

Let's take a step back in History

As we enter into the Holiday season, it is the perfect time to take a look back in history to when lights first went up on Portland Avenue in the City of Gladstone

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HOLIDAY CHEER IN GLADSTONE — Merchants, businessmen and civic organizations in Gladstone combined efforts this year to provide funds for Christmas decorations along Portland avenue, the first time in the city's history that Yuletide festoons have been used. Here Demerest Schmitt, Leonard Strobel and Rudy Engler watch as Larry Benson prepares to attach a glittering wreath to a wire. (Garnett 115041)

December 2020 Holiday Program

The Holiday Season is here once again! This season the Senior Center, Gladstone Police and Fire Departments, have partnered together to help make this season the best.



We'd like to first reassure you that we are taking all necessary precautions and adhering to current COVID-19 guidelines. These guidelines are being strictly followed to ensure the safety of recipients, volunteers, and items donated. You will find blue collection barrels at the Fire Department, Senior Center, and outside the lobby of our new Civic Center. Each year, the blue collection barrels receive a very generous amount of toys, canned food, and other items. To ensure everyone's safety, we are requesting that there be no donations of stuffed toys, wrapped presents, perishable food, or expired canned goods. Donations will be accepted in person and in the blue collection barrels until Monday, December 14, 2020.



Speaking of special, have you heard? Police Chief Schmerber has activated the Santa Squad! The Police department is offering a safe place to have packages delivered during the holiday season. For the month of December only, if a family member or a neighbor is unable to collect the package for you, the Gladstone Police Department (GPD) is offering residents the opportunity to have your packages delivered to the Police Department where they will be held until you pick them up. For more information on this program, please email Santa's elf, Cathy, at ckerrigan@gladstoneoregon.us. After you have contacted Elf Cathy, packages may be delivered to: 18505 Portland Ave., Gladstone, OR 97027. Please 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. Happy holiday's everyone!

Upcoming City Meetings

Due to COVID-19 and current State regulations, all City meetings are being held virtually. Upcoming meetings are as follows: Gladstone City Council- December 8th at 6:30 pm, Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting -December 14th at 6:30 pm, and Planning Commission Meeting -December 15th at 6:30 pm. For more information and directions regarding how to join all City meetings, please visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>

Election Results

At its meeting on January 12, 2021 the Oath of Office will be administered to newly elected Councilors Greg Alexander (position #2); Annessa Hartman (position #4) and Mindy Garlington (position #6) who were elected by Gladstone voters in the November 3, 2020 General Election. Thank you to outgoing Councilor Linda Neace (May 2016-December 2020); Councilor Neal Reisner (January 2013-December 2020) and Councilor Thomas Mersereau (January 2016-December 2020) and who served as Mayor (April 2016-December 2016).

St. Vincent de Paul and the City of Gladstone

The City of Gladstone has partnered with St. Vincent de Paul in helping Gladstone residents who have been financially impacted due to COVID-19. This Gladstone COVID Assistance Program (GCAP) may provide a combination of eligible assistance up to approximately two months of utility payments, one month rent and/or food assistance, with a maximum cap of \$1,000.00 per household.

This program is organized to run through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and is available for all City of Gladstone residents upon applicant approval. The applicant must show emergency financial need related to COVID-19 pandemic, such as loss of income or an unexpected and unusual necessary expense(s) combined with a lack of resources to satisfy the need. The applicant must live within the Gladstone City Limits, and be 18 years of age or older.

For questions or to see if you are eligible, please contact St. Vincent de Paul at 971-236-2111 and leave a message with your contact information and financial need.

2021 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 Full Time Equivalent employees, an additional \$50 fee is required for any **NEW** business being operated out of a home. For rental properties, the base fee of \$100 is required along with an additional \$25 for one rental unit, \$50 for 2-5 rental units, \$75 for 6-12 rental units or \$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.



Liquor License Renewals

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) advises the City yearly for businesses that are eligible for a liquor license renewal. Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 471.166 establishes the process for local governments to make recommendations of approval or denial to the OLCC. The City is requesting residents express any concerns about currently OLCC licensed businesses. Please direct comments or concerns by February 1, 2021 to bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us.

