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City Council Adopts Utility Rate Increases

In November after extensive public input, Gladstone City Council enacted rate increases for the City's water – sewer – and stormwater utilities. Gladstone's new utility rates take effect in January 2020. The combined monthly rate for a typical residence will increase from \$11.56 to \$19.06 per month (depending on usage). Similar increases are planned for 2021. Despite the increases, Gladstone's rates will remain well below nearby communities.

Here's Why

For many years Gladstone invested little or nothing on maintaining, updating, or replacing infrastructure. Small rate increases or no increases in those years meant Gladstone's rates didn't keep up with inflation. Even with only modest population and job growth, that led to serious deficiencies.

Recent examples include a major water pipeline that burst on Friday, July 12 and left some Gladstone customers without water for a day. A boil water notice was issued that required customers to boil water for domestic use or switch to bottled water to protect public health.



Increases will enable the City to begin replacing aging infrastructure.

Gladstone Public Works Director Jim Whynot says the City wants to avoid similar episodes in the future: "We have water pipes as old as 80 years. The utility rate increases give us a program – and funds – for ongoing replacement." The water, sewer, and stormwater systems all need work. Gladstone has routinely violated environmental laws and discharged untreated waste flows into the Clackamas River. Those violations result in costly fines paid by Gladstone utility customers.

Gladstone's elected leaders are committed to get ahead of the problems and catch up on infrastructure needs to maintain the health and long-term vibrancy of our city. That means utility rates must rise.

Customer Survey Points the Way

The City Council hosted a public open house on September 24, 2019 and distributed a customer survey in September-October. Customers were asked to choose from three options: Mandated Minimum (lowest rates): assures regulatory compliance, but does not replace aging systems. In-the-Middle (higher rates in early years): begins long-term replacement of failing systems (in 100 years). Immediate Reinvestment (highest rates): takes immediate steps to replace failing systems (in 20-30 years)

61% of customers who completed the survey urged the City Council to raise rates more than the minimum. Among the 170 comments received: "We need to step up since those before us have not. It's a hard bite, but why not us? Why not now?"; "I may not live long enough to see all of the work done, but at least I know I'm leaving Gladstone a little better than I found it."; "This is not a surprise to many Gladstone residents. I support Option B because we need to do more than just the minimum."; "It is in the best interest of all of Gladstone to fix infrastructure sooner than later, and as residents we should be happy to invest in our future and the future of our families."



Mayor Tammy Stempel speaks with Gladstone residents at the September 24 public open house.

Customer Assistance Program Helps Low Income Households

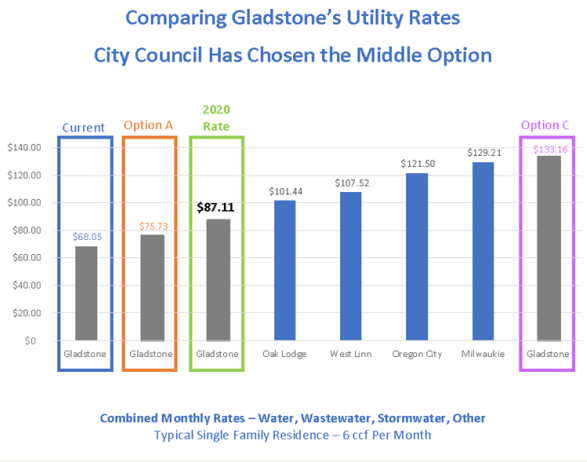
Significant utility rate increases may crimp some household budgets. As one survey participant commented: "I am a senior living on Social Security only and cannot afford any increase at all."

City Administrator Jacque Betz points to Gladstone's customer assistance program that can help out. Here's how the current program works: To be eligible, customers must fall below the federal poverty guidelines for one- and two-person households. Base rates for water-sewer-stormwater are discounted 50%. (Standard rates apply to water usage above the minimum.) The account must be the customer's principal residence.

For more information or to check if you are eligible for assistance, contact the Utility Billing office by calling 503-557-2771 or emailing ub@ci.gladstone.or.us.

For more information regarding the utility increases, please visit the City's website at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/city-council-adopts-utility-rate-increases>.

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What You Should Know About Gladstone's New Utility Rates

1. The City Council is committed to catch up on infrastructure needs. Water, sewer, and stormwater systems are in poor condition due to long deferred maintenance and lack of timely replacement of failing infrastructure.
2. In 2017, Gladstone created a stormwater utility and enacted a stormwater fee and system development charge. Gladstone was the only city in the region without a stormwater utility/fee and wasn't able to comply with state and federal regulations to protect public health and the environment.
3. In November 2019, the City Council voted to phase-in water and sewer rate increases to catch up with deferred infrastructure needs and assure regulatory compliance. The increases take effect in 2020 and 2021.
4. Even with the increases, Gladstone's rates (water-sewer-stormwater) for a typical household will remain at or below rates in neighboring cities. Gladstone is committed to maintaining and fixing the City's infrastructure and keeping it affordable for customers. Other funding options are being pursued: grants, partnerships, and low interest loans from the state.
5. The utility rate increases will allow the City of Gladstone to: Continue to operate and maintain its infrastructure; Comply with state/federal regulations and avoid costly violations; and replace water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure on a one hundred year cycle.
6. A customer assistance program offers discounts for low income households.

