of Oregon City, passed away on November 21, 2017. He was born in Portland, Oregon on April 27, 1951. He graduated in 1969 from McMinnville High School. He later graduated from Portland State University with a BS in History. He loved learning, and continued his education for many years, eventually completing his Masters in Public Administration.

Ron spent his working career at the City of Gladstone. He started as a utility worker just after his graduation and advanced to Administrative Assistant and eventually City Administrator. During his long tenure as Administrator he completed many projects. Some of his favorite accomplishments included the development of Meldrum Bar Park, including the boat ramp and the ball fields, the land swap which allowed for the connection to Dahl Beach from Meldrum Bar, the improvements to the river frontage along the Clackamas River in Gladstone, and the pedestrian facilities and left turn refuges along the City's main arterials including Oatfield and Webster Roads.

Outside the workplace, Ron enjoyed traveling as an enriching and educational experience. In addition he had a passion for muscle cars. He collected and restored cars and was a member of the Columbia River Camaro Club.

Ron was a wonderful father and husband. He and his wife Diane were married for 45 years. He is survived by his wife, daughters Anna Gray, Christie Chapman, Bethany Burr, son Robert Partch, grandson Joey Gray, granddaughters Kelli Gray and Sydney Gray and by his brothers Richard and Gary Partch. He will always be remembered for his infectious smile and wonderful sense of humor.

Ron requested there be no service. He will be buried at Lincoln Memorial. Anyone wishing to may visit his grave site to pay their last respects.

Skopos Christian School

Skopos Christian School has open enrollment available. Small class sizes from Kindergarten-8th grade with affordable prices. Skopos Christian School meets at Tri-City Baptist church off Webster Rd. For more information call 503.908.4740 or go to www.skoposcs.org or info@skoposcs.org

Street Parking Regulations

We are approaching the time of year when owners of boats, trailers, and RVs are preparing them for winter storage. Gladstone Code Enforcement would like to remind its citizens that there are city ordinances regulating on-street parking, and these ordinances are very specific as to the type of vehicles that can be parked on city streets. Chapter 10.04.230 of the Gladstone Municipal Code (available online on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us) describes parking issues. Please be mindful of neighbors and use alternative parking, such as RV pads or local RV storage facilities, etc. By following these guidelines we can all enhance city services, improve public safety and help make our neighborhoods more "neighbor friendly" for Gladstone residents.

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 January 8th, 2018 at 10:00am and January 22nd, 2018 at 6:30pm Please come and share your thoughts.



Ready for Snowy, Icy Winter Weather?



When wintery weather blows will you be ready? It's time to take action now before the bad weather sets in. Find your snow shovel and place it close to where you will need it & make sure you have a good supply of de-icing compound. Check the antifreeze level in your car, replace older batteries, check your tires for proper inflation and keep the gas tank near full to avoid freezing water in the fuel line. Things that could come in handy if you get stuck on the road: bags of sand or non-clumping cat litter, an ice scraper, jumper cables, tire chains, flares or reflective triangles, blanket, flashlight & batteries, a gallon jug of drinking water, jacket, hat, gloves, socks & sturdy shoes/boots, first aid kit and always travel with your cell phone fully charged so you can call for help if needed.

Nuisances



Similar to most cities, Gladstone administers a "nuisance code" which essentially prohibits conditions that may affect public health or safety. For example, unsanitary and unsafe conditions such as accumulations of debris or rubbish or storage of junk, obstructing clear vision at an intersection, tall grass or weeds are all prohibited by the nuisance code. A public nuisance may also be caused by any fence, dam or other obstruction of any kind of natural water course that could back up water and significantly affect other property or improved public street. For questions about nuisances, you may view Chapter 8.04 of the Gladstone Municipal Code online at www.ci.gladstone.or.us or to report a nuisance, please call Code Enforcement at 503-479-6859.

