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Gladstone Civic Center Project

By: *Jacque Betz, City Administrator*



The City of Gladstone is making progress on the Gladstone Civic Center building project approved by the voters in November 2015. Specifically, the voters authorized the City to construct and incur debt to finance a new city hall and police department. The new buildings will be located off of Portland and adjacent to the City's existing public works/shops property. The City has conducted preliminary site concept investigations with different program scenarios and decided to proceed with the new civic building facilities located on the approximately 80,000 square foot site at 18505 Portland Avenue.

The City is soliciting proposals on a Progressive Design-Build Procurement process and has tentatively set a date of May 8, 2018 to award a contract. In August of 2017 the City Council approved a resolution exempting a public improvement contract from the traditional competitive bidding pursuant to ORS 279C.335(2). Oregon law permits contract review boards, such as the Gladstone City Council, to exempt a contract from traditional competitive bidding when it can make the following findings: 1) The exemption is unlikely to encourage a favoritism in awarding public improvement contracts or substantially diminish competition for public improvement contracts; and 2) Awarding a public improvement contract under the exemption will likely result in substantial cost savings and other substantial benefits to the contracting agency.

The City chose to use a progressive design-build method for the following reasons:

- Fast, efficient, low cost procurement
- Qualification-driven selection
- The City is fully engaged throughout the design process
- Enhances value-based decision making
- Fastest form of project delivery
- Requires a high level of trust to ensure success

The Progressive Design-build contract is anticipated to be \$10.5 million dollars dependent upon the outcomes of this solicitation. The anticipated \$10.5 million is the estimated Design Build Costs. It does not include any other City soft costs, which is expected to be roughly \$2.8 million (\$1 million of which was already spent on property acquisition). When the ballot measure was approved in November 2015 the estimated costs were \$4 million for the city hall and \$7.2 million for the police department. The economy has recovered the past three years and we should expect the construction costs could be considerably higher.

Paralleling the solicitation process staff has been consulting with bond counsel and finance managers to refine exact amounts the City would need to borrow from the urban renewal agency reserves and future funds. All decisions regarding the financing and contracts will be considered in a publicly noticed meeting of the Gladstone City Council. Dates will be published on the City's website at www.gladstone.or.us. We are very excited to move on this next step in the Civic building process.

Max Patterson Pancake Breakfast

The annual Max Patterson Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary, will be Saturday, March 31 from 8:30-11:30 am in the Gladstone High School cafeteria. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors or \$16 for a family of four.



Upcoming Council Meeting

Upcoming agenda items for the April 10, 2018 City Council meeting will include: Amend Municipal Code Chapter 2—Court and Jury Trials; Business License Code Amendments.

Employee Spotlight



Meet Bonnie Espe- Volunteer Coordinator for the Gladstone Library. She has worked for the City for 3 going on 4 years

Q-Where is the best place you have traveled and why?

Rome Italy. I loved Italy because they have a very strong emphasis on family and food which are two things I love too.

Q-Where did you grow up?

Southridge California where ET was filmed.

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

When I was a teacher for Long Beach School District. In the Morning I was a Resource Specialist I taught kids from K-6th. In the afternoon I was a Middle school Math teacher for Special Ed. It was two different kind of personalities and styles of work so it was very weird to try to work with middle schoolers and kids in elementary school.

Q-Do you have any pets? How Many? What kind?

Two dogs. One big black lab and one American Eskimo. We are looking into getting a rescue cat sometime in the next week or two. My pets from here on out are all going to be rescue which is what I had before these two dogs and that is what I want to get back to - are dogs that need homes. I really want to start supporting dogs who are homeless.

Q-What are 3 words that best describe you?

Energetic, mindful and hardworking

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

Costa Rica. I want to see all the monkeys and plants and flowers.

Q-What is your favorite food?

I love all food, every kind imaginable but I would have to say Chocolate and Green vegetables are my favorite.

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

What little time I have, I like to read, ride my bike and spend time with my family.

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

When I was in High school I tried out to be a lead singer for a group called The Babies. There were over 600 people there trying out and they actually did pick me. There were getting ready to give me a contract to be the lead singer then they realized that I wasn't quite 18 yet. I had dreams of traveling around the world in a limousine and performing but it began and ended very quickly.