City Closures

City offices, including the Gladstone Civic Center, will be closed at noon on December 24th and all day December 25th. During this time, payments may be placed in the silver dropbox located in the center of the Civic Center parking lot. Other payment options can be found on the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/community/page/online-payments

Report a Streetlight Problem

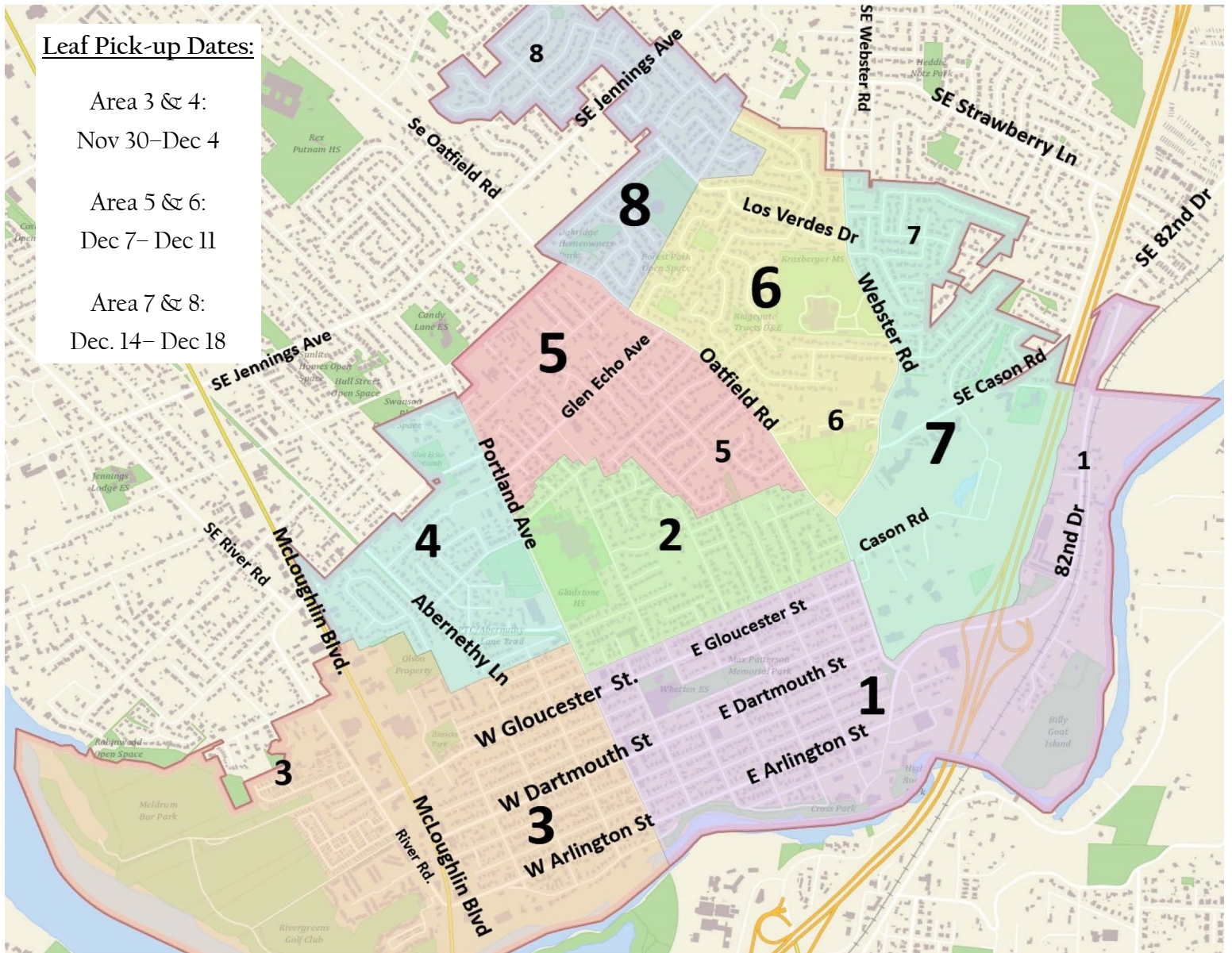


Know of a streetlight that's out, flickering or on all day? Tag the pole with florescent tape (available at Gladstone Public Works, 18595 Portland Ave), make note of nearest address, cross street, map number & pole number (map and pole numbers are found on the pole tag- 3-inch round or oval metal tag located at eye level on the pole) and contact PGE at 503-612-4685 or email lightout@pgn.com.

City of Gladstone Curbside Leaf Pick-up Program 2020

Leaf Pick-up Dates:

- Area 3 & 4:
Nov 30–Dec 4
- Area 5 & 6:
Dec 7– Dec 11
- Area 7 & 8:
Dec. 14– Dec 18



Curbside Leaf Pick-up Program Guidelines

- Place leaves in the street **NO EARLIER THAN ONE WEEK BEFORE** the scheduled pick-up date for your area. Placing leaves in the street early is a violation of the Gladstone Municipal Code GMC (13.15.020 & 8.04.2020) and may be subject to a fine.
- Pile leaves in a row on your street a minimum of 18 inches away from the curb and less than three feet high.
- Do not block bike lanes, sidewalks, pathways, mailboxes, driveways, or intersections. Keep away from garbage and yard debris bins.
- Remove any obstructions, including basketball hoops and parked cars, to allow for the leaf pick-up equipment.
- Crews will not pick up yard debris, tree branches, grass clippings, construction materials, or garbage during leaf pick-up operations.
- Once the Public Works crew have visited your area, they will not return until the next scheduled pick-up date for your area.
- Please place small piles of leaves in your brown yard debris container.

