

# GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## Finding the Good in Government: Fall in Love With Your City.



Last month the City Council and I had a retreat facilitated by LB Day to explore how we could provide effective leadership for the City of Gladstone and defined our desired culture and determine ways to reinforce this culture. We watched a tedtalk by Peter Kageyama called, “for the love of cities”, stating the mutual love affair between people and their

place is one of the most powerful influences in our lives, yet rarely thought of in terms of a relationship.

People do what they love, what they are passionate about, and what engages those leads to happiness. Government is not responsible for legislating happiness but smart communities make it a little more likely to happen by their policy decisions. There are four outcomes from our retreat 1) improve our council meetings, 2) deal with disgruntled citizens better 3) involve the citizens in helping the City, 4) improve the “coffee with the councilor” forum.

Gladstone has been “growing up” the past couple years and for some that is very uncomfortable. We have been working on a Downtown Revitalization Plan, Transportation System Plan, Parks Master Plan, internal technology software upgrades and fiber connectivity among civic buildings, and we launched a new website. That is just a glimpse from our strategic plan, but is a lot of changes for a small community.

In trying to repair relationships- any relationship- we need to understand its history and how we arrived at the current state of affairs. We need to understand what each party needs, start changing behaviors and to recognize that it takes time to build trust. Most importantly we need to spend time educating the public on how money is being spent and listen to what is making you uncomfortable.

Please join us for our annual Town Hall meeting on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Gladstone High School Auditorium (18800 Portland Avenue). You don’t hear “love” being mentioned in council meetings or planning commission meetings- we experience cities emotionally, yet talk about them technically. We need to work on that. Staff and the elected officials are committed to letting people know they matter and want to enhance their experience in Gladstone, perhaps even help them fall in love with their city.

## *GFD— New Captains*




On September 1<sup>st</sup> we were thrilled to swear in two new full-time Fire Department Captains, Kirk Stempel and Tighe Vroman. Kirk has been with Gladstone Fire for 12 years in volunteer/paid-on-call status, serves as our Public Information Officer, is a member of our Dive Rescue team, and has recently served as a temporary day shift Lieutenant. Tighe comes to Gladstone with 16 years of fire service experience, including three years as a Shift Captain with Canby Fire, and has spent the last two years as a critical care flight paramedic with Life Flight. Welcome Captains!

## *Employment Opportunities*

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

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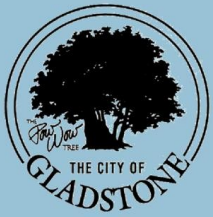


# TOWN HALL MEETING

**WHEN AND WHERE:**  
October 18 6:30 pm  
Gladstone High School  
Auditorium  
18800 Portland Ave.

Join your elected leaders for an interactive discussion on current projects and to ask any questions or to voice any concern.

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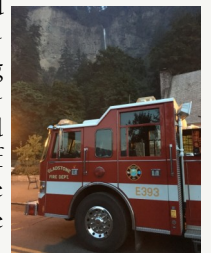


## *Gladstone Fire — Eagle Creek Fire*



On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Eagle Creek Fire was reported in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, and overnight grew to 3000 acres. By day three, with strong winds, the fire exploded to over 20,000 acres. On September 13<sup>th</sup>, Gladstone Fire Engine 393 deployed as part of the Clackamas County task force to help contain the Eagle Creek Fire. The crew consisted of Captain Kirk Stempel, Engineer John Cerda, and Firefight-

ers Austin Krieger and Jacob Lehrbach. Gladstone Fire had the assignment of protecting the Multnomah Falls Lodge during the evening shift which proved to be a very rewarding experience. The Eagle Creek Fire saw 5,230 structures threatened (only 4 were lost), 1,822 people evacuated, and required an Oregon record 30 task forces and strike teams made up of personnel from 83 Oregon fire agencies and 6 Washington fire agencies. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Engine 393 and our Gladstone Fire Department crew returned home safely.



