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City Sets Public Open House to Explain Proposed Utility Rates

How much will Gladstone utility customers pay next year? The answer is more. It's not water – or sewer – or stormwater rates. All rates are expected to rise.

Gladstone residents and businesses are invited to learn more at an upcoming public open house event: **Tuesday, September 24, 2019 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in the Gladstone High School Cafeteria, 18800 Portland Ave. Gladstone OR 97027.

Here's why rates are expected to increase. For many years Gladstone invested little or nothing in 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 12th that 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.

Gladstone Public Works Director, Jim Whynot, predicts there will be more similar episodes in the future: "We have water pipes as old as 80 years. We need a program – and funds – for ongoing replacement." The sewer and stormwater systems also need work. Gladstone has routinely violated environmental laws and discharged untreated waste flows into streams. Those violations result in costly fines paid by Gladstone utility customers.

To get ahead of the problems, Gladstone's selected leaders are committed to catching up on infrastructure needs to maintain the health and long-term vibrancy of our city. That means our utility rates will be on the rise.

City Administrator Jacque Betz encourages all utility customers to attend the open house: "Please save this date on your calendar. Find out for yourself about our future rates."



Gladstone residents and businesses are invited to attend an open house on September 24 to learn more about proposed utility rate increases.

Living With Suburban Skunks

Oregon is a special place, known for its natural features and its diverse and abundant wildlife. However, as human populations grow, the space left for wildlife shrinks, especially around urban areas. When their habitat, food and water sources disappear, "critters" look elsewhere for their basic needs and sometimes that means your yard, attic, crawlspace or garage. In urban areas, parks and green spaces provide important wildlife habitat; but sometimes animals residing there are attracted to easy meals or living quarters near human dwellings. By making a few modifications to our behavior and our homes, most conflicts can be avoided.

Skunks are primarily solitary animals. Just like humans, they have five toes on their front and hind feet. They have elongated nails that aid them in digging for insects and grubs. Skunks are omnivorous and will eat a variety of insects, wild fruits, and small vertebras like mice and eggs of ground nesting birds. Their only natural predator is the great-horned owl.



Benefits of skunks: •Excellent at rodent and insect control, including black widow spiders and scorpions. •Will eat carrion, keeping roadsides clean

Deterrent Ideas In yard or house: •Never intentionally feed wildlife. •Secure garbage cans with bungee cords, rope or chains. •Remove all pet foods, water and fallen fruit. •Close all pet doors and garage doors at night. •Keep all pets indoors.

Destroying landscape: •Animals are attracted to new landscape because of the grubs and pest that are present • Ask your local nursery about pesticides that can be used for grub control • Pin new sod to the ground with thin spikes or cover with a thin nylon bird netting •Water your lawns in early morning rather than in the evening . •Sprinkle your lawn or planters with cayenne pepper to discourage animals from grub hunting. For large areas cayenne pepper can be diluted with water and sprayed over lawn. •Protect trees by securing sheet metal around the base of trees to a height of at least 3 feet. •Install low voltage hot wire fencing around planters. **In attic, chimneys, under decks or on rooftops:** •In the fall, trim trees and shrubbery away from rooftops and fencing. •Cap chimneys with a commercial chimney cap or wire mesh. •Use towels soaked in household ammonia and place them in the crawl space before nightfall. This should drive animal(s) out. The entry point can then be sealed. •Use radios or motion detected lights in "den" areas. Once the animal has left, seal all entrance points. To ensure animal has left place flour outside the entrance and look for animal prints. Be cautious during spring and summer, as there may be a litter of young that cannot escape. **Ponds and pools:** •Install an 8-inch wire mesh horizontally around the perimeter or provide a nylon netting cover at night. •Always provide fish with adequate hiding areas. This can be achieved with bricks, rocks and/or plants. •If you find an animal trapped in your pool leave a ramp or towel over the side of the pools so the animal has access to get out.

Pest Control or Self-Trapping is a temporary solution, ridding the property of attractions is the best way to remove unwanted animals. Trapping can leave orphaned starving babies behind. Skunks cannot be relocated and must be euthanized. For additional information on living with skunks, wildlife control operators and self-trapping go to https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/license_permits_apps/wildlife_control_operator_contacts.asp

Drop Off Unwanted Prescriptions at Gladstone PD



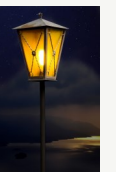
Flushing drugs down the toilet or putting them into the garbage has damaging effects on our environment and can contaminate our surface & groundwater supplies. Both drinking and wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat these kinds of chemicals. Drop off your old, expired or unwanted prescriptions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

Should you be Collecting & Remitting a Transient Lodging Tax?

