

# GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## *Downtown Revitalization Plan* *By Jacque M. Betz, City Administrator*



Last year the City of Gladstone initiated a process to bring about revitalization of a segment of Portland Avenue, the civic heart and local commercial center of the community. On December 19th the Planning Commission will review the conceptual plan and consider recommending that the City Council approve it on January 9th.

The Gladstone Downtown Revitalization Plan presents a future vision of renewed business activity, investment, and connectivity for pedestrians, bikes, and vehicles (see side box for more on the vision). A thoughtful public outreach process allowed citizens numerous opportunities to provide input. Residents, business owners, city staff, and officials provided vital comments through citizen and technical advisory groups, stakeholders meetings, two public open houses, and on-line surveys.

There are many benefits to adopting this plan; a revitalized downtown in Gladstone can positively affect economic growth and civic pride when the focus is to retain a sense of community. A healthy downtown can enhance jobs for existing small businesses, who are the building blocks of a thriving economy. Strip centers and malls are too expensive for entrepreneurs and patrons and deter from the small-town ambience. A vibrant main street helps create the environment for a strong business community and reduces sprawl by concentrating retail in one area, and uses community resources wisely, such as infrastructure, tax dollars, and land. A traditional downtown is ideal for unique independent businesses, which in turn keeps profits in town, supports local families with family owned businesses, supports local community projects, and can provide a local economic foundation. A healthy downtown core also protects property values in surrounding residential neighborhoods and; finally, a revitalized downtown provides an important civic forum, where members of the community can congregate. Parades, special events and celebrations are held and reinforce an intangible sense of community.

A significant component of the Plan hinges on public investment in Portland Avenue, particularly as it relates to streetscape improvements. I believe public entities should take the lead in investing in themselves if they expect private entities to do same. With the library lawsuit now settled it gives the City an amazing opportunity to collaborate with the County on a public investment in the heart of Gladstone. We can initiate revitalization by constructing a new library. We invite you to attend the Planning Commission and City Council meetings in November and December and encourage you to review the draft plan at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us/community/project/gladstone-downtown-revitalization-plan](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/community/project/gladstone-downtown-revitalization-plan).

## Gladstone Downtown Vision

Downtown Gladstone is a unique, lively, and accessible community center that celebrates the history of the city while accommodating the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors with a mix of uses.

Portland Avenue is a successful mixed-use corridor where housing in various forms integrates harmoniously with a mix of restaurants, shops, and civic buildings, services, and gathering spaces.

The corridor is a vibrant destination as well as a connection to other Gladstone neighborhoods, the Clackamas River, regional trails and natural areas, and nearby attractions outside of the city.

Portland Avenue welcomes residents and visitors alike to Downtown Gladstone with a unifying streetscape design with easy and safe accessibility by foot, bike, or car.

## *Planning Commission Meeting*

At its meeting on November 21st beginning at 6:30 pm, the Planning Commission will discuss approval of Public Hearing: Z0533-17-D; Office Building, two-story 9,940 square feet; E. Clarendon Street at 82nd Drive, and Public Hearing: Z0582-17-D, Renovations at Tonkin Hyundai, to include reconstruction of showroom, new enclosed service reception drive, etc.; 19300 SE McLoughlin, east side of McLoughlin between Glen Echo Avenue and Gloucester Street. The Planning Commission packet is available for review online at <http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/city-government/planning-packets/>.

## *City Board Applications*



Several terms on city committees, boards and commissions will expire the end of 2017. At its December 12, 2017 meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointments and re-appointments to two positions on the Planning Commission, three positions on the Budget Committee, two positions on the Library Board, three positions on the Traffic Safety Commission, three positions on the Park & Recreation Board and two positions on the Senior Center Advisory Board. To obtain an application and information about serving on a committee, board or commission, visit the city's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us), email [bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us), call 503-557-2769 or stop by City Hall. Applications must be returned by 5pm on Dec. 5, 2017

## *Employment Opportunities*

The City is accepting applications for a Senior Center On-Call Relief TRAM Driver & Front Desk Reception Position. For details, visit the City's employment page at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us/jobs](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/jobs).

## *Upcoming Council Meetings*

Upcoming agenda items include: November 14: Presentation from Metro on the Proposed food scrap collection policy, Adopt the Transportation System Plan, Muni-Code Enforcement Amendment-membrane structures, Award the contract for the Fiber-optic Project, Adopt Fire Department Standard of Coverage, Appointments to Audit and Budget Committees.

