



# GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## *HB 4006 Severely Rent Burdened Populations*

*By City Administrator Jacque Betz*



House Bill (HB) 4006, passed in 2018, and provided funding to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development and Oregon Housing and Community Services to assist cities in housing (technical assistance grants) and collect housing-related information to better understand the barriers and solutions. Another purpose of HB 4006 was to increase awareness of rent burden causes and potential solutions to encourage and support cities to address the need.

HB 4006 requires cities greater than 10,000, who are “severely rent burdened” to complete a survey and hold a public meeting to discuss the causes of severe rent burdens, the barriers to reducing rent burdens, and possible solutions”. The legislation defines a household as “severely rent burdened” if the household spends more than 50 percent of the income of the household on gross rent. A city is “severely rent burdened” if more than 25 percent of the renter households are severely rent burdened. In Gladstone, 34% are severely rent burdened (628 out of 1,827 renter households).

The City of Gladstone is actively working towards satisfying the requirements of HB 4006 and has scheduled a round table discussion at the December Planning Commission meeting. We look forward to engaging the community and listening to people share their stories and ideas in reducing rent burdens in our community.

In addition, Julie Garver, from Innovation Housing, Inc. will provide a presentation on how their agency develops diverse affordable housing in severely rent burdened communities. The City is also participating in a countywide housing needs analysis which will establish baseline data in the current state of housing in Gladstone.

Gladstone is not unique in addressing our housing needs, as this is a state-wide issue. We may not have the answers either, but we recognize that the lack of housing is impacting economic development efforts and cities need to deal with the crisis directly since 67 percent of Oregonians reside in a city. Please join us for a community conversation to assist Gladstone in understanding where the City needs to focus and what the desires of its community are, to be successful.

**December 18, 2018, 6:30 pm City Council Chambers.**

## *Utility Rate Increase*

Water Rates will be increasing 10% and Sewer Collection rates will be increasing 5% starting January 1st, 2019. Residents who use 600 cubic feet of water (4,488 gallons) or less will see an increase of \$2.47 on their January statement that will be received in February. For those accounts served by Tri-City Service District the minimum bill will increase from \$63.67 to \$66.14, those served by Oak Lodge Sanitary District will increase from \$92.33 to \$94.80. Water usage over 600 cubic feet will be billed at \$2.42 per 100 cubic foot (748 gallons).

## *Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting*

At the December 18, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting, the Planning Commission will be discussing: the summary of the requirements of HB 4006, overview of the Oregon Housing Planning Project Code Audit, barriers to and solutions to reduce rent burdened conditions. For more information regarding the meeting, please visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/bc-pc/page/planning-commission-meeting-56>.


## *Upcoming Council Regular*

There will be no December 25, 2018 Council Work Session. The January 8, 2019 regular session City Council meeting beginning at 6:30 pm will include: Swearing in of new Council members, swearing in of Interim Police Chief Yamashita, Gladstone Downtown Revitalization plan; strategy for immediate implementation, fee updates to Small Cell and Gladstone Community Grant Program. Council packets can be viewed online at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>.

## *Business License Renewals*

Business license renewals are due January 1st of each year. For businesses located within Gladstone the fee is \$100, plus \$5 per employee over 3 FTE's, an additional \$50 fee is required for any NEW businesses being operated out of a home. For rental properties, the fee is \$100 + \$25 for one rental unit, \$100 + \$50 for 2-5 rental units, \$100 + \$75 for 6-12 rental units and \$100 + \$100 for 13+ rental units. Business license applications may be downloaded from the city's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us). Questions can be emailed to [bl@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:bl@ci.gladstone.or.us).

## *Coffee With A Councilor*

 Due to the reconstruction efforts at the Senior Center, the December 19, 2018 Coffee with a Councilor has been canceled.

## *Change in Hours of Operation at Gladstone and Oak Lodge Public Libraries*

In response to community need, the Gladstone Library Board recently approved a change in hours of operation at the Gladstone and Oak Lodge library branches, effective January 1, 2019.

Members of the public can enjoy expanded hours at Oak Lodge Library, where the weekly schedule will increase by three hours. While the number of hours for Gladstone Library will not change, the update reflects more even distribution of open hours throughout the week with convenience in mind.