Are you renting your property for less than 30 days at a time? Is your property located in the Gladstone City limits? If so, as a homeowner you are responsible for collecting and remitting a Transient Lodging Tax. Please visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/gladstone-implements-transient-lodging-tax> for the remittance form along with more information regarding the Transient Lodging Tax.

Street Light Out

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



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



Let me introduce you to Officer Eric Graves, Gladstone's School Officer (SRO) with a few back to school safety tips as we start off the new school year.

It's that time of year again when summer comes to an end and thoughts turn back to the start of school. Even if you do not have a little one getting ready to head back to school, you should still be aware that school is beginning. Here are a few tips for parents, kids and the community when school starts September 3rd 2019.

Drivers: •Add a few extra minutes to your commute to allow for the extra stops a school bus will need to make. •Be on the lookout for school zone signals and always obey the speed limits. •Always stop for busses that are loading or unloading children. (Obey the busses flashing red lights) •Even when the lights aren't flashing, watch for children, particularly around school arrival and dismissal times. •Be alert as you back out of your driveway or drive through a neighborhood.

Taking the bus to school: Teach kids to play it SAFE- Stay five steps away from the curb. Always wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the driver tells you to board. Face forward after finding a seat on the bus. Exit the bus when it stops and look left and right for cars before crossing the street.

Walking to school: •Always walk and never run across intersections. •Use the sidewalk whenever possible, and if there is not a sidewalk walk to the right edge of the road. •Whenever they are available, use marked crosswalks to cross the street and look left-right-left for vehicles or bikes before crossing. •Use the safest route to and from school and don't deviate from that route without letting someone know. •Try and walk to school with other students. There is strength in numbers •Avoid talking to strangers and if you are approached by a stranger be sure to tell a trusted adult immediately. •Never get into a vehicle, even if you know them, without permission from a parent or guardian.



SRO Eric Graves

Riding your bike to school: •Always wear your bicycle helmet! In the event of an accident, helmets reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent. •Obey the rule of the road; the rules are the same for all vehicles including bicycles. •Always stay on the right-hand side of the road and ride in the same direction as traffic. •Be sure to use the appropriate hand signals •If possible try and ride with someone else.

With these few back to school safety tips, we can all be assured that the start of school is safe for everyone. Have a safe and great school year!

A Message from Gladstone Fire Marshal Mike Funk

FIREFIGHTER near miss on Portland Ave. A local firefighter was nearly struck by a car on Portland Avenue this week while stopping traffic as a fire engine backed into the fire station. **DO NOT DRIVE AROUND** a fire engine when emergency lights are flashing at any time. Firefighters are very aware that you need to get where you are going. However, we need 30 to 45 seconds to line the engine up on a narrow door, check the sidewalk behind us for pedestrians, and safely back off the street and into the fire station. Gladstone Police will be citing violators when unsafe actions are witnessed.

Gladstone Firefighters Respond: Gladstone Firefighters have responded to over 900 calls for assistance so far in 2019. The 30 members of Gladstone Fire Department have had a busy year and expect to respond to over 1600 calls in total this year. About 75% of our calls are for medical needs. Gladstone Firefighters respond quickly as the emergency first responder along with AMR ambulance (the County contracted medical transport provider). Gladstone EMT's work closely with AMR ambulance personnel to provide quick, high-quality medical service to all of Gladstone.

ONLY - Working smoke alarms -save lives. Remember smoke alarms do not last forever. The effective life of a smoke alarm is 10 years. Even if the alarm still operates when you test it, please replace it after 10 years. Between the 10-year device replacements, you should perform battery testing and replacement. If you have a 10- year battery in your alarm (and you test it Monthly), the battery should last 7-10 years. If you do not manage to test your smoke alarm on a regular basis, the battery should be changed out yearly.

Visible address: Of all the houses, apartments and businesses in town, about 15 to 20 % do not have clearly identifiable addresses posted. Please be sure your house numbers are lighted, on a contrasting background and at least four (4) inches. Six (6) inch numbers are substantially more visible. Please do your part to make your house easy to find in the event of an emergency.

Michael Funk, Fire Marshal, Office 503-557-2775

Sign-up to Receive Flash Alerts

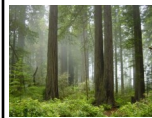


Want to sign up to receive Emergency Alerts for the City of Gladstone? Learn how to sign up for Flash Alerts by visiting www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/how-subscribe-flash-alerts.

