



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year Gladstone *By Jacque M. Betz, City Administrator*



The New Year brings with it a new opportunity for our governing body, leadership team, and tenured staff to do the organizational stuff of reflection, strategic planning, and team building to create a cohesive team with a clear future forward path. Planning is vital for elected officials because well-written plans help officials understand the circumstances surrounding the decisions made administratively. Priorities change and annually the City has a process to incorporate those into existing plans for continuity.

The City of Gladstone team held a retreat on January 6th to review the 2017-2021 Strategic Plan and update it for 2018. We accomplished many items this past year, such as;

Implementing the Water Master Plan, Stormwater Master Plan, Parks Master Plan, Streets Master Plan, and Sewer Master Plan.

We launched the code enforcement hot line and made the code enforcement position full time to enhance the livability in Gladstone.

We completed the property acquisition on Portland Avenue to construct the new Police Department, and the Council also voted to construct the new City Hall there. We conducted a burn to learn to remove the existing buildings for site preparation and secured a project manager for the design/build phase of the project.

We improved our communications to the citizens by creating a user friendly website, enhancing our popular newsletter, implementing a social media policy/assigned a social media liaison, and conducted public outreach for our new stormwater fee, utility rate increases, and the transition to monthly utility billing.

We came to an agreement with Clackamas County on a path forward for a new library in Gladstone, and

Are in the final stages of finishing the technology and software plan, which upgrades the City's technology to support best business practices in communication, transparency, data and facility security.

These are only a few examples of the citywide accomplishments from 2017 and we have incredible momentum going into 2018. The City Council will consider adopting the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan at their January 23rd Council meeting.

Teams that do big things determine what they want the future to look like and then are accountable for a plan to get there. Given the work our organization has done the past couple years, our team has committed their careers and lives to serving our community. A silent crisis of confidence still occurs towards government agencies, however the City of Gladstone team can hold their heads high and we will celebrate the successes. Happy New Year Gladstone.

City Office Closures

Gladstone City offices will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2018 in observance of Presidents Day.

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 February 12th, 2018 at 10:00am and February 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 bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Public Works Sanding

Sanding roadways during winter months is done by spreading small sized crushed rock on streets to improve vehicle traction. Sanding improves vehicle traction when done after snowfall. 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!

Monthly Billing Coming Soon!

- ✓ Starting February 2018, utility bills will be paid monthly instead of every second month.
- ✓ Most customers find paying a bill every month easier.
- ✓ Pay online with a new free and easy bill pay system.
- ✓ The new bill has an easy-to-understand bill format.



More information coming to your mailbox soon!

Credit coming on your January 2018 bill

Water and sewer rates will be increasing on your February 2018 bill. A portion of the increase was charged in error on your November 2017 bill. You will receive a credit on your January 2018 bill. The credit will be for either \$5.06 or \$11.54, depending on which sewer treatment service area you are in.

Liquor License Renewals

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) advises the City each year of 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 5, 2018 to bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us.

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.

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/>.

Gladstone Public Works Wants to Remind Our Citizens Why Native Streamside Vegetation Matters

What is a healthy riparian area? A riparian area is the land that is directly next to a stream or river. These areas are important for both stream function, soil conservation, and habitat biodiversity. A healthy riparian area consists of established streamside vegetation, which acts as a buffer to the creek. A healthy riparian area is abundant in native northwest plants, and provides crucial habitat for northwest fish and wildlife. Native riparian vegetation supports normal stream function and helps control erosion, flooding, and helps to keep water cool by shading the stream. Riparian areas can also slow floodwaters and provide backchannels for water to go when streams rise.

The North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council (NCUWC) helps to manage the riparian areas and water quality of Rinearson Creek which flows through Gladstone. NCUWC, through our Streamside Stewards Program (SSP), works with various entities and private landowners to improve habitat and educate on the value of healthy riparian areas. The focus of the SSP is to help maintain native streamside vegetation and remove invasive plants to create sufficient shading which keeps the creeks cool enough for the fish and other wildlife to flourish, as well as to provide erosion control. Removal of invasive species and the addition of appropriate native plants also provides better habitat conditions for other wildlife who use stream corridors to survive in the city. If you are interested in scheduling a site visit with NCUWC, contact us at 503-550-9282 or coordinator@ncuwc.org.