This change is meant to better serve the public by providing access to libraries during times that are more flexible with busy work and life schedules.

### **New Hours of Operation**

Monday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

For more information contact Mitzi Olson at [MOlson@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:MOlson@co.clackamas.or.us) or 503-655-8570.

## *City Office Closures*

Gladstone City offices will be closed on December 25, 2018, January 1, 2019, and January 21, 2019

## *Should you be Collecting and Remitting a 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.

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

### Street Light Out



Contact Portland General Electric (PGE) at 1-800-544-1795 (press “3”) or email information, including address of streetlight outage, nearest cross street, pole and map number (on pole), if available, to [lightout@pgn.com](mailto:lightout@pgn.com).

### Liquor License Renewals

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) advises the City yearly for businesses that are eligible for a liquor license renewal. Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 471.166 establishes the process for local governments to make recommendations of approval or denial to the OLCC. The City is requesting residents express any concerns about currently OLCC licensed businesses. Please direct comments or concerns by February 4, 2019 to [bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us).

### Gladstone Disposal Company Rate Adjustment Notice

Gladstone Disposal Company provides garbage, yard debris and recycling services for the City of Gladstone. The City Council has approved the following rate adjustment for the residential service in the City effective January 1, 2019.

Rates Effective January 1, 2019	
Weekly Service	Curbside (within 3ft. of Public Street)
35-Gallon Roll Cart	\$28.80 per Month
65-Gallon Roll Cart	\$39.15 per Month
95-Gallon Roll Cart	\$42.35 per Month
Monthly Service	\$6.50 per yard per pickup per Week
Yard Debris Subscription	\$4.50 per Month
On-Call Service (yard debris service not included)	\$4.00 per yard per pickup per Week

There will be additional fees for any special service provided.

Please keep the roll carts and bins we provide for garbage, yard debris, and recycling in good condition, and remove them from the street or curb after collection. Do not overfill the roll carts; the lids must be closed and the material must fall loosely when emptied.

Please call our office at 503-656-9426 to make changes to your garbage service, to schedule a pickup of large items (furniture, appliances, tires, etc.), or to order a large container for a clean-up project.

### Happy Holiday 2018- from your Firefighters at Gladstone Fire Station



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

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

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

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

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

### Gladstone Oak Grove Rotary



The Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary Club is looking for a few energetic and upbeat community members to join our team so we can continue to make the community more vibrant and happy. Some of our accomplishments include our organization, participation and representation at the Gladstone Community Festival. We donated dictionaries to every 5th grader at John Wetten Elementary School and the Gladstone Center for Children and Families received a check to help fund their activities. We have also placed and dedicated "Peace Poles" throughout the community.

Our goal is to raise funds to give to deserving folks and sponsor fun activities. We would love to have you join our team!

We meet Thursdays at noon at the Gladstone Senior Center. Come check us out and enjoy a delicious complimentary lunch, or email [baldwinrotary@comcast.net](mailto:baldwinrotary@comcast.net) for more information.

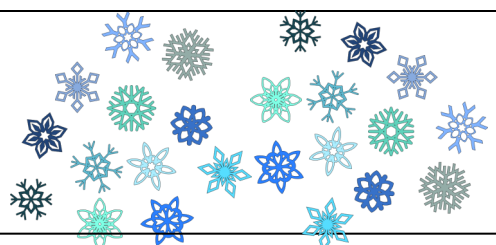
### A Rake is All it Takes!



Wet and rainy Pacific Northwest winters require that we all get weatherized. Some things that you might not think about are the catch basins in your neighborhood. Gladstone Public Works is diligent to keep our stormwater drains and conveyances cleaned out and rain ready. However, with over 1,000 stormwater catch basins within our city, Public Works appreciates citizen assistance in helping to keep the storm basins clear. If a catch basin in the street near your house becomes covered with leaves, a rake is all it takes to clear the leaves away. Please sweep up debris from your yard and driveway, and do not blow or hose leaves or other material into the streets, as it will wash into the storm basins. Keeping the catch basins clear allows stormwater to leave the city and helps prevent neighborhood flooding. Remember, a rake is all it takes!