Q-Is there anything else you would like to add?

I love, absolutely love, working in a library. Both my parents were teachers and I had done a lot of teaching in my life and I like teaching but I prefer working in a library. I have been working in libraries since I was a sophomore in College. I have been a school librarian, at university public I set up Marylhurst early childhood library, I set that up for them with a little grant I won. I also have an amazing husband and 3 kids.

Easter Egg Hunt



The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 31st beginning precisely at 11:00 am at the Gladstone High School. Children of Gladstone residents between the ages of 1 and 11 are invited to hunt for over 5,000 eggs "hidden" on the high school grounds. The hunt begins once the fire siren sounds, and parents are asked to let their children "find" their own eggs. Some eggs contain coupons for special prizes that can be redeemed at the prize

booth or location specified on coupon. If you child does not "find" any eggs, go to the prize booth and an organizer will ensure your child leaves with candy or a prize.

Donations of plastic eggs, prizes or wrapped candy are always welcome! Or you may provide a monetary donation to assist in purchasing such items. Anyone interested in volunteering or donating items is asked to contact Tami Bannick at bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us or 503-557-2769. Thanks!

Fire Department Budget Spotlight

By: Fire Chief, Tom O'Connor



It is my job as your Fire Chief to make sure Gladstone Fire Department provides the best possible service to the citizens of Gladstone within existing financial and personnel constraints. Given that we are talking about taxpayer dollars - your money - the decision to add full time positions is never taken lightly.

Due to recognized operational needs, last fall the fire department added three full time Captains to serve as front line supervisors. There is always a Captain on duty 24-hours a day at the fire station to respond quickly to emergency calls and provide leadership for our community based paid-on-call firefighters. Having crews at the station around-the-clock has improved our ability to help citizens who call 911 for a fire or medical emergency. These changes allow us to respond faster and more consistently than ever before.

Adding full time positions required us to think hard, reprioritize fire department expenditures, and tighten our belt in certain budget areas. We were able to add two full time Captain positions with only a 5.7% increase in our overall budget, bringing the fire department operating budget to just under 1.6 million dollars per year. A few months after that change was approved, we were thrilled to learn Gladstone Fire Department had received a three-year federal grant totaling almost half a million dollars to increase our staffing levels. The grant, over \$160,000 per year, allowed us to add a third Captain position right away without any additional cost to the citizens of Gladstone, plus put money back in reserve for much needed equipment to upgrade our emergency response capabilities.

At Gladstone Fire Department, we take our job as stewards of public tax dollars very seriously. We are proud of our fiscal responsibility and have added key personnel, increased our training levels, and greatly improved our response times without undue burden to the taxpayers. Though we certainly hope you won't need our services, Gladstone Fire will be there when you need us!

If you have any questions about the Gladstone Fire Department, budget or otherwise, please feel free to contact Fire Chief Tom O'Connor by phone at 503-557-2790 or via e-mail at oconnor@ci.gladstone.or.us.



Positive Changes at Gladstone Fire Department (GFD)

Submitted by: Michael Funk, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal

The firefighters that have served the Gladstone community through the years are proud of the time they have given to serving this City. I am one of those people. I joined Gladstone Fire Department in 1978 so I am reaching a 40 year milestone. I was born in 1959 and have never moved away from Gladstone. I obviously do not remember much of the 50s however growing up here in the 60s and 70s was a real treat. Gladstone was (and still is) a great place to live and work although a lot has changed over the years. Portland Avenue had businesses like Don's meat market, Ray's grocery store and Olson's variety store. Did you know that behind the new red front of the fire station still lies the original Public Works building? Then there was McLoughlin Boulevard, with businesses like the Grange Co-op store, Dairy Queen and the Televue Theater. Does anyone remember "Brown's Better Boards Build Better Buildings" which was at the corner of Gloucester and McLoughlin?

My family is proud to claim three generations of "Funks" serving this community as firefighters. My father (first generation) served the City from approximately 1965 to 1972. In my father's era there was limited training, older equipment, less safety practices in place and fewer fire industry requirements. They did a great job with what they had but lacked the training, education and the equipment of today.