## *Save the Planet - Plant a Tree*

The Friends of Gladstone Nature Park are adding new trees in the Nature Park. Why does the Nature Park need new trees? To provide a privacy buffer between the meadow and the new construction next door. Sponsor a tree for your business, your family, a special occasion, or dedicate a tree to a loved one. Three species are available to choose from: Incense Cedar, Zerbina Western Cedar, and Leyland Cypress, all are \$60 each. Visit the website, [ProtectTheParks.org](http://ProtectTheParks.org), or contact [friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com). FOGNAP is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit so your donation is tax deductible.

## *City Hall Closures/ Council Meeting Cancellation*

City Hall will be closed November 10th, 23 & 24th. The City Council Meeting scheduled for October 24th, 2017 has been canceled.

## Gladstone Fire Dept. Updates—

Get prepared for the Winter with **Fire Prevention Week**. This year fire prevention week is Oct. 8 -14, 2017. This year is really the year of the smoke alarm. "ONLY WORKING SMOKE ALARMS -SAVE LIVES" Get out there and replace those old smoke alarms. If the smoke alarm in your home is 10 years old or older it is time for replacement. For more information about smoke alarms, a simple internet search with the words "smoke alarm" will provide a multitude of informational tips about smoke alarms.

This year as part of fire prevention week, Gladstone Fire Department has selected the Tri-City mobile park community as a location to install new smoke alarms in owner occupied homes. On the last day of fire prevention week Gladstone firefighters will be working side by side with volunteers from our local Rotary club installing new 10 yr smoke alarms in this mobile home park neighborhood.

While the department cannot fund a new smoke alarm for everyone that resides within our City, we do our best to install alarms in homes that are without them and to those homeowners that cannot afford one. Smoke alarms are not cheap, but they are your "Nose at Night". Did you know that your nose does not work while you are

asleep. Many people believe that they will wake-up to the smell of smoke in their home if a fire were to start while they sleep. The facts are your nose does not smell when you are asleep. When people believe they wake up to the smell of smoke -they have actually woken to a sound of some kind, or an indoor pet moving or even a loved one rolling over in the bed. As a sound or movement wakes them, a person might then immediately smell smoke and believe that they wake to the smell of smoke when they are actually awakened by sound or movement. That is why fire prevention folks call your smoke alarm your "Nose at Night".

If you are living in a rented space, there are laws that require the property owner that rents the space to you to provide at least one working smoke alarm in the rental for your protection. Remember it is against the law for you to remove the battery or otherwise disable the smoke alarm that the property owner supplies.

REMEMBER: Fireman Mike says... "Be safe, always keep a working smoke alarm in place."



### Preparing Your Swimming Pool for Winter

Did you know that if chlorinated or saltwater pools are not maintained properly, it could affect the water quality of streams and lakes in our region?

When preparing a pool for winter, remember these three details:

1. Pool water is not stormwater and should not be placed in ditches, street gutters, or storm drains;
2. The same chlorine or salt used in a pool that disinfects water for recreational use has a high concentration of chemicals that negatively impacts stream health and aquatic life; and,
3. There is a safe way to drain or de-chlorinate pool water.

Generally, pool water is safe to drain after waiting five to seven days for the chlorine to evaporate. After that timeframe, slowly release the water into a large, vegetated area so that plants and soil can clean the water before it goes to storm drains and local waterways.

#### I s D i s c h a r g i n g P o o l W a t e r I l l e g a l ?

Pool water is only considered an illegal discharge if the water is chlorinated or "shocked" immediately before draining, or if disposing of it causes environmental damage. In this case, the property owner may receive an illegal discharge violation. Other items that should not go in the storm drain include paint, wash water, gasoline, wastewater, grease and oil, yard waste and leaves, pet waste, and litter. Illegal discharges can be reported to the Gladstone Public Works Department at 503 656-7957, or by e-mailing to [PWOoffice@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:PWOoffice@ci.gladstone.or.us)



### 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.

### 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 [ban-nick@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:ban-nick@ci.gladstone.or.us), call 503-557-2769 or stop by City Hall. Applications must be returned by 5pm on Dec. 5, 2017

## Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

### Chief's Corner

I wanted to express my sincere appreciation for the outpouring of support from the community in regard to the recent passing of one of our employees, Maria Aikin. Maria was dedicated to our community and served every day working to keep Gladstone great. Maria will be greatly missed.

