



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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The Value of a City Employee

By: Jacque Betz, City Administrator



Employees are our most valuable asset and when an organization has a truly great employee, that employee carries value that simply cannot be replaced. They offer deep institutional knowledge of the organization and they hold community relations that have been built over many years. They carry tremendous experience on what has worked and what hasn't worked and great employees have a camaraderie and influence with their coworkers. This year we have added an "Employee Spotlight" section to the newsletter.

There are so many wonderful employees at the City of Gladstone yet many of you do not get the chance to interact with them; so each month an employee will be highlighted. This is a great opportunity for us to acknowledge outstanding work that employees have done throughout their tenure, or to meet new additions to our team. There has been a lot of change at the City and we are handling the change with care. Building relationships with the community is a priority and we are telling our employees that we appreciate them and are learning to celebrate the victory of taking the right daily actions. They need to celebrate their many accomplishments and successes to this point- no matter how big or small and to think of all the things they know today that they didn't know a year ago, five years ago, ten years ago. It is our way of showing you the human side of city government.

Employee Spotlight



Each month we like to shine the spotlight on a City of Gladstone employee, giving you a peek into the remarkable workforce behind our City.

Meet Sergeant Kevin Voss- Employed with the City of Gladstone for 20 years, 1 year as a reserve and 19 years as a full-time police officer.

Q- Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Southgate California.

Q- What is the weirdest job you have ever had?

The weirdest job I have ever had is probably one of the shortest jobs I have ever had. I was doing nuclear testing of wells.

Q- What are 3 words that best describe you?

Honest, Trustworthy and Family-Oriented.

Q- Where would you like to go on your dream vacation?

Germany

Q- What is your favorite food?

Jaegerschnitzel- Hunters meat that is pounded and covered in to-die-for mushroom sauce with spaetzle and red cabbage.

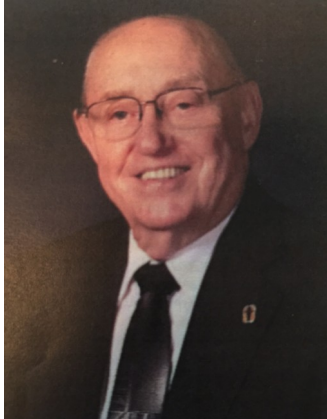
Q- What is your favorite activity to do in your free time?

Spend time with my grandkids. I have 6 grandkids, youngest is 2 months, oldest one is going to be starting High School this coming fall.

Q- What is something most people don't know about you?

I have 2 sisters and a brother who are all older than me by a decade or more. Because of the age gap when I was in 3rd grade, my dad bought a truck and a cab over camper and we didn't go tent camping from then on. I have literally been to almost all of the national parks in the western United States.

Wayne Hauck - Former Gladstone Fire Marshal



Wayne Hauck, age 81, passed away at his home in Gladstone, on January 11, 2018. Wayne served in the Gladstone Fire Department from 1962 until his retirement in 1997, a notable 35 years of Public Service.

Wayne started as a volunteer firefighter and served as a member until 1978 when he accepted the position as full time Fire Marshal for the City. Wayne's public service continued in his career position as City of Gladstone Fire Marshal until his retirement in 1997. Additionally, Wayne served as our volunteer Fire Chief from 1992 until 1995.

Wayne is remembered by those who served with him as honest, fun-loving, and dedicated to all those that he served. As the current Fire Marshal of Gladstone, I remember Wayne as a leader and a mentor to the younger firefighters that served with him. He served the City with honor and dedication for 35 years. I am grateful for his leadership and service given to our fire department.

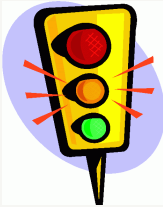
Wayne should be remembered for his leadership that helped shape the future of our department. Gladstone firefighters are proud to serve our City and to carry on the values of the legacy of Fire Marshal Wayne Hauck.

Wayne Hauck - Leader, Mentor and Friend, we choose to support the legacy you left us, by continuing to serve this City with Honor and Pride.