Use our GIS Map to Locate your Zone with your Address

1. Visit the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, under the tab "I Want to" Click on "View GIS Mapping"
2. In the search bar at the top of the page, enter your street address and click on the spy glass.
3. Your address should appear in the left side toolbar, look for: "In Street Zone"

If you have any questions, contact the Public Works Department at 503 656-7957, or PWOffice@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Winter is Coming, Prevent Frozen Pipes

Winter is coming, which means you have some maintenance to do around your home to prepare for the colder weather. Frozen pipes can burst and become one of the most expensive home disasters you can deal with. The damages caused by frozen water pipes can be catastrophic. Just one burst pipe in a home running at 4-8 gallons a minute from a burst pipe can do tens of thousands of dollars' damage in a matter of minutes.

What to Do

- Allow a small trickle of cold water to run from your faucet. This will keep water moving in your pipes, preventing freezing.
- Open under-sink cabinet doors to keep warm room air circulating around pipes.
- Use a small fan to help circulate air under your cabinets
- External openings such as basement doors, windows and crawl spaces should be sealed with weather stripping, caulk and sealant.

- Insulate external and exposed pipes with pipe insulation.

Take the time before the first freeze of the season to drain out the sprinkler system. Disconnect, drain and store all hoses and exterior water spigot.

How to Thaw Frozen Pipes

If there is no water flowing from your faucets at all, you most likely have frozen or burst pipes. Many times, the exterior of the pipe will be frozen as well. If you know that you have a frozen pipe, take these measures to begin the thawing process.

- Turn off the "Main" water valve to the house, open a faucet to allow melted water to flow through. Open the lowest hot and cold faucets in your home, i.e, basement laundry tray. Be aware that if the water to your house is shut off, it may also turn off any fire protection system you may have.

- Wrap towels soaked in warm water around the pipes or purchase electric pipe warmers.

- DO NOT use any open flame or electric heater directly to the piping as this could cause electrocution.



2020 Fire Season: Lessons Learned....

Life in the Northwest is something we cherish and for the most part, it is stable. This last fire season was a wakeup call on how quickly things can change. Preparing for unexpected events is something that can prove valuable when faced with any kind of natural disaster. Here are a few measures that can be accomplished on the outside of your home that might make the difference if you are faced with wildfires.

- A buffer zone should be maintained around your home with flammable materials being able to be easily removed. Some items to consider; flammable mats, outdoor furniture, garbage and recycling bins and other things normally kept near your home but can be relocated quickly.
- Keep gutters clean. Leaves left in gutters will dry out and be perfect tinder by the time fire season comes.
- Firewood, propane tanks and all debris should be kept at least 30 feet from your home.
- Landscaping, including any trees, should be considered for growth and what hazards they might pose in later years. These are just some items that can be easily implemented and maintained for a measure of safety. More extensive measures can be taken, such as metal roofing. Underwriters Laboratories has done extensive testing on metal roofing and has classed it from class A to class C. Make sure you do your homework for the area where you live. Between roofing, noncombustible siding, and tempered windows you can be more prepared for the next fire that may come our way.

Excerpt from OC Trail News

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



It's winter! Time for snow. But when it comes to Gladstone, not much of the cold, fluffy, white stuff sticks to the ground -- except during the winters of 1884, 1892, 1902, 1919, 1937, 1943, and 1995. During each of those years, an over twelve inches snowfall occurred, making them record-setting snow events for the Portland Metro area.

So, during which of those years did Gladstone get its most snow? That honor goes to 1919, which like 2020 was a year for the history books.

In 1919, the United States was engaged in a world war until November 11th, the Spanish Flu pandemic returned for the third time, and on December 8th -9th, a surprisingly fast and furious snowstorm hit much of Oregon. Gladstone, along with the surrounding area, was paralyzed.

So how much snow did Gladstone get? The answer depends on who you asked. According to William Hammond, the snow was knee-deep off of his front porch and all the way to his office in Oregon City. He walked because the trolley couldn't run. The ever-so-slim Mr. O.C. Dryden measured the snow as twenty-six inches at his front gate and packed so tightly that he could barely open the gate sixteen inches wide and squeeze through. Jessie Paddock, thinking to hurry across the street, found herself bogged down in waist-deep snow. And T.B. Davenport assessed the drifts around his house to be as high as the windowsills.