Upcoming City Council Meeting

The next City Council Meeting will be held on December 10, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers located at City Hall. There will be no second meeting in December. Upcoming meeting information can be viewed online at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>.

Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting

The next Planning Commission Meeting will be held on December 17, 2019. For more information or to view the upcoming meeting agenda, please visit: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>

City Office Closures

Gladstone City offices will be closed on December 25, 2019 and January 1, 2020.

A Message from Gladstone Fire Marshal Mike Funk



HAPPY HOLIDAY 2019 from Gladstone Fire Department

We hope this month's newsletter finds you safe, warm and healthy. Since Halloween, the social division at Gladstone Fire Dept. has been meeting with community partners to help support holiday efforts to those requesting assistance within the Gladstone community. In years past, your firefighters have coordinated and organized food boxes and toys for the children in Gladstone. We average between 100 and 125 families in our community that request assistance from Compassion in Action Clackamas County (CIACC). CIACC accepts applications between Oct. 16th and Dec. 1, 2019. Applications are screened to eliminate any duplications then distributed to groups like Gladstone Fire. **The Fire Department is not able to accept Holiday requests.** All requests for help must go through CIACC.

This is a huge undertaking and doesn't work without the help of numerous community helpers. While not an all inclusive list, we would like to publicly thank a few of these community partners: City of Gladstone, Gladstone School District (students, teachers & retired), Gladstone/ Oak Lodge Rotary, Gladstone Kiwanis, Latus Motors, Gladstone Cardroom, a couple of local Tax businesses, Gladstone Black Rock, CIACC, Portland Sunshine Division, and the numerous private and personal donations from the Gladstone community and special friends of the fire department.

For the last month, we have been collecting and receiving food and toys from the community to distribute to families needing assistance this year. Your generous support makes all the difference to families and children that may not receive new toys otherwise. There are several donation barrels around town where you can drop off food and toys. If you have trouble finding a donation spot, you can always drop donations off at the fire station Monday -Friday, 8:00 am-5:00pm through December 17th.

Stay Safe and Happy Holiday wishes from all of us with emergency services.



Business License Renewals

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

Shop with a Cop!



The 13th Annual Shop with a Cop! will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019. In 2018, over 100 kids were able to shop with a cop at the Happy Valley Wal-Mart store. Many uniformed police officers, deputy sheriff's, and other law enforcement were paired with the kids, who were each given a \$100 gift card. Interestingly, almost all the kids shopped for their family members first, then themselves! Officers and kids learned a great deal from each other during this great event. The GPD is working to raise enough money so that 150 kids can Shop with a Cop! The entire event is funded with donations, from the public and businesses. If you'd like to contribute, you can donate by visiting the Clackamas County Peace Officer's Benevolent Foundation at www.ccpobf.org or drop donations off at the Gladstone Police Dept. 100% of donations are used for Shop with a Cop!

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) Chief's Corner By Chief John Schmerber

Greetings Gladstone Citizens! GPD is offering a safe place to have packages delivered during the holiday season. If a family member or neighbor is unable to collect the package for you, we are offering for the month of December to have your packages delivered to the Police Department. Please email Santa's elf, Cathy at ckerrigan@gladstoneoregon.us with your name and phone number.



Once you have contacted Cathy, packages may be delivered to 535 Portland Ave., Gladstone OR 97027. Address it to Santa's Squad-GPD, C/O <your name> so we know who to call for pickup. If you have special circumstances (elderly or handicapped) let us know and we will deliver your package to your home after it's delivered. Merry Christmas!

Environmentally Conscious Deicing



The City of Gladstone will be utilizing a new tool this winter driving season, one that takes the quality of our nearby rivers and waterways into consideration. We will be using a liquid deicing material that is also used by surrounding cities and counties. Sourced from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), magnesium chloride (MgCl₂) with rust inhibitor; is an effective way to provide a safer road surface during winter driving conditions. Use of the deicing agent helps to reduce the use of sand, which reduces impact on air quality, water quality, and aquatic habitat.

The City of Gladstone will use the lowest application rate necessary to achieve the desired road conditions. The product being used also meets the strict requirements of the Pacific Northwest Snowfighters Consortium. The city wants to make every effort to protect our nearby waterways, while still providing safe roadways. Plowing, sanding and deicing are all part of keeping the roadways safer. However, drivers have a shared responsibility to drive at speeds that are appropriate for road conditions and if at all possible, to delay travel until conditions are more favorable.

Know before you go, visit the City of Gladstone's website, review the cities Hazardous Weather Response map which is located at: https://maps.orcity.org/Html5Viewer_4_12_2/index.html?viewer=Gladstone.Gladstone. You can also visit Oregon's travel information website at <http://www.tripcheck.com>, or by calling 511 you can get information on the latest road conditions.