SOLV Clean up at High Rocks Park

SOLV Clean up at High Rocks Park will be September 21st, 10am-12pm. Volunteer to pick up litter from both Gladstone and Oregon City sides of the High Rocks area. Meeting location is the pedestrian bridge next to Gladstone DMV. For additional information, Contact Bill Osburn at whosburnjr@yahoo.com

Vegetation and Water Quality



Trees, forests and other vegetation affect water quality by slowing and reducing stormwater runoff. Trees reduce runoff through rainfall interception by the tree canopy, and by releasing water into the atmosphere through evapotranspiration. Trees also promote infiltration of water through the soil and increases the storage of water in the soil and humus on the forest floor. With no tree canopy, rain falling on impervious urban surfaces such as parking lots, roofs, and streets gathers pollutants. The cumulative effect of tree canopy is to temporarily detain rainfall and gradually release it, regulating the flow of stormwater runoff downstream and thereby preventing some of the pollutants in rainfall and on urban surfaces from being transported to local waterways. Trees provide additional water quality benefits through uptake of pollutants from the atmosphere, soil and groundwater. The Center for Watershed Protection shows that trees can intercept between 6% to 66% of rainfall. Urban trees can transpire from 0.2 to 46.7 gallons per tree per day! Streamside vegetation helps to create fish habitat and keep the waters cool for our native aquatic life. For more information about streamside vegetation management, contact Gladstone Public Works at 503 656-7957, or North Clackamas Urban Watershed at 503-550-9282.

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 Office Closures

All Gladstone City offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day.

Hanging Tree Branches



Public Works is asking residents to trim tree branches by cutting branches seven feet (7') above sidewalks and fourteen feet (14') above streets. Please cut your branches and place them in your yard debris cart. If Public Works determines there is a risk of damage or injury, they may cut your tree branches without notice. During winter months, please remove portable basketball hoops from city streets to reduce interference with street sweeping.

Recreation Program Offers Classes for All Ages

Gladstone's Community Schools program offers classes and recreation programs for children, teens, and adults throughout the region.

Adult courses range from cooking, organic gardening, and water exercise; to bird watching, watercolor painting, Spanish, and country line dance. Summer youth classes include softball, baseball, ballet, tap dance, and tumbling. To register, call 503.650.2570 or visit www.bit.ly/2MMivsb.

Preventing Our Kids From Falling Out Of Windows



Each year, according to the Center of Disease Control (CDC), over 5,000 children accidentally fall from windows.

As the warmer weather is here, we need to recognize and prevent these accidents from happening. These simple tips and hardware ideas that can be found at any local hardware store will help prevent these accidents from happening.

Prevention Tips

In homes with children, install window guards on all second-story or higher windows.

Use window stops to prevent windows from opening more than 4 inches.

Window screens are not designed to stop a child from falling. A normal window screen is NOT enough to keep children safe.

It is best to purchase window guards with a quick release mechanism. This will allow the window to be opened easily by an adult in the case of a fire emergency.

Install locks on sliding windows to prevent children from opening them.

Move all furniture away from windows. Children can climb on furniture to access windows that are otherwise out of reach.

Create soft landing surfaces such as bushes or plant beds under windows to help prevent serious injuries in case of a fall.

Do not allow children to play on fire escapes, roofs or balconies.

Make sure that older children understand the dangers of climbing out of or jumping from windows.

Young children should never be left at home unsupervised.

Be Part of the Solution to Urban Waters Pollution, Use Nontoxic Household Products

Want to reduce the number of chemicals in your home and in your waterways? Start by purchasing nontoxic household products such as nontoxic cleaning supplies, laundry products, paints, insecticides, and pool chemicals. If your local store does not carry nontoxic products, ask them to start.



Dispose of hazardous household products properly. Don't toss hazardous household chemicals down the drain. Contact your local public works, sanitation, or environmental health department and find out if your city has a hazardous waste collection day. If your city doesn't have a local program, ask them to start one.

Save water. Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth or washing your face. Run your dishwasher and washing machine only when they are full. Fix leaky plumbing fixtures and switch to low-flow toilets and showerheads. Changing small habits can save more than 100 gallons of water a week.

Deposit waste in a trash can. Never flush non-degradable products or sweep debris into the street or storm sewer. Trash can damage city sewer systems and end up littered on beaches and in your water.

Don't flush old prescription drugs down the drain (unless directed). Wastewater treatment plants are unable to remove drugs from sewer system water and they end up in our rivers and streams.

Don't let pollutants go down the drain, inside OR outside. Urban waters take on large amounts of pollution from a variety of sources, including polluted runoff from urban landscapes, which creates public and environmental health hazards. Remember, what goes on the ground and down your drain eventually ends up in the water. Don't dump oil, gasoline, solvents, paint, or other household chemicals down your household drains or storm drain.

Recycle used motor oil and maintain your car. Throwing motor oil in the trash is illegal and harmful to your water source. Recycling centers and many service stations accept used motor oil for recycling. Also, be sure to keep up with regular car maintenance to prevent oil, coolant, antifreeze, or other hazardous chemicals from leaking onto the ground.

Take your car to a car wash. A commercial car wash reclaims its wastewater using special filtration systems. This not only conserves water, but minimizes polluted runoff entering local storm drains.

THANK YOU!



