

GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Finding the Good in Government- Remembering Maria Aikin



By: Acting City Administrator Jacque Betz

Each month you will hear from me as I continue to “look for the good in government”. I was very excited to tell you about the new civic building projects (City Hall and Police Department) this month, but then something unexpected happened: we lost one of our city employees. Maria Aikin passed away on September 4th. My excitement suddenly turned to sadness.



Maria had been employed with the City since 2011. She worked as the administrative assistant for Police Chief Jolley, and Chief Pride. Her position, I believe, is one of the most sought after positions in any municipality. I may be prejudiced, but I can say that, because that is the position I held when I started my career in local government 18 years ago. I envied Maria because she knew everything that was happening in this small town and she was responsible for taking care of the police officers (and usually their significant others). She served as the central communication link between the Chief's office, law enforcement and civilian staff, and the general public. Maria handled administrative procedures such as fiscal, equipment purchase, and staff communication and made recommended improvements. Her position performed confidential

duties for all of the department functions.

Gladstone is a small town and in a time of crisis, we take care of our own. There is no procedure on how to grieve properly and I hope there never is. Maria wanted so much to be part of the new police department, so now my sadness is focused on making sure that happens. Please remember that finding the “good in government” sometimes comes from within, and Maria was our “good in government”. Thank you for your service Maria. You will be missed.

Gladstone Fire Dept. Updates—Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives

The message from the fire department has been the same for years. Only working smoke alarms save lives. Over the years, there have been a number of people and groups that have supported the fire department smoke alarm program. This year **Gladstone /Oak Lodge Rotary Club** has teamed up with Gladstone firefighters in a campaign to install 100 new smoke alarms in a Gladstone neighborhood. The target date for installation is set for fire prevention week this October.

ONLY - Working smoke alarms -save lives.

Remember smoke alarms do not last forever. The effective life of a smoke alarm is 10 years. Even if the alarm still operates when you test it, please replace it after 10 years. Between the 10 year device replace-

ments, you should perform battery testing and replacement. If you have a 10 year battery in your alarm (and you test it Monthly), the battery should last 7-10 years. If you do not manage to test your smoke alarm on a regular basis, the battery should be changed out yearly.



If you own your home and cannot afford a new smoke alarm the fire department program can provide and install one in your home for you. This can be done free of charge to you if you qualify. For those people that reside in an apartment or a rental home laws require your landlord to provide you with at least one working alarm. For any questions contact Michael Funk at 503-557-2775.

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 October 9th at 10am & October 23rd at 6:30pm. Please come and share your thoughts.



Upcoming Council Meetings

Upcoming agenda items include: September 26th: Appointment to Planning Commission and Traffic Safety vacant positions and Work session to Review Roles & Responsibilities of Council liaisons, Committees, Boards & Commissions. October 10th: Ordinance Implementing a Transient Lodging Tax, Purchase Vehicle in Public Works from Replacement Policy and Adopt City Grant Policy, municipal code enforcement amendment- graffiti.

Upcoming GHS Football, Soccer and Volleyball Games

With the start of the new school year, fall sports are in full swing. Come support our Gladstone High School students in one of their upcoming home games.



Varsity Football: September 22nd at 7:00pm vs. Woodburn; October 6th at 7:00pm vs. Madras

Varsity Volleyball: October 3rd at 4:30 & 6:00pm vs. Molalla; October 17th at 6:00pm vs. Estacada



Varsity Boys Soccer: September 25th at 7pm vs. Southridge; September 27th at 4:00pm vs. Creswell; October 10th at 6:30pm vs. Milwaukie; October 24th at 6:30pm vs. Elmira.



Varsity Girls Soccer: September 27th at 4:30pm vs. Madras; September 29th at 4:30pm vs. Crook County; October 11th at 6:30pm vs. Molalla; October 25th at 6:30pm vs. Estacada.