## *Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News*

### Chief's Corner

At Gladstone Police Department, we pride ourselves on being vested members of this great community. We recently completed a body of work, at the direction of our citizens and council, to modernize our municipal code. It is our goal to enhance livability in our community, and these proposals now before council can be viewed on the city website (<https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/police/page/proposed-changes-code-enforcement-language>).

Last week, we began our newest partnership supporting Neighborhood Watch. I met with a group of citizens who desired to initiate a watch program and was impressed by the interest and amount of support. Neighborhood Watch has not been in the forefront for many years here in Gladstone, and we seek to revitalize the concept. Neighborhood Watch is a partnership between the community and the police. It is a key component in the sharing of information in the effort to reduce crime and increase the quality of life in the community. A watch program will: teach techniques to citizens to reduce the risk of being victimized, train citizens to recognize and report suspicious behavior, keep your homes more secure, and provide an opportunity to get to know your neighbors better. Neighborhood watch groups are the extra set of eyes and ears that help protect the neighborhood from crime.

If you want to partner with GPD to have Neighborhood Watch in your area, please call Detective Graves or Chief Jolley.

Distracted driving includes anything that takes your mind off of the task at hand—driving. These can include eating, drinking, rubber-necking at accident scenes, looking at that person walking down the street, and, of course, cell phones. Texting takes a driver's eye off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. Keep in mind, an automobile traveling at 45 miles per hour will travel 304 feet in those 4.6 seconds! According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; each day in the United States, approximately 9 people are killed and more than 1,000 injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver. To help reduce these numbers, Oregon has implemented a new distracted driving law which went into effect Oct. 1, 2017. It will now be illegal to drive while holding or using an electronic device (e.g. cell phone, tablet, GPS, laptop). Use of hands-free devices are allowed, if the driver is 18 years of age or older, but must be a single touch or swipe to activate or deactivate the device. Drivers are allowed to call for medical help, but only when parked safely. It is not legal to use the device when stopped at a stop light, stop sign, in traffic, etc. Fines will increase to a presumptive fine of \$260 for the first offense (if not contributing to a crash), and \$435 for the second offense (or first offense, if it contributed to a crash). Committing a third offense within a 10-year period will be considered a Class B misdemeanor with a minimum fine of \$2,000 and up to one year in jail! Please pay attention at all times when in control of a vehicle.

## *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 November 27th at 6:30pm & December 11th at 10:00am. Please come and share your thoughts.



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**RATS!**  
**IF YOU FEED THEM, THEY WILL COME!**



With the exception of Antarctica, rats, mice and other vermin are dispersed across every continent on the globe. Yet, even in Antarctica, a rat eradication program is helping to protect that region's ecosystem from rats migrating in from the Falkland Islands.

The life expectancy of the common brown rat is only three years. But because rats reach sexual maturity at only five weeks, one female rat can produce nearly one litter per month, if the environment is favorable, birthing up to 14 offspring in each litter. One breeding pair of rats can become 15,000 rats in a single year. This astounding extrapolation makes it clear that vermin are a health and environmental concern, making rat control an ongoing endeavor all around the world.

Western Oregon has many species of rats and mice that call our region home. One species is the Norway Rat, also known as the common rat, brown rat, and wharf rat. It is believed that these rats were spread around the world by infiltrating early ship travel and whaling boats. The Norway Rat is highly acclimated to urban living in close proximity to humans. Rats are opportunistic and will migrate to areas that provide them with food and shelter. Human activity inadvertently creates the ideal environment for the common rat to live and breed. In urban and suburban neighborhoods such as we have in Gladstone, gardens, fruit trees, backyard chicken coops, bird and squirrel feeders, pet food and feces, trash, lumber piles, stacked firewood, open trash receptacles, all make life very easy for rats and mice to take up residence. Overgrown yards provide cover for vermin to hide from their natural predators such as cats, coyotes, owls, and hawks. The best way to eliminate rats and mice from your neighborhood is to keep clean, well maintained properties, particularly if you feed outside animals or leave pet food outdoors. Your efforts will help keep your property and neighboring properties clear of rats. Rats and mice can take shelter in groundcovers such as ivy and vinca beds, under shrubbery, porches, and decks. They can fit into very small conveyances, and may find their way into your home through plumbing or electrical openings. In addition to rat eradication products, other materials are on the market to seal up holes around your plumbing pipes to prevent rodents from entering your home.

Rats find nutrition in animal feces, so it's important to clean up after your pets. In the city parks, Public Works provides doggie-doo bags and trash containers to make it easy and convenient for pet owners to keep their pet waste out of the parks. Public Works removes between four and eight tons of trash each week from the parks, and regularly mows and trims undergrowth. Public Works does not regularly encounter rats in the City sewer lines, but on the rare occasions that we do, they are baited. Additionally, for those residents who want to help keep our city clean while on your daily walks around town, Gladstone Public Works has trash pickers and trash kits available to check out from our office. The Public Works office is located at 18595 Portland Avenue. Just stop in and ask for a trash picker and kit.