As we transition into Fall and approach the holidays, it is my hope that we take time to appreciate our great community, and express kindness to each other. May this season be enjoyable and safe for all.

**Halloween & Open House:** On October 31st from 5-8pm, Gladstone Fire & Police invite the community to bring their super heroes, ghosts & goblins (no seasonal costume required) to stop by the Fire Station, 555 Portland Ave, for a tour and a piece of candy. Several dedicated police and firefighters will be on hand to welcome you! Hope to see you for a trick or treat! If your trick or treaters are going door-to-door, please see that they: 🚫 have adults accompany them; 🚫 wear light colored clothing short enough to prevent tripping; 🚫 wear see-through masks; 🚫 avoid hard plastic or wooden props; 🚫 add reflectors to costumes; 🚫 carry a flashlight; 🚫 only accept wrapped candy; 🚫 stick to well-lit streets & homes you know; and 🚫 use the sidewalk! HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

**\*Vehicle Safety & End of Daylight Savings Time on Nov. 5th—**As we approach the fall time change (fall back an hour) it's a good time to check your car & make sure it's ready for winter driving—check your tires; your oil, windshield wiper fluid & fill your antifreeze; window scraper, gloves, warm clothing & tire chains in the trunk; headlights & brake lights working; if you travel with a pet do you have an extra blanket, extra food, water & leash? Stay warm, safe and remember—no texting while driving, and remember the new Oregon Cell phone law which went into effect October 1, 2017 – limiting use to a single "touch or swipe" and hands free use only.

**\* School has Started:** School has started which means it's time to remind ourselves of the changes we all need to make to our driving habits. One of the most important things to pay attention to is the speed limit change in school zones. School Zone speed is 20 M.P.H. Pay close attention to pedestrians, stop signs and crosswalks. If you have a new driver in your household it's a good idea to make several "dry runs" of their route to school so they are completely familiar with what to expect. Be ready for all the changes that occur when kids and their families are busy getting out the door to school and work every morning. We want everyone to get to their destination safely and sanely.

### Local Telephone Numbers

*City Hall General Business Line	503-656-5225
*Utility Billing/Water & Sewer Acct Info	503-557-2771
*Municipal Court/Traffic Citations	503-557-2772
*Public Works/City Shops/Maintenance	503-557-2797
*Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2776
*Fire Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-655-8211
*Police & Fire After Hours	503-656-2411
*Library	503-655-7701
*Senior Center	503-557-2769
*Recreation/Business License	503-742-4520
*Planning	503-742-4400
*Building/Electrical/Plumbing Permits	503-479-6859
*Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance	503-655-2777
*Gladstone School District	503-655-2544
*Gladstone High School	503-655-3636
*Kraxberger Middle School	503-656-6564
*Wetten Elementary School	503-656-9426
*Gladstone Disposal Company	503-299-9999
*Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	503-228-6322
*Portland General Electric	503-226-4211
	1-800-934-6489





# SENIOR CENTER GLAD TYDINGS

1050 PORTLAND AVE. GLADSTONE, OR. 97027    OCTOBER 2017

### Ramblings

I believe in the good things coming. So much is changing and it is hard to accept and believe that at times. We at times can be challenged with the harsh lessons of the past. However, there is a reason our eyes are in the front and not the back. Because it's more important to look ahead than to look back. Don't dwell on things in the past, learn from them and keep moving on. October is the start to the Fall season. A time when nature sheds the leaves of old and prepares for the harshness of Winter. But as we all know, Spring is right after Winter presenting us with new found opportunities and chances to go at it one more time. Let's welcome Fall and take this opportunity to shed leaves of our past and move forward. All are welcome to join us as we move forward. With regards-  
Colin Black, Manager