Planning & Permits



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

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New Utility Billing Software/Changes



The City recently converted their utility billing software to Incode/Tyler Technologies. With this conversion comes some changes to our billing. **All customers have been assigned new account numbers—please refer to new account number when making payment.** Also note that due to the software conversion billing dates did not convert correctly. Your billing cycle is currently for the two month cycle, however dates did not reflect correctly on the bill. Your current bill should reflect the date range of 07/01/2017—09/01/2017. Bi-monthly utility bill statements will remain in a postcard format and late notices/shut-off notices will continue to be generated in an 8 1/2" x 11" format. Effective July 1st, all residents are assessed a \$5.00 per month stormwater fee (see stormwater related article on page 5). 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 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.

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.



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!



Public Alerts

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

Local Telephone Numbers

*City Hall General Business Line	503-656-5225
*Utility Billing/Water & Sewer Acct Info	503-557-2771
*Municipal Court/Traffic Citations	503-557-2772
*Public Works/City Shops/Maintenance	503-656-7957
*Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2797
*Fire Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2776
*Police & Fire After Hours	503-655-8211
*Library	503-656-2411
*Senior Center	503-655-7701
*Recreation/Business License	503-557-2769
*Planning	503-742-4520
*Building/Electrical/Plumbing Permits	503-742-4400
*Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance	503-479-6859
*Gladstone School District	503-655-2777
*Gladstone High School	503-655-2544
*Kraxberger Middle School	503-655-3636
*Wetten Elementary School	503-656-6564
*Gladstone Disposal Company	503-656-9426
*Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	503-299-9999
*Portland General Electric	503-228-6322
*Northwest Natural Gas	503-226-4211
*Comcast Cable	1-800-934-6489



TOWN HALL MEETING



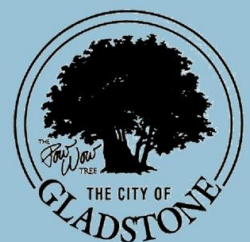
WHEN AND WHERE:

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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SENIOR CENTER

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1050 PORTLAND AVE. GLADSTONE, OR. 97027 SEPTEMBER 2017

Ramblings

School is back in session, Autumn is almost here, and before we know it we'll be singing holiday jingles. Time can pass fast, sometimes too fast. Everything changes but some things remain the same. The Senior Center is one thing that will always remain the same while changing a little. What remains is our commitment to enhancing the lives of seniors; what changes is how we do that. We are continuing our work on improving our services and programs. We still need your input though. This is your Senior Center. Let us know how to make it better & we'll take it from there! Come join us, we have a great group of people here! I hope to see you soon.

~Colin Black, Gladstone Senior Center Manager

And the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep and Autumn was awakened. -Raquel Franco

Important Dates To Remember

Thursday, September 14, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm - The annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Thanks to the generous support of the Gladstone Seniors Foundation, this lunch will be free for everyone in attendance.

Wednesday, September 27, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm - The Senior Center will be hosting its' annual Flu-Shot Clinic in partnership with Walgreens. For more information on cost and insurance, please contact the Senior Center.

Senior Center Book Club

September 18, 2017 - *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal. When Lars Thorvald's wife, Cynthia, falls in love with wine, and a dashing sommelier, Lars is left to raise their daughter alone. Lars passes on his love of cooking to his daughter, setting her on a course to become a star chef. Each chapter tells the story of a single dish and character. This is an unexpected mother-daughter story about the bittersweet nature of life.



Brain Teasers! Helps keep the brain sharp!

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3. BUR	4. THUMBS THUMBS THUMBS THUMBS THUMBS THUMBS ...
5. TEEF FEET TEEF	6. FAMILY SHEEP
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9. TIME a b d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z	10. DAYSALLWORK

Did you know?