Remember that it's an ongoing process to keep your property vermin-free. Making your environment inhospitable to rats and mice requires vigilance. They will migrate back if you allow your property to become attractive to them.

For more suggestions on vermin control, contact Clackamas County Vector Control at (503)655-8394. There are also many private pest control and pest removal companies in the area.

PLEASE DON'T FEED THE RATS!



***Hands Only CPR at Gladstone High School***



As part of the graduation requirements for Oregon high school seniors, they must have participated in learning Hands Only CPR. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, with the help of Gladstone Police, the Gladstone Fire Department instructed over 100 seniors in learning this skill. Not only did they learn Hands Only CPR, but they learned how to recognize cardiac arrest and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This is not only a requirement for graduation, but students learned a valuable lifesaving skill.

***City Hall Closures***

Gladstone City Hall will be closed on November 23rd & 24th and December 25th

***Get Ready for the Winter Months***

Here are a few things you can do now to get your indoor and outdoor water systems ready for winter preventing costly repairs and wasted water.

Before shutting the irrigation system down for the winter, run each zone of the system separately checking for leaks, broken/misaligned spray heads, and other maintenance issues. When it is time to shut the system down for the winter completely drain all of the water out of the system to prevent freezing.

Shut off all outside water, disconnect hoses, open the hose bibs, and wrap or cover the hose bibs to prevent freezing. Store hoses, spray nozzles, and sprinklers inside, this will prevent freezing and breaking during the winter.

Insulate all exposed and venerable water pipes and cover the foundation vents to keep out the cold winter air.

Make sure everyone in the home knows where the main water shut off valve is and how to use it. If a pipe breaks during the winter the water will be shut off much quicker and could prevent costly damage. And last but not least, make sure the emergency phone numbers to your local water provider and a plumbing specialist are posted where everyone can see it. In an emergency this will save time and possibly prevent damage to your home.

For more water conservation tips visit the Clackamas River Water Providers conservation page on our website at [www.clackamasproviders.org/water-conservation/](http://www.clackamasproviders.org/water-conservation/).

***The Bottle Bill Expands, January 1st***

Starting January 1st, 2018, bottle redemption centers will start accepting more types of plastic and glass bottles. You will soon be able to redeem your tea, coffee, hard cider, kombucha, coconut water and more at redemption centers. For more information, visit [www.bit.ly/orbottlebill](http://www.bit.ly/orbottlebill).

***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](mailto:lightout@pgn.com).

***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.

***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





# SENIOR CENTER GLAD TYDINGS

1050 PORTLAND AVE. GLADSTONE, OR. 97027 NOVEMBER 2017

### Ramblings

Giving thanks. That is what Thanksgiving is all about. It's a time where we all can come together and give thanks to all we have. Sometimes it can be a challenge to take a step back and recognize all that we do have and to be thankful for that. So, in the spirit of giving thanks, I would like to recognize those that give so much here at the Senior Center. Jane E., Char K., Rosemarie and Steven K., Darrel L., Jess & Cathie K., Martha O., Rhonda K., Marylou P., Marilyn & Roger M., Joyce C., Ray & Michelle P., Mike & Marie H., Fran F., Carol H., Tina W., Bonnie C., Mark W., Boots D., Marie N., Senior Center Advisory Board, and too many others to mention here. Know that your continued help and efforts are what makes this Senior Center uniquely wonderful! There are not enough thanks to give out for all that you do. I encourage everyone to take a moment to give thanks too. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.  
Colin Black, Manager

### Important Dates To Remember

**Thursday, November 16, 11:30 am**– Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving Lunch. We will enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving Lunch and entertainment. Reservations are required. Cost is \$4.00 per person.

**Saturday, November 18, 9 am– 4 pm**– AARP Safe Drives Course. Call to sign up. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

**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.

**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.

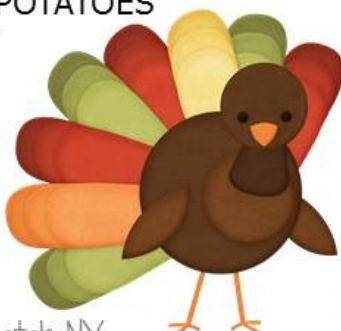
### Senior Center Book Club

**November 20, 2017**– *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock. So remote, a supply boat comes only once per season and shore leaves granted every other year. Tom brings a young wife, Isabel. After 2 miscarriages and a still birth, a grieving Isabel is surprised when a boat washes ashore with a dead man and living baby.



# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

- APPLE PIE
- BEANS
- BREAD
- CORN
- CRANBERRY SAUCE
- GRAVY
- HAM
- MASHED POTATOES
- MILK
- PUMPKIN PIE
- ROLLS
- SQUASH
- STUFFING
- SWEET POTATOES
- TURKEY



Chicken Scratch NY



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# NOVEMBER 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.

Menu Legend: A= Activity S= Service

Salad Bar included at no additional cost!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1- Beef Patty With Gravy S= Safeway A= Bunco	2- Orange Glazed Chicken & rice A= Pinochle	3- A= Bridge	4-
5-	6-	7- Chicken & Cheese Salad A= Bingo	8- Veggie Chili S= Safeway A= Bunco	9- Breaded Fish with Tartar Sauce A= Pinochle	10- Center Closed - Veterans Day	11-
12-	13-	14- Beef Patty on a bun A= Bingo	15- Chicken Supreme & potatoes S= Safeway A= Bunco	16- Thanksgiving Lunch A= Pinochle	17- A= Bridge	18-
19-	20-	21- Mac & Cheese A= Bingo	22- Roasted Turkey with gravy S= Safeway A= Bunco	23- Center Closed Thanksgiving	24- Center Closed Thanksgiving	25-
26-	27-	28- Baked Ham with Orange Glaze A= Bingo	29- Chicken Tetrazinni S= Safeway A= Bunco	30- Oriental Shoyu Chicken A= Pinochle		

**Gladstone Senior Center Trips**– For more information on our Trips Policy Please visit [www.ci.gladstone.or.us/senior-center-transportation](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/senior-center-transportation)

**NOV 17– NW SENIOR THEATER HOLIDAY SHOW** - Enjoy the annual Holiday Show put on by a cast of seniors. Before the trip, we will visit Al's Garden. After the show, we will have lunch at Red Lobster. LV: 9 am RET: 5 pm FEE: \$12  
**DEC 4 (MONDAY) WINTER WONDERLAND AT PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY**– Join us as we visit this annual Portland tradition. We will enjoy lights in the comfort of the warm Senior Center Tram. Make sure to bring a non-perishable food donation for the Sunshine Division's Holiday Food Drive. Afterwards, we will have dessert at Shari's. LV: 6 pm RET: 9 pm 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!

**Open Position:** The Senior Center has a open position for Relief Tram Driver and Front Desk Assistance. This is an paid, on-call position. For more information, please visit: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/jobs>

To our October folks,  
Happy Birthday!

- 11/1 Nancy DeVries
- 11/5 Patsy Olson
- 11/13 Norm Church
- 11/14 Bill Summers
- 11/23 Sharlene Crogndon
- 11/30 Mary Ann Pickering



*May the joy that you have spread in the past come back to you on this day! We wish you a very happy birthday!*

**ROTARY**  
Every Thursday at 12 pm.  
Come and join us!



## Public Works is On Call All Day Every Day



With the recent devastation from hurricanes and fires in our country, it seemed like a good time to introduce folks to the 24 hour, seven days a week role of your Public Works Department.

Locally, the Gladstone Public Works Department works to ensure that clean drinking water is safely delivered to your faucets. With approximately 40 miles of old and degraded water lines in the City's system, keeping the water flowing to your home is a continuous feat. Our work doesn't stop at the end of our day shift. We are on-call 24/7 to respond to those midnight emergencies. The after hours number is 503 655-8211.

### Water line leak:

The Public Works monthly report of activities can be found on the City's webpage. You can find it on the Public Works Page, or in the council packet for the first council meeting of each month. We invite you to become acquainted with your hardworking and dedicated Public Works Department!

## 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 anti-freeze 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.



## Studded tire season in Oregon begins Nov. 1

The studded tire season in Oregon begins 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.

## Free Tutoring Service- 505 E Clarendon St.

The Source Church in Gladstone has started a new service to offer free academic tutoring beginning in October to kids grades 1st thru 8th on Tuesdays from 6:45-8:00pm from experienced and patient tutors. They will also be providing a snack for the children who attend.

## Let's Talk About Trash: Recycling Bulky Items

- **Donate:** Call 503-234-3000 or go online to search Metro's Find a Recycler at [www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler).
- **Curbside Pick-up:** Request a special pick up from your disposal company. For more details and fees, Gladstone Disposal can be contacted either by phone: 503-656-9426, or on their website: <http://www.gladstonedisposalco.com/>.
- **Take to a Garbage Facility:** Dispose of items at Metro South Transfer Station (503-234-3000) in Oregon City.