Respectfully submitted: Michael Funk, Fire Marshal, City of Gladstone.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

Beginning January 1, 2018 the police department reinstated a traffic officer program in order to assist in reducing traffic complaints and accidents through directed enforcement and education. Officer Okerman was selected to rejuvenate the program and answer traffic related needs of the community. Officer Okerman will generally be working dayshift hours in all areas of town where emphasis of visibility and enforcement of traffic laws are his mission. Officer Okerman as well as all of our police officers are dedicated to creating a safer community targeting violations that are most likely to cause crashes; speed, following too close, distracted driving, careless and reckless driving as well as DUII. If you have a traffic concern, please call the police non-emergency phone number 503.655.8211 and request an officer to contact you.



Coffee With A Councilor

Coffee with a Council member assists the Council to better communicate with the residents and businesses of our community. Bring ideas, concerns and solutions to make Gladstone a better community! The next meeting dates at the Gladstone Library are March 12th, 2018 at 10:00am and March 26th, 2018 at 6:30pm Please come and share your thoughts.



Business License Fee Work Session

The Gladstone City Council will be holding a work session on February 27, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers to discuss business licenses and fees which include, but not limited to, home occupations, rental properties, etc. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to submit a letter for Council review, please submit by 5pm on February 20, 2018 to ban-nick@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Upcoming Council Meetings

An upcoming agenda item for the Council meeting on March 13th, 2018 will include: the Pickleball Agreement between the City of Gladstone and the Gladstone Pickleball Association.



Planning & Permits

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

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Keeping our Fish Happy and Healthy by Lowering Water Temperature

Gladstone Public Works wants to remind our residents that urban waterways can be polluted and heated by our everyday activities. We can improve water quality by making mindful decisions about lawn care and vehicle maintenance, and by being responsible pet owners (scoop the poop!) Not all water quality issues are so obvious. Gladstone Public Works is charged with monitoring the stormwater that ultimately flows into the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers. Urban development has disrupted original watershed processes, especially by the removal of riparian vegetation. This has resulted in elevated water temperature that can negatively impact coldwater fish and other coldwater aquatic species. One way to help cool the water is to maintain native riparian vegetation along the edges of streams. Shade, from trees and other riparian plants, has been shown to be more effective in temperature reduction when streams are 20 feet wide or less. Many of the streams that flow into the Clackamas and Willamette are less than 20 feet wide, with many being less than 10 feet wide. Does a stream flow through your property? Are you looking for ways you can help improve water quality in Gladstone? The Clackamas River Basin Council has streamside vegetation recommendations and they can be found at www.clackamasriver.org.

City of Gladstone: 90-day Notice of System Development Charge Establishment

The City of Gladstone hereby issues public notice, pursuant to ORS 223.304, of its intent to establish a Parks System Development Charge.

A technical report addressing the methodology and calculation of the proposed charge will be available for review after Tuesday, March 8th at City Hall, 525 Portland Avenue, Gladstone, or by calling 503-656-5225.

A public hearing to take comments regarding the proposed System Development Charge is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 8th, at City Hall. If you wish to comment but cannot attend the public hearing, please address written comments as follows:

Jim Whynot, Public Works Director
City of Gladstone
525 Portland Avenue
Gladstone, OR 97027

Written comments must be received by 4 pm, Friday, May 4th, to be considered.

Applications now open for vacant Metro Council District 2 seat

Applications open until 5pm March 1, 2018

The Metro Council, the elected board that oversees the regional government for the greater Metropolitan area, has declared a vacancy for its seat representing Metro Council District 2, and will accept applications for that vacancy.

District 2 generally includes areas within Metro within Clackamas County east of Tigard, Durham, Tualatin, and Wilsonville, and west of that was formerly the city of Damascus. It also includes portions of Southwest Portland south of Interstate 5 and Southwest Canby Street. Some communities within District 2 include Lake Oswego, West Linn, Oregon City, Gladstone, Milwaukie, Happy Valley, Johnson City, Rivergrove, Jennings Lodge, Oak Grove, Dunthorpe and Stafford. Applicants must be a resident of District 2.

For more information contact: Phone: (503) 797-1916 Email: nellie.papsdorf@oregonmetro.gov

Interested in applying?

♦Applications will be available at the Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave. in Portland, or online at:

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/news/applications-now-open-vacant-metro-council-seat>.

♦A public hearing on the vacancy and possible appointment is scheduled for 6pm Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the Willamette View Terrace Auditorium, 12705 SE River Road in Milwaukie. The new councilor's term shall end on Jan. 1, 2019.

