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Investing in Gladstone's Water Infrastructure

Stormwater fees are increasing for 2018-19. Our regional water and sewer treatment providers have also increased their rates.

Gladstone's elected leaders are committed to catching up on infrastructure needs to maintain the health and long-term vibrancy of our City. Water, sewer, and stormwater systems are in poor condition due to long deferred maintenance and lack of timely replacement of failing infrastructure. We need to make investments to maintain reliable service and protect the health of our community.



Stormwater Rate Increases

In 2017, Gladstone took steps to address longstanding deficiencies in the City's stormwater infrastructure by introducing a new stormwater fee. In its first year, the new fee has begun to pay for maintenance equipment and staff, allowing the City to keep existing pipes and catchments clean and functional.

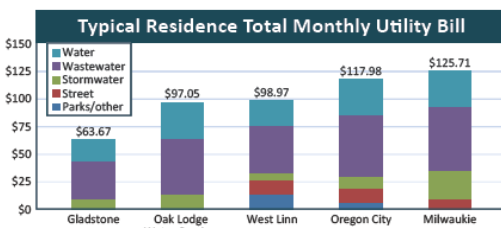
There is still work to be done. During storms, rainwater enters sewer pipes and mixes with untreated sewage. The combined sewage/stormwater then overflows onto local streets and into local streams. To meet regulatory requirements, we will need to invest in improvements that keep stormwater out of the sewer system.

The new stormwater fee is being phased-in. In the first year, households paid \$5 per month. The fee is now increasing to \$10 per month, still one of the lowest fees among peer communities.

Increased Costs from Our Regional Water and Sewer Providers

Gladstone partners with regional providers that provide safe, treated drinking water and treat our wastewater to protect streams and rivers. Our regional water and sewer providers have increased their rates. Those rates are included in your utility bill, but the funds get passed through to the regional providers to pay for maintenance and operations of their water and wastewater treatment facilities.

The average combined residential water and sewer bill will increase around \$6 in 2018. The amount depends on which sewer treatment provider area you are in. The typical household bill will increase from \$57.69 to \$63.67 per month. **Even with the increase, Gladstone's water and sewer rates are low compared to neighboring communities.**



Gladstone's very low water, sewer and stormwater rates don't provide the funds needed to keep our systems operating reliably

Monthly bill is for a typical single family home based on July 2018 rates.

What does your monthly utility bill pay for?

Safe Drinking Water Delivered to Your Home

- ✓ Clackamas River drinking water filtration to provide clean, healthy water (service provided by North Clackamas County Water Commission)
- ✓ Drinking water delivered to your home (pipes, pumps, reservoirs)
- ✓ Fire protection (water hydrants)

Wastewater Removed from Your Home and Treated

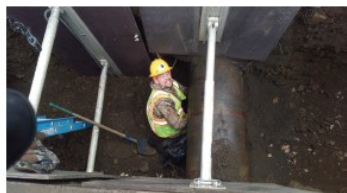
- ✓ Wastewater treatment to protect our rivers (service provided by regional sewer treatment providers)
- ✓ Wastewater removed from your home (pipes, pumps)

Stormwater Managed to Protect Homes and Rivers

- ✓ Maintain stormwater system to keep pipes and catchments clean and functional
- ✓ Future investments will keep stormwater out of the sewer system, reducing flooding and keeping rivers and stream clean



City crews on the scene replacing a leaking water pipeline. An aging line had been repaired three times in the past and needed to be replaced.



City Crews digging up an abandoned pump station and poorly installed sewer pipeline. The City recently updated its codes to make sure infrastructure being built today is easy to maintain and will last.



City crews using their new "Vector" truck to clean out catch basins and keep water flowing (above photo). Otherwise, catch basins and pipes become clogged with dirt, trash and debris (inset photo).



Have questions about investments we are making in our water, sewer and stormwater utilities? More information is available on the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us

Investing in Gladstone By City Administrator Jacque Betz



I remember attending the Gladstone Town Hall in October 2016 and listening to the numerous questions from citizens regarding our infrastructure; the flooding, the water, the sewer, our clogged drains; when are we going to do something about it? We stated that the investment in our infrastructure depended on the ability to pay for it and alluded to the fact that there will be rate increases in water and sewer and the addition of a new stormwater fee. The citizens of Gladstone have enjoyed low rates for many years but along with that, there was very little, to no investment in the infrastructure. It is more cost effective to go at it steadily over time, rather than to not do anything until the system fails, and then requires extraordinary capital outlay, which is where we find ourselves, currently.

In 2017, the stormwater fee was approved as a phased-in approach. The first year, households paid \$5 per month, and the second year (beginning July 1st) the fee increased to \$10 per month. It is still one of the lowest fees among our peer communities. Implementing and increasing rates are tough policy decision and staff appreciates that we have a Council that supports our recommendations. We have already made great strides in improving the livability in Gladstone. Paralleling these tough decisions we have also promised improved accountability and that is what we are providing you in this informative brochure entitled *Investing in Gladstone's Water Infrastructure*.

Thank You and Good Luck Chief Tom O'Connor!