Not sure where to take something? Call Metro's Recycling Hotline (503-234-3000) or look up an item on the Find A Recycler website: [www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler)

## Skopos Christian School Open Enrollment

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](http://www.skoposcs.org) or [info@skoposcs.org](mailto:info@skoposcs.org)

## How to Prepare for an Emergency

Being prepared means being equipped with the proper supplies needed in the event of an emergency or disaster. Here are 3 steps to help you prepare your family before an emergency strikes.

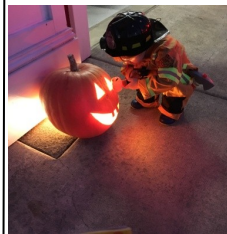
1. **Get a Kit**— Supplies should be kept in an easy to carry bag and include: Water, non-perishable foods, flashlight, extra batteries, stocked first aid kit, multi-purpose tool, sanitation and personal hygiene items, radio, whistle, emergency blanket, local map, permanent markers, tape, paper, photos of family members and pets, copy of health insurance card, pocket knife, light sticks, change of clothes and sturdy shoes.
2. **Make a Plan**— Discuss how to respond to different types of emergencies. Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and how you will work together as a team. Practice as many elements of your plan as possible. Visit <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/make-a-plan> for a family plan template.
3. **Be Informed**— Identify how local authorities will notify you during a disaster and how you will get information. Know the difference between different weather alerts such as watches and warnings. Know what actions to take to protect yourself during disasters that may occur in areas you travel as well as areas you live.

For additional information, visit any one of these web sites: [www.clackamas.us/emergency](http://www.clackamas.us/emergency), [www.oregon.gov/omd/oem](http://www.oregon.gov/omd/oem), [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or [www.redcross.org/prepare](http://www.redcross.org/prepare)

## 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. Business license applications may be downloaded from the city's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us).

## Gladstone Fire Dept. Updates—



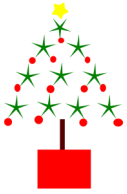
October 2017 was fire prevention month and a busy one here at Gladstone Fire. We had several young visitors from local preschools and family groups. If you represent a local group that would like to schedule a fire station tour, we would love to meet you and your group. Call Fireman Mike @ 503-557-2775 to schedule a visit

Gladstone Fire is pleased to boast that over 45 smoke alarms were installed in owner-occupied homes in the River Road area of Gladstone this month. Firefighters, with the help of the local Rotary club, installed and educated home owners about fire safety and placed new 10-year smoke alarms to all that qualified. Remember, if you rent it is the responsibility of you and your landlord to provide and install a working smoke alarm. If you live in Gladstone and own your home, we would like to meet you and install a new smoke alarm in your home as well. We have a limited number of alarms remaining this year and will need to prioritize those with greatest need first. Please contact the fire department at 503-557-2775 and leave a clear message with your return phone number for us to schedule a time to install your new smoke alarm.

## 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/>.

## Gladstone Tree Lighting!



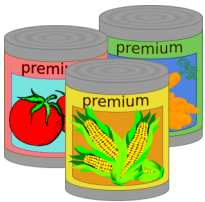
Help Us CELEBRATE GLADSTONE! December 1<sup>st</sup> 7pm at the Gladstone Senior Center parking lot the Celebrate Gladstone group will host a Holiday Tree Lighting Party! We will have cocoa and cookies, caroling and maybe even Santa! We will be collecting new unwrapped toys and food for the Gladstone Fire Departments Toy and Food Drive, as well as money for our Police Departments "Shop with a Cop" campaign...both will benefit local families. If you have any questions, or would like to help, please send me an email [TStempel@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:TStempel@ci.gladstone.or.us). Thank you and hope to see you all there!

- Mayor Tammy Stempel

## Winterizing Your Water Pipes Inside & Out

Fall is the time of year to start thinking about winterizing your water pipes inside & out. Here are some precautionary measures you can take now to help avoid the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes later. \*Disconnect and drain all outdoor hoses, and protect outside pipes and faucets. \*In some homes, the outside faucet has a separate "shut-off" in the basement or crawl space. If you do have a separate valve for outside faucets, shut it off. Then go outside, disconnect the garden hose and turn on the faucets to drain water from the line. Even if you do not have a separate "shut off valve" for outside faucets, wrap and/or cover ALL outside faucets and hose bibs. Disconnect garden hoses, otherwise, a single hard freeze can burst the faucet or the pipe it connects to. \*If you have water pipes in unheated areas such as the garage or crawl space, wrap the water pipes with pipe insulation or wrapping materials. \*Turn off the water to the irrigation system at the main shut-off valve. \*Open all drain valves and drain water from system. \*Wrap insulating material around ground valves and backflow prevention devices. For complete details call Clackamas River Water Providers at 503-723-3511 or email [Christine@clackamasproviders.org](mailto:Christine@clackamasproviders.org).