### 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>





### *Gladstone Groups Team Up for Holidays*

Gladstone's Adopt-A-Family effort will again work to help struggling families this holiday season, providing food & toys to 100 families. Partners in this effort include the Gladstone Fire Dept (GFD), Gladstone School District, Gladstone Kiwanis & Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary. Canned food and new unwrapped toy donation barrels are located at the Gladstone Fire and Police Departments, Gladstone Library, and various Gladstone businesses. Most needed food items include: peanut butter, jam, tuna, pasta, rice, chili, corn bread mix, soups, cereal, oatmeal, canned beans, fruits, vegetables & mac & cheese. Donations must be received by Dec. 22, 2018. Families in need of assistance should sign up by December 7th with their social service agency, visit Clackamas County's "Compassion in Action" website at [www.ciacc.org](http://www.ciacc.org) or call 503-632-0562.

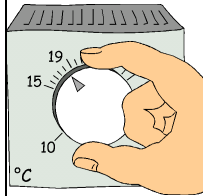


### *Coming in 2019- New holiday lights for Portland Avenue!*

The holiday lights the City traditionally places on Portland Avenue are very antiquated and have exceeded their life span; therefore we will not be putting up the old decorations. Additionally the City has learned that PGE requires entities that want to place decorations on their poles file an application for electrified banners and PGE poles. The application is comprehensive and requires an inventory of the addresses and pole numbers where the decoration will be placed; information that the City cannot readily access. The City will be purchasing new decorations in 2019 to inspire beautification to the downtown area during the month of December. We are excited to bring new energy to the community with this holiday tradition. Thank you for your patience and Happy Holidays!

### *Clean Water Tips*

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



### *Energy Assistance*

Clackamas County Social Services facilitates the Energy Assistance Program, which may be able to assist low-income households with a payment toward heating bills. There is assistance available for a variety of energy needs, including electric, natural gas, oil, propane, wood and pellets. Eligibility is based on the total gross household income received by all adults age 18 and older living in the home at the time of application. For information, visit <https://www.clackamas.us/socialservices/energy.html> or call the Social Services office 503-650-5640.

### *Public Works Sanding*

Sanding roadways during winter months is done after snowfall by spreading small sized crushed rock on streets to improve vehicle traction. During inclement snow and ice conditions, the city's Public Works Dept. will sand Oatfield & Webster roads and sometimes just the STOP intersections along Portland Ave. Depending on road conditions, Los Verdes Dr & Springhill Dr may also be sanded for use by residents in the Sherwood Forest, Los Verdes, Forest Park, Springhill & Charolais Heights neighborhoods. In addition, Caldwell Rd & Park Way to Oatfield Rd are often closed to through traffic during ice & snow conditions. Other streets may be sanded or closed to through traffic depending on weather and driving conditions. Please note that sanding of city streets is generally not effective unless done after snowfall ends. City residents are also requested to keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow. Thank you!

### *Christmas Ships*

This year marks the 64th year for the Christmas Ships Parade on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers in Portland and Milwaukie. The Christmas Ships fleet averages 55 to 60 boats. Both fleets will be out nightly for three weeks starting Wednesday December 5, 2018. For a full listing, visit [christmasships.org](http://christmasships.org)

### *What Can be Recycled During the Holidays*



Many people wonder which items that are frequently around during the holidays that can be recycled. Here's a guide to some of the most common:  
\*Wrapping paper/packaging and wrapping tissue: Plain wrapping paper and tissue paper can be recycled, any paper with glitter, metallic or anything shiny on it can not;  
\*Ribbon: trash or consider reusing or donate to places such as SCRAP;  
\*Bubble wrap: can only be added to plastic bag recycling at participating grocery stores.  
\*Styrofoam: trash;  
\*Rigid plastic on packaging: trash or take to an independent recycler;  
\*Christmas lights: trash or take to an independent recycler. For more information about recycling in Clackamas County, visit [www.clackamas.us/recycling](http://www.clackamas.us/recycling).

### *Clackamas County Public Alerts*

On Sept. 1 2018, Clackamas County upgraded how it communicates with residents during times of disaster by replacing its emergency notification software system. All residents are urged to enroll, or reenroll, at [www.clackamas.us/publicalerts](http://www.clackamas.us/publicalerts).

By providing contact information, county residents can receive critical emergency messaging via email, phone call, and text during times of disasters. Important messages that could be relayed include notices to evacuate, shelter-in-place, shelter locations, etc. Residents enrolled in the previous system – the Clackamas County Emergency Notification System, or CCENS – must re-enroll themselves in the new system in order to receive future messages.