Chief Tom O'Connor accepted a Division Chief position with the City of Vancouver Washington Fire Department and will be leaving Gladstone August 14th. It has been an extreme pleasure working with Chief O'Connor, who began his time with the City in early 2016.

In the past two and half years he has brought about significant change in the Fire Department notably-

1. Adopting the City of Gladstone Fire department performance criteria for turnout time, distribution, and concentration as recommended by ESCI (Standard of Coverage).
2. Administering the SAFER Grant from the Department of Homeland Security for additional fire department personnel.
3. Completing a successful hiring process for three new Captain positions.
4. Creatively thinking outside the box to rent an apartment as "overnight quarters" for members of the Gladstone Fire Department to help establish 24-7 coverage.
5. Assuring The Gladstone Fire Department is adequately represented at community events and promoting an Excellent Employee Recognition Program, and finally
6. Completing the Gladstone Fire Department Strategic Plan.

Tom, we thank you for your dedicated service in Gladstone and wish you the best of luck in Vancouver!

Jacque M Betz, City Administrator

City Office Closures

Gladstone City offices will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2018 in observance of Labor Day

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Farewell from Fire Chief Tom O'Connor

As some of you may have already heard, I will be leaving Gladstone Fire Department this month to take a position as Special Operations Division Chief with the City of Vancouver Fire Department in Washington State. I have no doubt that Interim Fire Chief Jeff Smith will provide experienced, stable leadership over the coming months, and we have worked hard to make sure Gladstone Fire is well positioned for this transition. It has truly been an honor to serve as Fire Chief and a member of the department head team for the City of Gladstone.

In early 2016 I was thrilled to be offered the position of Gladstone Fire Chief, an amazing opportunity to lead a tremendous group of firefighters in one of the last small city fire departments in the Portland area. Though I was brought in from the outside to help implement change, I understood that respecting Gladstone Fire Department history and tradition was an important component of any upgrades that needed to be made. After two-and-a-half years, I couldn't be more proud of the firefighters and fire officer corps at Gladstone Fire for embracing change, modernizing agency training and operations, and significantly upgrading the service level to our citizens. Gladstone now has the fastest response time standards of any fire department in Clackamas, Multnomah, or Washington County, and you can expect to see our highly trained firefighters and emergency medical technicians arrive within four to six minutes after you call 911, often times even faster. We have redeployed our personnel for in-station, 24 hour coverage and put a highly trained Captain supervisor on duty round-the-clock. Within our existing personnel and fiscal constraints, every organizational decision we make is viewed through the lens of improved service delivery.

It is also important when we are spending taxpayer dollars that decisions are made in the full light of day, "transparency in government" if you will. If you want to know details and rationale for the changes made at Gladstone Fire Department, the following three documents on the fire department page of the City of Gladstone website are must reads:

2017 Fire Department Survey Update and Service Delivery Analysis

2017 Community Risk Assessment: Standards of Cover

2018-2023 Gladstone Fire Department Strategic Plan

Guided by a consultant, many members of Gladstone Fire worked tirelessly to craft these documents and I can assure you, in my 25 years in the fire service, these are the highest quality small fire department analysis and planning documents I've ever seen. Though the titles may not be exciting, the content absolutely is, and by reading them you will learn everything you wanted to know and more about YOUR fire department.

If you have any questions about Gladstone Fire Department, please contact Interim Fire Chief Jeff Smith by phone at 503-557-2790 or via e-mail at smith@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Sidewalks and Clear Vision

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

Should you be Collecting and Remitting the Transient Lodging Tax?

Are you renting your property for less than 30 days at a time?

Is your property located in the Gladstone City Limits?

If so, as a homeowner you are responsible for collecting and remitting a Transient Lodging Tax.

Please visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/gladstone-implements-transient-lodging-tax> for the remittance form along with more information regarding the Transient Lodging Tax.

Curfew

According to Gladstone Municipal Code, Chapter 9.16.040, It is unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen (18) years who is not emancipated pursuant to ORS [419B.550](#) to [419B.558](#), to be in or upon any street, highway, park, alley, public right of way, or other public place between the hours specified in this section unless such minor is accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person twenty-one (21) years of age or older and authorized by the parent or by law to have such care and custody of the minor, or unless such minor is then engaged in an authorized school activity or lawful employment that makes it necessary to be in or upon such public place during the hours specified in this section. The curfew is between 11:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. of the following morning.

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/>.

Heat Related Illness

With all this hot weather it is very important to recognize the signs and symptoms of heat related illness.

HEAT EXHAUSTION: Heavy sweating; cold, pale and clammy skin; fast, weak pulse; nausea or vomiting; muscle cramps; tiredness or weakness; dizziness; headache; or fainting.

WHAT TO DO FOR HEAT EXHAUSTION: Move to cool place; loosen your clothes; put cool, wet cloths on your body; sip water.

Get medical help right away if: You are throwing up, symptoms get worse, or your symptoms last longer than 1 hour.

HEAT STROKE: High body temperature (103 degrees F or higher); hot, red, dry, or damp skin; fast, strong pulse; headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion; losing consciousness.