On February 17th and March 10th, NCUWC and our partners at Dig In Community will be hosting a community trash cleanup at Olson Wetlands and a native planting day on Rinearson Creek. These are great opportunities to come out to see the beautiful Rinearson Creek and Olson Wetlands and to give back the creek that runs through Gladstone's backyard. To register contact us at coordinator@ncuwc.org or 503-550-9282.

To learn more about other ways you can help in keeping our waterways healthy, please contact NCUWC at 503-550-9282 or coordinator@ncuwc.org. NCUWC is a non-profit 501c(3) organization and you can learn more at www.ncuwc.org. Any donations to support the work NCUWC does to protect and improve Rinearson Creek are tax deductible.

City Boards, Committees and Commission Appointments

At its December 12, 2017 meeting, your City Council made the following appointments to City Boards, Committees and Commissions: Andriel Langston & Patrick Smith to the Planning Commission; Colette Umbras to the Budget Committee; Nancy Eichsteadt to the Library Board; William Preble, Stephen Dorner & Benjamin Misley to the Park & Recreation Board; Drucilla Weiland to the Audit Committee; Elaine Hermens, Katie Ellerby and Colette Umbras to the Senior Center Advisory Board and Bill Osburn and Linda Cosgrove to the Traffic Safety Commission. Thank you to all residents who volunteer their time to serve on boards, committees and commissions that advise the City Council!

Upcoming Council Meetings

Upcoming agenda items for the January 23rd Council Meeting will include: City Library Ballot Measure, Fire Department Standard of Coverage, and Municipal Judge Contract.

Let's Talk About Trash: Yard Debris Container

What can you put in your yard debris container? ♦ Leaves and Flowers ♦ Grass Clippings ♦ Tree and Shrub Trimmings (less than 4 inches in diameter and 36 inches long) ♦ Weeds

What you should NOT include in your yard debris container: ♦ Plastic bags ♦ Metal ♦ Household Garbage ♦ Rocks ♦ Food Scraps or Food-Soiled papers ♦ Dirt or Sod ♦ Ashes ♦ Diapers ♦ Pet Waste ♦ Oversized Items ♦ Plastic ♦ Building Lumber ♦ Stumps

These facilities in Clackamas County accepted yard debris, branches, untreated wood and other materials for a fee.

Metro South Transfer Station: 503-234-3000, 2001 Washington St., Oregon City

West Linn Dan Davis Recycling: 503-655-1928, 4001 Willamette Falls Drive, West Linn

McFarlane's Bark: 503-659-4240, 13345 SE Johnson Rd., Milwaukie

S & H Landscaping Supplies: 503-638-1011 20200 SW Stafford Rd., Tualatin

Volunteering at John Wetten Elementary

If your New Year's Resolution includes volunteering, please consider being a lunch buddy for a student at John Wetten Elementary School. It's a minimal commitment with a big impact!

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

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

- 64% develop more positive attitudes toward school
- 59% achieve higher grades
- 46% are less likely to start using illegal drugs
- 27% are less likely to start drinking
- 33% are less likely to engage in violence

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

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.

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

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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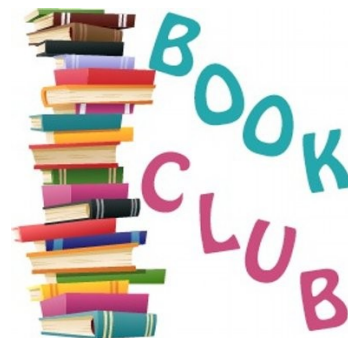
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Senior Center Book Club 2018

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. In this charming debut novel from one of Sweden's most successful authors, a grumpy yet loveable man finds his solitary world turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door. Monday, January 22, 2018 at 10:30 am.