Did you know that the Senior Center wouldn't be able to operate without the generosity of our excellent volunteers? Volunteers deliver meals, help serve lunch, wash dishes, and work the front desk. If it were not for them, we couldn't do it. If you have time and are willing, we would appreciate the help! We are currently looking for a dishwasher. This volunteer position would help out 1-2 times a week for about 2 hours. Lunch is always included for our volunteers! So if you are interested, please give us a call. Thank you! (503) 655-7701

Free Chair Exercise Class Tuesday & Thursday

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



VOLUNTEER



September 2017

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Menu Legend: A= Activity S= Service			Salad Bar offered Tuesday through Thursday at no additional cost.			2
3	4 Senior Center Closed for Labor Day	5- Breaded Fish and Tartar Sauce A- Bingo S- Fred Meyers	6- Teriyaki Chicken and Rice S-Safeway A-Bunco	7- Kielbasa Sausage on a Bun A-Pinochle	8 A-Bridge	9
10	11	12- Pork Choppie with Gravy A- Bingo	13- Orange Glazed Chicken S-Safeway A-Bunco	14- 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Lunch A-Pinochle	15 A-Bridge	16
17	18	19- Pork Sausage with Gravy on a Biscuit A- Bingo S-Walmart	20- Chicken Pomodoro S-Safeway A-Bunco	21- Meatloaf and Gravy A-Pinochle	22 A-Bridge	23
24	25	26- Roasted Turkey and Potatoes A- Bingo	27- Chicken Tetrzini S-Safeway A-Bunco	28- S&S Chicken and Brown Rice A-Pinochle	29 A-Bridge	30

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)



September 15- HIKE & PICNIC- SCOUTER'S MOUNTIAN- We'll bring all of the fixings for burgers and you bring a side dish and dessert to share! LV: 9:00 am RET: 1:00 pm FARE: \$10

September 22- OYSTER BAR FOR LUNCH AND OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY- Lunch at the historic Dan and Louis Oyster Bar. Afterwards, we'll go to visit the exhibit "High Hopes"- The journey of JFK at the Oregon Historical Society. LV: 10:15 am RET: 3:00 pm FARE: \$ 17

September 29- BARLOW TRAIL DRIVE AND PICNIC Rescheduled Trip- Sorry, but this trip is full.

October 6- DRY CREEK FALLS- The last hike of the year! Join us for a beautiful hike and bring a sack lunch! We'll get the coffee and water, you just bring your lunch. After the hike, we'll get ice cream at the drive in in Cascade Locks. LV: 9:00 am RET: 3:00 pm FARE: \$ 7

To our September folks, Happy Birthday!!!

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| 9/10 Donna Travis | 9/16 Elhora Gipson |
| 9/10 Mary Adams | 9/19 Irene Champion |
| 9/10 Peggy Buttoph | 9/21 Barbara Gross |
| 9/10 Leona Stinson | 9/23 Laura Routson |
| 9/14 Jane Eliersen | 9/25 Joe Ellerby |



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!



Gladstone New Stormwater Program: What You Need to Know

Introduction:

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

Stormwater Utility Provides Resources to Solve the Problem:

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

Keeping Services Affordable:

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

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):

What is stormwater?

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

What's wrong with Gladstone's stormwater system?

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

How is the stormwater problem being solved?

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

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

How much is the stormwater fee?

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

How is the stormwater fee calculated?

The average single-family residence in Gladstone has about 3,000 square feet of impervious surface area, the hard area on a property that prevents water

from going into the ground and therefore increases stormwater runoff. 3,000 square feet of impervious surface area represents an equivalent residential unit (ERU) which is charged at \$5 per month. Commercial and other non-single family residential accounts are charged \$5 per ERU or 3,000 square feet of impervious area.

How will the City use the money?

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

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

More than 40 other Oregon communities charge a separate stormwater fee. For a single family residential home owner, the service charges in the region range from \$26.59 in Portland to \$9.35 in Oregon City (2015 rates).

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

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

When will customers receive their first stormwater bill?

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

What is a Stormwater System Development Charge?

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

Learn more:

Jim Whynot, Public Works Director
whynot@ci.gladstone.or.us / 503-656-7957

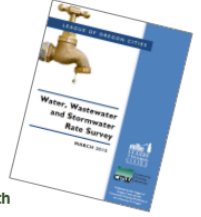
Gladstone's Utility Rates

Our rates are some of the lowest in the region. Rate increases will provide the revenue to start proactively maintaining and improving our vital infrastructure.