For more information, members of the media and public may contact Outreach and Technology Coordinator Jamie Poole via [jpoole@clackamas.us](mailto:jpoole@clackamas.us) or 503-655-8838.

### *Pedestrian Safety*



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

### *Informed Delivery by USPS*

Digitally preview your mail and manage your packages scheduled to arrive soon! Informed Delivery allows you to view grayscale images of the exterior, address side of letter-sized mail pieces and track packages in one convenient location. (Images are only provided for letter-sized mail pieces that are processed through USPS' automated equipment). Visit <https://informeddelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action> for more information

### *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/>.



# Glad Tidings

# December 2018

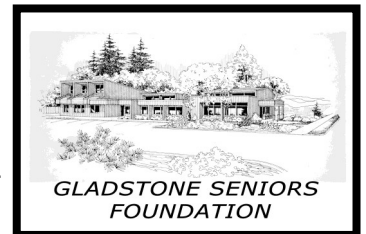
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*Happy Holidays* from the staff of the Gladstone Senior Center! We wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season this year. As many of you know, in October, the Senior Center suffered some significant rain damage causing the facility to close. Although we are closed, we are able to provide some essential services to our clients such as transportation, utility bill drop, home-bound meals, and social service referrals. City Administration is working hard to resolve this issue. As of now, we are not certain on when we will reopen. We are thankful for your patience and understanding while we go through this process. Staff is still working throughout this process, so please feel free to stop by and say hello or even just call to see if we are open yet. So stay tuned Gladstone, we will be reopen as soon as we can and will celebrate when we do! ! *Remember to always help someone. You may be the only one who does!* -Gladstone Senior Center Staff

**As part of a new ongoing series, Did you know? We will highlight groups and individuals that make our Senior Center great.** *Part 3 of our Did you know? series about the Gladstone Seniors Foundation.*



*Give Our Gladstone Community Seniors a Merry Christmas!* The Gladstone Seniors Foundation is accepting donations, of any amount, which will be used to support programs and activities of the Gladstone Senior Center and clients they serve. Some examples are monthly holiday luncheons, the free Community Festival breakfast, supporting the Senior Center community garden, providing personal item gift boxes and homebound meals, and more. We have some other ideas on how we can serve our seniors, such as emergency funds for low-income households, but we need your support to make it happen. 100% of your donation is tax deductible and you can designate your donation to be used for a specific program or service. Additionally, you may also make it on behalf of a family member or friend. Please drop off or mail your donation to: Gladstone Seniors Foundation, 1050 Portland Avenue, Gladstone, OR 97027. Thank you for your support.

Holiday Season Senior Center Tram Trips. For more trip information or inquiries about the Senior Center Trip Policy, please call, please visit: [www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc/page/senior-center-transportation](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc/page/senior-center-transportation). Thanks!



**DEC. 13(THURDAY) ASPEN MEADOWS CELEBRATION OF LIGHT** -This year, our theme is "The Greatest is Love". Bask in the cool air and warm glow of the lights, listen to the music of the season, hear the giggles of children young and old, and feel the peace that surrounds you in this beautiful place. Lv: 4:30pm Ret: 7pm Fare: \$7

**Dec 28-JUST LUNCH-GUSTAV'S** -Just lunch today at this German restaurant. Weather permitting, we'll take a drive afterwards. Lv. 10:30am Ret: 2pm Fare: \$5

**January 3-DIAL M FOR MURDER-LAKEWOOD THEATRE** Tony Wendice, a professional tennis player, plans to have his socialite wife Margot murdered to inherit her fortune. Lv 6:15pm Ret: 10:30pm Fare: \$5

Ethelyn B.	12/7	Phyllis M.	12/26
Carolyn H.	12/15	Roxanne M.	12/27
Marie D.	12/18	Delores S.	12/27
Adriane M.	12/20	Katie E.	12/29
Valerie R.	12/20	Dick A.	12/30

*We wish all of our December participants a very Happy Birthday! Enjoy!*



*From our families to yours.....*

*We wish a very happy holiday! May you enjoy the special time spent with friends and family.*

*~The Gladstone Senior Center Staff*



### *Use Common Sense When Using GPS Navigation*

When roads are closed and your GPS navigation system directs you onto a detour route, keep in mind that the device you count on for guidance could instead guide you into trouble. Most navigation tools don't take current road or weather conditions into consideration. They may direct you onto remote roads that are neither maintained nor passable in all weather conditions.