## Gladstone Groups Team Up for Holidays



Gladstone's Adopt-A-Family effort will again work to help struggling families this holiday season, providing food & toys to 100 families. Partners in this effort include the Gladstone Fire Dept (GFD), Gladstone School District, Gladstone Kiwanis & Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary. Canned food and new unwrapped toy donation barrels are located at the GFD, Gladstone Library, Burgerville, US Bank, Latus Motors/Harley Davidson, Gladstone Card Room, Baskin-Robbins & Vogies Bar. Most needed food items include: peanut butter, jam, tuna, pasta, rice, chili, corn bread mix, soups, cereal, oatmeal, canned beans, fruits, vegetables & mac & cheese. Donations must be received by Dec. 13, 2017. Families in need of assistance should sign up via Clackamas County's "Compassion in Action" by Dec. 1st at [www.ciacc.org/Donor\\_Application\\_0UFU](http://www.ciacc.org/Donor_Application_0UFU) or by calling 503-632-0562.

## Follow the Star

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Follow the Star free live nativity and holiday musical event is Dec. 1,2,3 and 8,9,10, 2017 at the Gladstone Park Conference Center grounds, 19500 Oatfield Rd., Gladstone. Online tickets have all been reserved, but some tickets will still be available each evening at the door on a first-come basis until the evening's capacity is reached. Doors will open at 5:00 pm on Fridays and 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. For more info visit [www.followthestar.us](http://www.followthestar.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!

## 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](http://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](http://www.fillastocking.org), email us at [info@fillastocking.org](mailto: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](http://www.clackamas.us/socialservices/energy.html) or call the Social Services Division at 503-650-5640

## Shop with a Cop!

The 11th Annual Shop with a Cop! will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017. In 2016, over 135 kids were able to shop with a cop at the Clackamas Wal-Mart store. Many uniformed police officers, deputy sheriffs, and other law enforcement were paired up with the kids, who each were given a \$100 gift card. Interestingly, almost all the kids shopped for their family members first, then themselves! This year we are working to raise enough money so that 150 kids can Shop with a Cop! The entire event is funded with donations, most come from the public and businesses. If you'd like to contribute, you can donate via the Clackamas County Peace Officer's Benevolent Foundation at [www.ccpobf.org](http://www.ccpobf.org) or drop off a donation at the GPD. All donors will receive a tax receipt by mail. 100% of your donation will be used for Shop with a Cop!



## Winter Driving Preparedness: Car Maintenance

Make sure to prepare your vehicle before the winter season begins. The following handy steps will help you ensure that your vehicle is safe to drive during winter weather:

1. Check your brakes, transmission and tires
2. Check that your battery and ignition system is in top condition and that battery terminals are clean
3. Check radiator coolant and sturdiness of hoses and belts
4. Check your anti-freeze and thermostat to avoid freezing
5. Check your windshield wipers and deicing washer fluid
6. Check your headlights, tail and brake lights, blinkers and emergency flasher
7. Check your exhaust system, heater and defroster
8. Check fuel and air filters
9. Check your oil and power steering fluids
10. Properly lubricate door locks that may be prone to freezing



*Our beautiful autumn leaves are falling,  
which means leaf pick-up season has started!*

Public Works schedule our leaf pick-up service with cost effectiveness and efficiency in mind. The schedule below best utilizes public funds reflected in both manpower and equipment hour costs.

We will be picking up your leaf piles within the following date ranges. Please identify the number of your neighborhood area on the map.

- Areas 8 and 1: November 13 – 22
- Areas 2, 3 and 4: November 27 - December 1
- Areas 5 and 6: December 4 – 8
- Areas 7 and 8: December 11- 15