When I joined Gladstone Fire (second generation) in 1978 the City had grown and changed and so had the needs of the fire department. In the 80s and 90s there was much more focus on training firefighters and equipping them with the knowledge and tools to perform firefighting tasks. By the mid-80s we were requiring firefighters to spend several weekends attending training academies in order to prepare them to operate safely. In 1993 we made the largest change in Gladstone Fire Department history by starting to respond to medical emergencies. It was public expectation to have the firefighters respond to medical calls along with the private ambulance company. In the 80s and 90s an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) state certification was about 60-80 hours.

In 2005 my son joined Gladstone Fire (third generation) while he earned his Fire Science degree at Chemeketa Community College. By this time Gladstone had adopted minimum standards for firefighters that required over 200 training hours before ever being allowed to respond on a fire engine. We also made it a requirement to get certified as an EMT within 2 years of joining the department.

In the last 40 years, I have seen a lot of changes in the way Gladstone Fire Department operates. There have been struggles and challenges to meet the growing needs of the City. Present fire department leadership is addressing these challenges with new ideas and fire service best practices. Today's fire department can no longer operate by doing things "the way we have always done it." And yes, it is not always easy to embrace new methods that change the way we have done things for years.

Back in 2010, City leaders hired a consultant group to evaluate and make best practice recommendations to improve Gladstone Fire Department. Seven years later, as a responsible government agency, we took a hard look at what we had accomplished. I am pleased to report many of the recommended changes mentioned in the 2010 report have been implemented.

In 2018, we successfully operate a fire department with well trained, State of Oregon credentialed firefighters and State licensed EMTs. Fire training academies now log over 240 hours of classroom and hands on training. EMT classes now last two college terms followed by State and National testing. These requirements take time but these milestones are essential to the health of our organization. Our most recent accomplishment is a Standards of Cover document (available for viewing on the City website). Within this document are our goals for emergency response times - Gladstone Fire has adopted the fastest response time standards in Clackamas County.

I have seen a lot of changes during my 40 year history here at Gladstone, and I am excited to say I believe we are now the best fire department we have ever been.

For any questions I can be reached at my office: 503-557-2775 or by the email at funk@ci.gladstone.or.us



Gladstone School District Presents the GFD with the Growing Great People Award



The Gladstone Fire Department was very excited to be awarded the Growing Great People Award from the Gladstone School District at the February school board meeting. This award was given in recognition for the contributions that Gladstone Fire Department has made this year that includes Hands Only CPR for the high school and middle school. They also participated in the community wide adopt-a-family Christmas giving project, helping with food and toy boxes and personally delivering them to local families. "This is a great honor and we love working with the school district," Captain Kirk Stempel stated.



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Glad Ty-dings

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Important Dates

Mar. 11- Daylight Savings begins, move clock 1 hour ahead.

Mar. 15- Spring Lunch at 11:30 am. RSVP please. Cost \$3.00.

Mar. 24- AARP Safe Driving Course. The next scheduled class will be on May 12. Sign up for either.

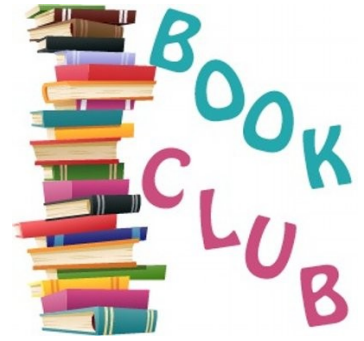
AARP Tax Foundation

Assistance 2018

AARP Tax preparation assistance will be available each Friday through April 13, 2018, from 9 am to 2 pm, here at the Senior Center. This assistance is provided free of charge to low income individuals residing in Clackamas County, courtesy of the AARP Tax Foundation. Simple forms only please. A limited amount of appointments are still open as well as the standby list, so please call to schedule yours soon.

Senior Center Book Club 2018

March 19- *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Based on one of America's most notorious real-life in which the director of a Memphis based adoption organization kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country.