Don't Fall Victim to Fraudulent Phone Scams

Residents have contacted the City regarding questionable phone calls stating they are from Gladstone Municipal Court or the Social Security Office. Most of these scam/spoof calls leave voicemails indicating that you have to call the scam phone # back to resolve whatever issue they are calling about. Variations of this con also spoof similar phone numbers. The area code and first three digits will be the same as yours, but scammers will vary the last four. This is because targets are more likely to pick up if they think the call is from someone nearby. Before returning any unknown call, please contact the office directly to verify the validity of the message: Gladstone Municipal Court- 503-557-2771, Social Security Office- 800-772-1213.

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/>.

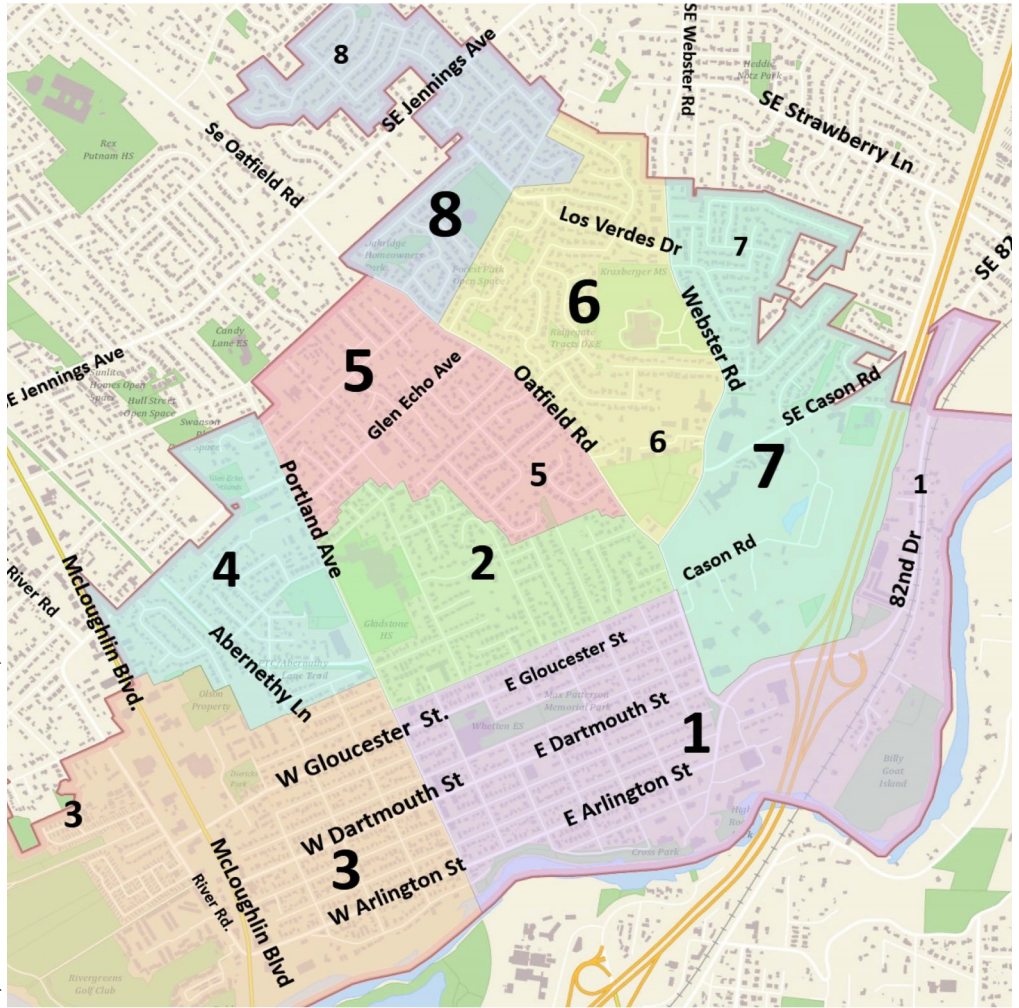
City of Gladstone Leaf Pick Up

Gladstone Public Works Department schedules our 2019 leaf pick-up service with cost effectiveness and efficiency in mind. Public Works asks for your cooperation by filling your yard debris cans first before putting your leaves in the street. We do appreciate all our citizens who contribute in helping to maintain efficiency in our City. We will be picking up leaf piles within the following date ranges. Please identify the number of your neighborhood area on the map.

- Areas 3 & 4- December 2 - 6
- Areas 5 & 6- December 9 - 13
- Areas 7 & 8- December 16 - 20

Please note during leaf pick-up in your area:

- Limit On-Street Parking, during leaf pick up dates, move cars off street
- Move Basketball Hoops for Clearance of Large Equipment
- 1-2 feet Curb Clearance
- Help Keep Catch Basins Clear
- Once the public works crew has visited your area, we will not return until the next scheduled pick-up date for your area. This year's leaf




pick-up schedule ends on Friday, December 20th. Smaller amounts of leaves may be disposed in your yard debris cans. Public Works appreciates everyone's consideration of the cost involved in providing the leaf pick-up service to the community.