Let's Talk About Trash: Plastic bags, Film and Wrap

A variety of stretchy plastic films can be returned to grocery stores or recycling depots. Accepted plastics includes empty and dry produce and bread bags, dry cleaning bags, case wrap, newspaper bags, plastic wrap and air pillows.

- Find a participating grocery store near you at: www.plasticfilmrecycling.org
- Metro South Transfer Station: 503-234-3000, www.OregonMetro.gov, 2001 Washington st, Oregon City

Clean Water Tips

Protecting our groundwater is important, especially since 70% of the state relies, at least partially, on it for drinking water. This is why we must keep our groundwater clean by: *preventing oil & fluid leaks with proper vehicle maintenance; *picking up pet waste; *never dumping any type of waste into gutters, catch basins or into the street. Cleaning catch basins also helps maintain good flow through the stormwater system preventing flooding. Residents are asked to help keep catch basins clear of debris. If a catch basin is full or is not draining after a rain event and residents have removed any road debris from the catch basin, please contact Public Works at 503-656-7957.

Neighbor Law

The City receives requests from residents about settling issues between neighbors that the City does not regulate. These issues include requests to: place trash and recycling cans out of public view to help maintain neighborhood livability, to not feed stray cats that may attract unwanted pets to a neighbor's yard or place of business, to trim overhanging tree limbs; locate property lines, move fences, etc. Many of these legal issues were settled years ago and resolution of current issues between neighbors are now typically settled by mediation instead of being litigated in court. For additional information on neighbor law you may check out "Neighbor Law: Fences, Tress, Boundaries and Noise", by Cora Johnson at the Gladstone Library.

Gladstone Municipal Code

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/>.

What Can be Recycled During the Holidays



Many people wonder which items that are frequently around during the holidays that can be recycled. Here's a guide to some of the most common:

*Wrapping paper/packaging:

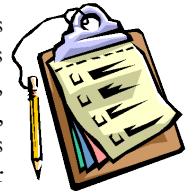
Plain wrapping paper can be recycled, wrapping paper with glitter or anything shiny on it can not; *Wrapping tissue: Plain tissue can be recycled, but anything with glitter or metallic can not; *Ribbon: trash or consider reusing or donate to places such as SCRAP; *Bubble wrap: not in home recycle bin, but can be added to plastic bag recycling at participating grocery stores; *Styrofoam: trash; *Rigid plastic on packaging: trash or take to an independent recycler; *Christmas lights: trash or take to an independent recycler. For more information about recycling in Clackamas County, visit www.clackamas.us/recycling.

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!

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.



Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart



Join Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart as we celebrate 20 years of giving in Clackamas County. All funds raised go toward our mission of providing Christmas stockings, filled with personal necessities and gifts, to those less fortunate. Last year, our volunteer elves filled hearts of more than 4,300 Clackamas County residents, from newborns to senior adults.

We work directly with county agencies to provide stockings filled with necessities like hats, gloves, socks, and hygiene items and also include a gift or two to make this a true Christmas stocking. Local businesses, individuals, community groups, and organizations are key partners in our success. Supporters help by donating their time and items to fill the stockings or contributing financially. Empty stockings are available at Crossroads Coffee Café in Gladstone. Need more information?

Go to www.fillastocking.org, email us at info@fillastocking.org, go to Facebook.com/Fillastocking or you can leave a message by calling 503-632-0577.

Power Bill Assistance

Clackamas County Health, Housing & Human Services Department facilitates the Energy Assistance Program, which may be able to assist low-income households with a payment toward heating bills. You may be eligible if you don't have a past-due notice and if you pay your bill every month. There is assistance available for a variety of energy needs including electric, natural gas, oil, propane, wood and pellets.

For more information, please visit www.clackamas.us/socialservices/energy.html or call the Social Services Division at 503-650-5640

The Father's Heart Street Ministry

Our Christmas Dinner is fast approaching. Can you help us make it a memorable evening? This may be the only Christmas celebration that those who are experiencing homelessness may be able to attend. Let's make Christmas a special time for all in attendance.