No one was prepared for a blizzard. Motorists who tried to reach Portland before the brunt of the storm hit, found themselves blinded by pelting snow and forced to abandon their autos along the river on Clackamas Blvd/River Road. Later, twenty automobiles were shoveled out of drifts as high as ten feet. Southern Pacific train passengers who thought that they were stepping out on Gladstone's Chautauqua Depot platform were shocked to find themselves unexpectedly buried in snow up to their shoulders. And the evening freight train, while trying to cross the Clackamas River into Gladstone, found itself stuck in a rapidly accumulating thirty inches of snow. The train stayed stuck until three more powerful locomotive engines could be sent out from Portland to tug it free.

Electricity and telephone lines went down. Water pipes froze. The glass roofs of the Gladstone Greenhouses collapsed and destroyed Christmas greenery and poinsettias ready for the Christmas sale. Judge Thomas F. Ryan, owner of a thriving chicken farm in Gladstone, lost fifty of his best pullets when the panicked birds flew away from their chicken house and up into the fruit trees, where they froze on the branches before Judge Ryan could get them down.

But not everything nor everyone was incapacitated by the storm. Israel Putman of Tillamook set out for Oregon City as a passenger in a friend's car just as the storm was hitting. South of Canby, the road became impassable, and the driver decided to stop and wait out the storm. But not Israel. He needed to reach Oregon City. Being a survivor of active duty throughout the entire civil war, Israel had become a man who never quit until he achieved the goal that he'd set out to accomplish. In this case, and against the advice of others, Israel was determined to walk. Through blizzard conditions and with snow up to the crook of his cane, Israel arrived in Oregon City, as intended, early for his 87th birthday party on January 14, 1920. Oh, the 1919 snow record still stands. (Photo of the Clackamas River after the 1919 snowstorm can be seen on p.33 of "Images of America - Gladstone", from Arcadia Publishing, available from the Gladstone Historical Society. www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org.)

Address Numbers on Your Home

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





Seasons greetings everyone! What a year we have had! I am grateful to my wonderful staff, volunteers, patrons, and support given to us here at the Senior Center. Through all of the trying months COVID-19 has brought, people have really stepped up to ensure that the seniors in Gladstone are taken care of. Unfortunately, out of an abundance of care and caution we've taken the step to cancel all regular holiday season events and tram trips. This was an easy decision to make as the safety of our patrons, volunteers, and staff is of the highest importance. We will miss seeing everyone this holiday season, but rest assured we will see you sooner than later. Until then, happy holidays from the Gladstone Senior Center!



The Gladstone Senior Center Advisory Board is looking for a few good people. The Gladstone Senior Center is looking for volunteers to fill 3 positions on their advisory board in the coming year. This board meets quarterly, for an hour to review and make suggestions for programs offered through the senior center. While the center is currently closed to on site activities, it continues to be active in the lives of seniors within the Gladstone community. If you have a bit of time, are full of ideas and would like to help, please submit an application. For more information on joining the Gladstone Senior Center Advisory Board, please visit the City of Gladstone website: www.ci.gladstone.or.us/bc. Thank you for your consideration. *Nancy Turner, Chair, Gladstone Senior Center Advisory Board.*

Annual Tax Preparation and Safe Driver Courses- For more than 20 years, the Gladstone Senior Center has hosted the AARP Tax Preparation and Safe Driver Courses. Due to safety concerns, AARP has made the difficult decision to cancelled all in-person events and activities until March 1, 2021. The Safe driver program has been made available online. For more information, please visit AARP at: www.aarpdriversafety.org. If you chose to take the course online, the AARP has extended their special discount of 25% off through February 28, 2021. Promo Code: DRIVINGSKILLS. As of now there is no information on the Tax Assistance program. We will work hard to keep you updated as we learn more about this valuable program.



Just a little Winter brain teaser. Hope you enjoy. Please remember to stay home as much as possible, wear a mask, practice good hand washing practices, and practice safe social distancing. Have a safe, enjoyable holiday.

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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 Snow fighters Consortium.

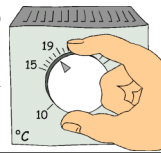
The city wants to make every effort to protect our nearby waterways, while still providing safe roadways. Plowing, sanding and deicing are all part of keeping the roadways safer. However, drivers have a shared responsibility to drive at speeds that are appropriate for road conditions and if at all possible, to delay travel until conditions are more favorable.

Know before you go, review the City of Gladstone's Hazardous Weather Response map (located above). 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.