Already this season someone had to be rescued after following their GPS navigation device off the main highway and onto a snow covered forest service road near Mount Hood. Fortunately, they received help and everyone was safe but this is not always been the case.

Navigation systems and similar smart phone apps are great tools, but travelers may need to verify the identified detour route is appropriate given current conditions for the vehicle they are driving. Here are a few tips to consider:

What you can do:

- Be aware that the app on your phone or in your GPS device might not have the latest information – don't follow it blindly!
- Use TripCheck.com (available on your computer and on your phone) to get the latest on state road conditions, or call 511.
- Remember, in winter conditions (or in summer's fire season), roads can be impassable, so USE COMMON SENSE.
- If you are not familiar with an area and current road conditions, stay on state roads and don't attempt detours onto roads you don't know.
- Alter your travel plans. If you are not sure of the route and road conditions your GPS device directs you to, ask local folks for information and consult a map. It is better to stay the night in town rather than be stuck on a remote road in the middle of nowhere.

What we will do:

- ODOT crews work continually to keep state highways safe, but during certain conditions, such as blowing snow and freezing temperatures, you may want to avoid travel altogether.
- ODOT will issue media flash alerts if roads are closed. These will be updated continually on TripCheck.com.

## ODOT ##

### *Gladstone Police Department (GPD) Santa Squad*



The holiday season is rapidly approaching and we are hoping for a festive, fun and safe time for all. The Gladstone Police Department is pleased to announce our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Santa Squad" service. This service will be available to Gladstone residents (only) from now through December 21.

If you are concerned with holiday gifts, packages, or deliveries being stolen from your front porch, this service may be for you. You can have your small packages sent directly to the GPD and pick them up from us, ensuring that the "Grinch" won't ruin the season.

If you are a Gladstone resident, here is what you need to do to take advantage of this free service:

- Order your package and have it sent to:

C/O Gladstone Police Department (Santa Squad) at 535 Portland Ave., Gladstone, OR 97027

- Email Cathy (Santa's Helper) at [ckerrigan@gladstoneoregon.us](mailto:ckerrigan@gladstoneoregon.us) and provide:

Your name

Phone number to reach you when the package arrives

Where the package is coming from

After your package arrives, we will call you and you can pick it up Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

It's that simple! The GPD wishes you a Happy Holiday Season and thanks you for your support.

### *Delights of Christmas*

The exceptional Christmas light display on Ridgewood Drive will be illuminated through December 31st. In addition to Ridgewood Drive, the City is extremely fortunate that so many residents throughout the community devote so much time and effort to beautify their properties for the holiday season!

### *Winterizing Your Water Pipes Inside & Out*

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

### *Street Parking Regulations*



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

### *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. During winter months, please remove portable basketball hoops from city streets to reduce interference with street sweeping.

### *Help 1st & 2nd Graders at John Wetten Develop Their Reading Skills!*

Volunteer at John Wetten Elementary during the week to read with children in our community to:

- 📖 Inspire a love of reading and books
- 📖 Read one-on-one with PreK – third-graders
- 📖 SMART students receive books for their



home collection

Training and support is provided. Programs run during school hours—October 2018 - May 2019. Time commitment varies—minimum one hour a week

Apply online at: [www.getsmartoregon.org/volunteer](http://www.getsmartoregon.org/volunteer)  
Applications accepted year-round. Apply today!

### *Monthly Utility Bills*

Monthly utility bills may be paid online at <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/gladstoneor> or by calling 866-721-1072. Residents may also sign up for auto pay by completing the form located on the city's website at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/finance/page/utility-billing>.

## Your Gladstone Nature Park: What Is FOGNAP?



Even though the weather's colder, take a stroll through Gladstone Nature Park. If your memory of it is of a messy clump of shrubs with no character, you're in for a treat. Sections of the park have been cleared, revealing native plants, licorice fern, and trees you couldn't see before.