WHAT TO DO FOR HEAT STROKE: Call 911 right away- heat stroke is a medical emergency! Move the person to a cooler place; help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath; do not give the person anything to drink.

If you must be out on these hot days, pace yourself, take lots of breaks, and drink plenty of water or sports drinks.

Summary of Approved Code Changes

At the July 10th 2018 City Council Meeting, your City Council approved the following changes to Chapter 10.04-Traffic Regulations, of the Gladstone Municipal Code. The changes are effective August 10, 2018

10.04.205 Restricts vehicle sales, vehicle repair or vehicle servicing businesses from parking vehicles on the public street while in their custody or control. Vehicles parked in the street immediately adjacent to the business are exempt. This was a minor modification which changes the penalty from \$25 to \$90.

10.04.230(g)(A) This section has been eliminated which removes the exception for Inadequate Off Street Parking which allowed for vehicles to be stored on the street indefinitely because language was unenforceable.

10.04.230(g)(H) Reduces the duration an RV or RV trailer is allowed to park on the street in front of the owners residence from 14 days to 72 hours.

10.04.230(j) Prohibits the parking of trailers not attached to a vehicle on the public right of way.

10.04.230(k) Prohibits the parking of any vehicle on the public right of way with expired registration.

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! **Coffee with a Councilor meets once a month at the Senior Center.** Meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month alternating between 9:30am and 6:30pm. The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2018 at 6:30pm.



Code Enforcement Procedures

Code Enforcement strives to maintain community safety and neighborhood livability through the use of various municipal codes. The goal is to gain voluntary compliance through education and assistance. If voluntary compliance cannot be achieved, civil or criminal penalties may be imposed on the violator.

The City of Gladstone encourages all its citizens to be good neighbors by taking pride in keeping their properties and neighborhoods safe and well-maintained. Below you will find information related to how our program works.

FILING A COMPLAINT: To file a complaint, you can call the Community Service Officer at 503-557-2763, or submit a Code Enforcement Complaint Form. The Code Enforcement Complaint Form is available at the Gladstone Police Department or on the City of Gladstone website.

INVESTIGATING A COMPLAINT: Upon receipt of a complaint the Community Service Officer will perform an onsite inspection to determine if a violation exists. If it is determined that a violation does exist, the property owner or person in charge of the property will be notified of the violation.

NOTIFICATIONS: The notification will consist of a Code Violation Notice which may be delivered by personal contact, posted on the property or via US Mail. Some minor violations may receive a verbal warning. All Code Violation Notices contain a compliance date. If the violation is not corrected by the compliance date a citation will be issued. In certain situations, such as health or safety matters, or repeat violations, there may be no notification and a citation may be issued. If the property owner or person in charge of the property can demonstrate a good faith effort to correct the violation but are unable to meet the compliance deadline they may request an extension.

CITATION: If a code violation is not remedied during the notification process, the property owner or person in charge of the property may be issued an Oregon Uniform Citation. Citations can be issued daily for each violation. Once this citation is issued, the person receiving the citation is required to appear in court on the date given on the citation. If after judicial proceedings a defendant is found to be guilty of violating the municipal code, the judge may impose a civil penalty, similar to a fine.

FIX IT TICKET PROGRAM: When someone receives a citation they may also receive a fix it ticket form. If you have not received a citation for the same violation in the previous 12 months you are eligible for this program. Correct the violation prior to the court date and request a follow up inspection by the Community Service Officer. Once compliance is verified and the form has been signed off the responsible person can pay a \$25.00 administrative fee for each violation in place of the fine.

ABATEMENT: If the violations are not corrected and the property owner or person in charge of the property are found guilty on the citations that have been issued, the City may post the property with a Notice to Abate. At the end of the ten (10) day period, the City may enter the property, with judicial approval, to remove, or abate, the violations. Once the abatement is completed, the property owner will be billed for the associated costs. If after 30 days of billing the abatement costs are not paid, the City may place a lien on the property to recover the cost of abatement.

It is the goal of the Gladstone Police Department to assist the City and our citizens in enhancing livability in our community. Together, we can continue to make Gladstone "a vibrant place for people to live, work and play."

Gladstone burn ban update:



Please watch the city's website to see when the ban is lifted. You can most likely expect the burn ban to continue through August and into September. Burn bans are all about ground fuel moisture. Even with a little rain or moisture you should not expect the burn ban to lift. Our fire safety will require substantial rainfall before our current fire conditions

change. While we all understand that there is no open flame allowed please remind any of our smoking friends to be ultra cautious as well. Never flick your ashes from a moving car window. Be sure that all discarded "butts" are placed in proper disposal containers only. It is currently an unsafe practice to simply discard the burning end on the ground and step on it to extinguish. Even the act of dropping an active cigarette in the grass or bark dust during current extreme conditions is enough to cause a smoldering fire.

SAFETY TIPS For Outdoor Cooking:

- ☞ Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- ☞ Cooking grills should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- ☞ Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- ☞ Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- ☞ Never leave your grill unattended.
- ☞ Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS:

- ☞ There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- ☞ If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- ☞ Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- ☞ There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- ☞ When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Please take a moment to glance at the City website for more information about burning. Many materials are prohibited from burning year around in Gladstone.