Energy Assistance

In addition to Clackamas County's usual funding sources, they have received a limited amount of CARES Act funding to address COVID-19 affected households. Their priorities with this specific fund is to assist households that have lost their jobs or have had a reduction in income—in particular households within Clackamas County that have not yet received unemployment or experienced delays with their claims and households that have been quarantined. Eligibility is based on the total gross household income received by all adults age 18 and over living in the home at the time of the application. The Program Income Guidelines can be found on the County website at <https://www.clackamas.us/socialservices/energy.html>, COVID income eligibility guidelines can be found at <https://dochub.clackamas.us/documents/drupal/4942d8da-282d-4baf-b6f8-68d2f69b5b98>.

Clackamas County is clearing and responding to phone messages and online requests in the order they are received and mailing out applications as funds allow. To request an application over the phone, call 503-650-5640, listen to the menu options and choose the one that is most appropriate for you. Be sure to leave all requested information. You may also visit <https://www.clackamas.us/socialservices/energyassistance> to complete an online application form. The Clackamas County Team is working to respond as quickly as they can, ask for your patience as they focus on providing public service and keeping our community and staff safe.



Preparing Your House for Winter:

Winter weather will be here before you know it. Here are 13 simple tasks for your winter home maintenance checklist. These low or no cost items may end up saving you trouble, and money come that first frost.

1. Check that your home's HVAC system is working properly by testing a higher heat setting than you currently have it set at. If the system does not emit warm air, call a heating technician.
2. Sweep your chimney before the first fire.
3. Check and replace air filters in your furnace routinely.
4. Divert water/Add extensions to downspouts to ensure rainwater flows away from your foundation.
5. Shut off outside water, disconnect hoses, and cover hose bibs with insulated covers.
6. Drain or blow out lawn irrigation systems.
7. Check any outdoor landscaping that could pose a hazard in windstorms.
8. Prepare and store lawn care items (change oil and gas to prepare for spring).
9. Restock winter essentials (snow shovels, ice melt, salt). Most importantly, be prepared. Know your home and its needs, and address any major concerns before the cold weather hits.
10. Switch ceiling fans to reverse or clockwise position to force warm air down.
11. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; replace batteries if needed.
12. Check window & door weather stripping for cold air drafts; replace if needed.
13. Ensure your rain gutters are clear of debris.

Excerpt from OC Trail News

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 or sboyle@gladstoneoregon.us if you have any questions.

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.

Drop Off Unwanted Prescriptions at Gladstone PD

Flushing drugs down the toilet or putting them into the garbage have damaging effects on our environment and can contaminate our surface and groundwater supplies. Both drinking and wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat for these kinds of chemicals. Drop off your old, expired or unwanted prescriptions at the Gladstone Police Department, located at 18505 Portland Ave., MED RETURN receptacle, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Please note the building is closed from 11:50 am-1:10 pm for lunch). No paperwork or fee required!



Ben Holladay & the Great Railroad



December 24, 1869 witnessed the most unusual Christmas Eve celebration ever seen on the Clackamas River. A locomotive, with flags flying, whistles blowing, and bells clanging, charged across a just-completed

bridge between present-day Gladstone and Park Place. With this event, railroad magnate Ben Holladay, riding aboard the locomotive, had successfully won the rights to build the first rail line linking Oregon with California.

When Holladay originally came to Oregon in August 1868 only one functioning railroad existed anywhere in the state, namely: a few miles of portage around the Cascades of the Columbia River. As part of the post-Civil War Reconstruction Era, attention turned to expanding the nation's transportation infrastructure. On the West Coast, it was focused on linking Oregon and California by rail. Oregonians soon fell to quarreling about what route it should follow.

First, there were those favoring a route on the west side of the Willamette River. Portland interests favored this route because their town was at that time confined to the river's west bank. As there were then no bridges connecting the east and west banks, Portlanders feared that a cross-river railhead would lead to a rival town on the east bank. But upriver there were other towns, such as Milwaukie and Oregon City, which favored an east-side route.

The West Siders, led by lawyer and journalist Joseph Gaston, held the initial advantage by forming the Oregon Central Railroad Co., backed and financed by the Portland-based Oregon Steam Navigation Co. A rival group of East Siders, led by Oregon Governor George L. Woods, formed their own corporation using, confusingly, the same name, "Oregon Central Railroad Co." it was the East Siders's need for financing that brought Ben Holladay north from California to the Oregon scene.

After adroit political maneuvering (including bribery), Holladay succeeded in having the project awarded to the company that could first complete 20 miles of useable trackage by Christmas Day 1869. At first, the West Siders surged into the lead, building on the Tualatin Valley's level terrain. But Holladay's resourceful crews (including many Chinese) gained the lead.