The Father's Heart Christmas Dinner Party
Where: Gladstone Christian Church, 305 E Dartmouth St., Gladstone.

When: Saturday, December 16th 2017, from 4:00pm-6:30pm

Please call 503-722-9780 for questions or if you are able to provide the following food items:

Cooked Ham, Fried Chicken, Broccoli Florets, Hot Scalloped Potato Dish, Green Salad, Dinner Rolls, or Brownies.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Sidewalks and Clear Vision

A couple of residents recently expressed concern about sidewalks and clear vision. The Gladstone Municipal Code states that property owners are responsible for maintaining sidewalks abutting their property and are liable to any person suffering injury due to a defective sidewalk. The City's general standard for sidewalk maintenance states "not to exceed 1/2" vertical lift." This is similar to property owners being responsible for maintaining landscaping for clear vision of motorists at street intersections. Both the property owner and the City can be held liable for accidents when they are notified but fail to remove clear vision obstructions. Please check the condition of sidewalks along your property and check for adequate clear vision if your property is located at a street intersection.

Recycling Services

Gladstone residents receive recycling pick up services with their weekly garbage service. Recycling must be separate from your garbage. Please use the large gray recycling roll cart, recycling bins or paper bags, such as a brown grocery bag. Do not use plastic bags. All recycling can be combined into the large gray recycling roll cart except for glass and motor oil. Glass and motor oil must be kept separate from all other recyclables. All paper, plastics (including plastic tubs—yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese and salsa tubs) and metals can be combined in your roll cart. The following items will NOT be accepted as recyclables: plastic bags, plastic coated envelopes, block foam, label backing sheets, brittle plastic deli & bakery containers, ceramic plates, wax or plastic coated containers, drinking glasses, paper cups and plates, light bulbs, frozen food boxes, paper towels, napkins and tissues. Motor oil is acceptable, but must be in a non-breakable see-through container, such as a gallon milk jug. During severe weather conditions, residents are asked to hold back recyclables until their next pick up day. Visit www.gladstonedisposal.com for details.

Dog Licenses



All dogs are required to be licensed when they reach 6 months of age. The city currently contracts with Clackamas County for dog licensing. License renewals are due the last day of the month in which the license expires. Additional information and renewal forms may be found at the county's website at www.clackamas.us/dogs or by calling 503-656-8628.

CERT

What is CERT? The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program trains citizens to prepare for emergency situations in their communities. When disaster strikes, CERT members give critical support to first responders, provide assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members also help with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community.

How can you help? You can help by preparing your home with supplies that may be needed in a disaster. First Aid Supplies you should have in your kit include:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Scissors | <input type="checkbox"/> 4" Sterile Pads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8"-10" Sterile Pads | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Tape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3" Kling Roll Bandage | <input type="checkbox"/> Small and Large Bandages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice/Hot Packs | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Mask |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Triangular bandages | <input type="checkbox"/> Latex Gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Guide Book | |

Studded tire season in Oregon has begun!

The studded tire season in Oregon began Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017 and runs through March 31, 2018.

ODOT encourages drivers to consider other types of traction tires or chains. If you must travel when weather conditions present difficulties, use other types of traction tires or chains, or postpone your travel until conditions change for the better. A study completed in 2014 concluded studded tires cause about \$8.5 million in damage each year on state highways.

Alternatives to studded tires



•**Chains:** Link chains, cable chains or other devices that attach to the wheel, vehicle, or outside of the tire that are specifically designed to increase traction on snow and ice. Drivers should note that link chains may not be recommended for use on some types of vehicles; check your owner's manual.

•**Other traction tires:** Other types of traction tires are available. These traction tires meet Rubber Manufacturers Association standards for use in severe snow conditions and carry a special symbol on the tire sidewall showing a three-peaked mountain and snowflake. They work about as well as studded tires on ice, but work better than studded tires or regular tires in most other winter conditions. And they cause no more damage to road surfaces than regular tires.