Remember- Clackamas County -(including Gladstone) is currently under extreme fire conditions. There is a burn ban in place that prohibits all outdoor burning at this time. **NO OPEN FLAME ALLOWED.**

Stay safe, drink lots of water whenever the sun shines, and contact your local fire department with any questions regarding open burning or the current BURN BAN

Gladstone Fire Marshal: Michael Funk, Office 503-557-2775

Summer Water Outlook



Clackamas River Water Providers member's drinking water comes from the Clackamas River, which is replenished with snowfall

and rainfall in the Mt. Hood National Forest. Melting snowpack in higher elevations of the watershed helps maintain stream flow and keep the river water cool all summer long. Summer flows are also bolstered by a series of creeks and streams in the basin that originate from aquifers, many of which rely on rainfall that percolates through the soil to replenish the groundwater.

This year rainfall has been about average, but our snowpack was below normal. This summer's forecast is predicting above normal temperatures as well as low precipitation. Without a robust snowpack it is likely that we'll see below average stream flow and warmer than average water temperatures in the Clackamas River.

The CRWP and our members are committed to ensuring we have plenty of water to serve our communities while preserving the healthy, natural environment of the Clackamas River. Water conservation is especially important in the summer time and can start with simple steps like watering in the morning and fixing leaks.

To learn more about year-round water conservation and landscape water audits receive free conservation devices, or information about the CRWP Rebate Program, visit our website or contact Chrisitne at (503)-723-3511.

Upcoming Council Regular/Work Session

Upcoming agenda items for the August 28, 2018 City Council Work Session will include use of funds from the Community Promotions/Business Development Fund and Code Amendments for Membrane Structures. September 11th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Agenda will include: a presentation from Rivers East Village-Helping Neighbors Age in Place, Presentation from the Gladstone Historical Society, Public Hearing regarding Code Amendments to Membrane Structures, Charter Committee Appointments, Concord Property & Library Planning Task force- Gladstone representative appointment, process for the Gladstone Library Task Force, and City Administrator Evaluation Process. Council Packets can be viewed online at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>



On September 13, the Gladstone Senior Center will host its annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Luncheon. If you will be married for 50 years or more this year, you are welcome to join us as we honor this rare milestone. For all couples married more than 50 years, this will be a free luncheon to honor you. This event is proudly sponsored by the Gladstone Seniors Foundation. If you would like to attend, please rsvp no later than September 3rd with the Senior Center by calling (503) 655-7701. You do not have to be a resident of Gladstone to attend. We hope to see you there!

Glad Ty-dings

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(503) 655-7701



Senior Center Community Garden. The Gladstone Seniors Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3), is now accepting donations for the Senior Center Wheelchair and Disability Friendly Community Garden. 100% of funds donated to the Foundation for garden are tax deductible and will go to the purchase of equipment to start and maintain it. For a full list of items and ideas, please contact the SC Manager at (503) 655-7701. The Gladstone Senior Center Advisory Board is leading the effort to make our garden a success and we are very grateful for their hard work. Stay tuned for more updates!



A brief note— We had a great Volunteer Appreciation bbq this year, thanks to all that made it happen!

Our City volunteers are extremely valuable to us and we are really grateful!

-Colin Black, Mgr.

Gold Star Potluck.

The first Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome to bring a dish and a short game of bingo after lunch. Please sign up at the front desk and note what dish you will bring.

Hope to see you there! Next potluck will be Sep. 10 at 12pm.



For August 20, 2018: *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. Set in a future society where religion becomes a tool of repression and social control to force women into the roles of stay-at-home wives, domestic staff, prostitutes, or surrogate mothers. They have no rights to their bodies or property and are completely dependent upon men.

Clackamas County is offering “Living Well with Chronic Conditions”, a six-week workshop offered at the Gladstone Senior Center starting October 16 running through November 20 from 1 to 3:30 pm. Participants will discover “tools” that can improve one’s health and outlook on life. Free workshops are facilitated in small groups (10 – 15 adults) for 2 ½ hours each week, over 6 weeks. These workshops are fun & interactive. Participants will experience ways to: Use positive thinking— Deal with depression— Learn methods to help deal with fatigue, pain, and stress— Develop healthy eating habits & food choices— Receive tips about medication usage & working with your healthcare team, and so much more! To register for this free class, please call the Family Caregiver Support Program at 503-650-5605.

Important Dates

Aug 20- Book Club @ 10:30 am.

Aug 22- Dementia Educational Series. 1 -2 pm. Free.

Sep 3- Labor Day— All City offices are closed.

Sep 13- 50th Wedding Anniversary Luncheon. RSVP please.



Part 4 of our ongoing educational series on dementia will continue on Wednesday, August 22 from 1-2 pm, at the Gladstone Senior Center. **You must register for this free event by calling 1-800-272-3900.** This free educational series is facilitated by the Alzheimer’s Association, Oregon chapter. If you know someone who suffers from this very terrible disease, caregiver, have an interest in becoming more informed, or you have a diagnosis of dementia, please attend. We hope to see you there.