### Important Dates To Remember

**Wednesday, Oct. 18th. 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.-** City of Gladstone Town Hall. Gladstone High School. For more information, please visit: [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us).  
**Thursday, Oct. 19th. 11:30 am-** Please join us for our monthly visit from the Sherwood Forrest Pre-school. Fun and games for all!  
**Thursday, Oct. 26th. 7:00 pm-** Free presentation on the benefits of Long Term Care Insurance. Presented by Michael Rose of the Pixton Law Group.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 31st. 11:30 am-** Join us for the annual Halloween Lunch. Costumes are highly encouraged! Cost is \$3.50 per person. Please RSVP. Thank you!

### Senior Center Book Club

**October 16, 2017-** *SOMEONE* by Alice McDermott. An ordinary life, its sharp pains and unexpected joys. Its bursts of clarity and moments of confusion, lived by an ordinary woman. The magic of McDermott's novel lies in how it reveals us all as fools for this or that, in one way or another.



## Halloween Word Scramble

Unscramble the Halloween words and write the letters in the boxes. Use the letters in the shaded boxes to form a new word that answers the riddle.

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Q. What is a witch's favorite food?


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# October 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	2	3- Rotisserie Chicken With Whipped Potatoes A- Bingo	4- Chicken Pastini With Cut Green Beans A- Bunco S- Safeway	5-Western Beef Goulash With Lima Beans A- Pinochle	6 A- Bridge	7
8	9	10- Kielbasa Sausage With Bun & Baked Beans A- Bingo	11- Ground Beef & Noodles With Cut Green Beans A- Bunco S- Safeway	12- Roasted Pork With Gravy A- Pinochle	13 A- Bridge	14
15	16	17-Chicken Mini Salad A- Bingo	18- Beef Rigatoni With Carrots A- Bunco S- Safeway	19- 1/2 Chicken Salad Sandwich A- Pinochle	20 A- Bridge	21
22	23	24-Braised Beef With Whipped Potatoes A- Bingo	25-Chicken Patty With Honey Mustard A- Bunco S- Safeway	26- Pork and Penne Pasta With Vegetables A- Pinochle	27 A- Bridge	28
29	30	31- Lima Beans and Ham A- Bingo	 <p>Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 11:30 am for a spectacular time! Feel free to dress up in your favorite costume. Cost for the lunch is \$3.50 per person. Please RSVP. Thanks, hope to see you here!</p>			

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)

**OCT 13- Cracker Barrel For Breakfast-** We hear that the breakfast here is amazing, let's find out! After, we'll have some time for shopping nearby stores. LV: 8 am RET: 12 pm FEE: \$ 6.

**OCT 27- 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Thrift Store Shopping-** We'll go to the Salvation Army, Goodwill, and have lunch at Sunny's Diner. LV: 9 am RET: 2 pm FEE: \$6.

**NOV 2- THURSDAY-LAKEWOOD THEATER-TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD-**Dress rehearsal showing. LV: 6:30 pm RET: 10:30pm FEE: \$5.

**NOV 4- SATURDAY- VERBOOT SAUSAGE LUNCH-**Shop the "Country Store", plant sale, tour the church, and buy kraut, sausage, produce. Then the best for last, an all-you-can-eat home-made meal. LV: 9 am RET: 1:00pm FEE: \$22, includes dinner.



### To our October folks, Happy Birthday!!!

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| 10/1 Linda Andrews     | 10/18 Joan Funk      |
| 10/1 Lorraine Thompson | 10/19 Diane DePeel   |
| 10/3 Doralene Leach    | 10/24 Violet Young   |
| 10/4 Melba Means       | 10/25 Carol DePeel   |
| 10/15 Carol Summers    | 10/30 Gary Deierling |



### ROTARY

Every Thursday at 12 pm.  
Come and join us!