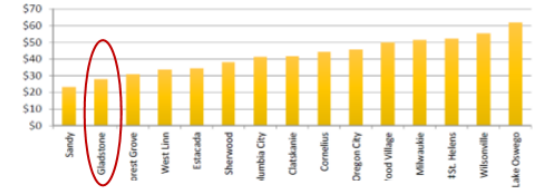
Stormwater average monthly household payment:

City	Rate
Milwaukie	\$19.39
Oregon City	\$ 9.65*
Oak Lodge	\$ 8.00*
West Linn	\$ 6.46*
Gladstone	\$ 5.00*

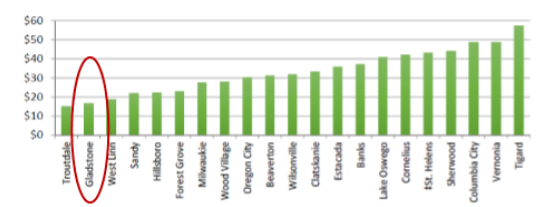
*2017 rates



Wastewater bill for 5,000 gallons per month



Water bill for 5,000 gallons per month



Gladstone's New Stormwater Program

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Gladstone's New Stormwater Program

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= \$5 per month*



= \$5 per month* per 3,000 square feet of impervious surface area

*Through June 30, 2018, then phased in \$10 per month.

How will the City use the money?

The money will enable the Public Works Department to proactively maintain, repair, and replace failing infrastructure.

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Gladstone's New Stormwater Program