On behalf of the Gladstone-Oak Lodge Rotary and the Gladstone Community Festival Committee we would like to thank everyone who helped and/or participated in this years

Gladstone Community Festival! We also would like to give thanks to all the citizens of Gladstone and surrounding areas who made this such a special and warm event. All of us on the committee have received so many wonderful comments about the Festival and what a positive uplifting event it was. This is why all of us on the committee work hard to make it possible.

We also would like to give a shout out to all the fantastic sponsors of the Festival. If not for them this would not happen. Gladstone-Oak Lodge Rotary, City of Gladstone, Oregon's Mt Hood Territory, North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce, Fords of the Fifties, Water Environmental Services, Gladstone Education Foundation, Les Schwab Tires, Clackamas Federal Credit Union, Gladstone Seniors Foundation, Dr. Bob Everett, Gladstone Family Dentistry, Edward Jones, Jal Duncan Photography, Lazerwerks, Happyrock Coffee Roasters, Envirotest, Burgerville, Clinkscals Portable Toilets, Swickard Honda, Vogies Bar and Grill, Gold Wrench Auto Repair, Sisul Engineering, Dr. Rob McDowell, Assn. Of NW Steelheaders, Bound to Happen, Gladstone Disposal and Pamplin Media Group. If you should deal with any of them, thank them for all they do.

Thank you again for making this such a special event. If you or anyone you know would like to help out in the future please visit our web site: Gladstonecommunityfestival.org. We can always use the help.

Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting

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



Glad Tidings

September 2019— A Monthly Publication of the Senior Center



Annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Please join us at the Gladstone Senior Center on Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 11:15 am to 1 pm, for the annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. For more than 30 years, the Gladstone Senior Center has been or will be married for 50 annual luncheon celebrates milestone of marriage that is For those couples that have more, lunch is on us. celebrating this milestone will their photograph taken. Prints charge. This lunch is open to celebrating 50 years of marriage



honored couples that have years or more each year. Our couples that have reached a becoming more rare each year. been married for 50 years or Additionally, all couples have the opportunity to have will be provided to you at no everyone regardless if you are or not. To provide an accurate count for this celebration, please RSVP by calling (503) 655-7701 or stopping by the Senior Center. This luncheon is sponsored by the Gladstone Seniors Foundation. For more information visit: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc/page/gladstone-seniors-foundation> Thank you.

Important Dates to Remember

- 9/9**– Goldstar Potluck. 12pm. Bingo afterwards.
- 9/12**– 50th Wedding Anniversary Lunch. Please RSVP to attend.
- 9/16**– Book Club. 10:30am
- 9/16**– Senior Craft Time. 3-5pm. For more info, call 503-656-2411
- 9/17**– Senior Center Advisory Board meets. 3pm. Public welcome.
- 9/24**– Open House– Utility Rates. 6:30pm Gladstone High School Cafeteria

Be Prepared

Senior Citizen additions to your basic emergency kit



- Prescribed Eye Glasses
- Dentures
- All Medications & Prescriptions
- List of Medications with Dosage
- Medical Bracelet or ID
- Blanket
- Medical Equipment for Your Conditions - extra batteries for equipment



- Insurance/Prescription Cards - Medicaid/Medicare cards
- Contact List of Doctors & Relatives
- Walking Stick/Wheelchair
- Incontinence Products - adult diapers/liners



September is National Preparedness Month.

There are simple steps you can take to be prepared when disaster strikes. First, know what disasters could affect your area, which could call for an evacuation and when to shelter in place. Keep a NOAA Weather Radio tuned to your local emergency station and monitor TV, radio, and follow mobile

alert and mobile warnings about severe weather in your area. Next, determine any special assistance you may need, and include in your emergency plan. Create a support network of family, friends and others who can assist you during an emergency, and share your disaster plans with them. Practice your plan with them. Make sure they have an extra key to your home, know where you keep your emergency supplies and how to use lifesaving equipment or administer medicine. If you undergo routine treatments administered by a clinic or hospital such as dialysis, find out their emergency plans and work with them to identify back-up service providers. Don't forget your pets or service animals. Not all shelters accept pets, so plan for alternatives. For more information please visit ready.gov. You can also come down to the Gladstone Senior Center and pick up free information packets. Additionally, on City of Gladstone social media platforms, we will be publishing simple tasks that will aide you in becoming more prepared. Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Next-door Gladstone, and the City website. Remember, disasters don't prepare, but you can. Make a plan today to be safe tomorrow and beyond.

Senior Center Book Club— Sept. 16 at 10:30 am.

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah. In 1979, a former Vietnam POW suffering from flashbacks and nightmares, moves his wife and 13 year old daughter to Kaneq, Alaska to live off the grid where he hopes to find peace, restoration, and freedom. They were not prepared for the reality of Alaska, the long, cold winters and isolation.