New beginnings, fresh starts, reaffirmations of love and promises for a brighter future all come to mind as we ring in a New Year. There are the superficial, yet purposeful, promises we make to ourselves. We resolve to get in shape, lose weight, improve our health. Then, there are the heartfelt promises we make to others, whether aloud or in our minds. We want to care more, express love more, reverse bad feelings in old relationships or seek out new loving relationships. Whatever your intent, make this the year to be a difference, to everyone and everything. Be that you live near or far away, you can always send wishes of happiness, health, and prosperity to those you care about. 2018 will be a great year for Gladstone and I for one can't wait! Happy New Year everyone! -Colin Black, Manager

Important Dates

- Jan. 11**– Gladstone Library Discussion. 5:30-6:30 pm.
- Jan. 14**– Old Time Fiddlers free concert. 1-3:00 pm.
- Jan. 15**–Center closed for MLK Day.
- Jan.16**–Wills & Estates Class. 6-7:30 pm. \$10.00
- Jan. 22**– AARP Tax Asst. open for reservations.

AARP Tax Foundation Assistance 2018

Starting in February 2018, AARP Tax preparation assistance will be each Friday through April 13, 2018 here at the Senior Center. We will start accepting appointments on 1/22. This assistance is provided free of charge to low income individuals residing in Clackamas County. Simple forms only please.

VOLUNTEERS!

We need your assistance. The Gladstone Senior Center is always looking for volunteers. From dishwashers, food servers, and relief drivers to front desk assistance, any help is greatly appreciated. Call us for more information, thanks!



Brain Teasers

Did you know? One of the biggest fears for people as they get older is losing their mental sharpness, possibly developing dementia or Alzheimer's. It is inevitable that your brain will lose some of its vibrancy as you get older – but by giving your brain a moderate workout on a frequent basis you can help stagnate the onset of some of these issues. Working with puzzles into your old age, has been shown to help reduce the risk, and slowdown the effects of dementia among older adults. Studies shows that working with puzzles and other logic games helped improve reasoning, memory and logic. Exercise enhances the growth and survival of new neurons in the hippocampus, that region of your brain essential for long-term memory. So, put that old noggin' to work!

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January 2018—Happy New Year!

Menu Legend: A= Activity S= Service

Salad Bar included at no additional cost!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1-	3-Spaghetti Spinach Salad A- Bingo	4-Chicken Chop Suey with Rice A- Bunco S- Safeway	5- Mac & Cheese Mixed Veggies A- Pinochle	5- A- Bridge @ 12 pm	6-
7-	8-	9-Chicken Caesar Salad, Split Pea Soup A- Bingo	10- Chicken Tetrazzini A- Bunco S- Safeway	11- Pork Sau- sage &Gravy, Green Beans A- Pinochle	12- A- Bridge @ 12 pm	13-
14-	15- MLK Day Center Closed	16- Ground Beef Stew, Green Peas A- Bingo	17- Herbed Chicken Patty with Gravy A- Bunco S- Safeway	18- Italian Sau- sage with Pep- pers, Salad A- Pinochle	19- A- Bridge @ 12 pm	20-
21-	22- A-Book Club @ 10:30 am	23- BBQ Smoke- house Chicken with Whipped Potatoes A- Bingo	24- Turkey Di- van Bake A- Bunco S- Safeway	25- Country Stake with Gravy, Whipped Potatoes A- Pinochle	26 A- Bridge @ 12 pm	27-
28-	29-	30- Turkey Apple Meatball A- Bingo	31- BBQ Chicken Breast A- Bunco S- Safeway	Lunch is a suggested donation of \$2.50 for those age 60 or older. For everyone else it is \$4.00. Menu subject to change without notice.		

Gladstone Senior Center Trips



JAN 19- PENDLETON WOOLEN MILLS TOUR-WASHOUGAL, WA. This tour will take us from raw wool to finished fabric. Tour is approx. 1 mile of walking with no place to sit. At the end of the tour, we will visit the gift shop. LV: 8:30 am RET: 3pm FEE: \$10

JAN 26-TIGARD THRIFT SHOPS -We will shop at Union Gospel, Value Village, have lunch at Davidson's and then shop Goodwill before we return home. LV: 9am RET: 3pm FEE: \$8

FEB 9-KELL'S IRISH PUB FOR LUNCH-We always enjoy the food and atmosphere at Kell's. We'll make a stop at the Scottish Country shop and Trader Joe's on the way home. LV: 10:30 RET: 2-3pm FEE: \$6

FEB 16-Breakfast out at Biscuits Café- Head out with us for a little trip to enjoy some great breakfast. LV: 8 am RET: 10:30 am FEE: \$3

Senior Center Trip Policy, please visit: www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc/page/senior-center-transportation

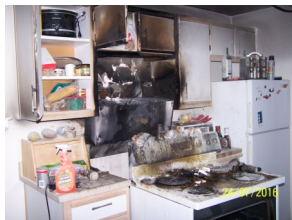
*May the joy that you have spread in the past come back to you on this day!
We wish you a very happy birthday!*



Happy January Birthdays!