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

## New Utility Billing Software/Changes

The City recently converted their utility billing software. With this conversion comes some changes to our billing. **All customers have been assigned new account numbers—please refer to new account number when making payment.** Your billing statement is currently for the two month cycle, your current bill should reflect the date range of 09/01/2017—11/01/2017. Bi-monthly utility bill statements will remain in a postcard format and late notices/shut-off notices will continue to be generated in an 8 1/2" x 11" format. Effective July 1st, all residents are assessed a \$10.00 per billing cycle stormwater fee. Any account not paid by the due date will be assessed a \$7.00 late fee. Payments may continue to be mailed or paid in person at City Hall, by check, cash or credit card (VISA, MasterCard & Discover). Credit card payments may also be made online at <http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/gladstone-online-payments/> or by calling 503-305-9030. You must provide your new utility billing account number when making an online or phone payment and a service charge will be added to your transaction. Prior to completing your transaction you will be advised of the charge. Residents may also request their bi-monthly utility bill to be automatically deducted from their checking or savings account. The authorization agreement for Auto Pay (ACH Debits) may be found on the City's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us) or by stopping by City hall, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm. Funds will be withdrawn on the DUE DATE only for the AMOUNT DUE listed on the billing statement. No alternative payment dates will be available.



## Public Alerts

### Public Alerts

Clackamas County residents may sign up for news and information on major service disruptions/community emergency notifications in the Portland-Vancouver metro area. This is a free service provided by Clackamas County Department of Emergency Management. Visit [www.publicalerts.org/signups](http://www.publicalerts.org/signups) for additional information.

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



**Help Keep Our Parks Clean**—Gladstone is fortunate to have so many civic minded residents who are willing to help make our city such a great place to live! The Public Works Dept. has trash pickers available to check out by anyone interested in helping us keep our parks clean. If you would like to be a part of the trash solution during your daily walks in our lovely parks, please don't hesitate to stop by our Public Works office at 18595 Portland Avenue, M-F, 8am to 3:30 pm to check out a trash kit. We all appreciate everyone's efforts in helping to keep our city clean and green!



## What to Recycle at Home and Work

**YES PLEASE:** Mixed paper, cardboard & cartons: junk mail, office paper, newspapers, magazines, phone books, cereal and cracker style boxes, milk, juice and soup cartons (rinse & drain). Plastic bottles, tubs & buckets: clean bottles and tubs, 6 oz. and larger, plastic buckets 5 gallons or smaller, rigid nursery pots 4" across & larger. Metal cans, foil & scrap metal: clean cans, foil, pie plates & trays; empty spray cans, scrap metal up to 30 lbs and no longer than 30". **NO THANK YOU:** Frozen food boxes, coffee cups, pizza boxes, pet food bags, paper towels, paper plates, napkins & tissue: these contain wet strength, an additive, which

means these items won't break down in the paper making process, causing worker injury and additional labor costs. To-go boxes, cups, plates, clamshells & Styrofoam: these plastics have limited or no demand by manufacturers. **ON THE SIDE:** Glass bottles & jars: clean glass bottles and jars go in SEPARATE recycling container. Motor Oil: recycle motor oil in marked, unbreakable container, not larger than two gallons, with a screw-top lid.



## Lunch Buddy Volunteers needed at John Wetten Elementary

The Lunch Buddy program at John Wetten Elementary School and GCCF matches adult volunteers with elementary students to provide friendship, support and positive role modeling by having lunch and spending special time together at recess.

Nationally, studies of students who meet regularly with a mentor show that:

64% develop more positive attitudes toward school

59% achieve higher grades

46% are less likely to start using illegal drugs

27% are less likely to start drinking

33% are less likely to engage in violence

There are many students waiting for a lunch buddy mentor but not enough volunteers to meet the need. You can choose to meet once weekly or twice monthly. If you are interested, please contact Theresa Schmidt, Volunteer Coordinator at John Wetten Elementary School, at 503-656-6564 or [schmidt@gladstone.k12.or.us](mailto:schmidt@gladstone.k12.or.us).