Ahh, Spring, how I have missed thee. I am tired of old man Winter and ready for some warmer, sunnier, and yes the wetter days too. I am ready for the beauty of Spring to come to fruition, lining the streets of Gladstone with pink cherry blossoms and turning our area into the green lushness we all love. Spring breathes new life into the world around us. Starting in April, the Senior Center in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association of Oregon, will begin a 6-month series of informational meetings for caregivers, loved ones, and anyone seeking information about Alzheimer's. We hope to get enough interest to start a Alzheimer's support group this year. More information about exact times and dates to follow soon, please stay tuned! As always, we are here to serve you, please let us know how we are doing and how we can improve. We value your input! Have a great march Gladstone! ~ Colin Black, Manager

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Then...K+N+O+W+L+E+D+G+E (11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5)=96%

And..... H+A+R+D+W+O+R+K (8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11)=98%

Both are important, but fall short of 100% ! But.....

A+T+T+I+T+U+D+E (1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5)= 100%

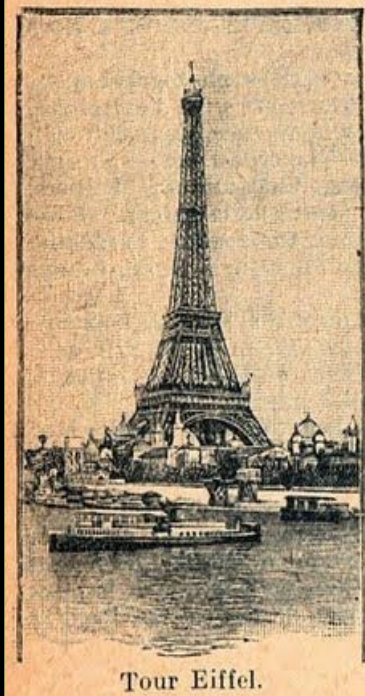
March 2018– It's Spring!



Menu Legend: A= Activity S= Service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>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. Soup and Salad Bar included at no additional cost! All donations are extremely appreciated!</p>				<p>1- Baked Ham A- Pinochle</p>	<p>2- A- Bridge-12pm S- Tax Prep</p>	<p>3-</p>
<p>4-</p>	<p>5-</p>	<p>6- Chicken Pastini A- Bingo S- Fred Meyer</p>	<p>7- Sweet & Sour Pork & Rice A- Bunco S- Safeway</p>	<p>8- 1/2 Turkey Sandwich A- Pinochle</p>	<p>9- A- Bridge-12pm S- Tax Prep</p>	<p>10-</p>
<p>11-</p>	<p>12-</p>	<p>13- Kielbasa on a bun A- Bingo</p>	<p>14- Chicken Tetrazzini A- Bunco S- Safeway</p>	<p>15- Spring Lunch at 11:30 am A- Pinochle</p>	<p>16- A- Bridge-12pm S- Tax Prep</p>	<p>17-</p>
<p>18-</p>	<p>19- A-Book Club @ 10:30 am</p>	<p>20- Mac & Cheese A- Bingo S- Wal-Mart</p>	<p>21- Spaghetti A- Bunco S- Safeway</p>	<p>22- Beef & Potato Stew A- Pinochle</p>	<p>23- A- Bridge-12pm S- Tax Prep</p>	<p>24- AARP Safe Drivers Course. 9 am—4 pm.</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26-</p>	<p>27- Cheese & Green Chili Bake A- Bingo</p>	<p>28- Beef Stroganoff A- Bunco S- Safeway</p>	<p>29- Country Fried Steak A- Pinochle</p>	<p>30- A- Bridge-12pm S- Tax Prep</p>	<p>31-</p>

Gladstone Senior Center Trips



MAR 16- CAMP 18 AND ELK REFUGE- The home-style portions are large here, you might want to share. After, we'll visit a logging museum and the Elk Refuge. Lv. 8:30 am Ret: 2:30 pm Fare: \$10

MAR 23- ELGLISH GARDEN TEA SHOP-We'll enjoy the Rose Tea at this lovely shop. This will be full of tea from savories to dessert. Shopping afterwards. Lv. 10 am Ret: 2:30 pm Fare: \$23

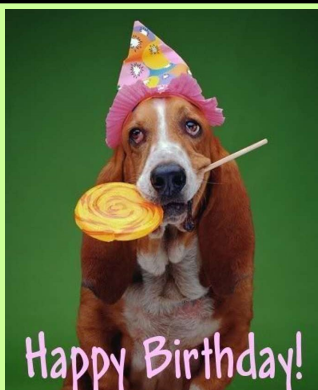
MAR 30- ROSE VILLA TREASURE HOUSE AND LUNCH AT HARVEST GRILLE- There is a gem in our own neighborhood, Rose Villa's Treasure House shop and the Harvest Grille. Lv. 9 am Ret: 2:30 pm Fare: \$5

APRIL 13- HIKE AT TRILLIUM LAKE- Bring a snack lunch and we'll provide the coffee. Lv. 9am Ret: 3pm Fare: \$7

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. Thank you.