Char Kellerman	1/2	Berna Williams	1/14
Huda Wood	1/2	Cheryl Frazier	1/14
Wayne Hauck	1/4	Donna Bayless	1/18
Louise Kinnis	1/5	Maryanna Moore	1/23
Louise Deich	1/8	Larry Kelner	1/24
Kay LaVelle	1/11		

Gladstone Fire Dept. Updates-- From Fire Marshal Mike Funk



SMOKE ALARMS WORK:

It is true that there has been mention of smoke alarms several times in the previous newsletter articles of 2017. Please read this month's article to find evidence of why I am so persistent regarding this subject.

You have heard me quote "only working smoke alarms save lives" and "replace your smoke alarm after 10 years of service." This month I am bragging that working smoke alarms really do work. Recently I wrote in the City newsletter of the smoke alarm installation campaign that was done in Gladstone over in the River Rd. area. Firefighters from Gladstone assisted by members of the Gladstone/ Oak-Lodge Rotary club installed over 50 smoke alarms in mobile homes on a cold Saturday morning in mid October 2017.

Well I am pleased to report that a possible house fire was avoided by the efforts of that day. On Dec. 26th 2017 a call was received by the local 911 center from a neighbor reporting a smoke alarm sounding in the home next door. Gladstone Fire Engine 391 responded and resolved the situation. Attached is an excerpt from the report that I received from Capt. Vroman regarding this incident.

"E391 arrived, found nothing showing, but noted the faint odor of burnt food. After forcing the front door, we found smoke in the residence with an unattended pot of food left on the stove. We removed the pot, and ventilated the resi-

dence after confirming no one was home. We noted that smoke alarms installed by GFD during our campaign back in October were the ones sounding. Fire Fighter Krieger and Anderson remember installing the alarms in this particular residence (they were on E391 for this call). Had those smoke alarms not been present, the pot of food could've potentially heated to the point of ignition, resulting in a fire alerting the neighbors instead of the smoke alarm. I would say this was a huge win for Gladstone Fire and the efforts of our Fire/Rotary personnel who spent time installing smoke alarms that day."

Please understand that we do not always have this positive outcome for these types of accidents. Please take a minute to look at a couple of attached pictures. One picture shows how a fire on the stove started burning the cabinet above the stove, and melted plastics in the surrounding area.

The other picture reflects a common scene encountered following a kitchen fire. Many times fire starting on the stove rises up and mushrooms out when restricted by kitchen cabinets. The numerous plastic products within a kitchen burn or sometimes melt due to the high heat being produced. The fire can reach this "high heat" level within a few minutes which causes the fire to spread to other rooms. When the firefighters encounter these high heat conditions a much more aggressive and complete overhaul of the kitchen is required. In the second picture you will note fire impingement has occurred on both upper and lower cabinets as well as burning the appliances. Due to the high heat that occurred in this fire the crews were required to pull down a substantial por-

tion of the ceiling and insulation in order to insure that fire extinguishment was complete in the hidden attic areas.

Please be aware that while Gladstone Firefighters are skilled at suppressing a fire if it occurs, we would always rather engage with you, our Community, to prevent the home fire before it happens.

Smoke Alarm Installation continues: If you live in the City of Gladstone, own the residence you are living in, and are in need of a new smoke alarm -contact me at 503-557-2775 and request an alarm. If you rent out a space or reside in a rented space your landlord is required to provide one or more working alarms in the rented space. For all other residents the firefighters of Gladstone are ready to schedule a time to come to your home and install for you a new working alarm free of charge to you. I have to explain that Gladstone does not have an unlimited supply of smoke alarms but that is an issue that I am willing to deal with.

As a resident of Gladstone, your task is to report to me that your home is deficient and you are in need of a new life saving smoke alarm.

Gladstone Fire Department wishes you a Safe and Happy 2018, and would like to extend our appreciation to you for your support of Gladstone firefighters.