♦Completed application materials may be submitted in person, electronically, or via U.S. Mail, Attn: Nellie Papsdorf, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232

ornellie.papsdorf@oregonmetro.gov.

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/>.

Skopos Christian School



Skopos Christian School has open enrollment available. Small class sizes from Kindergarten-8th grade with affordable prices. Skopos Christian School meets at Tri-City Baptist church off Webster Rd. For more information call 503.908.4740, email info@skoposcs.org or go to www.skoposcs.org

Address Numbers on Your Home

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

Pedestrian Safety



As the weather becomes sunny, 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.

Local Telephone Numbers

*City Hall General Business Line	503-656-5225
*Utility Billing/Water/Sewer Acct Info	503-557-2771
*Municipal Court/Traffic Citations	503-557-2772
*Public Works	503-656-7957
*Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2797
*Fire Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2776
*Police & Fire After Hours	503-655-8211
*Library	503-656-2411
*Senior Center	503-655-7701
*Recreation/Business License	503-557-2766
*Planning	503-742-4520
*Building/Electrical/Plumbing Permits	503-742-4400
*Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance	503-479-6859
*Gladstone School District	503-655-2777
*Gladstone High School	503-655-2544
*Kraxberger Middle School	503-655-3636
*Wetten Elementary School	503-656-6564
*Gladstone Disposal Company	503-656-9426
*Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	503-299-9999
*Portland General Electric	503-228-6322
*Northwest Natural Gas	503-226-4211
*Comcast Cable	1-800-934-6489



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Glad Ty- dings

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Important Dates

Feb 14– Valentines Day Luncheon. 11:30 am. \$3 per person, please RSVP.

Feb 19– Center closed for Presidents' Day.

Feb 26– Book Club @ 11:30.

AARP Tax Aid 2018

Starting in February 2018, AARP Tax preparation assistance will be each Friday through April 13. This assistance is provided free of charge to low income individuals residing in Clackamas County. Simple forms only please. Please call (503) 655-7701 to schedule an appointment.

A word or two... Tax season is here upon us once again. So besides dealing with the paperwork hassles of filing our taxes, we must deal with the new hassle of fraudulent phone calls. Please remember that the IRS will never call you and demand money or else you will face jail. When you receive these calls, simply hang up, don't engage the caller, the longer you are on the phone with these scam artists, the better the chance they will get your money. Additionally, never push a number to take you off a call list as the only thing you are doing is adding your name to more call lists. If you are not certain about a call, please feel free to contact the staff of the Senior Center for more assistance. We hope to see you at our annual Valentine's Day lunch on February 14th at 11:30 am. Have a wonderful month Gladstone! Thank you!

-Colin Black, Manager

Senior Center Book Club

February 26th, 2018 @ 10:30 am.

Massacred for Gold: The Chinese in Hells Canyon by R. Gregory Nokes. In 1887, more than 30 Chinese gold miners were massacred on the Oregon side of Hells Canyon. This is the first authoritative account of the unsolved crime, one of the worst of the many crimes committed by whites against Chinese laborers in the American West.



The Gladstone Seniors Foundation

Did you know that in 2003, the Gladstone Senior Center Advisory Board decided to create a mechanism for individuals, businesses, and other organizations to donate goods, services, and money directly to the Senior Center? This mechanism became the Gladstone Seniors Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) with the State of Oregon and Federal government. The Foundation serves to advocate, solicit, receive, manage, and invest philanthropic gifts of money and property to and on behalf of the Gladstone Senior Center. The Board of Directors consist of long-term members of the Gladstone community.

The Foundation is pleased to announce the first fund raising event of 2018. Please join us on Tuesday, March 6, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, at the Oregon City Brewing Co. for our Charity Pint Night! Oregon City Brewing Co. is located 1401 Washington St. in Oregon City. Come support a very worthy cause and enjoy some great beverages and food!

For more information on the Foundation, please contact the Senior Center Manager at (503) 655-7701. Foundation tax ID# 93-0925413.