Did you miss leaf pickup?

After December 23, you may contact the Public Works office to schedule a time to drop leaves off at the public works yard at no charge to Gladstone Residents. Public Works can be contacted at 503-656-7957.

As always, if you have any questions, please call your Public Works Department at 503 656-7957, or by e-mail to PWOffice@ci.gladstone.or.us. Our office hours are weekdays, from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Milestones Reached in Seismic-retrofitting for 82nd Drive Pedestrian Bridge



In November, several key milestones were reached in the Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES) project designed to make the 82nd Drive Pedestrian Bridge sturdy enough to withstand a magnitude 9.0 earthquake. Seismically-retrofitting the bridge will make it possible for the span to provide passage for emergency vehicles across the Clackamas River should such a catastrophic event occur.

Over the past several weeks, structural supports for the bridge have been strengthened. Rock anchors were installed to stabilize the piers while pilings were driven into the ground to support the bridge where it connects to the road on the Gladstone side of the river. Existing piers are being bolstered with concrete and rebar work. Steel beams are being placed between the roadway on the Gladstone side and the first concrete pier, which will allow for the installation of the new deck.

The bridge, which also carries sewer pipes and utility lines across the river, is scheduled to re-open in February 2020.

Built in the early 1920s, the bridge was converted for pedestrian use after Interstate 205 was built. WES has owned the bridge since 1998.

For more information about this WES project, please visit <https://www.clackamas.us/wes/pedbridge.html>.

Safe Sidewalks

You and your neighbors have a right to expect Gladstone sidewalks to be in good condition and free of defects in order to prevent possible injury. Typically sidewalks are a safe haven for pedestrians. Well-maintained sidewalks help create a vibrant community. Unfortunately, tree roots, ground settlement, freezing weather, and other acts of nature can damage sidewalks. Property owners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalk and planting strip abutting their property. This includes keeping sidewalks clear of debris such as leaves, ice, snow, weeds, and overgrown shrubs. Trees must be pruned to allow safe pedestrian and vehicle passage. A defective sidewalk is one that creates an unreasonable risk of danger to persons or property. For example, if a portion of the sidewalk is elevated enough to cause someone to trip, it is considered an unreasonable risk.

The Gladstone Municipal Code, 8.04.100 states that maintenance of sidewalks, curbs, and driveways is the responsibility of the abutting property owners. Any vertical uplift exceeding ½ inch is a violation of city code and the sidewalk must be repaired. Contact Code Compliance at 503-557-2763 if you have any questions.

Neighbor Law

The City receives requests from residents about issues between neighbors that the City doesn't regulate. These issues include requests to: place trash and recycling cans out of public view, 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, Trees, Boundaries and Noise](#)", by Cora Johnson at the Gladstone Library.



Glad Tidings

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AARP TAX PREP AIDE

Tax Year 2019 AARP Tax Preparation

Starting Tuesday, January 21, 2020, the Senior Center will begin taking reservations for our annual hosting of the AARP Tax Foundation's Tax-Aide program. Tax preparation will be conducted each Friday starting February 7, 2020, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm until Friday, April 10, 2020. All assistance will be by appointment only, no walk-ins allowed. These services are provided by trained volunteers free of charge to area tax payers, particularly those aged 60 and older. The AARP Tax Foundation Tax-Aide program processes simple form tax returns only, no complex or business tax processing will be allowed. For more information on this program and starting Tuesday, January 21, 2020, reserving your tax preparation appointment, please call the Gladstone Senior Center at (503) 655-7701. Thank you.

Important dates to remember

- 12/2**– Gold Star Potluck at 12 pm.
- 12/16**– Book Club at 10:30 am.
- 12/19**– Holiday Luncheon. 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Please RSVP.
- 12/24**– Senior Center closes early, 3:00 pm for the Christmas Eve holiday.
- 12/25**– Senior Center closed in observance of Christmas.
- 12/31**– New Year's Eve lunch. 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please RSVP.
- 1/1/20**– Senior Center closed for New Year's Day.

Annual Holiday Lunch

Please join us at our annual Holiday Lunch on Thursday December 19th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. This annual event is proudly sponsored in full by the Gladstone Seniors Foundation. Entertainment, a special Holiday meal, dessert, and a surprise visit by you-know-who! This is a free event and all are welcomed to attend. In order to ensure we have enough for all to enjoy, please RSVP no later than Friday, December 13th. We hope to see you there, however if you are not able to attend we wish you a very merry holiday season! You may RSVP in person or by phone at (503) 655-7701.



Rotary Club of Gladstone/Oak Lodge

Are you looking for a way to make an impact on your community? Then Rotary is for you! Rotarians serve their community by performing service projects, fundraising, and speaking out on topics such as poverty, peace, and literacy. Stop by and visit our club to see if Rotary is right for you. Our club meets each Thursday at 12pm, at the Gladstone Senior Center. Stop by, lunch is on us. Hope to see you soon!