Assistant Chief, Michael Funk
City of Gladstone
503-557-2775.



Safety Tips of the Kitchen



Many of us spend time in the kitchen preparing meals and treats. Here are some simple tips to ensure fire-safe cooking practices.

- Never leave cooking unattended!
- Keep your cooking area clean
- Don't leave flammable items on or near the stove.
- If there were a pan fire, turn off the burner. Slowly slide a lid over the pan from the side
- If there is an oven fire, keep the door closed and turn off the oven.
- If the two tips above do not work, get out and call 9-1-1!

Also, make sure smoke alarms are working, and test the alarms once a month to ensure they are still functioning properly. For more information, contact Gladstone Fire Department at 503-557-2775.

Business License Renewals

Business license renewals are due January 31st. 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.

Adopt a Family Making a Brighter Holiday Season

Each year the Gladstone Fire Department, working jointly with the Gladstone School District, Kiwanis, Rotary and the Sunshine Division, make the holidays a bit brighter for some Gladstone families. This year, we helped 118 families in need have a happier holiday by providing food boxes, toys for the children, warm blankets, gloves, and gift cards for the teens. Students from Gladstone High's Student Senate, National Honor Society, and Key Club helped stage and load up the vehicles. With the help of countless volunteers, the deliveries were made in record time! We would like to thank all the citizens, students, school district, city staff, fire department, Kiwanis, Rotary, Sunshine Division, and elected officials for their help and support.

Vacancies on Boards, Committees and Commissions

At its February 13, 2018 meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointments to two positions on the Budget Committee, one position on the Traffic Safety Commission, two positions on the Senior Center Advisory Board and two positions on the Audit Committee. To obtain an application and information about serving on a committee, board or commission, visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, email ban-nick@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2769 or stop by City Hall. Applications must be returned by 5pm on February 6, 2018

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)



The City of Gladstone received notice from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) the City of Gladstone received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for our 2017-19 biennial budget. This award is the highest form of recognition in government budgeting and represents a significant achievement by our organization. It reflects the commitment of our governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of government budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, we had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- ❑ A policy document
- ❑ A financial plan
- ❑ An operations guide
- ❑ A communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award. There are over 1,600 participants in the Budget Awards program. The most recent Budget Award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents are posted quarterly on GFOA's website (www.gfoa.org). Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

This has been a goal for elected officials since the creation of the Accounting Manager position. At the January 9th Council meeting we will officially recognize the City receiving this award.

Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional organization servicing the needs of more than 19,000 appointed and elected local, state, and provincial-level government officials and other financial practitioners. It provides top quality publications, training programs, services, and products designed to enhance the skills and performance of those responsible for government finance policy and management. The association is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, with offices in Washington D.C.

Scoop the Poop- Help Our Water System

As the rain moves in, streams swell with water. Much of this water washes off the land into the storm water system, which flows into our rivers. Along the way it picks up pollutants, some of which you may not think of as pollution. What you do around your home, work, or anywhere in the city, matters for clean water.

Bacteria are natural components of lakes, rivers and streams. Most of these bacteria are harmless; some have the potential to cause sickness and disease in people. Their origin may surprise you. Research conducted by Clean Water Services of Washington County found that, on average, 63% of E. coli bacteria contamination in streams originated from waterfowl and canine sources—ducks and dogs.

What you do matters. Wherever you are, please pick up your dog's poop. It's essentially raw sewage and should not be left on the ground, anywhere. Dog poop can contain harmful organisms like E. coli, Leptospira and roundworms, which can be contracted by other dogs, or carried into homes after walking through yards or parks. This bacteria can wash into streams when it rains. The solution to this pollution, is to pick up the poop, put it in a bag and throw it in the trash.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

Chief's Corner- Police Chief Jeff Jolley

Happy New Year and here's hoping you have a safe, productive, and enjoyable 2018. Most likely you are looking forward to a positive start and have set goals for yourself and/or resolutions. Here at GPD we will definitely get together and set some goals, create resolutions, and set forth with our best effort.

One resolution sure to continue, well, more like a re-commitment, will be Customer Service. This has been a focal point for us and will continue to be a priority. Why? Because at GPD, as I've said many times, we are part of the community and want to treat our community as the good neighbor that we are.