Perhaps you've noticed the large boulders that have emerged from the hillside as you pass by on Webster Road. Trails are groomed, trash and graffiti are gone. All this is because of FOGNAP, the Friends Of Gladstone Nature Park. A small group of volunteers dedicated to make the park more natural, maintained and pleasant for all. With donations and hard work FOGNAP has added trees, trash cans, picnic tables, a pet waste station and removed sections of non-native Himalayan Blackberry and Scotch Broom. It holds community events and partners with the schools when it can. FOGNAP is working on several goals and would love more volunteers. Learn more, volunteer, or make a donation on our website, Facebook page, or by emailing us. Website: [roTECTtheparks.org](http://roTECTtheparks.org) Email: [riendsofglastonenature@gmail.com](mailto:riendsofglastonenature@gmail.com)

### Gladstone Food Pantry

The Gladstone Food Pantry is located at the north side of Gladstone High School 18800 Portland Avenue, Gladstone [Park on the street and look for the green sign]. Regular hours are: Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 and Saturdays from 10:00am-noon, but will be closed on December 27 & 29. All families in need are welcome to visit the shopping-style pantry once a week to get fresh produce, meat, milk, canned goods, frozen foods, bread, and more. All are welcome. The pantry is open each Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. The pantry is located on the north side of the Gladstone High School campus off Nelson Lane. To donate, volunteer, or find out more, call 503.496.3947.

### Nuisances



Gladstone administers a "nuisance code" which prohibits conditions that may affect public health or safety for our residents. Unsanitary or unsafe conditions include accumulations of debris, rubbish, the storage of junk, obstructing clear vision at an intersection, or tall grass and weeds. A public nuisance may also be caused by any fence, dam or other obstruction of natural water course that could back up water and significantly affect other property or improved public street. For questions about nuisances, you may view Chapter 8.04 of the Gladstone Municipal Code online at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us) or to report a nuisance, please call Code Enforcement at 503-557-2763.

### PlayGroup- Gladstone Christian Church

PlayGroup - what fun, what fun, what FUN! Join us at Gladstone Christian Church in our large Community Center from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. each Thursday. All children ages 0 - 4 are invited to burn off their endless energy and make new friends while their parents/caregivers have a chance to meet other parents in our community. Come for all or part of the time. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact Valerie (503-656-3394) or email [office@gladstonecc.org](mailto:office@gladstonecc.org).

### Drop Off Unwanted Prescriptions at Gladstone PD



Flushing drugs down the toilet or putting them into the garbage have damaging effects on our environment and can contaminate our surface & groundwater supplies. Both drinking and wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat for these kinds of chemicals. Drop off your old, expired or unwanted prescriptions at the Gladstone Police Department, MED RETURN receptacle, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm. No paperwork or fee required! Please note that all syringes and inhalers must be taken to Metro Recycling. Please call 503-557-2760 for any questions



## Become a MASTER RECYCLER

Learn from the experts. Connect with others. Make a difference.

Registration is now open for the Clackamas County course starting April 3. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, March 6 at noon. Earn Master Recycler Certification by attending the course and volunteering 30 hours.

Details and application at [www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org)

### Rivers East Village - COMING SOON

Rivers East Village is a non-profit organization whose goal is to help neighbors stay neighbors by building a network of volunteers to help seniors stay in their homes as they age. It is not a place, but a community right here in the Milwaukie/Gladstone area.

How Does It Work? By providing small occasional services, such as ride assistance, yard help, dog walking, ladder work, simple repairs, computer assistance and also combatting loneliness with social connections such as coffees, walks, game nights, potlucks, book clubs, movies that help us grow as friends. It is paid for by affordable fees based on the number of services needed, which then fund background checks and insurance for the volunteers.

How Can I Find Out More? We are in the process of forming our Village, and hope to be accepting members and volunteers next year; we are the 9th Village in the Portland Metro area. You can sign up now to keep up-to-date on our progress and to become a prospective volunteer or member. To find out more, check our parent website at [www.vilagesnw.org](http://www.vilagesnw.org), or our own site at [www.riverseastvillage.org](http://www.riverseastvillage.org). You can also call us at 971-808-2340. We hold informational meetings every third Tuesday at 10:30 am at the Clackamas Fire District Station #4, 6600 SE Lake Road, Milwaukie in their Community Room, and also host other small meetings in various locations.