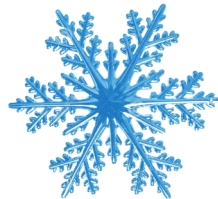
Gladstone Seniors Foundation



Did you know our Foundation assists the Senior Center with various programs and activities? From special events & lunches to Tram Trip Scholarships to paying for the roof repair, they are an integral part of this Senior Center. 100% of all donations stay in Gladstone. Take time today to thank them for all they do for us! For more information, please visit: www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc/page/gladstone-seniors-foundation

Welcome Winter!

Once again we find ourselves counting down to the Winter Solstice, which this year happens to be on Saturday, December 21st at 8:19 pm local time. The Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year and I for one look forward to the sun shining longer each day. It's also a time where we find ourselves a little more blue, so to speak.

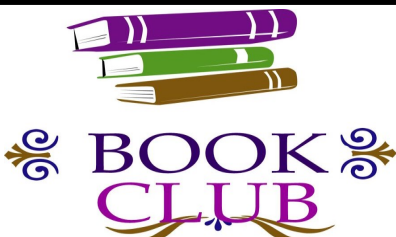


Clackamas County, in partnership with Lines for Life, developed the Senior Loneliness Line. Nearly 1 and 5 adults over 50 is at risk of social isolation, which may lead to loneliness. This is even more prevalent during the holiday season. Any aging adult who is experiencing loneliness, isolation, depression or anxiety can benefit from a confidential phone call with our Senior Loneliness specialists. Sometimes knowing there is someone who cares and wants to listen can be of great help. If you or someone you know are experiencing loneliness or isolation, please call (503) 200-1633. This is a free, confidential service. Additionally, if you feel more comfortable, call the Senior Center at (503) 655-7701 to chat. We can help you find resources and services that may assist you. We are also here to listen and connect. You matter, you are important, and you are loved.



Inclement Weather

If the City experiences an inclement weather event such as severe cold or snow, the Senior Center will follow the closure procedure of the Gladstone School District. Should the district close due, we will not be providing meal services that day. We will take all measures to ensure that our clients needs are met. Please contact us for more information.



Senior Center Book Club– December 16, 2019

We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter

Inspired by the incredible true story of one Jewish family separated at the start of World War 2, determined to survive and reunite.

Senior Center Hours of Operation

Monday– Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
1050 Portland Ave. Gladstone, Or. 97027
(503) 655-7701 ci.gladstone.or.us/sc

Happy Holidays!

DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 A= Activity S= Service	2 A=Gold Star Potluck at 12 pm A= Pinochle at 1	3– Ham & Orange Glaze A= Bingo S= Fred Meyer	4– Mac & Cheese A= Bunco S= Safeway	5– Mexican Bake A= Pinochle, Board Games, and Cribbage	6 A= Bridge at 12 pm	7
8	9 A= Pinochle at 1 pm	10– Herbed Chicken Patty with BBQ Sauce A= Bingo	11– Beef Tomato & Macaroni A= Bunco S= Safeway	12– 1/2 Ham Sandwich A= Pinochle, Board Games, and Cribbage	13 A= Bridge at 12 pm	14
15	16 A= Pinochle at 1 pm	17– Roast Pork & Gravy A= Bingo S= Walmart	18– Chicken Alfredo Pasta A= Bunco S= Safeway	19– Holiday Luncheon. Please RSVP A= Pinochle, Board Games, and Cribbage	20 A= Bridge at 12 pm	21
22	23 A= Pinochle at 1 pm	24– Ham with Raisin Sauce A= Bingo	25- Senior Closed for Christmas the Holiday	26– Pork Chop with Gravy A= Pinochle, Board Games, and Cribbage	27 A= Bridge at 12 pm	28
29	30 A= Pinochle at 1 pm	31-New Year’s Eve luncheon A= Bingo	1/1/2020 Senior Center Closed	<i>Lunch served @ 11:45 am Tuesday-Thursday. A suggested donation of \$3 for 60 or older \$4 for everyone else. All meals are diabetic friendly. Dessert, Hot Plate, Soup and salad included with meal. Menu subject to change without notice.</i>		

Senior Center Tram Trips for December 2019

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, WINTER WONDERLAND AT P.I.R.- Bring a non-perishable food donation for the Sunshine Division, if you wish. We will stop at Shari’s on the way home for dessert. Lv. 4:00 Ret: 9:00 Fare: \$15

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19-ASPEN MEADOWS -This beautiful display is a labor of love for the group that puts it on. Lights, music, cookies and more await you in Colton, Oregon. This year’s theme is “Miracles of Miracles.” Lv. 4:30pm Ret: 9:00pm Fare: \$10

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27-JUST LUNCH AT THE CHART HOUSE- Let’s enjoy some after Christmas relaxing with a great lunch (and views) at this iconic Portland restaurant. Lv. 10:30am Ret: Fare: \$5

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3-THRIFT STORES AND BEST BUFFET FOR LUNCH- We will visit local thrift stores Deseret, Salvation Army and the Goodwill, then enjoy lunch at the Best Buffet. Lv. 9:30am Ret: 2:30pm Fare: \$7



Senior Center Trip Policy: All trips are subject to cancelation based on weather, lack of interest, or other issues that may arise. ALL TRIPS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. You may sign up for no more than 2 trips and be placed on the wait list for a third trip. Cash/Check only, no cards. Some trips are not wheel chair accessible, please inquire when making your reservation. You may sign up for trips on the first business day of each month starting at 9:00 am by calling (503) 655-7701. Scholarships available for trips. Please contact the Senior Center for more information on how to apply.