We will seek to ensure that we provide service in a timely and professional manner, providing information relevant to the event. Whether a victim of a crime, attending a community event, or running afoul of the law, we strive to treat all with dignity and respect.

I'm proud to be the Chief of Police for this awesome community made up of some great people. But also, I know it makes my job easier to have a group of employees, police officers and civilians, who are some of the finest and most dedicated people I've ever worked with.

Please feel free to let us know how we're doing. From myself and the men and woman at GPD, thank you for your support, and Happy New Year.

GPD News

As 2017 closes out, preliminary numbers indicate that Gladstone Police Department is coming off one of its busiest years ever. Much of the statistics can be attributed to a younger, pro-active, and motivated workforce, which is always a good thing. However, one area does seem to jump out; property crime.

There can be times that seem as if people will steal anything that's "not nailed down". This is not really the case, but there are some things you can do to minimize being a victim. Even if you don't have an active Neighborhood Watch, you can still watch out for your neighbor. If you see something unusual or out of place on your street, call the police. If something feels wrong (like a moving truck emptying out your neighbor's house when you know they have no plans to move), it most likely is, call the police.

Some quick things to remember;

- Always keep your front door locked, even when you are home
- Make your home always look occupied, keep on lights, use timers, keep papers off the front porch
- Get a dog
- Know your neighbors
- Keep your garage door closed, especially at night
- Don't leave valuables, bikes, lawnmowers, etc., unattended in the front yard
- Lock your vehicles, and never leave valuables in the car
- Consider an alarm system
- Keep the outside lighted at night, consider motion sensor lighting

Be safe, and remember don't hesitate to call the police if something seems suspicious on your street.

Get Social

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



Gladstone City Calendar

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				All Ages Storytime 9:30am	Teen Advisory Group Meeting 4:00pm	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Park & Recreation Board Meeting 6:30pm	Toddler Storytime 9:30am Library Board Meeting 6:30pm	Baby Storytime 9:30am	All Ages Storytime 9:30am		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Coffee with a Councilor 10:00am	Toddler Storytime 9:30am City Council Meeting 6:30pm	Baby Storytime 9:30am	All Ages Storytime 9:30am		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	City Offices Closed (All day) 02/19/2018 Library Closed (All day) 02/19/2018 (All	Toddler Storytime 9:30am Rock Readers Mystery Book Club 6:30pm Planning Commission Meeting 6:30pm	Baby Storytime 9:30am	All Ages Storytime 9:30am Teen Creative Collective 5:00pm		
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
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New Laws for Oregon Drivers Take Effect in 2018

In addition to passing a major transportation funding package, the 2017 Oregon legislature approved a handful of other laws that affect drivers and vehicle owners and take effect Jan. 1, 2018.

Crash Reporting

As of Jan. 1, drivers do not need to report a fender bender if the damage is under \$2,500. This is an increase from the \$1,500 threshold that had been in place since 2004. In recent years, many reports submitted to DMV because of the \$1,500 threshold have been for minor crashes, consuming staff time that would be better used for focusing on more serious incidents. ODOT uses crash data to make informed decisions on how to prioritize engineering the safety of highway and road facilities, and to help provide focus for traffic enforcement resources. Raising the threshold helps focus crash data on incidents that involve fatalities, injuries and serious property damage.

Drivers must report a vehicle crash to DMV within 72 hours if:

- Damage to any vehicle is over \$2,500.
- Any vehicle is towed from the scene.
- Injury or death resulted from this incident.
- Damages to property other than a vehicle involved in the crash is more than \$2,500.

Registration Card Privacy

The owner of a vehicle may black-out or obscure the residence address, business address, mailing address or vehicle address shown on the registration card and on proof of insurance or other current proof of compliance carried in the vehicle. The legislation was developed in response to safety concerns if a vehicle is broken into while away from home or business.