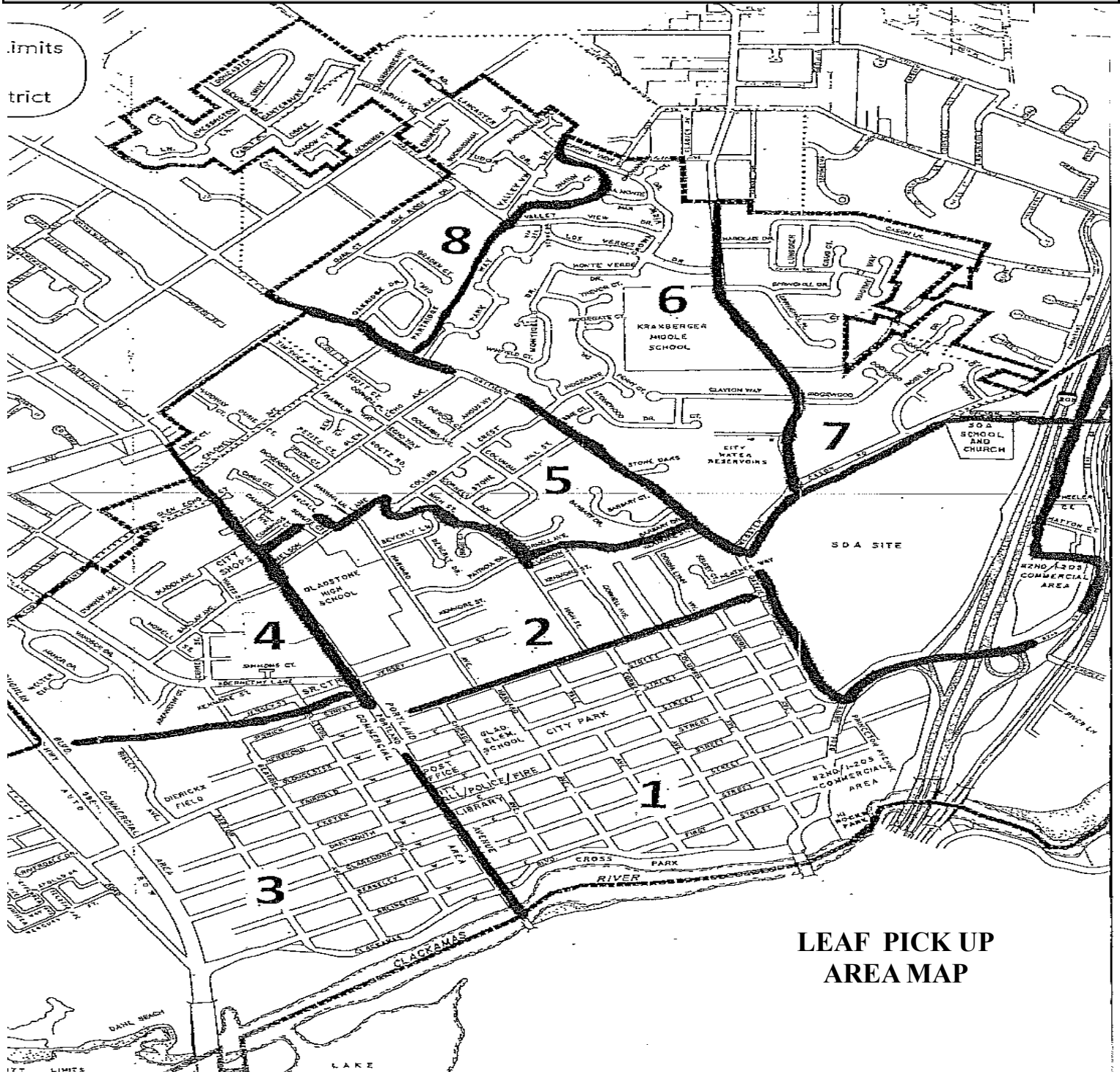
Leaf Pick-up Schedule

Our beautiful autumn leaves will soon be falling, which means leaf pick up season is coming! In an effort to best utilize public funds, the Public Works Dept. has slightly changed the leaf pick up schedule this year. It is our hope this new scheduling method will allow us to cover our leaf pick up areas in the most cost effective manner, saving your dollars in both manpower and equipment hour costs. We will be picking up leaves within the date ranges above. Please identify your neighborhood area on the map above. 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 leaf pile allows water to drain into the city's catch basins. Please have your leaf pile ready for pick up on the first day of your area's designated pickup date. Leaves placed in the street too far in advance will cause leaves to wash into storm drains, increasing the risk of flooding. Put leaves out the day before your area's first scheduled day. The City does not have a chipper or a way to dispose of tree limbs or twigs, so please do not mix anything in with your leaves. Public Works always appreciates our residents' cooperation in assisting to keep our city streets clean and our catch basins clear of leaves, allowing water to drain away from homes & businesses. Once our crews have visited your area, they will not return until the next scheduled pick up date for your area. The year's pick up schedule ends December 16th. December 19th—January 13th, the public works crew will do large pile pick up. This post-season pick up will be by request only for citizens with hardships that prevented previous pick up. Large leaf piles must be at least two heaping wheel barrow loads. Smaller amounts may be placed in your yard debris cans. If you have any questions, please call your Public Works Dept at 503-656-7957 Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Thank you and we look forward to serving you!

2017 LEAF PICK UP PROGRAM

Area	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Oct.	23—27	23—27	30	30	30			
Nov.	13—22	27—29	1—3 27—29	1—3 27—29	1—3	6—9	6—9	13—22
Dec.		1	1	1	4—8	4—8	11—15	11—15

For a large pile pick up in January—call Public Works at 503-656-7957. Schedule and complete map may also be found at www.ci.gladstone.or.us



Gladstone Fire — Called to Action



On August 21st, Gladstone Fire Department was activated as part of the conflagration response team for the Milli Fire in Sisters, Or. Gladstone was assigned to a strike team consisting of Boardman, Umatilla, Hermiston, and LaGrande Fire Departments, as well as the Kingsley Air Base team. GFD's primary duties were the survey and prep of the homes within the level 2 or 3 evacuation areas of the Cross Roads and Toll Gate residential developments. At the time that we were deployed, the fire sat at 12,000 acres with 0% contained. Gladstone Fire prepped over 200 homes being proactive just in case the fire overtook the structures. Thankfully, the fire moved away from these developments. The teams that were deployed with us all worked very hard and

we were successful in their mission. We were demobilized on August 24th

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.



Low Income Discount for Water/Sewer Bills

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

Sidewalks & Clear Vision

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

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.

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. 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!



Save the Date

Saturday October 21st 7pm, at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave.