AUGUST

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <i>A suggested donation of \$2.50 for those age 60 or older, under 60 \$4.00. Menu subject to change without notice. Lunch served Tues– Thurs.</i> | | | 1– Beef Rigatoni A– Bunco | 2– Lima Beans & Ham A-Pinochle | 3- A– Bridge @ 12pm | 4- |
| 5- | 6- A– Gold Star Potluck @12 pm | 7– Mexican Corn & Chicken Pasta A– Bingo S– Fred Meyers | 8– Roasted Turkey A– Bunco S– Safeway | 9– Chicken Spaghetti A-Pinochle | 10- A– Bridge @ 12pm | 11- |
| 12- | 13- | 14– Sliced Ham A-Bingo | 15– Beef Mushroom Patty A– Bunco S– Safeway | 16– Spaghetti A-Pinochle | 17- A– Bridge @ 12pm | 18- |
| 19- | 20- A-Book Club @ 10:30 am | 21– 1/2 Turkey Sandwich A– Bingo S– Walmart | 22– Sweet & Sour Chicken A– Bunco S– Safeway | 23– Turkey Patty with Gravy A-Pinochle | 24- A– Bridge @ 12pm | 25- |
| 26- | 27- | 28– Chicken Pomodoro A– Bingo | 29– Orange Glazed Chicken A– Bunco S– Safeway | 30– Lasagna Roll Ups A-Pinochle | 31- A– Bridge @ 12pm | <i>A– Activity S– Service</i> |

AUG 17- CHERRY COUNTRY ORCHARDS AND CHOCOLATE FACTORY- Come along and enjoy a tour of this orchard in Rickreal which includes sweet fruit and chocolate. What could be better? Lunch at Rockin’ Rogers. Lv. 9 am Ret: 4 pm Fare: \$10

AUG 24- CULINARY INSTITUTE FOR LUNCH AND THE PITTOCK MANSION TOUR- Lunch at OCI is always great! Bring cash if you wish to purchase alcohol. After, we’ll tour the Pittock Mansion including the newly opened Gatehouse. Lv: 10:30 am Ret: 3:30 pm. Fare: \$35(Lunch and Tour)

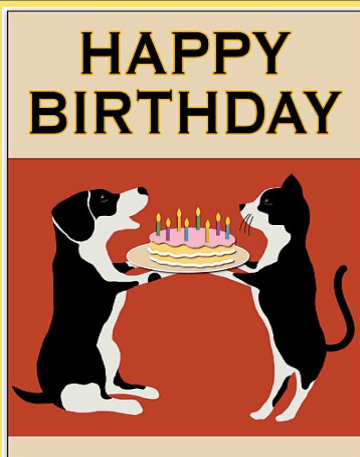
AUG 31-SAUVIE ISLAND-We’ll shop for fresh produce at the pumpkin patch, take a drive around the island, followed by a stop by the Scappoose Senior Center and shop their thrift store. Lunch at Warren Country Inn. Lv: 9 am Ret: 3 pm FARE: \$10

SEPT 6-(THURSDAY) PIPPIN AT LAKEWOOD THEATER- Heir to the throne, Pippin searches for the secret to true happiness. Join us for this timeless tale. Lv: 6 pm Ret: 10:30 pm. Fare: \$5



All Senior Center Tram Trips are non-refundable. Any cancellations or unused funds will be credited towards a future Tram trip. For more on our policy, please visit ci.gladstone.or.us/sc

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| Roger M. | 8/1 | Fran M. | 8/17 |
| Kathy W. | 8/2 | Jim V. | 8/17 |
| John S. | 8/8 | Lila C. | 8/18 |
| Elphy K. | 8/12 | Richard G. | 8/19 |
| Joanne G. | 8/13 | Joann T. | 8/20 |
| Linda W. | 8/16 | Delores J. | 8/28 |
| Gerrie S. 8/28 | | | |



Happy birthday to all of our August friends! Enjoy your day!



Vegetation and Water Quality

Trees, forests and other vegetation affect water quality by slowing and reducing stormwater runoff. Trees reduce runoff through rainfall interception by the tree canopy, and by releasing water into the atmosphere through evapotranspiration. Trees also promote infiltration of water through the soil and increases the storage of water in the soil and humus on the forest floor. With no tree canopy, rain falling on impervious urban surfaces such as parking lots, roofs, and streets gathers pollutants. The cumulative effect of tree canopy is to temporarily detain rainfall and gradually release it, regulating the flow of stormwater runoff downstream and thereby preventing some of the pollutants in rainfall and on urban surfaces from being transported to local waterways. Trees provide additional water quality benefits through uptake of pollutants from the atmosphere, soil and groundwater. Research provided by The Center for Watershed Protection shows that trees can intercept between 6% to 66% of rainfall. Urban trees can transpire from 0.2 to 46.7 gallons per tree per day! Trees and other streamside vegetation help to create fish habitat and keep the waters cool for our native aquatic life. For more information about streamside vegetation management, contact Gladstone Public Works at 503 656-7957, or North Clackamas Urban Watershed Council at 503-550-9282.