New 'Move-Over' Law for Safety

Drivers are now required to move over to another lane or slow down by at least five miles an hour below the posted speed for any vehicle stopped next to the side of the road displaying hazard lights or other signs of distress. Under prior law, drivers have to move over (or if unable to move over safely, to slow down) only for an emergency vehicle, a roadside assistance vehicle, a tow vehicle or ambulance, when it is displaying warning lights. The new law clarifies that drivers have a choice to comply by either moving over or slowing down by at least five miles an hour below the posted speed; and now the law applies when approaching any vehicle at the side of the road displaying hazard lights or distress signs. The offense remains a Class B traffic violation. Between 2011 and 2015 in Oregon, there were 167 serious crashes and eight people died in incidents where a vehicle was parked on the side of the road and there was no emergency vehicle with lights on involved. During that same time frame, in incidents where an emergency vehicle with lights on was aiding a motorist, there were just six serious crashes and no fatalities.

Three-Wheel Vehicle Driver Testing

As of Jan. 1, a licensed Oregon driver will not need to take a drive test to receive an endorsement on their license to drive some three-wheeled motorcycles. Under Senate Bill 36, this change applies only to three-wheeled vehicles that operate much like a four wheeled car. The vehicles affected may be defined as motorcycles under Oregon law but are operated more like a car than a motorcycle – with a steering wheel instead of handlebars, for example. For a comprehensive listing of changes to Oregon laws for drivers or for more information, see www.OregonDMV.com.

Sidewalks and Clear Vision

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

Neighbor Law

The City receives requests from residents about settling issues between neighbors that the City does not regulate. These issues include requests to: place trash and recycling cans out of public view to help maintain neighborhood livability, to not feed stray cats that may attract unwanted pets to a neighbor's yard or place of business, to trim overhanging tree limbs; locate property lines, move fences, etc. Many of these legal issues were settled years ago and resolution of current issues between neighbors are now typically settled by mediation instead of being litigated in court. For additional information on neighbor law you may check out "[Neighbor Law: Fences, Tress, Boundaries and Noise](#)", by Cora Johnson at the Gladstone Library.

Protecting Your 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.

The Library will be closed on Monday February 19th for Presidents' Day

New Ukulele Collection

Have you always wanted to learn to play a ukulele? The Library will have a new ukulele kit collection available for circulation by February. Come into the library to check out a kit that comes with everything you need to tune, learn, and play a ukulele.

Programs and Events

Blind Date with a Book

Through the month of February

Do you judge a book by its cover? For the month of February take a blind chance and check out a wrapped book. For your knowledge, brief labels will display the first sentence of the book and genre. After reading your selection, fill out a Rate-the-Date card for your chance to win a prize basket. Two prize baskets will be available!

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, February 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Books can be checked out at the Information Desk.

Dungeons and Dragons

Monday, February 12th 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, February 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

Wednesdays, February 14th and 28th at 3:30 p.m.

We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination.

Art in Action for elementary and middle school ages

Wednesday, February 21st 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, February 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, February 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

Escape the winter weather and explore your creative side at our monthly craft program for teens!

Teen Art Contest

Deadline for entries is Sunday, February 11th

Teens are invited to create original artwork on the 2018 Summer Reading theme "Libraries Rock." First place wins \$100 and winning artwork will be used throughout the county to promote the Summer Reading Program. Pick up an entry form at any Library in Clackamas County.

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates

The Gladstone Public Library was THE place to be on Friday afternoon, Dec. 22nd as we kicked off the Holiday weekend. Every nook and cranny was occupied. From the children's area, where parents were reading to their toddlers to the Large Print room where Santa's elves were handing out new books to eager young readers. The teen area was especially bustling. Youngsters were busy making bookmarks and Christmas ornaments, the teens were busy on the computers and families were sitting on the floor in groups playing the board games. Everyone gradually made it to the main floor where our Holiday refreshment table was laden with Holiday treats. A special thank you to the Gladstone Safeway store for providing the delicious cookies and oranges, we appreciate the Safeway store's generous donation. We would also like to thank all of our volunteers and donors who helped make 2017 a successful year. Now on to the challenges and changes for 2018. Happy New Year. Gladstone Public Library Foundation

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CITY MEETINGS:

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

*Planning Commission—3rd Tuesday (as needed) - 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers

*Library Board—1st Tuesday—6:30 pm—City Hall Council Chambers

*Traffic Safety—4th Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm—City Hall Council Chambers

*Park & Recreation—2nd Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers

*Senior Center Advisory—held quarterly—3rd Tuesday—3:30 pm—Gladstone Senior Center

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

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. 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.

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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