Make your food last and save some cash!

Apples: Store apples in the fridge in the low humidity drawer or in a paper bag to extend shelf life (up to six weeks). One bad apple can ruin the whole batch, so eat up the bruised ones first. For longer storage, place in a cardboard box covered with a damp towel. **Bananas:** Store bananas on the counter for up to seven days, depending on ripeness. Store them away from other fruit because they produce ethylene gas, which speeds ripening in other produce. Banana can also be frozen with or without their peel and used later in baked goods or smoothies. **Potatoes:** Store potatoes in a cool, dark place somewhere slightly warmer than the fridge. A box in a dark corner of the pantry or a paper bag works well. Moisture and exposure to light cause spoilage. If your potatoes do sprout, they're still safe to eat by cutting the sprouts off. Cooked potatoes can be frozen and eaten later. **Onions:** Store whole onions in a cool, dark place like a cupboard. Good air circulation is the best, so don't stack them. Store partially-used onions in the fridge in an airtight container, leaving the papery outer layer on. Onions cause potatoes to sprout, so be sure to keep them separate. **Save the Food** offers additional storage tips at: www.savethefood.com/food-storage

Eat smart, Waste Less Challenge helps you waste less food. Learn more at www.eatsmartwasteless.com

Ben Holladay & The Great Railroad Race



December 24, 1869 witnessed the most unusual Christmas Eve celebration ever seen on the Clackamas River. A locomotive, with flags flying, whistles blowing, and bells clanging, charged across a just-completed bridge between present-day Gladstone and Park Place. With this event, railroad magnate Ben Holladay, riding aboard the locomotive, had successfully won the rights to build the first rail line linking Oregon with California.

When Holladay originally came to Oregon in August 1868 only one functioning railroad existed anywhere in the state, namely: a few miles of portage around the Cascades of the Columbia River. As part of the post-Civil War Reconstruction Era, attention turned to expanding the nation's transportation infrastructure. On the West Coast, it was focused on linking Oregon and California by rail. Oregonians soon fell to quarreling about what route it should follow.

First, there were those favoring a route on the west side of the Willamette River. Portland interests favored this route because their town was at that time confined to the river's west bank. As there were then no bridges connecting the east and west banks, Portlanders feared that a cross-river railhead would lead to a rival town on the east bank. But upriver there were other towns, such as Milwaukie and Oregon City, which favored an east-side route.

The West Siders, led by lawyer and journalist Joseph Gaston, held the initial advantage by forming the Oregon Central Railroad Co., backed and financed by the Portland-based Oregon Steam Navigation Co. A rival group of East Siders, led by Oregon Governor George L. Woods, formed their own corporation using, confusingly, the same name, "Oregon Central Railroad Co." it was the East Siders's need for financing that brought Ben Holladay north from California to the Oregon scene.

After adroit political maneuvering (including bribery), Holladay succeeded in having the project awarded to the company that could first complete 20 miles of useable trackage by Christmas Day 1869. At first, the West Siders surged into the lead, building on the Tualatin Valley's level terrain. But Holladay's resourceful crews (including many Chinese) gained the lead.

Only bridging the Clackamas River stood in the way of his company's success. The bridge and the final portion of the 20 miles of trackage through Oregon City south to New Era were nearing completion in November. But just as it appeared that Holladay and company would win the race, nature intervened when a late November storm turned the Clackamas into a raging torrent that carried away the bridge.

With barely a month in which to reconstruct the bridge, Holladay's crews labored night and day to restore the structure. On December 23rd, Chinese workers drove the last spikes at New Era, and on the following day Holladay rode the first locomotive across the Clackamas. The celebrations continued the next day on Christmas. Curiously, these events may have been witnessed by Rebecca Holladay Cason, widow of Fendal Cason, and a first cousin of Ben Holladay. *Herb Beals, former historian for Gladstone Historical Society.*

The Library will be closed on Monday January 1st for New Year's Day, and on Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Programs and Events

Adult Winter Reading Program

Runs through the end of winter (March 19th, 2018)
Read your way through an Adult Winter Reading bingo card to be eligible for a prize! More information at the Info Desk.