## 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 13th at 10am & November 27th at 6:30pm. Please come and share your thoughts.



## 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.

## Indoor Water Conservation



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



*Our beautiful autumn leaves will soon be falling, which means leaf pick-up season is coming!*

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 1 and 2:	October 23 - 27
Areas 3, 4 and 5:	October 30 - November 3
Areas 6 and 7:	November 6 - 9
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

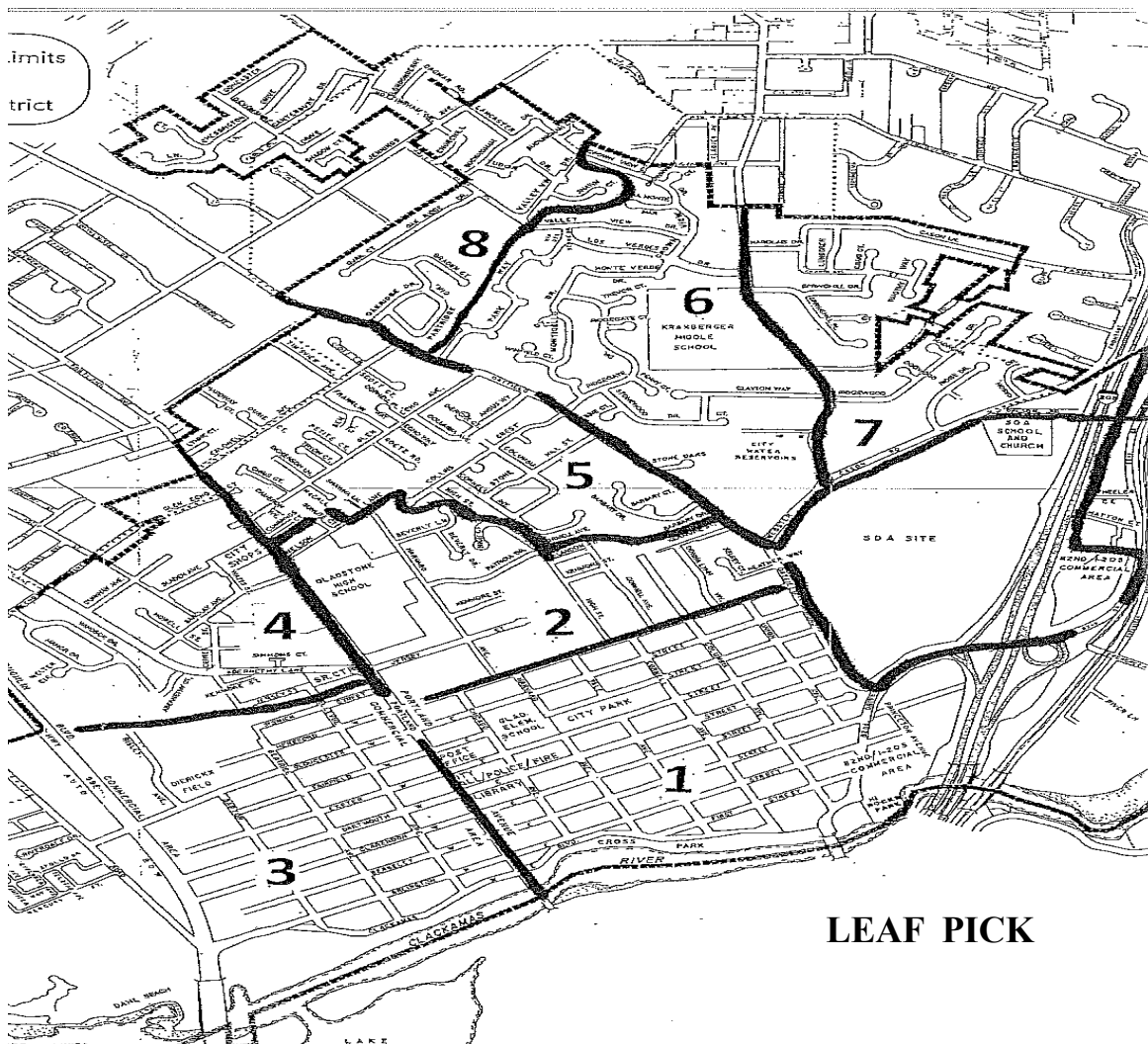
Please have your leaves placed in one large pile in the street, at least one foot from the curb. This extra space between the curb and the leaf pile is to allow water to drain into the city's storm basins.