Senior Center Advisory Board

All Senior Center Advisory Board meetings are held at the Senior Center, once per quarter or as needed. The Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at 3:00 pm in the Planton Room of the Senior Center. These meetings are open and the public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Your Gladstone Senior Center Staff

Colin Black, Manager

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Deanna Heman, Program & Services Coordinator

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Debbie Ferren, Nutrition Services

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Shirley Scrivner, Transportation Services

scrivner@ci.gladstone.or.us

Rotary

Did you know Rotary meets here each Thursday at noon? Visitors are welcome to attend. See you there!





February 2018

Menu Legend: A= Activity S= Service

Soup & Salad bar at no additional cost!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lunch is a suggested donation of \$2.50 per person for those age 60 or older. For everyone else it is \$4.00 per person. Menu is subject to change with or without notice.				1- Baked Fish with Tartar Sauce A- Pinochle	2- A- Bridge at 12 pm	3-
4-	5- A- Gold Star Potluck at 12 pm	6- Chicken Stew A- Bingo	7- Buffalo Chicken Sandwich A- Bunco S- Safeway	8-Roast Pork With Gravy A- Pinochle	9- A- Bridge at 12 pm	10-
11-	12-	13- Beef Mushroom Patty A- Bingo	14- Valentine's Day Lunch. A- Bunco S- Safeway	15- Lasagna Roll-ups A- Pinochle	16- A- Bridge at 12 pm	17-
18-	19- Center Closed for President's Day	20-Chicken Alfredo Pasta A- Bingo	21- Teriyaki Chicken With Rice A- Bunco S- Safeway	22- Beef Patty With Peppers & Onions A- Pinochle	23- A- Bridge at 12 pm	24-
25-	26- A- Book Club at 10:30 am	27- Chicken & White Bean Chili A- Bingo	28- Garlic Chicken With Potatoes A- Bunco S- Safeway	Please join us for our annual Valentine's Day Lunch. Cost is \$2.50 per person. Sign ups are requested please. Call (503) 655-7701 to rsvp today. Thank you!		

Gladstone Senior Center Trips

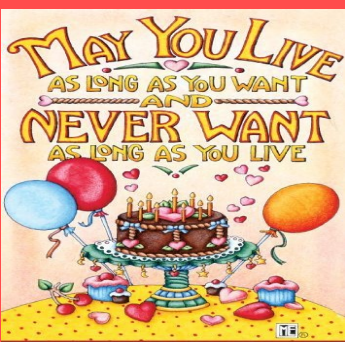
FEB 16-BREAKFAST OUT AT BISCUITS CAFÉ-Come enjoy a delicious breakfast out with large portions and great coffee! A short drive out will complete the day. Lv. 8am Ret: 10:30AM Fare: \$3

FEB 23- LUNCH OUT AT GUSTAV'S-Come enjoy the food at Horst Mager's last authentic German restaurant. Lv. 10:30am Ret: 2:00 pm Fare: \$5

MAR 1- (THURSDAY) LAKEWOOD THEATER-EL GRANDE COCA COLA- Central American impresario Señor Don Pepe Hernandez plans to bring international cabaret to his city. Instead, he hires his own family, whose antics wreak havoc. Lv. 6pm Ret: 10:30pm Fare: \$5

MAR 9- HIKE: BUTTE CREEK FALLS-The beautiful loop hike will take us past two waterfalls. Bring a sack lunch and we'll provide the coffee. Lv. 9am Ret: 2-3pm Fare: \$7

MAR 16- CAMP 18 AND THE ELK REFUGE-The home-style portions are large here-you might want to share. There is a logging museum and equipment on the grounds and after we eat we will take a drive and hopefully see some elk. LV: 10 am RET 2:30 pm. Fare: \$10



Happy February Birthdays!

William C.	2/4	Marilyn M.	2/8
Elaine F.	2/18	Elizabeth B.	2/22
Juanita A.	2/24	Callie K.	2/24
Rosemarie K.	2/25	Ed B.	2/26
Dennis R.	2/26		

Gladstone Senior Center Programs, Services, and Activities- 2018

Services

Legal Clinic- 1st Tuesday of each month. 10 am to 4:00 pm. Call to schedule.

Foot and Blood Pressure Clinic- 2nd Tuesday of each month. 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. \$33 per person. Service provided by RN'S. Call to schedule.

Flu Shot Clinic- Different time each year, please check with our staff for more information.

AARP Tax Preparation- Free tax preparation assistance. Feb. to Apr. each year. This service is offered to low income seniors in Clackamas County. Call to schedule.