September is National Senior Center Month—

Did you know that senior centers are an integral part of aging well? It's a place for individuals to learn how to age healthily and also a place for the community to properly support older adults. Each year, we celebrate National Senior Center month in September. This year's theme is *The Key to Aging Well*. Aging well means different things to different people. For some, aging well means Growing. They want to understand other cultures, meditate, and develop a more spiritual life or practice gratitude daily through journaling. Whatever the purpose, senior centers hold the key to enhancing all these varied experiences that are fundamental to aging well. Join us at the Gladstone Senior Center, where we strive to improve the life of our seniors in Gladstone. Stop by today, see how you can connect with a senior, how you can create something new with a senior, and how you can contribute to enhancing the life of a senior.





September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1-	2- 	3- Breaded Chicken Patty A= Bingo	4- Salisbury Patty w/Gravy A= Bunco S= Safeway	5- Kielbasa A= Pinochle/board games/ Cribbage	6- A= Bridge @12pm	7-
8-	9- A= Gold Star Potluck 12pm	10- Santa Fe Chicken A= Bingo S= Fred Meyers	11- Orange Glazed Chicken A= Bunco S= Safeway	12- 50th Wedding Ann. Lunch A= Pinochle/board games/ Cribbage	13- A= Bridge @12pm	14- 
15-	16- A= Book Club 10:30am	17-1/2 Egg Salad Sandwich A= Bingo	18-Braised Beef Tips A=Bunco S= Safeway	19- Garden Turkey Salad A= Pinochle/board games/ Cribbage	20- A= Bridge @12pm	21-
22-	23- 	24- Roasted Turkey with gravy A= Bingo S= Walmart	25- Chicken Tetrazzini A= Bunco S= Safeway	26- Sweet & Sour Chicken on Brown Rice A= Pinochle/board games/ Cribbage	27- A= Bridge @12pm	28-
29-	30- A=Activity S= Service	Lunch is served Tuesday through Thursday at 11:45 am. A suggested donation of \$3.00 for those 60+ and a cost of \$4.00 for everyone else. Beverages, salad, hot meal, and dessert included. All meals are subject to change without notice. All meals are diabetic friendly.				



Senior Center Tram Trips for September 2019

SEPT. 6- GRAHAM OAKS HIKE AND POTLUCK- We'll bring the chicken and coffee, you bring the rest for our annual hiker's potluck LV: 9am Ret: 2pm Fare: \$10

SEPT. 13- DISCOVERY MUSEUM AND COUSIN'S RESTAURANT- Located at the eastern gateway to the Columbia River Gorge, the museum is home to numerous exhibits to help introduce visitors to the geology, flora, fauna, history, and economic development of the Gorge. Learn how balance among many competing interests is helping preserve the region for future generations. We will enjoy lunch at Cousin's restaurant in the Dalles. Please bring \$7 for your own museum admission. LV: 8:30 Ret: 5pm Fare: \$10

SEPT. 20--JAPANESE GARDEN -We will have lunch at Huber's (famous for turkey and more) before we go to the beautiful Japanese Gardens. LV: 10am Ret: 3pm Fare: \$30 (includes garden admission)

SEPT. 27- SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO- This casino has one of the best buffets in Oregon (\$11.95) as well as all the games. LV: 8:30am Ret: 4:30pm Fare: \$15

SEPTEMBER 29-(SUNDAY) SUITE SURRENDER-New Century Players- It's 1942, and two of Hollywood's biggest divas have descended upon the luxurious Palm Beach Royale Hotel. Everything seems to be in order for their wartime performance...that is, until they are somehow assigned to the same suite. Mistaken identities, overblown egos, and a lap dog named Mr. Boodles round out this hilarious riot of a love note to the classic farces of the 30s and 40s LV: 1pm Ret: 4pm Fare: \$20

OCT. 4- PORTLAND GREEK FESTIVAL-A wonderful plate lunch and more awaits you at the Greek Festival. You can see the beautiful church, shop the vendors, and enjoy Greek music at this annual event. LV: 9am Ret: 2pm Fare: \$15 (includes lunch)

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 waitlist for a third trip. Cash/Check only, no cards. Some trips are not wheelchair 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.

Gladstone/Oregon City Pedestrian Bridge

Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES) has closed the 82nd Drive pedestrian bridge to perform seismic upgrades. The closure is expected to be in effect until February 2020. The upgrades will make the bridge able to withstand a 9.0 earthquake, which means the bridge would be able to serve as a vital path across the river for emergency vehicles in a disaster.

During the closure, pedestrians and bicyclists will not have access to the bridge from either the Oregon City or Gladstone sides of the river. Signs have been posted directing pedestrians and bicyclists to the detour route of Oregon Highway 99E/SE McLoughlin Blvd. in Oregon City. For more information visit www.clackamas.us/wes/pedbridge.html

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

Fall is approaching, so what better time to visit the Pow-Wow Tree. Did you know that it is the last of its kind?