Senior Center Services The Gladstone Senior Center offers a variety of services available to everyone, regardless of age or residency. These services are by appointment only, please contact the Senior Center at (503) 655-7701 to schedule your appointments today.



FOOT CLINIC

1st Tuesday of each month= Legal Clinic. Available for individual meetings for 30 minutes. No cost for this service.

2nd Tuesday of each month= Foot and Blood Pressure Clinic. This service is offered by R.N.’s. For the foot clinic, the cost is \$35 per person, cash/check only please. The Blood Pressure Clinic is available for free.

*A Minute of Gladstone History – by Kim Argraves
Huey, Gladstone Historical Society Historian*

How did early Gladstone celebrate the end of the year holidays?

When the pioneers began arriving in 1843, the most anticipated celebrations of the entire year, next to the Fourth of July, were the Christmas and New Year's Eve balls. What began as simple parlor parties, soon evolved into elaborate affairs with houses and halls decked with branches of Oregon Grape, silver bells, bright red ribbons, and lots of candles. Tasty treats abounded. And so did the guests!

By the 1860s, everyone was either giving or attending an end-of-the-year ball. Civic groups, churches, the school, and even the town of Gladstone, itself, held one of these formal events. Some of the more notable, turn-of-the-century balls took place in Goodman's Hall (currently Vogie's missing second floor), the City Hall (the no longer I.O.O.F. building), and the Community Hall, which is still in use on east Exeter St. One of the largest and most elegant Christmas celebrations ever held took place in Gladstone Park. Folks enjoyed a catered banquet followed by dancing until midnight, after which they boarded the Park Trolley and trundled on home.



New Year's Eve was celebrated in much the same way, only the balls were called "Watch Masquerades". Guests kept an eye on the clock until midnight when off came the masks and on went the kissing, which was freely allowed on this one occasion.

In 1914, balls became a rare occurrence. World War 1 had arrived, and folks felt that dancing the night away was too frivolous with the world in peril. For the next few years, Gladstone folks held "Red Cross Parties". Activities included packing soldier boxes, writing greeting cards, knitting socks and bandages, and baking cookies for the Red Cross to take overseas.

In 1915, Hawley's Mill made Christmas truly enjoyable for their employees. Many Gladstone men and quite a few Gladstone women worked at the Crown Willamette, as the Oregon City paper mill was then called. Hawley gifted each employee with Christmas Day plus one extra day off and a bonus check. Married men also took home one "fat turkey", and unmarried men were handed a box of "bit cigars". No mention is made if the lady employees received a fat -or even skinny-turkey, they didn't receive cigars.

In 1921, the Community Club held Gladstone's first town Christmas Tree on the vacant lot at the corner of E. Arlington St. and River Rd. After three days of decorating the large cedar, a grand lighting celebration took place that included music, stunts, and treats for the children. A photo of this historic location can be seen on page III of the new Arcadia Book, "Images of America – Gladstone", available at www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org from the Gladstone Historical Society. All proceeds from the book sales go towards building a museum. A very Happy Holiday Season to all from the Gladstone Historical Society.

Santa and the Mack Arrives Again in Gladstone!

The 11th annual Santa and the Mack arrives in Gladstone December 19th through the 21st. Subbing in for the Mack is Gladstone's own old Engine 101, the 73 Seagrave! Santa's sleigh will be pulled through town by the Seagrave and his band of merry helpers. Santa stops to talk and take pictures with children of all ages. This event helps get toys and canned goods to residents in need, so donations of canned goods and toys are appreciated. Santa will be in downtown Gladstone on the 19th, River Road and the highschool area on the 20th and finishes up the year on the 21st in the highlands and Sherwood Forest area. Please check Patrick Santa Mack McMahon's facebook page at www.facebook.com/santa.mack.1 for more information.



December is Older Driver Safety Awareness and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

Older Driver Safety Awareness

Getting older does not mean a person's driving days are over. It is important, however, to plan ahead and take steps to ensure the safety of older loved ones on the road. If you think you need to have a conversation with an older driver about his or her driving abilities, remember that many older drivers look at driving as a form of independence. Bringing up the subject of their driving abilities can make some drivers defensive. Be prepared with your observations and questions, and, if necessary, provide possible transportation alternatives.

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

The Holiday Season is known for being merry and bright, but it's also known for being the deadliest season when it comes to drunk driving. Law enforcement officers will be out in full force in December and throughout the year, patrolling the streets for drunk and drug-impaired drivers. Know the laws: It is illegal to drive while under the influence of any mind-altering substance. Stay safe and make it home for the holidays.