Utility Bill Drop- Would you like to save a stamp? If so, you can drop off your water, electric, natural gas, and garbage bill here at the Senior Center.



Activities

There are various activities throughout the week at the Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to participate, so please come and join the fun! Most activities begin after lunch, typically by 1 pm.

Tuesday- Bingo Wednesday- Bunco Thursday- Pinochle Friday- Bridge at 12pm

Senior Center Book Club- meets once per month on a Monday. The club is open to all to enjoy!

Billiards- There is a great pool table here at the Senior Center, just waiting for you to play! All ages are welcome, first come first serve. Open Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Chair exercise class-Each Tuesday and Thursday from 10:15 to 11:15 am. This is an video led, at your own pace, exercise program which is free to seniors. We hope to see you here.

Books and puzzles- We have a great selection of books to borrow and puzzles to challenge you.

Computers- We have a designated room for computers, for seniors only.

Gold Star Potluck- 1st Monday of each month at noon. Please visit us to sign up and list what dish you will bring. All are welcome.

Programs

Transportation- The Senior Center has an 14- passenger, wheel chair ramp-equipped tram. The Senior Center provides transportation services for Gladstone residents only, aged 60 or older. This service is offered through a partnership with the non-profit Ride Connection. All rides are offered for a suggested donation of \$1.00 each way per person.

We provide transportation to and from the Senior Center, weekly and monthly shopping trips to area stores, and excursions to local attractions on Fridays. Additionally, we provide transportation to medical and personal appointments (*please call 503-655-7701 at least 72 hours before appointment*). The Friday trips are open to all adults and there is typically a fee associated with each trip. Please see the current issue of the Glad Tidings Newsletter for the list of upcoming trips.

Nutrition- The Senior Center hosts a congregate lunch every Tuesday through Thursday at 11:45 am. Lunch is a suggested donation of \$2.50 per person, age 60 or older. For everyone else it is \$4.00 per person. We offer a nutritious hot meal with a soup and salad bar.

The Gladstone Senior Center is also the area provider for home-bound meals. If you live in the City of Gladstone and feel you may need assistance, please contact the Senior Center staff to schedule an assessment. Home-bound meals are a needs-based service and is cost-free.

Information and Referral- Have a question about services and programs for you or a loved-one? You can call us and we will make sure that you will be provided with accurate information.

1050 Portland Ave. Gladstone, Oregon 97027 (503) 655-7701

Faces of Drinking Water With Jim Whynot City of Gladstone, Public Works Director

By Christine Hollenbeck, Clackamas River Water Providers



Ensuring the delivery of safe clean drinking water takes many different professionals with a variety of background and skills. Recently we sat down with Jim Whynot, the Public Works Director for the City of Gladstone since December of 2015. Though Jim is a Public Works Director now, he started out and spent many years working in public drinking water.

How long did you work in the drinking water industry prior to your current position with Gladstone?

My first job in public drinking water was in 1990. I was a field worker for the old Clairmont Water District which is now Clackamas River Water South. During my time with Clairmont I earned my Distribution Certification 1, and after three years I took a position with the City of Gresham in the water department. While at Gresham I continued my schooling and earned my Distribution Certification 2 and then my level 3 Certification. In 1998 West Linn was looking for a supervisor in the water department. I am always looking for ways to better myself and move forward so I applied and was given the position. I worked for the city of West Linn until recently in 2015 when I applied for and received the Public Works Director position here in Gladstone.

Do you have anything that you would say is your favorite or least favorite part of your job?

I really enjoy the challenges that come with working in public drinking water and public service. Sometimes it feels like unnecessary amounts of time is spent in the politics and being involved in personnel issues, but that is just the same thing that I enjoy. Because we are human we all need time to come to our own decisions. I see these challenges as great opportunities to better understand people and the issues with which we all are involved.

Do you plan on retiring from the City of Gladstone?

Sure (he says with a smile), but like I said, I'm always looking for a challenge.

What accomplishment/s are you most proud of in your career?

I am really proud of being a part of the positive turn around that occurred at the City of West Linn. Projects like the city's main replacement program, Water Master Plans, and the new 10 million gallon water reservoir are projects I am real proud to have been a part of. I like having the chance to help bring about positive change in a culture, see positive effects and receive positive feedback from the people I work for and work with.