Distracted Driving Can Cost You Everything

In 2016, there were 37,461 lives lost on America's roadways, and almost 10 percent of those fatalities were caused by distracted drivers. Distracted driving takes many forms: talking on or manipulating your phone, adjusting the radio, applying makeup, eating or drinking can all distract a driver from the essential task of safe driving. However, texting is one of the most widespread forms of distracted driving, and too many drivers are continuing this habit.

AS A DRIVER, it is your responsibility to keep yourself, your passengers and those around you safe on the road. The best way to protect everyone while driving is to keep both hands on the wheel, and eyes up—not on your electronic device. If a text is necessary, ask your passenger to be your "designated texter," or pull off in a safe location to complete the text. The consequences of distracted driving can be disastrous — and can cost you a pretty penny.

FRIGHTENING STATS:

☞ In 2016, there were 3,450 people killed and 391,000 people injured because of distracted driving. Of all fatal crashes, 9.2 percent were distraction-related.

☞ Texting while driving has become a problem in all age categories, but cell phone use when driving by 16–24 year olds is the most prevalent.

☞ Female drivers are the most at-risk for being involved in a fatal crash involving a distracted driver. Keep yourself and others safe by spreading the word. The consequences of distracted driving can be severe, but prevention is simple. Start with your own behavior.

Excerpt from article by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Why Talk About Stormwater in August?



Summer will soon be drawing to a close, and with it our Oregon rains will begin to fall. Over the summer, dry foliage, fir needles and cones have dropped to the ground. As part of our stormwater management plan with

DEQ, your Public Works Department regularly sweeps the streets to help keep this and other debris from washing into our rivers via our stormwater conveyance system. If you haven't seen our street sweeper in your neighborhood recently, rest assured, it will be coming around soon.

Gladstone Public Works also wants to remind our citizens that all catch basins ultimately drain into the river. It is a violation of DEQ regulations to dump into the storm drains. We ask everyone's cooperation in helping to keep our rivers clean by not allowing car washing soap, oils, landscaping materials, fertilizers, and pesticides, into our stormwater system.

Gladstone Public Works thanks you for your cooperation, and we are sure the fish thank you, too!

Equipment Operators Shine in 2018 Oregon APWA ROADEO



The Board of Directors of the Oregon Chapter of the American Public Works Association felt strongly that the Oregon Chapter should send two representatives to compete at a

National level at the 2018 Public Works Expo in Kansas City, Missouri. With that goal in mind, the Board committed a \$5,000 budget towards the conference expenses for two equipment operators.

Twenty-seven competitors from 11 different agencies came from as far away as Roseburg and Prineville. Agencies who nominated their operators for the competition included the cities of Lake Oswego, Bend, Roseburg, West Linn, Tigard, Oregon City, Gladstone, and Eugene; Crook, Lane and Clackamas counties, and Water Environment Services.

When the dust settled, the winners were:

Steven Graves Jr. from City of Gladstone Pictured second from right (Top Time Combined)

Gordan Chandler from Crook County Pictured third from right (2nd Place Time Combined Events)

Congratulations to the 2018 Oregon APWA Equipment ROADEO top scoring Operators Steven Graves Jr and Gordan Chandler. Both have proven to have the operator skills needed to represent Oregon. Oregon APWP wishes you the best of luck later this August at the National Equipment ROADEO.



Get a FREE Landscape Water Audit to Help Save Water and Money

The Clackamas River Water Providers are offering free landscape water audits to the following member's service areas; Clackamas River Water, City of Estacada, City of Gladstone, Oak Lodge Water Services, South Fork Water Board (Oregon City and West Linn), and Sunrise Water Authority (City of Happy Valley and Damascus).

Water use in our communities more than doubles during the summer months due to outdoor watering. Higher than normal outdoor water use is often the sign of inefficient use of water in our yards or an irrigation system that needs repair and scheduling adjustments. A landscape water audit is a way to get your irrigation system and landscape on track and running right.

Saving water and saving money is what a landscape water audit is all about. Our landscape auditor will assess your lawn and garden areas, irrigation system and more. Residential landscape water audits often include but are not limited to;

A walk through your yard and gardens including all lawn area.

Making note of existing soil types, plant material, naturally available water, and sun exposure.

Locating the water meter, noting any existing leaks from the meter throughout the irrigation system.

Locating the irrigation controller, making note of the make/

model as well as the current schedule, each zone will be ran separately, recording gallons per minute used for each zone.

When the audit is complete you will receive a detailed report with recommendations such as controller schedule adjustments for better water efficiency, irrigation head adjustments/replacements if necessary, maintenance of existing plant material for more efficient watering (i.e....pruning up), soil amendments to reduce weeds and promote soil moisture, and reduce use of fertilizers giving you the tools you need to better manage your outdoor water use.

These free landscape water audits are available during the spring and summer months only (during the watering season). The audits are available on a first come first serve basis and audits are approximately 1.5 hours. Please be available to do the walk through with the auditor. Audits will continue through the summer season or until program funds are depleted.