Only bridging the Clackamas River stood in the way of his company's success. The bridge and the final portion of the 20 miles of trackage through Oregon City south to New Era were nearing completion in November. But just as it appeared that Holladay and company would win the race, nature intervened when a late November storm turned the Clackamas into a raging torrent that carried away the bridge.

With barely a month in which to reconstruct the bridge, Holladay's crews labored night and day to restore the structure. On December 23rd, Chinese workers drove the last spikes at New Era, and on the following day Holladay rode the first locomotive across the Clackamas. The celebrations continued the next day on Christmas. Curiously, these events may have been witnessed by Rebecca Holladay Cason, widow of Fendal Cason, and a first cousin of Ben Holladay.

Written by Herb Beals (1934-2013), Former Gladstone Historical Society.

Public Hours Adjusted for use of Gladstone High School Track



The Gladstone High School track and grass field will be closed to the public from 3 to 9 p.m. weekdays. During these hours, small cohorts of Gladstone High School students will use these spaces for outdoor athletic conditioning.

Public use of the track will be available from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays and daylight hours on weekends. Thank you for maintaining careful social distancing while using school facilities.

Gladstone High School Actors Stage Fall Play Online

The fall play at Gladstone High required a new approach during distance learning. Each actor performed their part from their own home, with drama teacher Emmett Pearson Brown editing the pieces into a complete video production. Here's the link to the performance: <https://youtu.be/zSziuaJ6GNU>

The family-friendly play is Homeschooled by Jason Pizzarello. It tells the timely story of the town of Smorgasbord, which is forced to close the public school system and rely on a motley crew of parents to homeschool all the children.

The parents are thrown for a loop. They realize that none of them is qualified to teach a full course load, so they decide to divide and conquer the subjects. The results are hilarious, including a lecture on eighteenth-century European society delivered by a clown, a drill sergeant baking pies in Home Economics, and a lady who's had way, way too much caffeine zooming through 200 years of U.S. History.

Gladstone High School students honor Veterans with online performance

Gladstone High students refused to let the COVID-19 pandemic get in the way of the school's annual Veteran's celebration. Instead of the traditional assembly, Gladstone High School choirs joined forces to record a video performance. The performance is posted here: <https://youtu.be/7YNaY9CUDDo>.

Because choir classes cannot meet in person, students used a program called SoundTrap to record their individual sound tracks using Chromebook computers or smart phones. Choir Director Josh Weir then pulled all the separate tracks into one piece and mixed the recording so the voices became a virtual choir.

Resolve to be Ready in 2021

The Gladstone Police and Fire Departments encourage residents to adopt a New Year's resolution from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security—Resolve to be Ready. Making this resolution a reality takes less time than cleaning out your attic and is much easier than working out every day to lose those dreaded extra holiday pounds. To learn how you can be better prepared, visit www.ready.gov for tips and information. Together we can become better prepared in 2021!

A Message from Our Community Cat Rescue



Hello Neighbors! As the Christmas season approaches, please remember that kittens and puppies are adorable but can often be a gift that becomes a responsibility that you may not have been absolutely ready for. Adult pets from rescues or shelters are easier.

If you would like some blue bags for cans and bottles to help with our rescue, please email us at ourcommunitycatrescue@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook and Instagram. Thank you! Our Community Cat Rescue

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 www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/.

The 12 Annual Santa and the ~~Mack~~ Seagrave

The 12th annual Santa and the ~~Mack~~ Seagrave arrives in Gladstone December 10th thru the 12th. This year Santa will need to stay extra safe, so that on the evening of the 24th he can fly with Rudolph. Thus he has to stay on his sleigh this year but he will still toss out his signature Satsumas. The Kool Bus will follow his sleigh for any donations of toys or canned goods for Gladstone area residents. Santa will be in Historic Downtown Gladstone on the 10th, River Road and Lower North Gladstone on the 11th, the highlands and Sherwood Forest on the 12th. Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/santa.mack.1> for further route and day of information.



Gladstone High School Senior Graduation Party Fundraisers

Jamba Juice— Help support Gladstone High School Seniors by purchasing a Jamba Juice card! Each \$10 card gets you eight \$3 medium smoothies and one free small smoothie (over a \$25 savings). Great for stocking stuffers! Contact Kari Kroller at karikoller503@msn.com for more information.

Flying Pie Pizza— November 30th - December 3rd 4:00-8:00 pm each night They will be donating a portion of sales to the grad party! *Be sure to mention Class of 2021 when ordering

See's Candies— See's Candies...Yum! Who doesn't love See's Candies? These products make excellent holiday gifts (and some come festively wrapped already). This fundraising event ends December 4th, and products will be shipped directly to you! Click on the following link to purchase your candy today: GHS Grad Party 2021 Storefront- https://www.yumraising.com/secure/ghsgp_ghs_grad_party95/candy?h=StaVAN6470&c=ot6429&fbclid=IwAR0e-AJCe_KilhKoKJS02eyErLK-wSeIrX8b9ufAGqBbfd-QJ9Xolsvkgd4

Christmas Tree Recycling & Bottle/Can Drive— Saturday, January 2nd - 10:00-2:00 @ Gladstone HS \$5 donation/tree. Drop off your tree & cans/bottles in one easy stop, while helping a great cause!