Happy March Birthdays!

Beverly W.	3/5	Joyce H.	3/6
Gail M.	3/8	Cathie K.	3/10
Dena G.	3/17	Patricia P.	3/17
Rebecca W.	3/23		



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

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 April 9th, 2018 at 10:00am and April 23rd, 2018 at 6:30pm Please come and share your thoughts.



Window Safety

Your Gladstone Police Department advises the National Safety Council uses the first week in April to remind and educate the public on the importance of practicing window safety year-round. Falls from a window can result in serious injury or death and are an especially dangerous threat for children. Every year about eight kids under age five die from falling out a window and more than 3,300 are injured seriously enough to go to the hospital. Here are safety precautions each of us can take to prevent kids from falling out a window: Open windows only to a width of four inches and install a window stop to keep them from being opened further. Install window guards with an emergency release device on operable windows. Keep furniture, or anything else children can use to climb on, away from windows. Remember that screens are to keep bugs out, not to keep kids in. Supervise children's play and teach them to play a safe distance away from windows. Teach children how to safely use a window to escape during an emergency, such as a fire. Keep windows closed and locked when not in use. According to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, about one child dies each month from window cord strangulation. Check your window coverings for exposed or dangling cords and make sure the little ones can't ever reach them.

Community Promotions—Business Development Ad-Hoc Committee

In summer of 2018 the City of Gladstone will establish an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss how revenues from the Business License program should be spent. The Council adopted resolution No. 1098, a resolution formalizing the revenue collected for business licenses and fees be transferred to the *Community Promotions-Business Development* line item in the City's budget. Business licenses are required for a business operating within the city limits, whether for a rental property, commercial, or home-based business. In an attempt to improve transparency and accountability with the use of public funds, the City Council desires to formalize how the revenue will be spent. Two members from Council and up to seven members of the community (citizens and/or those that have a business license in Gladstone) will make-up the committee. 'Ad-Hoc' means a public body created by Council for a particular purpose, issue, or need. Therefore is it expected this committee would be monthly until recommendations on how the funds should be spent for fiscal year 2018-19 is completed. To obtain an application visit the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, email bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2769 or stop by City Hall. Applications must be received by May 30, 2018.

Boards, Committees & Commissions Vacancies

At its April 10, 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 Audit Committee. To obtain an application and information, visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, email bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2769 or stop by City Hall. Applications must be returned by 5pm on April 3, 2018.

Community Festival

It's just a few short months until the Gladstone-Oak Lodge Rotary along with the Festival Committee, the City of Gladstone and all the wonderful citizens of our City will be putting on the Gladstone Community Festival. This year the dates of the event will be August 3rd-5th. We are expecting it to be as much fun as it was last year, with the same great events and activities! Please remember as a community event we are always open to suggestions and/or recommendations. Because this is a volunteer event we are also always looking for help. So if you or

someone you know would love to give us a hand please let us know. The committee would like to thank the citizens and businesses who have supported us so willingly in the past, and do hope that we can count on that support this year. So keep those dates in mind, stay tuned for further announcements and visit the website for updates. If you should have any questions, please contact Bob Everett, reverett78@yahoo.com, 503-201-0785 or Jal Duncan, jal@jalduncan.com, 503-201-5952.

Community Education & Recreation Classes

Community Education & City Recreation Classes starting in April:



* **GARDENING SERIES WITH NAN HAGE** Save, like getting 2 free classes! Series of 7 classes for only \$79 or \$16 for each class. Includes Spring Yard Care, Organic Gardening, Companion Planting for Veggies, Herb Gardening, Patio Pots, Perennials & Annuals, Pruning Basics. Thurs., April 4-May 16 from 6:30-9 pm at Gladstone High School \$79 Age 62+ \$65.