Pow-Wow trees once dotted the U.S. Landscape and were as common as town halls are today; because, that was their purpose. Pow-Wow trees served as "gathering places" where male tribal members met to make decisions concerning the tribe's welfare. Pow-Wow trees also witnessed important events such as seasonal ceremonies, religious rituals, intertribal alliances, declarations of war, and peace treaties.

Pow-Wow trees were of no particular species, but they were specifically chosen for their dignified appearance and their easily identified location. Almost always standing apart from other trees, a Pow-Wow tree would be situated at an important path crossing, the corner of a territorial boundary, or at the entrance to a significant place. Chiefs were often buried near the tree, and as in Gladstone, an entire burial grounds might be situated nearby.

So why a tree for a town hall? Why not a tepee, a hogan, a wigwam, or a long house? According to Native American storytellers, trees represent men. Like the tree, men should be upright and honorable. And just as a tree is rooted in place, traditions, and time, so should a man be ever mindful of his beginnings, who he is, and what he leaves behind. Many trees with many different colored barks represent the colors of men. And leaves/needles represent the words flowing from men (meaning all words spoken beneath the tree should be honorable).


Over time, Pow-Wow trees have disappeared from the American landscape. Oregon had many pow-wow trees. Some of the more notable ones were located at Roseburg, Crawfordsville, Liberty, Lebanon, Umpqua, and Pendleton. All are gone except for the Pow-Wow Tree at Gladstone. Even the most famous Pow-Wow tree, a 300 year old Oak in Lowell, Massachusetts, fell victim to rot and a storm that caused it to be cut down in 2013. Gladstone's Pow-Wow tree is now believed to be the last of its kind, continuing to rebound from its roots and grow, just as it has for the past nearly 250 years.

Visit the Pow-Wow tree on West Clackamas Boulevard, between Bellevue and Beatrice. Don't forget to read its plaques detailing its history and awards. More info on the Pow-Wow tree can be found in Chapter I of the new Arcadia Book, "Images of America – Gladstone", available from the Gladstone Historical Society. www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org

September is Child Passenger Safety Month

Children should ride properly restrained on every trip in every type of transportation. Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13. Many times, deaths and injuries can be prevented by proper use of car seats, boosters and seat belts. The American Academy of Pediatrics have the following recommendations: 1. All infants and toddlers should ride in a rear-facing car safety seat as long as possible, until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their car seat manufacturer. 2. All children who have outgrown the rear-facing weight or height limit for their car seat should use a forward-facing car seat with a harness for as long as possible. 3. All children whose weight or height is above the forward-facing limit for their car should use a belt-positioning booster seat until the vehicle lap and shoulder seat belt fits properly, typically when they have reached 4 ft 9 in in height. 4. When children are old enough and large enough to use the vehicle seat belt alone, they should always use lap and shoulder seat belts for optimal protection. 5. All children younger than 13 years should be restrained in the rear seats of vehicles for optimal protection. For more information or to find a car seat clinic visit <http://oregonimpact.org/car-seat-resources.htm> or call 503-899-2220.

Frankie's Locker

 Frankie's locker is a donation-based community project put on by the First Student Gladstone Bus Drivers. We hope to help every child in Gladstone start the school off on the right foot with all the supplies they will need to have for a successful learning experience. This is a year-round project as we have kids in need of tools required throughout the year. Some examples of supplies needed are: backpacks, 3-ring binders, spiral notebooks, notebook paper, pencils, rulers, folders, erasers, composition books, pencil sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, scissors, etc. For any questions, please contact Amber Northern by email at amber.northern@firstgroup.com or by phone at 503-655-9528.

North Clackamas Arts Guild

Please join the North Clackamas Arts Guild at the October 2019 Art Show. Over 80 works of art by professional and emerging artists will be judged and on display for. The show will be held at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 5501 SE Thiessen Rd. Milwaukie OR 97267, on Friday, October 4th 10a.m.—4p.m. and Saturday, October 5th 10a.m.—3p.m.

Keep F.O.G. Out of Your Pipes!



Fats, oils and grease (FOG) are found in common foods and food ingredients such as meat, fish, butter, cooking oil, mayonnaise, milk, gravies, sauces and food scraps. If poured down the sink drain or into your garbage disposal, FOG could build up over time by sticking to the sides of sewer pipes. This could eventually cause an expensive sewer backup into your home or the public wastewater system. The results of a grease-blocked sewer pipe can be: • Sewage overflows in your home or your neighbor's home causing expensive and unpleasant cleanup that often must be paid for by the property owner. • Sewage overflows to streets or landscaping that can get into streams and rivers causing possible contact with disease-causing organisms.