Rock Readers Book Club

Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m.
Books can be checked out at the Information Desk.

Dungeons and Dragons

Monday, January 29th at 4:30 p.m.
Whether you already love D&D or just want to see what it's all about, join us for an evening of adventure!

Dr. Who Club

Thursday, January 18th at 6:00 p.m.
Are you a fan of Doctor Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode, and share any show related news. All ages are welcome.

Children's Programs

Storytime On Break

December 26th, 27th, and 28th, and January 2nd, 3rd, and 4th

Storytime will take a break from Tuesday, December 26th through Thursday, January 4th in order to prepare for next year's Storytimes! If you still want to come play at the library before opening on those Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, toys will be available for

playgroup sessions in the Children's area.

Toddler Storytime for 18 months to 3 years

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Except December 26th and January 2nd - playgroup instead

This Storytime is geared towards ages 0-3 with songs, books, and play for early development. Older siblings are welcome to sing and dance with us.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Except December 27th and January 3rd - playgroup instead

This storytime is geared towards babies from 0-18 months and their caregivers with books, songs, lap bounces, cuddles, and play to help with early development.

All Ages Storytime

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Except December 28th and January 4th - playgroup instead

All ages are welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build literacy and language skills.

Lego Club

Wednesdays, January 10th and 24th at 3:30 p.m.

We provide the Lego's, you provide the imagination.

Art in Action for elementary and middle school ages

Wednesdays, January 17th at 3:30 p.m.

Art in Action is a hands on approach to learning about famous artists. Each month we will

read about a famous artist and then explore their style and techniques as we create our own masterpieces.

Teen Programs

Teen Advisory Group Meeting

Friday, January 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Teens in the 6th-12th grades are invited to join the Teen Advisory Group, which helps plan events and makes the library a welcoming space for other teens. Stop by a meeting to find out what it's all about!

Retro Video Game Night

Friday, January 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Come challenge your friends to a game on a classic video game console at the library, after hours! Answer some video game trivia for a chance to win a prize, plus there will be snacks and board games available.

Teen Creative Collective

Thursday, January 25th at 5:00 p.m.

Escape the winter weather and explore your creative side at our monthly craft program for teens!

Teen Art Contest

Teens are invited to create original artwork on the 2018 Summer Reading theme "Libraries Rock." First place wins \$100 and winning artwork will be used throughout the county to promote the Summer Reading Program! Entry forms and rules can now be picked up at any Library in Clackamas County. Entries will be accepted from January 2nd to February 12th.

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates

As 2017 comes to a close, the Foundation would like to thank all those who have generously donated and/or volunteered their time to support our library's many programs and events throughout the year. 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 or go to www.gplf-foundation.org for more information. Happy Holidays and best wishes to all.

Energy Assistance Program

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs. We provide federally funded assistance in managing costs associated with: Home energy bills, Energy crises, Weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs.

LIHEAP can help you stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer through programs that reduce the risk of health and safety problems that arise from unsafe heating and cooling practices.

Contact Us at: 503-650-5640

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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



Resource for Winter Travel

Winter travel information can save motorists the hassle of driving for miles only to find out a route is closed or congested. The Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) offers travel information on their website at www.tripcheck.com. The site offers camera images from urban areas, mountain passes and other key locations throughout the state. Maps detail road conditions and include information about weather, road conditions, maintenance work and traffic incidents. Travelers in Oregon may also dial 5-1-1 or call toll free at 1-888-275-ODOT (6368) to access Trip-Check road and weather information by phone.

Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is January 10th, 2018 from 5-7 at Two Girls Catering, 125 E Dartmouth St, Gladstone, OR 97027. Please contact Sheldon Penner at sheldon@AmicusData.com or 503-516-8618 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 www.gladstone-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.