* **IPHONE BASICS** Just purchase a new iPhone? Learn basics of how to use: settings, navigation, gestures, phone tips & tricks, messages, Facetime, clock/alarm, iCloud, security, Find My iPhone. Bring your charged iPhone to class. Prerequisite: Have an Apple Account ID & password. Wed., April 4 & 11 from 5-7 pm at Kraxberger Middle School \$34 (Age 62+: \$29)

* **MEDIC BASIC FIRST AID/CPR** helps gain knowledge, skills, confidence necessary to manage medical emergency until more advanced help is available. Adult/Child/Infant CPR, AED, Basic Emergency First Aid, Intro to bloodborne pathogens. Two year CPR/First Aid card, OSHA compliant. Thurs., March 22 or May 17 from 6-9 pm at Gladstone High School \$50



* Sign up online at www.gladstone.k12.or.us or call **503-650-2570** for registration by phone or click on box that says "Learning for Life Community Education" for registration & brochure links for more classes. Call for senior prices.

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.

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

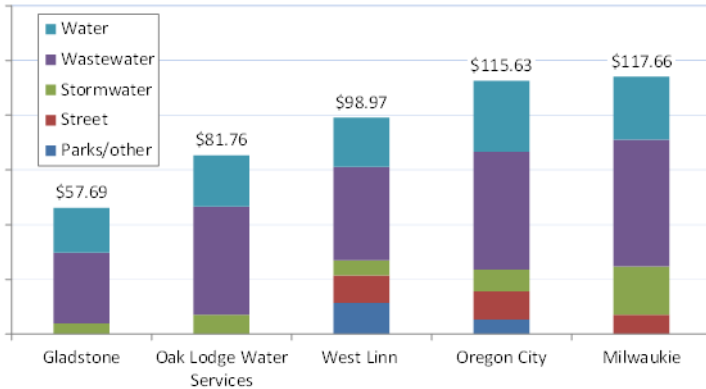


Scoop the Poop! Gladstone Public Works Needs Your Help to Keep Our Water System Clean



As our rains continue to move in, streams swell with water. In Gladstone, as well as the rest of our wet region, much of this water washes off the land and into the storm water system. Our storm systems drain water away from the City and into our local 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, makes a difference for clean water in our environment. Bacteria is a natural component of lakes, rivers, and streams. Most of these bacterial agents are harmless. But some have the potential to cause sickness and disease in humans, pets, and other animals. Their origin may surprise you. Research conducted by Clean Water Services of Washington County found that, on average, 63 percent of E. coli bacteria contamination in streams originated from waterfowl and canine sources, i.e.: Ducks and Dogs! What you do matters. Gladstone Public Works encourages everyone to please pick up your dog's poop. It is essentially raw sewage and should not be left anywhere on the ground. In addition to E. coli, dog waste can contain harmful organisms such as Leptospira and roundworms. These organisms can be very serious to both humans and pets, and can be carried into your home after walking through yards or parks where animal waste has been present. This same bacteria washes into streams and rivers when it rains. The solution to this pollution is to pick up after your pets in your yard, our parks and streets, put the waste in a bag and properly dispose of it in the trash. Gladstone Public Works thanks you for helping to keep our City clean and green!

Typical Residence Total Monthly Utility Bill



Monthly bill for a typical residence based on January 2018 rates for Gladstone.

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 at City Hall, 525 Portland Avenue, Gladstone, or by calling 503-656-5225.

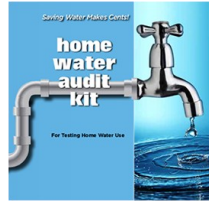
A public hearing to take comments regarding the proposed System Development Charge is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 8th, at City Hall. If you wish to comment but cannot attend the public hearing, please address written comments as follows:

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.

Fix a Leak Week

Undetected household leaks can be costly. Whether inside or outside your home a leak can waste hundreds of gallons of water per year. Some leaks are easy to see or hear, others are small and hard to find. However, big or small, any leak cost you money and should be repaired as soon as possible.



The most common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves most of which are easy to fix. So in honor of Fix a Leak Week learn how you can find and fix indoor leaks and save water.