To schedule your free landscape water audit contact Christine at chrisitne@clackamasproviders.org or call 503 723 3511. For more information about our free landscape water audits, conserving water during the summer months, and other Clackamas River Water Provider programs visit our website at www.clackamasproviders.org

Our Community Cat Rescue (OCCR)



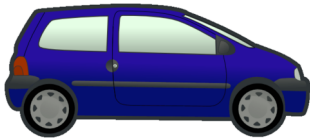
Greetings, neighbors! Our Community Cat Rescue (OCCR) has been very busy this spring and summer and we'd like to share with you some highlights.

We gained new members to our group after The Clackamas Review article about our work. Our new members jumped right in helping with the rescue work. In the past few months we have rescued close to 50 kittens and cats. Including trapping, neutering and returning feral cats. We also have a new logo thanks to one of our new members! You will see it when you look us up on Facebook.

In addition to all the hard work by our OCCR members we have been very grateful to so many of you for the donations (including cat food and supplies) that have helped us this year. We recently had our annual yard sale fund raiser, to raise funds for special needs as well as ongoing work. We send a loud shout out Thank You to our supporters who donated so many great items for our sale and all who came by and bought items and/or donated. You helped us raise \$1,200!

Thank you Gladstone for your support! -Brenda Quint Gaebel

Child Passenger Safety Week, Sept. 23-29:



Is your child in the right seat? Is it installed correctly? Don't *think* you know—*know* you know.

Although highly preventable, motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13. Many times, deaths and injuries can be prevented by proper use of car seats, boosters and seat belts. Proper use of car seats, booster seats, and seat belts has the potential to reduce these deaths, as well as many more injuries.

Every 33 seconds, one child under 13 is involved in a crash. That's a terrifying statistic, and one that demands our immediate attention. To help combat this serious issue, we must work together to spread the word about child passenger safety and the life-saving importance of correct car seat selection, installation, and use.

Oregon law requires that children be in a rear facing car seat until a minimum of two years of age. Children over forty pounds or who have reached the upper weight limit for their forward-facing car seat must use a booster until 4'9" tall AND age eight AND the adult belt fits correctly.

Visit oregonimpact.org/car-seat-resources.htm to find additional information and local car seat clinics.

Portable Storage Containers

The City of Gladstone requires a permit to use portable storage containers or "PODS". PODS can be placed on the street or public right of way for up to 72 hours. PODS can be placed on private property for up to 30 days. More information related to PODS can be reviewed under Chapter 5.22 of the Gladstone Municipal Code online at <http://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/> Permits can be obtained at the Gladstone Police Department or online at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/police/page/misc-police-documents-forms>

Bike Nights in Downtown



Join your neighbors at Bike Nights in Downtown Gladstone. Latus Motors in partnership with the City of Gladstone will host Bike Nights in Downtown Gladstone the 2nd Thursday of each month continuing through September 13th from 7-9pm. Portland Avenue will be blocked off between Dartmouth & Berkeley Streets. Food, live music, vendors, raffles and beer garden. For details visit www.latus-hd.com or call 844-232-4769.

Gladstone Municipal Court Amnesty Program



Is your driver's license suspended with Gladstone Municipal Court? Do you owe court fines? Gladstone Municipal Court is offering a one-time only amnesty program to forgive a portion of overdue fines owed. The program will run July 1, 2018 though September 30, 2018. To find out if you are eligible or to get more information, you can go to the City of Gladstone website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us

Activities at Patterson Park



Patterson Park will be supervised from now until August 31st, Monday—Friday, 10am to 4pm (weather permitting). Special Events will be held on select days from 1:00pm-2:00pm (or while supplies last) and include: Aug. 17-Wind Spirals (50¢), Aug 20- Suncatchers (50¢), Aug. 22 Sno-Cones (50¢), Aug. 27- DIY flower pot (50¢), Aug. 29- Ice cream day (75¢), and Aug. 31- Picnic in the Park! Visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us/publicworks/page/parks-recreation- for a full list of summer activities. The Spray Park will be open (weather permitting) through September 3rd, Monday-Saturday, noon to 7pm & Sundays, 1-6pm.

Music Makers Community Choir



The Music Makers Community Choir is currently recruiting new members for the

Fall term which will begin Friday, September 7, 2018 at 10:00am at the Pioneer Center, 615 5th St. Oregon City OR 97045. Each term the group makes numerous visits to retirement communities to perform selections from Broadway Musicals, Show Tunes, Old Standards as well as Patriotic and inspirational renditions. Contact Barbara at 503-654-1500 regarding any questions.

New Preschool Opening in Gladstone!

Skopos Christian School is adding preschool for September 2018!

Pre-school will meet Monday-Friday from 8:30-11:30 am. Or you can customize your own plan. We meet at Tri-City Baptist Temple on Webster Rd. Call us at 503-908-4740 or check us out at www.skoposcs.org

Charter Review Advisory

At its September 11, 2018 meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointments of eight positions into the Charter Review Advisory. To obtain an application and information, visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, email ban-nick@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2769 or stop by City Hall. Applications must be returned by 5pm on September 4, 2018.

Picnics/Parties at Patterson Park

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

Local Telephone Numbers

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| *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 | 503-557-2763 |
| *Gladstone School District | 503-655-2777 |
| *Gladstone High School | 503-655-2544 |
| *Kraxberger Middle School | 503-655-3836 |
| *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 |



Get Social

Connect with the City of Gladstone on Social Media and stay up-to-date with all the latest news.