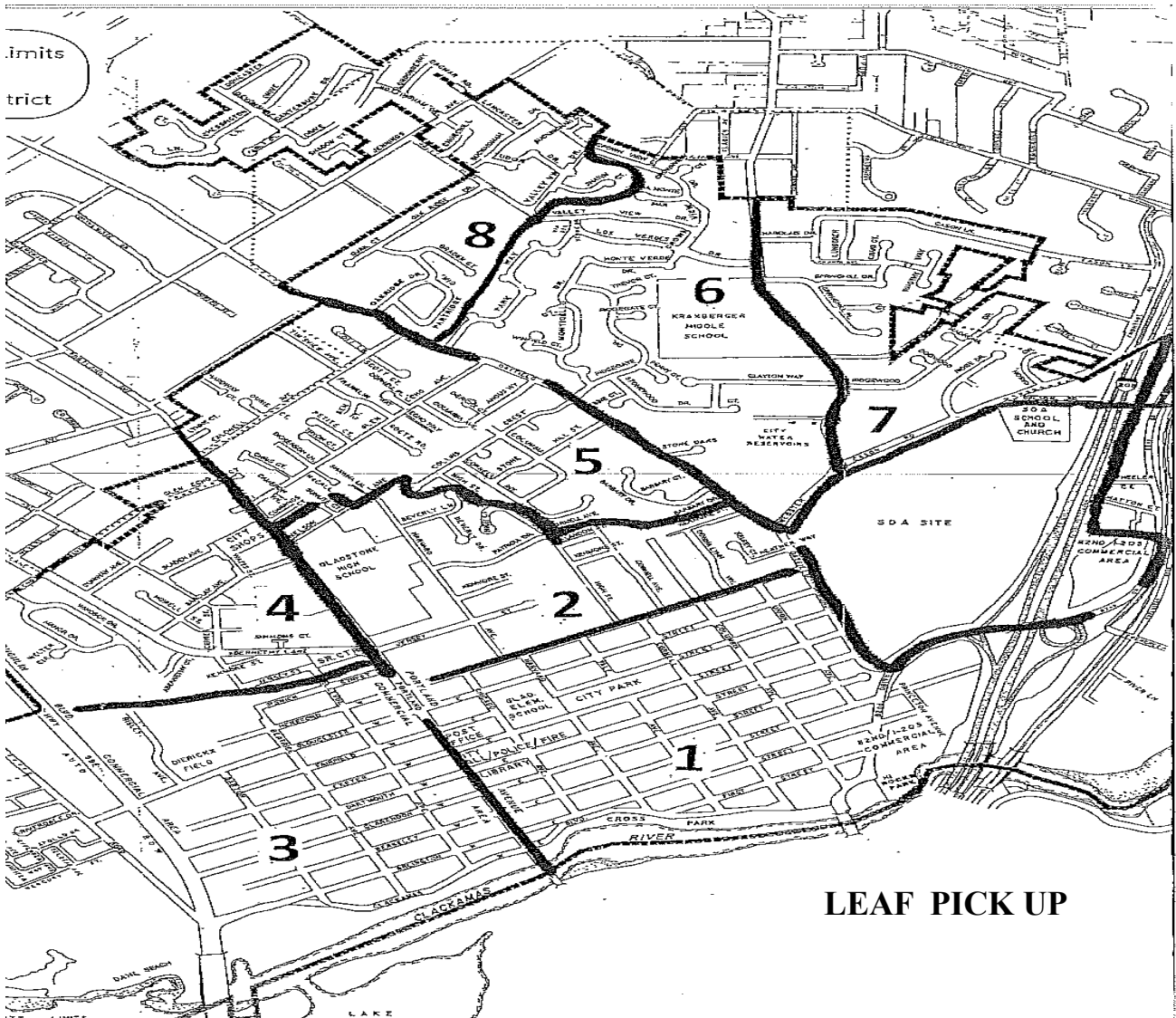
Please have your leaves placed in one large pile in the street, at least one foot from the curb. This extra space between the curb and the leaf pile is to allow water to drain into the city's storm basins.

Please have your leaf pile ready for pick-up by the first day of your area's designated pick-up schedule. While it is important to have your leaves ready for pick-up by the first day on your schedule, please remember that leaves placed in the street too far in advance of leaf pick-up will cause the leaves to wash into our storm drains, increasing the risk of flooding in your neighborhood. The best practice is to put your leaves out for pick-up the day before your area's first scheduled day. The city currently does not have a chipper or a way to dispose of tree limbs, twigs or other green waste, so we ask that you please not mix anything in with your leaves. Public Works always appreciates our citizen cooperation in helping to keep our city streets clean and our storm drains clear of leaves, allowing rain water to drain away from homes and businesses.

Once the public works crew has visited your area, they will not return until the next scheduled pick-up date for your area.

This year's leaf pick-up schedule ends on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. However, for citizens with hardships that prevented them from putting their leaves out during the scheduled city-wide leaf pick-up service, the Public Works crew will pick-up large leaf piles, by request only, between Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. To be considered as a large leaf pile, leaves must be a volume of at least two heaping wheelbarrow loads. Smaller amounts of leaves may be disposed in your yard debris cans. Public Works appreciates everyone's consideration of the cost involved in providing the leaf pick-up service to the community. Working together, we can make this effort as efficient and cost effective as possible.