- Call the CRWP to get a free home water audit kit (503) 723-3511. This kit will help you locate leaks, and prioritize fixing them.
- Common places to check for leaks <http://www.clackamasproviders.org/indoor-conservation/>
- Information how to use your water meter to find leaks <http://www.clackamasproviders.org/checking-for-leaks/>
- Check out some of EPA WaterSense videos and tutorials on how to fix leaks <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week>

THE FACTS ON LEAKS

- 10** percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day
- A leaky faucet dripping at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than **3,000 gallons** per year
- Did you know?** Minor water leaks account for more than **1** trillion gallons of wasted water each year and is equal to annual household water use in the US
- A shower leaking at **10 Drips** per minute wastes more than **500** gallons per year
- REPAIR** leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary
- 11** million homes
- Replace old toilets with WaterSense models & save **13,000** gallons of water savings for the average family
- Homeowners can save **10** percent on their water bills
- Look for **WaterSense** Meets EPA Criteria

EPA | epa.gov/watersense

Gladstone Arbor Day SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 28 is the 3rd annual Gladstone Arbor Day Celebration in the Gladstone Nature Park from 10am – 1pm. This family-friendly event includes health and nature activities, information booths, music, food, and fun. Vendors with a health and/or nature focus are welcome. Questions? Contact FriendsOfGladstoneNature@gmail.com.



Gladstone Jr Baseball Can & Bottle Drive



Gladstone Jr. Baseball needs your help by participating in their annual Can & Bottle Drive. Please consider donating any cans & bottles by placing them outside your home on Saturday, April 14th (before 10am). Your assistance helps the Association keep registration fees to a minimum and helps fund scholarships for deserving participants. For info, call Fundraising Coordinator, Brandon Akers (503)804-6572. Thanks for your support.

Water Environment Services tips to protect your lawn and our waterways during winter

Stormwater runoff is the most significant source of water pollution in our state as it carries pollutants into creeks, streams and wetlands. Polluted runoff harms fish, other wildlife and the environment.

During these wet winter months there are a few simple things you can do to help minimize the number of pollutants that reach our waterways while also improving the health of your lawn.

- Aerate your lawn - Aeration allows oxygen, nutrients and water to reach the roots. It also allows better absorption of rain water which helps prevent fertilizer and pesticide runoff.
- Rake moss from your lawn - Moss is an indicator of poor conditions. Use a rake to remove the moss to avoid the use of herbicides.
- Remove weeds - If you neglect weeds in winter, they can become a major problem in spring. Pull weeds by hand to avoid the use of herbicides.
- Pick up dog waste - Animal waste is toxic to lawns, causing burns and discoloring. Removing it also prevents contaminants in the waste from being carried by stormwater to nearby waterways.
- Be sure to clear yard debris and leaf piles from your yard to prevent clogged storm drains and flooding. If you have large piles of leaves that need picking up, please call the Gladstone Public Works office at 503-656-7957. Also, always make sure your gutters and downspouts are clear.

To learn how Water Environment Services (WES) provides water quality protection for our community, please visit clackamas.us/wes.



Use a rake to remove moss from your yard instead of herbicides.

Let's Talk About Trash: Household Hazardous Waste

Only Oregon residents can dispose of household hazardous waste at Metro's hazardous waste facilities. Common types of household hazardous waste include paint, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, solvents, medical sharps, pesticides, fertilizers, poisons and aerosol spray products. Metro has a \$5.00 fee to dispose of up to 35 gallons of hazardous waste. Metro South Hazardous Waste Facility, 2001 Washington St. Oregon City, OR 97045, 503-234-3000, www.oregonmetro.gov.



Kindergarten Registration is April 10, 2018 from 5:30-7:00 pm or April 12, 2018 from 9:00 -11:00 am.

Requirements to attend Kindergarten:

- Your child must be a resident of Gladstone School District
- Your child MUST be five-years-old on or before September 1, 2018. Please come prepared with a copy of your child's proof of birth (i.e. birth certificate or hospital certificate)
- Proof of immunization

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 schmidt@gladstone.k12.or.us.

"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.

New Preschool Opening in Gladstone!!