Christmas Ships

This year marks the 65th year for the Christmas Ships Parade on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers in Portland and Milwaukie. The Christmas Ships fleet averages 55 to 60 boats. Both fleets will be out nightly for three weeks starting Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 7:00pm. For a full listing, visit christmasships.org



Special Events

The City of Gladstone requires a Special Events Permit if you are planning an event that will occur on public property and affect the ordinary use of public streets, rights-of-way, sidewalks, traffic and other public places that reasonably expected to have more than fifty (50) people gathering in the public place. Exemptions to the Special Events Permit include: Special Events that are sponsored or conducted by the City of Gladstone or Gladstone School District, Funeral Procession by a licensed mortuary, garage, estate or yard sales, lemonade stands and car washes, block parties (which must be applied for through a separate city process), and Senior Center space rental which must be applied for through a separate city process. Visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/community/page/special-events> for the application and more information.

SafeOregon School Safety Tip Line

The goal of the SafeOregon Tip Line is to prevent school safety threats from occurring by providing schools, students and communities with a tool for anonymously reporting potential threats, including bullying, self-harm and other concerns. Tips can be submitted in a variety of ways, including phone calls and texts- 844-472-3367, the web (www.tips.safeoregon.com), email (tip@safeoregon.com), and the mobile app. Tip line technicians go through tips 24/7, 365 days a week where they are analyzed and sent to designated personnel who can provide assistance resolving reported incidents. **One tip can save a life!** Encouraging reporting at schools or online leads to a culture of safety. When a potential safety threat is reported, SafeOregon has the chance to prevent violence. Remember: If you SEE something, SAY something.



Community Clothes Closet/Gladstone Food Pantry

Located off Nelson Lane, behind the Gladstone High School

Clothes Closet is open: Thursdays from 3-5pm and Saturdays from 10am-12pm
Free used clothing for youths from birth to 21 years old. Families are invited to choose: outfits, jackets, shoes, new socks & underwear.

The Clothes Closet will be closed December 22 to January 8.

Emergency need? Donations? Volunteers? Call Coordinator Joan Herrick at 971.258.4644

Food Pantry: Families are invited to choose nutritious food to meet their family's needs and preferences. Please bring reusable bags to carry your food.

The Gladstone Food Pantry will be closed Thursday, December 26 for the holidays. It will be open as usual on Saturday, December 28 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Questions? Donations? Volunteers? Contact Alex Van Pelt at 503.496.3947 or AlexVanPelt349@gmail.com

The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry is run by local volunteers in partnership with the Gladstone School District. The Food Pantry operates as a School-Based Food Pantry under the Oregon Food Bank.

News from the Nature Park




Sixth-graders lend a hand with the Butterfly/Pollinator Hill. Students from Kraxberger Middle School are spending time working in the Gladstone Nature Park. Each week Mrs. Zerzan's home room students visit the park, located just two blocks from the school. In addition to studying about nature, they are helping to rehabilitate a hill that will support native plants and pollinators. Gladstone's sixth grade students all attend Outdoor School each year and their visits to the park are helping to reinforce this curriculum. In the Nature Park they discover wildlife, learn about plants and nature, and are helping to build a healthy environment for bees, butterflies, birds, and other pollinators. The Friends of Gladstone Nature Park are grateful for the assistance and enthusiasm of Kraxberger's sixth grade.

The Friends of Gladstone Nature Park (FOGNAP) sponsor monthly work parties in the Nature Park that are open to everyone in the community. The last Saturday work parties resume in January, 2020. To learn more, contact the Nature Park at FriendsOfGladstoneNature@gmail.com, or go to ProtectTheParks.org.



Follow the Star

 Early free ticket reservations are available for Follow the Star 2019 for our neighbors in the Gladstone area only at www.ftsgladstone.com. Act quickly – general reservations open up online Nov. 4 at www.followthestar.us where you can also find more information. The 18th annual Follow the Star live nativity and holiday musical event is Dec. 6,7,8 and 13,14,15, 2019 at the Gladstone Park Conference Center grounds, 19500 Oatfield Rd., Gladstone. For this year more tickets will be placed online but some tickets will still be available each evening at the door on a first-come basis until the evening's capacity is reached. All tickets are free whether reserved online or gotten at the door.

Energy Assistance

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

Sign-up to Receive Flash Alerts



Want to sign up to receive Emergency Alerts for the City of Gladstone? Learn how to sign up for Flash Alerts by visiting www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/how-subscribe-flash-alerts.

Christmas Tree Recycling



Christmas Tree Recycling Fundraiser for Gladstone Cub Scout Pack 510. Tree pick up will be on January 4th and 5th. Donations greatly appreciated. You may contact Amie Olson at 971.271.3838 (text or call) or email amers619@gmail.com for drop site or curbside pick up details.

A Message from Our Community Cat Rescue



Our Community Cat Rescue wants to reiterate, if you find or lose a cat, door to door and footwork is your best option for finding information about the cat. We are in need of bedding and kitten food and cat food. Thank you. We would also absolutely welcome additional fosters. Please contact us via email, ourcommunitycatrescue@gmail.com or Facebook at www.facebook.com/OurCommunityCatRescue/.