We look forward to talking with you about this exciting opportunity to help one another age in place.



## Self Defense Class for Beginners

Learn techniques of elementary falls, blocks, strikes, leverages, throws and self-defense techniques. Instructor is a certified 3rd degree Black Belt Instructor. At the Gladstone Park Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship hall, 8378 Cason Rd., Gladstone. Twelve weeks beginning Jan. 7, 7:00 – 8:00 pm. The class is free and open to ages 6 to seniors. For more information call 503.655.2614 or visit Gladstonepark.org.

### Stay Safe This Holiday Season



Whether you shop at the mall or online, here are a few tips to survive this holiday season: When exiting your car, do not hit your key chain locking device—use the lock button inside your car as thieves are cloning security codes through airwaves; If shopping online: beware of unbelievable deals; shop on trustworthy sites; defend computers by installing a secure firewall, anti-virus and anti-spyware software; be wary of phishing-scammers who send emails claiming problems with orders/accounts to lure buyers into revealing financial info; protect your personal information; read the site's privacy policy to understand what personal information is being requested and how it is used. Confirm security: before paying online, look for an "s" in "https://" in the address box; pay by credit card as shoppers can dispute charges if ordered items are not delivered or if unauthorized charges occur; keep documentation of online orders and check credit card statements for suspicious activity.

### Spring Soccer Registration is Open!



Registration for spring soccer is now open! Early bird discount if you pay before January 18th, 2019. Registration will close on February 22nd 2019. Spring season games will run from April 6th to May 18th. Games will be on Saturdays only.

Early bird price is \$65.00 from now to January 18th. Regular price will be \$75.00 from January 19th to February 22, 2019. School free/reduced lunch discount price \$45, with proof of program (not available on online registration).

To register or find more information, visit <https://www.gladstonesoccer.com/>.

### Community School Classes

Sign up for Gladstone Community School & City Recreation Winter Classes now! Upcoming classes include:

AEROBICS/ZUMBA: January 7th to March 30th at the Clackamas River Racquet Club \$90.00. SPANISH PART 1- BEGINNING BOOK 1: January 8 to March 19 at Gladstone High School Tuesdays from 8:00-9:30 pm tuition: \$83 Book Fee: \$38 (age 62+: \$68 + book)

TAE KWON DO ADULT -ALL LEVELS: January 8 to March 21 at Kraxberger Middle School Cafeteria Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-9:00pm Tuition: \$85 (Age 62+: \$50)

KIDS LIKE LANGUAGES- SPANISH (GRADE1-5): January 15 to March 19 at John Wetten Elementary School Library Tuesdays at 2:20 to 3:20 Tuition: \$140

INVESTING- #1 INVESTMENT BASICS: Wednesday, January 16 at Gladstone High School Room A107 tuition: \$15 (age 62+: \$10)

MATH GAMERS: January 14 to March 18 at John Wetten Elementary Mondays at 2:20-3:20 tuition: \$75 \*John Wetten Students ONLY

For questions or to register for classes call 503-650-2570 or visit [www.gladstone.k12.or.us](http://www.gladstone.k12.or.us) for a full list of available classes.

### Address Numbers on Your Home



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

## Resource for Winter Travel



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

### A-Frame Signs



Gladstone businesses located in commercial or industrial zoning districts that want to display a portable A-frame sign need to complete a short application and return it to City Hall. There's no cost for the application, which will renew automatically with your annual business license. Please be advised that non-conforming signs or signs that don't have a permit could be subject to enforcement. The form can be found at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/community/page/community-application-forms>. Not sure if you have an application on file? Contact Sean Boyle at 503-557-2763.

### Local Telephone Numbers

*City Hall General Business Line	503-656-5225
*Utility Billing/Water/Sewer Acct Info	503-557-2771
*Municipal Court/Traffic Citations	503-557-2772
*Public Works	503-656-7957
*Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2797
*Fire Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2776
*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
*Non-Emergency Dispatch (option 1 for police or fire calls)	503-655-8211



### 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](mailto:kratz@ci.gladstone.or.us). Articles are due on or before the 5th of each month to appear in the upcoming Newsletter.