Gladstone City Newsletter

If you have a community event you would like to see in the upcoming Gladstone City Newsletter, please send it to kratz@ci.gladstone.or.us. Articles are due on or before the 5th of each month to appear in the upcoming Newsletter.

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates

Once again our annual book sale was a huge success due to the amazing help of our wonderful volunteers. Special thanks go to our great city crew, and the custodians at Wetten Elementary. Thanks also to all who supplied us with the materials to sell, and the many that purchased them.

Our second annual July Annual Yard Sale surpassed last year in sales. Thanks to all who donated and shopped.

Our next event will be Pints for Charity, at the Oregon Brewing Co., 1401 Washington St., Oregon City, Tuesday, Aug 21, 5pm to close. One dollar will be donated for every beverage purchased. This and all our events go to support our new library.

Have a Fred Meyer Rewards Card? You can link it to us. You don't lose any points or gas points. All proceeds from all events go to support the library's many programs. Interested in learning more about our foundation? You can like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram, or go to www.gpl-foundation.org

Take Note—School Starting Soon!



Gladstone students will be returning to school on Tuesday, September 4th, just after the Labor Day holiday. Local drivers are reminded to use extra caution this time of year. Many people assume that motorists who speed in school zones are commuters or commercial drivers. However, our Traffic Safety Commission and Police Department reminds us that many speeders are local residents, especially parents who are rushing to drop off or pick up their kids from school. Please pay extra attention to stop signs, crosswalks and your vehicle speed when driving through school zones where the speed limit is 20 mph when posted or when school zone lights are flashing. Thank you!

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

Dungeons and Dragons Monday, September 17th at 4:30 PM 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 Mystery Book Club Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 PM September's book will be The Care and Management of Lies by Jacqueline Winspear. Books will be available at the July meeting, or can be picked up later at the Information Desk. New members welcome!

Dr. Who Club Thursday, September 20th at 6 PM Are you a fan of Doctor Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode, and share any show related news. All ages are welcome.

Children's Programs

Toddler Storytime Tuesdays at 9:30 AM This storytime is for ages 18 months—3 years, with songs, books, and play for early development. Older siblings are welcome to sing and dance with us.

Baby Storytime Wednesdays at 9:30 AM This storytime is geared towards babies from 0-18 months and their caregivers with books, songs, lap bounces, cuddles, and play to help with early development.

All Ages Storytime Thursdays at 9:30 AM All ages are welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build literacy and language skills.

Teen Programs

Teen Advisory Group Meeting Friday,

September 7th at 4 PM Are you interested in making a difference at the library, and helping us plan awesome programs for other teens? The Teen Advisory Group is for you! Stop by the Information Desk for an application, or just come to one of our meetings to see what it's all about.

Teen Game Night: Oregon Trail Edition Friday, September 28th, 6 PM Compete in teams to see who has what it takes to survive on the old Oregon Trail computer game! Are you going to die of dysentery before making it West, or will your wits and skills be enough along the trail to build a new home on the frontier? There will be prizes for the winning team! Bring your friends for a fun, unique game night, brought to you by the Teen Advisory Group.

Volunteer Spotlight

1. Name – Ted Molskness
2. Hometown – Minneapolis, MN
3. Current Position – Library Volunteer
4. Number of years you have worked for the city – About 4.
5. Where is the best place you've traveled and why? Southeastern Utah and Northern Arizona
6. What are 3 words that best describe you? Thoughtful, Opinionated and yet quiet.
7. What is your favorite food? Hamburger.
8. What is your favorite activity to do in your free time? Golf and go for coffee.

Street Parking Regulations

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

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City Council/Mayor Elections

The City Council is an elected policy decision-making body for the City of Gladstone. The council serves with an equal number of "lay members" on the Budget Committee and hears land use appeals of decisions made by the Planning Commission. Council members also serve as liaisons on City advisory boards, committees and commissions. Four-year terms of Mayor and City Council positions #1, #3 & #5, held by Tamara Stempel, Michael Milch, Matthew Tracy and Patrick McMahon respectively, will expire 12-31-2018. If you are interested in being a candidate, you must be a registered voter and have resided in the City for twelve months immediately preceding the election on November 6, 2018. A nomination petition or declaration of candidacy must be filed between July 9 and August 28, 2018. Information and instructions are on the city's website, <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/administration/page/elections-0>.

Local Meetings—

◆ The Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is moving to quarterly meetings. The next meeting will be located at Cookie Pot Children's Boutique on October 10th. 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 Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at Gladstone City Hall Conference Room (enter at E Dartmouth door), 525 Portland Ave. Gladstone, OR 97027. For info, check out their website at www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org. Guests always welcome! Old photos of the community and new ideas are needed.

◆ The Gladstone-Oak Grove Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at 7:00am temporarily at the Bomber Restaurant, 13515 SE McLoughlin Blvd. Milwaukie, OR 97222. Visitors are welcome to attend. See you there!

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 Chamber
- ***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 bi-monthly —3rd Tuesday—3:00 pm—Gladstone Senior Center

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