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!



## WES Seeks 16 Members for New Advisory Committee

We have exciting news to share with you! The Board of County Commissioners has formally approved the new Water Environment Services Advisory Committee (WESAC). In accordance with Clackamas County guidelines, we are now recruiting to fill the 16 available positions, each of which carries a three-year term. The committee will provide input and make recommendations on surface water and wastewater issues to WES and the Board of County Commissioners.

We are looking for people who will represent the WES service area's diverse community and economic development needs, businesses and industry sectors, river health affiliates, and broad customer base. Ideally, members will have experience and/or background in wastewater management, watershed health and restoration, economic development, and surface water.

Members must reside or work within the WES service area, which includes the cities of Gladstone, Happy Valley, Johnson City, Milwaukie, Oregon City, West Linn, and the communities of unincorporated Clackamas County. Committee meetings will be held quarterly in the evenings from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The first meeting will be held in January 2018.

The deadline for applications is October 20, 2017. If you are interested, or know of a strong candidate, please complete an [online application](#) or paper application, which can be obtained from the Department of Public & Government Affairs by calling 503-655-8751. You can also apply in person at the Public Services Building at 2051 Kaen Road in Oregon City.

For more information, email Assistant to WES Director [Lauren Haney](mailto:LHaney@co.clackamas.or.us) at [LHaney@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:LHaney@co.clackamas.or.us) or call 503-742-4591.

### *Latus Motors Events—870 E Berkeley St*

October 14th- Trunk or Treat Bike Show from 12:00pm-2:00pm Family event for kids to trick or treat in a safe environment.

### *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.

### *Veterans Invited to November 9 Event at Gladstone High School*

Veterans or enlisted personnel from any branch of military service are invited to a special event in their honor at Gladstone High School. The event will take place on Thursday, November 9, starting at 10:15 am with a reception in the cafeteria. Honored guests will be treated to a featured speaker and performances by the GHS band and choir in a full school assembly. For information, contact Leslie Robinette at 503-974-5077.

### *Join us for "No Ivy Day"*

October 28th is Gladstone's first annual No Ivy Day. English Ivy is an invasive species that kills trees and blankets the native landscape. Ivy removal restores wildlife habitat and encourages native species regeneration. Join the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park, from 9am to noon. Wear long sleeves and pants. Bring work gloves, water bottle and rain gear. For more information, visit our website at [ProtectTheParks.org](http://ProtectTheParks.org).

### *City Halloween Celebration*

Halloween is just around the corner, and we would like to invite everyone downtown for the celebration! We will have a Pumpkin Lighting Ceremony on the steps of City Hall at 6pm, so bring your carved pumpkin to put on display! The fire department and businesses will be handing out treats, and I've heard rumors of fresh pressed cider. We will have games, photo opportunities, spooky music and lots of fun for everyone. If you would like to help or participate, please contact Mayor Stempel at [TStempel@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:TStempel@ci.gladstone.or.us).

### *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.

### *Save the Date*

- Sunday, October 15, 2017 1:00pm-4:00pm, at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave.

AARP is holding a Driver Safety's CarFit Event. It is a free, interactive and educational program that teaches participants how to make their personal vehicle "fit" them to increase safety and mobility when they hit the road. Call 503-655-7701 to set up your free 20-minute appointment.