As always, if you have any questions, please call your Public Works Department at 503 656-7957, or by e-mail to [PWOffice@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:PWOffice@ci.gladstone.or.us). Our office hours are weekdays, from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Thank you and we look forward to serving you!



Halloween Trick or Treat night was a great success. We gave out over 300 books and candy, all donated by the Gladstone Library Foundation. A big thank you for those who shopped at Fred Meyer between July and September. The amount donated totaled \$175.37. If you have a Fred Meyer Rewards card you can piggy back it by going to [www.fmcommunityrewards@fredmeyer.com](http://www.fmcommunityrewards@fredmeyer.com) and signing up. It's an easy way to support our Library. Foundation T-shirts featured at last August's Book Sale are in the library, \$10 each. All proceeds from these and other fundraising events support the library's many programs. As 2017 comes to an end, consider making a donation. Envelopes are available in the library, or call us at 503-260-4786 and we would be happy to send you one. Every little bit helps. 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.gpl-foundation.org](http://www.gpl-foundation.org) for more information.

**Address Numbers on Your Home**

The Gladstone Fire Dept. requests residents please check address numbers placed on the front of their homes. Address numbers need to be 4 inches or larger, have a light for night time hours and stand out in a contrasting color to the home. Their quick response when responding to emergencies is dependent upon them finding your home. Please do your part by placing large, lighted, contrasting numbers on your home!

**Library News**  
The Library will be closed on Monday December 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Day and on Monday January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day

**Programs and Events**  
**Food for Fines**  
During the month of December, earn \$1 off your overdue fines for every nonperishable food item you donate. Lost item replacement costs cannot be waived. Ramen will not be accepted, and each item will be checked for an expiration date.

**Adult Winter Reading Program**  
Begins Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> through the end of winter (March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018)  
Read your way through an Adult Winter Reading bingo card to be eligible for a prize! More information at the Info Desk.

**Foreign Movie Night**  
Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Watch a foreign-language film at the library on the second Monday of every month! We will show a variety of age-appropriate movies with the subtitles on.

**Coffee with a Councilor**  
Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
Come meet a City of Gladstone Councilor for coffee, cookies and conversation. Twice per month, a council member will meet with the public at the library.

**Star Wars Party**  
Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.  
Join us for a showing of The Force Awakens with some Star Wars crafts and snacks. Costumes are encouraged!

**Dungeons and Dragons**  
Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 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, December 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Holiday Open House**  
Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Come get into the holiday spirit and celebrate the season at the library! Refreshments, holiday décor, crafts, games, music.

**Children's Programs**  
**Storytime On Break**  
December 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, and January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>

Storytime will take a break from Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Baby Storytime**  
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Playgroup on the 22<sup>nd</sup> instead of Storytime  
**except December 27<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup> - 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.

**Toddler Storytime** for 18 months to 3 years  
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Playgroup on the 21<sup>st</sup> instead of Storytime

**except December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup> - 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.

**All Ages Storytime**  
Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. No Storytime on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**except December 28<sup>th</sup> and January 4<sup>th</sup> - 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, December 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.  
We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination.

**Art in Action** for elementary and middle school ages  
Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Holiday Open House**  
Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Come get into the holiday spirit and celebrate the season at the library! Refreshments, holiday décor, crafts, games, music.

**Teen Programs**  
**Teen Advisory Group Meeting**  
Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m.  
Come help plan our Star Wars party!

**Star Wars Party**  
Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.  
Join us for a showing of The Force Awakens with some Star Wars crafts and snacks. Costumes are encouraged!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> to February 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Budget & Audit Committee**

There are several positions with expiring terms and vacant positions on both the Budget and Audit Committee. We would like to create a pool of applicants to be approved at the December 12, 2017 City Council meeting. Applications may be downloaded from the City's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us). For additional information, please contact Carolyn Gray at 503.479.6860 or by email at [gray@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:gray@ci.gladstone.or.us).

Due to a clerical error: If you have submitted an application for the Budget Committee since June 2017, please resubmit your application.



**Local Meetings—**

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is December 13th, 2017 from 5-7 at the Gladstone Fire Department 555 P o r t l a n d ave, Gladstone, OR 97267 Please contact Sheldon Penner at 503-516-8618 shel-

don@AmicusData.com or for [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 : 3 0 a . m . V i s i t website at, [www.gladstone-](http://www.gladstone-) [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org).