What advice would you give to someone starting out in this field?

Start at the bottom and work your way up to the top. It really gives you a much better perspective of your own position and a healthy respect for the positions of the people with whom you work. Also, always try to get along with people. Being happy and enjoying the folks you work with is so much easier than being disappointed and miserable all of the time.

How has the industry changed since you started?

Everything is so much more technical, there are more rules and regulations. Today we are doing so much more with much less. I am always saying, "Keep it real". I question everything and often ask, "Does that make sense?" Just because we have always done something one way doesn't mean that way is still working today.

What do you feel is most important about your job?

Being a leader, I try to lead by example and be consistent. This way everyone knows what to expect when they are working with me.

What would you like the public to know about their drinking water?

People do not realize all that it takes to deliver their drinking water to them, the cost of the treatment facilities, the reservoirs, the distribution systems, the constant water quality sampling, and of course ongoing maintenance. Our water systems are designed and developed to meet peak day demand plus fire flow and it is all very expensive.

What can the public do to help make your job easier?

Support us, ask questions, and learn about their water systems, where the water comes from and how the system works. I think if people better understood the process of making and delivering safe drinking water they would understand why the cost is going up and be OK with it.

What's the one thing you can't live without at work?

I'm a pretty easy going guy, I don't require a lot to be happy. I guess if I had to pick something it would be to feel like I'm doing some good. It's nice to have harmony in the work place.

What would you say H2O is to you?

The obvious answer is LIFE. I think our public water is under appreciated. I've worked in a lot of different fields in public works and I enjoy the folks who work in drinking water the most. Their profession is very different than the others in public works. Their work is very physical and often done in less than optimal situations, yet they are fun and very happy people.

What do you do for fun when you're not working?

I enjoy hunting, camping, off roading and traveling with my wife.

What are the top priorities for the City of Gladstone in the next few years?

Getting our house in order, we are working hard to get the City into the present and preparing the City for the future. We are working to meet all industry standards and set Gladstone up for a sustainable future.

What is the biggest challenge facing your organization in the next couple of years?

Lack of funding and a lot of expectations to be met, we are working to bring the community together to help set priorities and make funding decisions.

In your opinion what is your agencies greatest accomplishments in the time you have been here?

The residents of the city of Gladstone recognized a need for change and the city staff is following through to answer their need.

Many utilities are struggling with the need to increase rates for their services, how are you approaching this?

We are going to phase in appropriate rates over time at a pace the community can support. It's much less of a shock that way, and we involve our residents in that decision making process.

If you could change one thing about state or federal regulatory programs, what would that be?

KEEP IT REAL! Anymore things seem to be over regulated, which makes programs and projects too complicated and way too expensive. I understand there is a process, but it sure would be more affordable and do-able if we could find a happy medium.

What is something people might be surprised to know about your city?

That we are even here, Gladstone is such a small community and everything built around us has been built to go past us. We are a very tight community of good people. It's like Mayberry in the middle of the big city.

What is on your to-do list?

Continuing the process of moving us forward, I'm so glad to have the opportunity to help the City of Gladstone turn the corner.

While we were visiting with Jim he mentioned the City of Gladstone has not had a Public Works Director in over 30 years and he is proud to be the first in a long time. He believes the city and city staff are all accomplishing good and positive changes, and he looks forward to seeing what the future holds. The Clackamas River Water Providers would like to thank Jim for taking some time out of his very busy schedule for this interview.

Get Social

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



"MARCH INTO KINDERGARTEN" NIGHT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018-19



All incoming Kindergarteners and their parents are invited to attend "March into Kindergarten" night, Tuesday, March 20, 2018 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Gladstone Center for Children and Families, 18905 Portland Avenue. Dessert will be provided. Registration information, a tour of the school, a bus ride and a classroom visit will be included.

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 Fire Department Annual Recognition Dinner

The Gladstone Fire Department held its annual Recognition Dinner on Friday, February 2nd to celebrate last year's department accomplishments and honor several individuals for excellence demonstrated in 2017.