Skopos Christian School is adding preschool for September 2018! We are a non-denominational school for pre-school thru 8th grade. Pre-school will meet Monday-Friday from 8:30-11:30. Or you can customize your own plan. We meet at Tri-City Baptist Temple on Webster Rd. Registration begins March 1st. Registration Fee-\$100. Call us at 503-908-4740 or check us out at www.skoposcs.org

Get Social

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



Gladstone City Newsletter

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

**Gladstone Public Library
Foundation (GPLF) Updates**



Books! Books! Books! Help make our annual August Book Sale a success by bringing your used books, CDs, and DVDs to the library, and we'll take care of the rest. Looking for a place to get rid of those things you don't use or want anymore? We've got the answer, our summer Yard Sale. Bring your donated items to 310 First St, Gladstone. Dates and times to be announced. We will be participating at the Arbor Day event at the Nature Park on Saturday, April 28, from 10am-1pm. If you have a Fred Meyer Rewards Card, you can link it to us. You don't lose any points or gas points. This program has been very beneficial to our library. We appreciate all those who have already linked us to their card.

Follow the Lamb



Follow the Lamb Easter Pageant—one performance of "The Weight of Evidence" at 10:45 am on Saturday, March 31st at Gladstone Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 8378 Cason Road. All are welcome. For free tickets and more info, visit www.followthelamb.us. Brought to you by the actors of the Christmas drama, "Follow the Star."

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

Library News:

Food for Fines during National Library Week: April 8th–14th Celebrate National Library Week with Food for Fines! For every non-perishable food item you bring in, receive \$1 off your overdue fines. Valid at all Libraries in Clackamas County.

Programs and Events

Rock Readers Book Club
Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m.
Books can be checked out at the Information Desk.

Dungeons and Dragons
Monday, April 16th at 4:30 p.m.
Whether you already love D&D or just want to see what it's all about, join us for an evening of adventure!

Dr. Who Club
Thursday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m.
Are you a fan of Doctor Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode, and share any show related news. All ages are welcome.

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.

Art in Action for elementary and middle school ages
Wednesday, April 4th 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.

Lego Club
Wednesday, April 25th at 3:30 p.m.
We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination.

Teen Programs

Teen Advisory Group Meeting
Friday, April 13th at 4:00 p.m.
Voice your opinion about what kinds of teen events the library has for Summer Reading! Want more movies? Crafts? Technology or video game events? We want to know! TAG is for teens in the 6th-12th grades, and new members are welcome.

Earth Day Teen Takeover
Friday, April 20th at 4:00 p.m.
Celebrate Earth Day, and use recycled materials to make & decorate your own succulent planter to take home!

Teen Creative Collective
Thursday, April 26th at 5:00 p.m.
Teens are invited to make their own perler bead creations! Get inspiration from Minecraft and other video games, or just come up with your own cool designs. Finished creations can be turned into magnets, coasters, jewelry, and more.

Daylight Savings & Smoke Alarms

Daylight savings time began March 11th, and it is a great reminder for all of us to make sure we have working smoke alarms installed. Remember, newer smoke alarms have a 10-year lithium battery in them and if the battery has reached the end of its life, you should replace the entire smoke alarm. When installing smoke alarms, think of the placement. A good idea is in every bedroom, outside of all sleeping areas, and on every level of the house. Don't forget to check all alarms monthly and NEVER remove a battery because you need it somewhere else.



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.

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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 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 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

Winter issue of The Glad Report has school information

Curious what's happening in Gladstone schools? Read the latest issue of The Glad Report to find out the latest about the graduation rate, kindergarten registration, the spring musical, and how out-of-district students can apply for fall admission: <http://bit.ly/2sS94P0>

Local Meetings—

- ◆ The Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is moving to quarterly meetings. The next meeting will be March 14, 2018 from 5-7 at The Gladstone Community Club, 255 E. Exeter, Gladstone OR 97027. Please contact Sheldon Penner at sheldon@AmicusData.com or 503-516-8618 for additional information.
- ◆ The Gladstone Historical Society is looking for new members! They meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at Gladstone City Hall Conference Room (enter at E Dartmouth door), 525 Portland Ave. Gladstone, OR 97027. For info, check out their website at www.gladstone-historicalsociety.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 at Hale's Restaurant, 17502 SE McLoughlin Blvd. Milwaukie, OR 97267. Visitors are welcome to attend. See you there!
- ◆ 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.