### *YOU'RE INVITED*

The Gladstone Baha'i community warmly invites you to attend the celebration of 200th anniversary the birth of Baha'u'llah, founder of the Baha'i Faith. The observance will take place on October 21st from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave. in Gladstone. Dr. Steven Phelps will be the guest speaker. The meeting is free and open to the public. For information call 503-995-8959.

### *Fire Dept. Open House:*

On October 31st Gladstone firefighters will be at the station showing off the fire engines and passing out small treats to those in costume celebrating Halloween. Please note that all people are welcome and encouraged to visit the firefighters and the station during this time. We recognize that many community members do not celebrate this holiday but we would love to have you stop by for a visit to receive some fire prevention materials and a quick tour. Come by and take picture in the fire engine, with your favorite firefighter or maybe even Sparky the fire dog. We will be open from approximately 4pm until about 8pm. Please stay safe. Carry a flashlight after dark. Be careful around excited animals. Stay in groups of family and friends.



### *A NIGHT OF FUN!*



Come join us for a night of fun and LOTS OF CANDY at Gladstone Christian Church's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Trunk or Treat. Join us in our parking lot anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. where there will be decorated cars, trucks, etc. Children can walk from vehicle to vehicle to look at the decorations and receive candy and treats or play a game. This event is a safe family environment for trick-or-treaters of all ages. There will be toasty beverages available for adults as well. We are located at 305 E. Dartmouth St. Call 503-656-3394 if you have any questions.

### *Harvest Carnival*

Tri-City Baptist Temple will be hosting a warm, fun and safe place for children up to 5th grade to come and enjoy games, prizes, blowups and booths on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm. There will be food available to purchase for dinner as well as snacks for everyone. We ask that EACH child bring 2 CANS of food to donate to the food pantry which we distribute to families during the holidays in our local community who are in need. 18025 SE Webster Rd, Gladstone. [www.tcbt.org](http://www.tcbt.org), 503-655-



### *Back Flow Prevention*

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

The Library will be closed on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day, and on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> for Thanksgiving Day

**Programs and Events**

**November is National Novel Writing Month!**

**NaNoWriMo in Motion**

Wednesdays in November, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Come into the library to write your novel! Every Wednesday from 6-8 the downstairs area will be specifically closed off for writers. Let's motivate each other and make it happen! On Wednesday, November 29 snacks will again be available to celebrate the almost end of it all! Use the snacks and fellow writers to push yourself and write the last 1,000... or 5! Time for a celebration! How far did you get?

**Foreign Movie Night**

Monday, November 13<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. November's film will be Schultze Gets the Blues (German, PG.)

**Dr. Who Club**

Thursday, November 16<sup>th</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.

**Dungeons and Dragons**

Monday, November 20<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!

**Rock Readers Book Club**

Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Books can be checked out at the Information Desk.

**Children's Programs**

**Baby Storytime**

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Playgroup on the 22<sup>nd</sup> instead of Storytime  
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  
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>.  
All ages are welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build literacy and language skills.

**Lego Club**

Wednesdays, November 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 p.m.  
We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination.

**Art in Action for elementary and middle school ages**

Wednesdays, November 15<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.

**Teen Programs**

**Teen Advisory Group Meeting**

Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**Teen Creative Collective**

Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.  
All materials & snacks provided by the library.

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

Books on the Bus proved to be such a success last school year that we are continuing the project again. The object is to get children, K-5, interested in reading at an early age. Since last September over 1500 books were placed on the buses. Kids loved them and so did the bus drivers. T-shirts that were on sale at the Book Sale last August can be purchased at the library, \$10 each. All proceeds go to support the Gladstone's Library's many programs. Halloween's just around the corner. We'll be at the library handing out books and candy, Oct. 31, 5-7:30 pm. 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.

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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 November 8th, 2017 from 5-7 at Kiwanis Gladstone/Oak Grove 17502 S E McLoughlin Blvd, 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 9:30 a.m. Visit [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org).  
◆ 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-](http://www.gladstone-)