Retirement Recognition: Fire Fighter Mike Seymour, retiring after 24 years

Years of Service Awards: Fire Fighter Mike Madler - 5 years

Battalion Chief Jeff Smith - 25 years

Assistant Chief Mike Funk - 40 years

Top Responder Awards: Captain Richard Newton - 856 calls

Captain Randy Ripley - 677 calls

Fire Fighter Ethan Salata - 571 calls

Fire Chief's Award: Battalion Chief Jeff Smith

Fire Officer of the Year: Captain Kirk Stempel

Fire Fighter of the Year: Fire Fighter Pat Brost



Mike Seymour



Pat Brost

Let's Talk About Trash: Donate Your Stuff!

Many materials can be donated for reuse in your community.

- Evergreen Thrift, 11103 SE Main St, Milwaukie, OR 97222, (503) 653-7510
- Red, White & Blue Donation Center, 19239 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Gladstone, OR 97027, (503) 655-3444, www.redwhiteandbluethriftstore.com
- Deseret Industries Thrift Store, 10330 SE 82nd Ave, Happy Valley, OR 97086, (503) 777-3895, www.deseretindustries.lds.org
- Canby ReStore - NWV Habitat for Humanity, 411 S Redwood St, Canby, OR 97013, www.nwvrestore.org

Noise Control

The City Council has determined that excessive sound is a serious hazard to the public health, welfare and the quality of life and it shall be the policy of the city to prevent excessive sound which may jeopardize the health, welfare and safety of citizens or degrade the quality of life. No person shall knowingly continue, cause or permit to be made or continue to make any excessive or unnecessary sounds. The following acts are declared to create excessive and unnecessary sounds in violation of this chapter without regard to the maximum sound levels: Radios, Phonographs, Tape players, Television Sets, Stereo Systems, Amplified sounds, external speakers, paging systems, Revving engines, Compression braking devices, Exhausts, Idling engines on motor vehicles, Vehicle tires, Motorcycles, go-karts, dune buggies, Motorboats, Powered model vehicles, Fireworks, Tampering, Animals, Steam whistles, Horns, and Compressed air devices. See table for allowed sound levels. Day time hours are between 7:00am-10:00pm the same day, Night time hours are between 10:00pm and 7:00am the following day. For more information, visit <http://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone>, Title 8, chapter 8.12.

TABLE OF ALLOWABLE SOUND LEVELS IN ANY TEN-MINUTE PERIOD (in dBA)

Type of Source by Use	Type of Received by Use					
	Noise Sensitive		Commercial		Industrial	
	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night
Noise Sensitive	55	45		—		—
Commercial	55	50	70	65		—
Industrial	55	50	70	65	75	70

City Formalizes Fire Department Response Standards



After a comprehensive community risk assessment started last August, the Gladstone City Council adopted response time expectations for the Gladstone Fire Department at their January 23rd Council meeting. Formally known as "Standards of Cover", these standards provide guidance to fire department leadership so they can more effectively deploy personnel and request appropriate financial support from the City budget.

The development of these standards was based on national best practices, a historical data analysis, and input from elected officials, fire department staff, and a panel of citizens. Gladstone was able to adopt faster response standards than any other fire department in the Portland area, with response time benchmarks of five-and-a-half minutes for medical emergencies and six minutes for fires. "The advantages of Gladstone having its own fire department really became evident as we looked at setting our response time standards," said Fire Chief Tom O'Connor. "With the addition of three full-time Fire Captains in late 2017, along with the continued commitment of our community-based fire firefighters, we are responding to 911 calls faster than ever before, 24-hours a day, every day of the year."

The complete *Community Risk Assessment: Standards of Cover* document is posted on the fire department section of the City of Gladstone website and is a must read for anyone interested in how the Gladstone Fire Department operates.

Our projects and programs have been chosen for 2018 and our members are ready to go to work. However, we need your help. WE NEED BOOKS. In order for us to have our annual book sale, we need your help by bringing all of your used books to the library. We will do the rest. We are also going to have another Yard Sale this year, so when you are doing your spring cleaning, you can donate all of your excess treasures to this event. You can bring these items to 310 First Street, Gladstone. We will be participating in the Arbor Day event at the Nature Park on April 28th, 10am - 1pm. You can link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to us. You do not lose any of your points or gas points. We benefit from FM's generous program. For more information about GPLF, check our new website: www.gpl-foundation.org

Business License Renewals

Business license renewals are due! All businesses pay a fee of \$100, plus \$5 per employee, and if the business is operating out of a home residence, an additional \$50 fee is required. For owners of rental properties, the \$100 fee applies plus an additional \$25 per rental property. Business license applications may be downloaded from the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. Business license fees not paid on or before March 1st will be assessed a delinquent charge of \$10 per month.