The Foundation would like to take a moment to give thanks to all those who have given their time and talent by volunteering and donating materials for our August annual book sale, as well as contributing clothing, household and other usable items to our July annual yard sale. We thank those who have patronized these and other events. We also want to thank the City public workers for their help in setting up our book sale. And finally, many thanks for those businesses in our community who have held fundraisers. Every event you support brings us one step closer to achieving our goal of a new library in Gladstone.

As 2018 comes to an end, consider making a donation. Envelopes are available in the library, or call us at 503-260-4786, and we would be happy to send you one. Every little bit helps.

Best wishes to all this holiday season.

Learn more about Gladstone Library Foundation by liking us on Facebook, following us on Instagram, or going to [www.gpl-foundation.org](http://www.gpl-foundation.org)

### 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 more information, visit the county's website at [www.clackamas.us/building](http://www.clackamas.us/building) or call 503-742-4519.

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**New Library Hours January 2019** Starting in January, the Library's hours will be changing! We will still be open the same number of hours every week, but we're distributing our hours more evenly, to allow us to be open longer on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays! The new schedule will be:  
Monday: 10 am - 6 pm Tuesday: 12 pm - 8 pm  
Wednesday: 10 am - 8 pm Thursday: 12 pm - 8 pm  
Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm Sunday: 11 am - 6 pm

#### Adult Winter Reading *Through the end of March*

Gear up for the library's annual Adult Winter Reading program! Pick up a BINGO card at the Information desk and read until March for prizes! We will also give away gift baskets to three grand prize winners in a drawing at the end of March. To enter the drawing, complete one BINGO. Complete a blackout BINGO and get three entries in the drawing! Everyone age 18+ is encouraged to participate.

**Dungeons and Dragons** *There will not be a D&D game in January. Check back for a new date & time starting in February!*

**Rock Readers Book Club** *Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30pm* A mystery book club for adults! January's book is *Earthly Remains* by Donna Leon. Copies can be picked up at the Information Desk any time before the next meeting. Newcomers welcome!

#### Doctor Who Club *Thursday, January 17th 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** *There will be no storytimes the week of New Years!*

**Toddler Storytime** *Tuesdays at 9:30 AM, except for January 1st* 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, except for January 2nd* 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, except for January 3rd* 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 (TAG) Meeting** *Date TBD.* Contact librarian Kristi Hayden at [hayden@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:hayden@ci.gladstone.or.us) for details. Teens in the 6th through 12th grades are invited to join the Teen Advisory Group. This group helps plan teen events and make the library a more inviting place for other teens. Pick up an application at the Information Desk, or come to one of our meetings!

**Teen Art Contest** *Entries accepted between Jan 2nd and Jan 31st* Teen artists are invited to join our annual Summer Reading Teen Art Contest! First prize wins \$100, and the winning artwork will be used by libraries countywide to promote this year's summer reading program! Pick up an entry form with full contest rules at the library. Artwork must: -Be original -Fit the theme "A Universe of Stories" -Contain no words -Be on 8.5x11 paper

#### Library Volunteer Spotlight

Name— **Lois Gleason.** Hometown— Gladstone. Why do you enjoy volunteering for Gladstone Library? **I like to browse as I'm shelving books – to discover new topics to read about!** How long have you been volunteering for the library? **1 year.** Where is the best place you've traveled and why? **Utah – all the colors and rock formations are fascinating – great place to hike/explore.** Do you have any pets? **No.** What are 3 words that best describe you? **Organized, intuitive and kindhearted.** Where would you like to go on a dream vacation? **To visit all of the Lighthouses in the U.S.** What is your favorite food? **Dark chocolate.** What is your favorite activity to do in your free time? **Spend time with our grandchildren.** What is something most people don't know about you? **I was a navy nurse.** Anything else that you would like to add? **I have the best husband! He is great!**

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

### Protecting Your Inside Plumbing

Cold weather can play havoc with winter pipes. To help prevent issues with your plumbing during the colder, winter months, here are a few tips: \*Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage. \*Open cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. \*When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet. Running water through the pipe—even at a trickle helps prevent pipes from freezing. \*Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F. \*Install outside hose bib insulation bonnets. \*Blow out outdoor irrigation system piping.

### Local Meetings—

◆The Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is moving to quarterly meetings. The next meeting will be located at the Gladstone Fire Station on December 12, 2018. Please contact Sheldon Penner at [sheldon@AmicusData.com](mailto: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](http://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!