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

John Wetten Elementary School seeks volunteers to help with 1st & 2nd grade reading. JWE has partnered with SMART to help support our reading program. Each week students in the program get to take home a free book, and read one on one with a volunteer. SMART meets every Tues. & Thurs. from 10-12. Volunteers are a big part of what makes this program successful. It's a lot of fun, and very rewarding.

If you would like to learn more, please contact: Theresa Schmidt, Volunteer Coordinator, schmidt@gladstone.k12.or.us, 503-656-6564 ext. 265

Local Telephone Numbers

- *City Hall General Business Line 503-656-5225
- *Utility Billing/Water/Sewer Acct Info · 503-557-2771
- *Municipal Court/Traffic Citations 503-557-2772
- *Public Works 503-656-7957
- *Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm 503-557-2797
- *Fire Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm 503-557-2776
- *Library 503-656-2411
- *Senior Center 503-655-7701
- *Recreation/Business License 503-557-2766
- *Planning 503-742-4510
- *Electrical/Plumbing Permits 503-742-4240
- *Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance · 503-557-2763
- *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
- *Non-Emergency Dispatch 503-655-8211 (option 1 for police or fire calls)



Get Social

Connect with the City of Gladstone on Social Media and stay up-to-date with all the latest news. Facebook: The City of Gladstone, Twitter: @CityGladstone, Instagram: @city_of_gladstone and Nextdoor: CERT Gladstone.



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 18th of each month to appear in the upcoming Newsletter.

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



Wow! 600 children received books and candy at the Gladstone library on Halloween night. Many were thrilled to pick out their very own book, perhaps for the first time.

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, the City Council passed and unanimously signed the Inter-Government Agreement (IGA) with Clackamas County and the city of Gladstone, giving the go-ahead to pursue the building of our new library. The Clackamas Commissions also unanimously voted as well. We thank the council members for their support.

As 2019 comes to an end, we'd like to thank all those who have supported our events by giving us their time, talent and treasure. We couldn't do it without your help.

When you're thinking of end-of-the-year contributions, please consider the foundation. Your donation to the library not only provides programs for all ages, it enriches the minds of the children who are our future. Our address is: GPLF, PO Box 146, Gladstone, OR 97027-0146. If you are interested in learning more about our foundation, go to www.gpl-foundation.org. You can also like us on Facebook, or Instagram @gladstonelibraryfoundation.

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth 503-656-2411

For Kids:

There will be no storytime the week of the 24th to the 28th

Toddler Storytime

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

Baby Storytime

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

All Ages Storytime

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

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays at 9:30 am. If making it to the Library on weekdays is tough for your family's schedule, try our all-ages Saturday Storytime!

For Adults:

Felted Gnomes Monday, December 16th at 3:00-5:00 pm. Learn the delicate art of felting with artist LeBrie Rich, and some adorable gnomes! Registration is required, so call the Library today! Maximum attendance of 15 people. Event to take place at the Gladstone Senior Center.

Studded Tire Season



The studded tire season started November 1st and runs through March 31, 2020. ODOT encourages drivers to consider other types of traction tires or chains. If you must travel when weather conditions present difficulties, use other types of traction tires or chains, or postpone your travel until conditions change for the better. A study completed in 2014 concluded studded tires cause about \$8.5 million in damage each year on state highways.

Alternatives to studded tires:

*Chains—link chains, cable chains or other devices that attach to the wheel, vehicle or outside of the tire that are specifically designed to increase traction on snow and ice. Drivers should note that link chains may not be recommended for use on some types of vehicles.

*Other traction tires—these traction tires meet Rubber Manufacturers Association standards for use in severe snow conditions and carry a special symbol on the tire sidewall showing a three-peaked mountain and snowflake. They work about as well as studded tires on ice, but work better than studded tires or regular tires in most other winter conditions. And they cause no more damage to road surfaces than regular tires.

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Protecting Your Inside Plumbing

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

Local Meetings—

◆ Gladstone Business Owners & Managers will be meeting at the Gladstone Fire Station, 555 Portland Ave., on December 11, 2019. Please contact Doug Loose at dougwithTLC@msn.com or 503-595-53796 for additional information.
◆ Friends of Gladstone Nature Park meet the last Saturday of

the month from 9:00am-12:00pm at 18111 Webster Rd, Gladstone. For more info visit protecttheparks.org or email friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com
◆ The Gladstone Historical Society meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at Gladstone City Hall Conference Room (enter at E Dartmouth door), 525 Portland Ave.

Gladstone, 97027. Visit gladstone-historicalsociety.org for more info. 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 the Bomber Restaurant, 13515 SE McLoughlin Blvd. Milwaukie, OR 97222. Visitors are welcome!

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 every other month (as needed) - 6:30 pm—City Hall Council Chambers
- *Park & Recreation—2nd Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers
- *Senior Center Advisory—held bi-monthly —3rd Tuesday—3:00 pm—Gladstone Senior Center

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