Dog Licenses



All dogs are required to be licensed when they reach 6 months of age. The city currently contracts with Clackamas County for dog licensing. License renewals are due the last day of the month in which the license expires. Additional information and renewal forms may be found at the county's website at www.clackamas.us/dogs or by calling 503-656-8628.

To Our Volunteers From Volunteer Coordinator Bonnie Espe

"Since I recently came on board, I've been amazed by our wonderful library volunteers and the high quality of their work. We have had some volunteers who just started this month and one who has been with us for thirty-one years.

Just to share a few highlights, we are very happy for two of our young twin volunteers, Jen and Sal. They were recently hired at a retirement center and will soon be leaving us. We wish them all of the best and we will really miss them. They have done an outstanding job and will hopefully come back and visit us.

We are thrilled to say we have four new volunteers who just started in the past two months. Help us welcome Lois, Allison, Wesley and Alia to our library, they are already doing a great job and we are so thankful they are now part of our library team!"

Programs and Events

Adult Winter Reading Program

Runs through the end of winter (March 19th, 2018)

Read your way through an Adult Winter Reading bingo card to be eligible for a prize! More information at the Info

Desk.

Rock Readers Book Club

Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m.
Books can be checked out at the Information Desk.

Dungeons and Dragons

Monday, March 9th at 4:30 p.m.
Whether you already love D&D or just want to see what it's all about, join us for an evening of adventure!

Dr. Who Club

Thursday, March 15th at 6:00 p.m.
Are you a fan of Doctor Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode, and share any show related news. All ages are welcome.

Children's Programs

Toddler Storytime for 18 months to 3 years

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

This Storytime is geared towards ages 0-3 with songs, books, and play for early development. Older siblings are welcome to sing and dance with us.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

This storytime is geared towards babies from 0-18 months and their caregivers with books, songs, lap bounces, cuddles, and play to help with early development.

All Ages Storytime

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

All ages are welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes

and movement activities that build literacy and language skills.

Lego Club

Wednesday, March 28th at 3:30 p.m.

We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination.

Art in Action for elementary and middle school ages

Wednesday, March 14th at 3:30 p.m.

Art in Action is a hands on approach to learning about famous artists. Each month we will read about a famous artist and then explore their style and techniques as we create our own masterpieces.

Teen Programs

Teen Advisory Group Meeting

Friday, March 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

Teens in the 6th-12th grades are invited to join the Teen Advisory Group, which helps plan events and makes the library a welcoming space for other teens. Stop by a meeting to find out what it's all about!

Teen Creative Collective

Thursday, March 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

The theme is Comic Books at our monthly craft program for teens in the 6th-12th grades. We'll be turning used comic books into buttons, bookmarks, and more. Try out the button-maker, grab a snack, and meet some other teens!

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CITY MEETINGS:

- *City Council—2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary) - 6:30 pm—in the City Hall Council Chambers
- *Planning Commission—3rd Tuesday (as needed) - 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers
- *Library Board—1st Tuesday—6:30 pm—City Hall Council Chambers
- *Traffic Safety—4th Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm—City Hall Council Chambers
- *Park & Recreation—2nd Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers
- *Senior Center Advisory—held quarterly—3rd Tuesday—3:00 pm—Gladstone Senior Center

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

Volunteering at John Wetten Elementary

Considering Volunteering? Become a lunch buddy for a student at John Wetten Elementary School! The Lunch Buddy program at John Wetten Elementary School and GCCF matches adult volunteers with elementary students to provide friendship, support and positive role modeling by having lunch and spending special time together at recess. There are many students waiting for a lunch buddy mentor but not enough volunteers to meet the need. You can choose to meet once weekly or twice monthly. If you are interested, please contact Theresa Schmidt, Volunteer Coordinator at John Wetten Elementary School, at 503-656-6564 or schmidtt@gladstone.k12.or.us.

Local Meetings—

◆The Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is moving to quarterly meetings. The next meeting will be March 14th, 2018 from 5-7 at The Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave, Gladstone OR 97027. Please contact Sheldon Pen-

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