Keep collecting your cans & bottles! Contact 971-221-7638 or ghs2021gradparty@gmail.com for cans or bottle pick up

Story strolls in the Gladstone Nature Park



It's fall in the Gladstone Nature Park and the leaves are putting on a spectacular display! Don't miss this special time in the park.

Because of the recent success of the fairy houses, the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park are continuing special walks for young children and their families in the Gladstone Nature Park.

During the month of December, the Metro trail will feature the book: A Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats. Parents and tots can walk and read each page along the trail, which is stroller-friendly.

The little free library near the Butterfly/Pollinator Hill is an exciting stop on the trail and is frequently stocked with children's books to take home, thanks to the Clackamas Book Shelf.

Watch for future stories on the trail in the months to come and be sure to keep an eye out for the birds, bunnies, and squirrels as they go through their winter activities in the park. (Please do not feed the animals.)

The Gladstone Nature Park is located at 18111 Webster Road in Gladstone. For more information, go to: GladstoneNaturePark.org, or email: FriendsOfGladstoneNature@gmail.com.

Wondering 'Who's Open?' in Clackamas County?



Who's Open (www.clackamas.us/business/whos-open) is a web-based mapping tool offered through Clackamas County in order to help businesses reach customers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you are a business who is open and operating during this time, visit their website to add or edit/update your business information. This tool is dependent on business owners and/or representatives to add and update their information on the site.

If you are a customer, visit the website to "See 'Who's Open'" and view information from surrounding businesses. The interactive map includes many different types of businesses including: Automotive, Contractor, Dry Cleaning, Grocery/Market, Healthcare/medical, Non-profit, Pet Services, Professional Service, Restaurant/Food, Retail, Spa/Beauty Salons/Fitness, Veterinarian and Wholesale.

If you have questions, contact the Clackamas County Economic Development by phone at 503-742-4249 or email at 4biz@clackamas.us

Follow the Star- Online!

Journey of the Ages, the online alternative to the annual Christmas enactment, Follow the Star, for this year will air beginning December 4th. Find information for how to experience this free inspiring modern application of the Christmas story at www.gladstonepark.org, call (503) 655-2614, or visit <http://youtube.com/user/gladstoneparkchurch>, or www.followthestar.us.



Christmas Ships



A Northwest Tradition

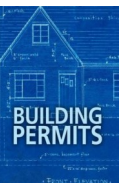
This year marks the 66th year for the Christmas Ships Parade on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers around Portland and outskirt Cities. The schedule has been set and will kick off on December 4, 2020 starting at 7:00 pm. For more information and to view a detailed map of where the fleet will be located, please visit the Christmas Ships website at www.christmasships.org.

Free Meal Pickup Every Monday

From now through December 31st, Gladstone Schools will be distributing FREE meals to youth age 1 to 18. Drive-through pickup is available Mondays from 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. [NEW TIME!] at Kraxberger Middle School, 17777 Webster Road. Families may pickup 5 breakfasts and lunches for each child. Kids need not be present. Please arrive with your window down and your trunk or hatch popped open.

Planning & Permits

The City of Gladstone contracts with Clackamas County for administration of the City's land use planning and building permits; including plumbing, electrical, grading, and more. For more information regarding planning and building permits, visit the county's website, clackamas.us/building or call 503-742-4510.



Get Social

Connect with the City of Gladstone on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Stay up-to-date with all the latest news and events happening around 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..... 503-655-8540
 - *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)



Library News—135 E. Dartmouth 503-655-8540

We will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24th and 25th for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

•The Gladstone Public Library is here for our patrons, even though our building remains closed to the public.

•Miss storytime? Enjoy your favorite storytime books, songs, and games from the comfort of your living room. Join Teacher Heather and Teacher Susannah every Thursday at 10:30am for **ZOOM: All-Age Storytime** (no session Christmas or New Year's eves). Request the Zoom meeting link and password at gladstone@lincc.org. All ages are welcome!

•Have you 'checked out' our laptops and WiFi hotspots yet? These popular items must be picked up from, and returned to, the Gladstone Public Library during curbside hours. Place your hold today!

•No-contact, no appointment holds pickup continues to be available Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Call 503-655-8540 or ring the bell when you arrive at the library, give staff your name and library card number, and your holds will be brought to the table for you to pick up. Masks are required!