An increase in operation and maintenance costs for the public sewer system and the treatment facilities, which could lead to higher sewer rates for customers.

By following a few simple steps, you can help prevent sewer backups by: • Pouring cooled fats, oils and grease into a covered, disposable container and tossing it into your garbage instead of down sink drains. • Soaking up remaining FOG with paper towels and placing in the trash. • Scraping food scraps into your compost or trash before washing dishes.

Using sink strainers to catch any remaining food waste while washing dishes.

Original article can be found at <https://www.clackamas.us/news/2019-03-06/keep-fog-out-of-your-pipes>



Register Now for Fall Kindergarten!



If you have a child who will be age 5 on or before September 1st, now is the time to sign them up for free, full-day kindergarten at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families [GCCF], 18905 Portland Avenue. For info or a registration packet, call GCCF secretary Heidi Smith at 503.496.3939 or email smithhh@gladstone.k12.or.us.

Transfer students from outside the school district are welcome to apply. For transfer information, email Natalie Weninger at weningern@gladstone.k12.or.us or call 503.655.2777.

Motorcycle Ride for Autism

High Rocks Restaurant and Lounge, 915 W Arlington St. in Gladstone, is hosting a Motorcycle Ride for Autism on September 7, 2019. There will be something for the whole family: Bands, Cruise in, Car Show, Prizes, Drawings, Silent Auction, Dunk Tank and more! All proceeds will go to Youngson Pioneer School.



Sidewalk Reminder

Having safe sidewalks is vital to communities. Safe and passable sidewalks include sidewalks free of vegetation, hazards, and obstructions. Partially blocked sidewalks can be dangerous for pedestrians, individuals with disabilities, and the property owner. Sidewalk hazards may result in costly repairs and unnecessary insurance claims. The adjacent property owner is required to maintain sidewalks. Allowing any vehicle to park on top of a sidewalk may cause cracking and breakage. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires sidewalk repair and or replacement when the lift or dip is a quarter inch or greater. For more information please contact the complaint officer at 503-557-2763 or see our website at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/police/page/gladstone-code-enforcement>.

Gladstone Historical Society

Happy Halloween from the Gladstone Historical Society! No, it's not quite that time of year, but we are getting ready to host a Haunted House Tour of Gladstone. First, we need to know if there are any! If your Gladstone house or business is haunted, or you know of one that is, please contact our local Historical Society through Chair Bill Osburn at whosburnjr@yahoo.com. Happy Haunting...EEEEEEK!

A Message from Our Community Cat Rescue



As kitten season is slowing down, please continue to remember to help control the pet population by having your pets spayed or neutered. If you are feeding a feral colony, spay and neuter options are available, visit <http://www.feralcats.com/> for more information. For information on why TNR (trap neuter return) is so important, visit m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=L50sMyIEFKU.

We are always looking for new members for fostering, fundraising, and even grant writing. We are grateful that our community helps with our rescue efforts. For the latest on what we do, please visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OurCommunityCatRescue/>. If you have questions, you can email us at ourcommunitycatrescue@gmail.com, we are here to help. If you would like to contribute to our efforts, our pay pal is: <https://www.paypal.me/OCCR> Thank you, Our Community Cat Rescue.

Gladstone Food Pantry

The Gladstone Food Pantry welcomes any person in need of food to visit once a week. Open Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Located on the north side of the Gladstone High School [18800 Portland Avenue] campus off Nelson Lane.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Alex Van Pelt at 503-496-3947 or avanpelt@nwfs.org. Donations are appreciated, included garden produce! Please deliver to the High School office on school days from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or to the Pantry, Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m.

Take Note—School Starting Soon!

Gladstone students will be returning back to school on Tuesday, September 3rd, just after the Labor Day holiday. Local drivers are reminded to use extra caution this time of year. Many people assume that motorists who speed in school zones are commuters or commercial drivers. However, our Traffic Safety Advisory Board and Police Department reminds us that many speeders are local residents, especially parents who are rushing to drop off or pick up their kids from school. Please pay extra attention to stop signs, crosswalks and your vehicle speed when driving through school zones where the speed limit is 20 mph when posted or when school zone lights are flashing. Thank you!

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 503-742-4519
- *Building/Electrical/Plumbing Permits · 503-742-4400
- *Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance 503-557-2763
- *Gladstone School District 503-655-2777
- *Gladstone High School 503-655-2544
- *Kraxberger Middle School 503-655-3636
- *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)

Fun Events At Gladstone Nature Park



Lantern Walk returns to the Nature Park

Kids of all ages are invited for a fun evening in the park. Join Sherwood Forest Preschool for their 2nd annual Lantern Walk. Listen to a nature story, make your own lantern, and take a short, guided evening walk in the park. All materials provided. Sunday, September 28, 2019 from 6:30-7:30pm Free admission. To RSVP, contact Michelle: 503-358-7036.