Please join us in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Baha'u'llah, the Founder of the Baha'i Faith. There will be a short talk, music and light refreshments. Communities around the world will be celebrating this historic event. Our local event is sponsored by the Baha'is of Gladstone and is free. All ages are welcome.

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.

DriveHealthy Campaign Launches

A new campaign supported by AAA Oregon/Idaho, ODOT, LifeSaver and the Oregon State Police is designed to help reduce the incidence of distracted driving in Oregon by a little friendly competition. Using the LifeSaver app on their smart phones, drivers are scored based on attempted phone use while a vehicle is in motion. Less phone use equals a higher score. Over time, drivers can improve their score and see where they stack up compared to other drivers and organizations.

Take Note—School Has Started!



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

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.



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Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

Foreign Movie Night

Monday, October 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
Watch a foreign film at the library on the first Monday of every month. A light, subtitled film will be shown. There will be popcorn! Call or visit the library, or check our website, for more details.

Coffee with a Councilor

Mondays, October 9th at 10:00 a.m., and October 23rd at 6:30 p.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.

Dungeons and Dragons

Monday, October 16th 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, October 17th at 6:30 p.m.
Books can be checked out at the Information Desk.

Dr. Who Club

Thursday, October 19th 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.

Nanowrimo Kick-off party!

Wednesday, October 25 at 6 pm
Always wanted to write a novel, but have needed the motivation? Now is the time! Come at 6pm for our Nanowrimo (National Novel Writing Month) kickoff party. We will answer any questions you have regarding Nanowrimo, help you get signed up, brainstorm plot

lines, and get inspired! Snacks and fun will be provided! Everyone is welcome.

Children's Programs

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
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.
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.
All ages are welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build literacy and language skills.

Lego Club

Wednesdays, October 11th and 25th at 3:30 p.m.

We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination.

Art in Action for elementary

and middle school ages
Wednesday, October 18th 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.

Harvest Festival

Monday, October 30th, at 3:30 p.m.

Join us for some fall themed fun with snacks, crafts, and activities for the whole family. Come dressed up and enter our costume contest too!

Trick or Treat!

Tuesday, October 31st
The Library Foundation will be giving out books to trick-or-treaters on Halloween evening.

Teen Programs

Teen Advisory Group Meeting

Friday, October 6th at 4:00 p.m.

Teen Video Game Tournament

Friday, October 13th at 6:00 p.m.
Come join us for another round of Super Smash Bros against all your friends, after hours at the library! We'll have board games and more video games while you wait between rounds, plus prizes for the winner!

Teen Creative Collective

Thursday, October 26th at 5:00 p.m.
This month we'll be experimenting with electronics & engineering kits, so if you're interested in STEM, this is the event for you! We'll have a variety of different kits set up for teens in the 6th-12th grades to try out!

Zombie Walk

Saturday, October 28th at Dusk
Join the shuffling corpses and invade downtown Gladstone for our Annual Zombie Walk! Arrive early at 4:00 to get your face painted like a zombie. There will be pizza and a movie shown, with the walk happening afterward, at sunset.

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Audit Committee

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

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

Local Meetings—

◆ The next **Gladstone Business Owners & Managers** meeting is Wednesday, October 11th from 5-7pm at Gladstone City Hall, 525 Portland Avenue. Please contact Sheldon Penner at sheldon@AmicusData.com or

503-516-8618 for additional information.
◆ The **Gladstone Historical Society** is looking for new members! They meet the 2nd Saturday of each month from noon-1pm at Somerset Community Room, 8360 Cason Rd. For info, check out their website at, www.gladstone-historicalsociety.org. Guests always welcome! Old photos of the community and new ideas are needed.
◆ Take Off Pounds Sensibly! **TOPS #579** (Gladstone) meets at St. Stephen Church, 290 W Gloucester, Friday at 9:30 a.m. Visit www.tops.org.

City Hall—525 Portland Ave
Police Department—535 Portland Ave
Fire Department—555 Portland Ave
Public Works/City Shops—18595 Portland Ave
Senior Center—1050 Portland Ave
Library—135 E. Dartmouth St.

CITY MEETINGS:

***City Council**—2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary) - 6:30 pm—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