•Our selection of Lucky Day books and DVDs are on display and available for checkout during your holds pickup; just let staff know which titles you'd like!

•**Bundle Builder** can help with ideas for keeping you or your family engaged in healthy activities! Let our Librarians help choose a bundle of books or DVDs customized for what you want. Submit your requests online by visiting clackamas.us/lib#readyresources - **Readers' Advisory and Bundles**, email gladstone@lincc.org, or call 503-655-8540.

•Patrons unable to visit the library can enroll in our free **Homebound Service**, which provides library materials (and their return) through the USPS. Call 503-650-3187 to request an application (please leave your name and phone number and your call will be returned). Applications are also available online at clackamas.us/lib#readyresources - **Homebound Service**.

•A limited number of fall seeds are still available. Visit clackamas.us/lib/seeds-for-sharing to review the Gladstone Seed Inventory and instructions for placing your order.

•Due dates and hold expiration dates are back. Please pick up and return your items in a timely manner. Our book drop is open 24/7, while check-in of items will be delayed for safety, no overdue fines will be charged for items checked in during December.

•There are no community project-task force meetings scheduled this month. Visit clackamas.us/meetings/communityproject/oakgladproj for schedules and information on attending future online meetings.

•Staff is answering phones and emails daily 10 am to 6 pm, after-hour messages will receive responses the next business day: **Phone:** 503-655-8540 **Email:** gladstone@lincc.org

•Check out The Oak Lodge & Gladstone Libraries Playlist on Clackamas County's YouTube channel (#ClackCo TV) is growing!

•Things change quickly! For updates, watch clackamas.us/lib and Gladstone Public Library's Facebook and NextDoor posts; lincc.org also offers service updates on all libraries in Clackamas County and information on using online resources.

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates

Virtual Jingle Bells are ringing in this holiday season. While following the restrictions set to safeguard our patrons, we are hosting our first virtual Facebook Winter Wonderland Book and Gift Sale on Dec. 5th, noon-2:30pm. Join our Facebook page at gpl-foundation.org to receive an invite to the event. Purchase books and gift items for the holidays and pick them up from 1-3pm at Cross Park. Look for the Foundation sign and pop-up canopy. We hope you'll give it a try and if successful, we'll host more throughout the year, until we can once again return to regular book sales and other events.

Joining Fred Meyer's Rewards program is a simple way to help build our library. Just sign up, then link it to the Gladstone Public Library Foundation. It's free! Our address is: www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards. As 2020 comes to an end, we hope you'll remember us by sending a donation to Gladstone Public Library Foundation at PO Box 146, Gladstone, OR 97027-0145. Every penny goes to support our library.

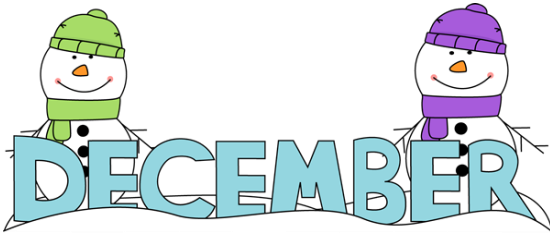
If you want to learn more or are interested in attending one of our meetings, please visit our website at: <https://gpl-foundation.org>. Please join with us in our journey to build a new library.

"Everything you need for better future and success has already been written. And guess what? All you have to do is go to the library." - Henri Frederic Amiel, philosopher, poet, and critic. Stay safe, stay healthy, and read.

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Senior Center—1050 Portland Ave
Library—135 E. Dartmouth St.

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) - 6:00 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



A Rake is all it Takes!

Wet and rainy Pacific Northwest winters require that we all get weatherized. Some things that you might not think about are the catch basins in your neighborhood. Gladstone Public Works is diligent to keep our stormwater drains and conveyances cleaned out and ready for rain. However, with over 1,000 stormwater catch basins within our city, Public Works appreciates citizen assistance in helping to keep the storm basins clear. If a catch basin in the street near your house becomes covered with leaves, a rake is all it takes to clear the leaves away. Please sweep up debris from your yard and driveway, and do not blow or hose leaves or other material into the streets, as it will wash into the storm basins. Keeping the catch basins clear allows stormwater to leave the city and helps prevent neighborhood flooding.

Local Meetings—
◆For questions or information regarding the Gladstone Business Owners & Managers Meetings, contact Doug Loose at 503-595-5379 or dougwithTLC@msn.com.
◆Friends of Gladstone Nature Park meets the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at 18111 Webster Rd, Gladstone. For more info visit protect.theparks.org
◆ For questions regarding the Gladstone Historical Society visit www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org/