Forest Therapy class at the Nature Park

Debbie Tuttle leads this class, inspired by the Japanese practice of Shinrin-Yoku. Forest therapy walks are designed to encourage you to slow down, focus on your senses, and experience the healing properties of forests and natural areas. Any fitness level welcome. Wednesday, October 2, 2019 from 6-7:15pm. Tuition \$16 (62+ \$13)

Please support Gladstone Nature Park. Visit us at Facebook or protecttheparks.org for more information.



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

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates

This year's Annual Book Sale was a huge success! Special thanks to the amazing volunteers, foundation members, Tyler Hoffman (John Wetten's janitor), Gladstone Public Works, Bill Osborn and Greg Alexander for putting in over 450 hours of time to help our sale run smoothly. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to those who came and shopped. All proceeds will go to support programs for the library.

If you missed the book sale, you'll have another chance to pick up some books at the Holiday Bazaar held at Gladstone High School, Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 9am-4pm. Another fundraiser will be at Oregon City Brewing Company's Tuesday Night for Charity, 1401 Washington St., on Oct. 29, 2019 from 5pm to close. One dollar from any beverage sold will be donated to help purchase items for the new library.

Halloween is coming soon, and we will be at the library giving out books and candy. Last year we gave out 400 books, all donated by the foundation.

You can mail donations to our foundation: GPLF, PO Box 146, Gladstone, OR 97027-0146, or go to our website and press the donate button. Interested in learning more about our foundation? Like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram, or visit www.gpl-foundation.org

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411



The Library will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 2nd.

to help with early development.

All Ages Storytime *Thursdays at 9:30 AM except for September 26th* 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 except for September 28th* If making it to the library on weekdays is tough for your family's schedule, try our all-ages Saturday Storytime! There will be books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build literacy and language skills.

Teen Programs

Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting *Thursday, September 5th at 4 PM* Teens in the 6th through 12th grades are invited to get involved with the Teen Advisory Group. This group helps plan teen events and makes the library a more inviting place for other teens. Pick up an application at the Information Desk, or come to one of our meetings!

Volunteer Spotlight

Neal Jacobsen Hometown – Oregon City 1. Why do you enjoy volunteering at the Gladstone Library? **I like books and organizing.** 2. How long have you volunteered for Gladstone Library? **Two years.** 3. Where is the best place you've traveled and why? **Albuquerque Hot Air Balloon Festival.** 4. Do you have any pets? How many? **What kind? A dog named Cole ,black labradoodle.** 5. What are 3 words that best describe you? **Kind, active and happy.** 6. Where would you like to go on a dream vacation? **The moon.** 7. What is your favorite food? **French Fries.** 8. What is your favorite activity to do in your free time? **Go hiking or swimming.** 9. What is something most people don't know about you? **Been on a hot air balloon ride two times!**

Wet Felting Class *Monday, September 16th at 3 PM* Learn the magic of wet felting and turn fluffy sheep's fleece into a piece of art with instructor Ammi Brooks! There will be lots of colorful raw wool, sparkles, yarns, raw silk and other embellishments for you to create your piece of art. You will take home at least one approximately 8" X 8" piece of art. Space is limited to 15 attendees and advance registration is required, please contact the Library to register! This class will be held at the Gladstone Senior Center.

Rock Readers Book Club *Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 PM* A mystery book club for adults! September's book is Two Nights by Kathy Reichs. Copies can be picked up at the Information Desk any time before the meeting. New members welcome!

Dungeons & Dragons *Saturday, September 21st at 3 PM* Join us for a D&D adventure for all ages! We will be playing 5th edition. New players are always welcome.

Children's Programs

There will be no storytimes **September 24th – 28th.**

Toddler Storytime *Tuesdays at 9:30 AM except for September 24th* This storytime is for ages 18 months—3 years, with songs, books, and play for early development. Older siblings are welcome to sing and dance with us.

Baby Storytime *Wednesdays at 9:30 AM except for September 25th* This storytime is geared towards babies from 0-18 months and their caregivers with books, songs, lap bounces, cuddles, and play

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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 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

Upcoming City Council Meeting

Upcoming agenda items for the September 10, 2019 City Council meeting session will include: A discussion on the forthcoming Clackamas County Library District Task Force, Engineering Services' contract with the City, Update on the Gladstone Civic Center project and monthly reports from Departmental activity. There will be an Open House on September 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gladstone High School Cafeteria to discuss Utility Rates. Packets can be viewed online at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>.

Local Meetings—

- ◆ **Gladstone Business Owners & Managers** will be meeting September 11, 2019 at F.I.R.E. Restoration Inc., 825 Portland Ave. Please contact Doug Loose at dougloose46@gmail.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!