



# GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

February 2020

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## Understanding Your Utility Bill

### Safe Drinking Water Delivered to Your Home

#### Water Charges Include:

- **Base meter charge:** Covers the costs that are ongoing regardless of amount of water used (pipes, pumps, hydrants, reservoir maintenance and meeting state and federal requirements).
- **Water conservation block rate charges:** Covers costs associated with the amount of water used. Water is measured in ICCF increments, which equals 748 gallons per unit.
- **Treatment:** Pass-through charges of \$0.7486 per unit is included in the block rates, passed along to residents from the water treatment plant.

### Sewer Removed From Your Home and Treated

#### Sewer Charges Include:

- **Treatment:** Pass through charges are not determined by the City, but passed through from the treatment plant.
- **Collection:** City costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the waste water collection system (Pipes, pumps and meeting state and federal requirements).

### Stormwater Managed to Protect Homes and Rivers

#### Stormwater Charges Include:

- **Stormwater:** City costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the stormwater collection system, such as pipes and storm drains, to reduce flooding and keep the rivers and streams clean while meeting state and federal requirements.

### Improving the Public Right of Way

#### Right of Way Charges include:

- A 5% right of way charge is included in all water, sewer and stormwater fees.

Changes you will notice on your next utility bill will include:

#### Water Conservation

Starting January 1, 2020, you will only be charged for the water you use, in addition to the base meter charge. All water usage will be charged based on the water conservation block rate.

#### Right of Way

The City of Gladstone applies a 5.0% ROW charge within the monthly utility service charges to reserve funds for improvement of infrastructure within the city right of way. It is important to note: The Right of Way Fee has NEVER increased the monthly base rates, it was/is subtracted from the existing rates, and reserved for future repairs, improvements and oversight.

**City of Gladstone**  
525 Portland Avenue  
Gladstone, OR 97027  
web: [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us)  
phone: 503.656.5225

Account Number: 10-00593-01  
Bill Date: 01/31/2019  
Due Date: 02/10/2019  
Service Dates: 12/30/19 To 01/31/19  
Customer Name: CHARLES AMES  
Service Address: 123 HAPPY ROCK AVE

Description	Meter	Read Date	Previous Reading	Current Reading	Volume (CCF)	Charge
<b>Water Charges</b>						
Water - Base Rate	5528	12/5/19	502	508	6	\$23.09
Water - Consumption						\$7.50
					<b>Water Subtotal</b>	<b>\$30.59</b>
<b>Sewer Charges</b>						
Sewer Treatment						\$24.95
Sewer Collection						\$20.16
					<b>Sewer Subtotal</b>	<b>\$45.11</b>
<b>Storm Water Charges</b>						
Storm Water						\$11.00
					<b>Storm Water Subtotal</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>
					<b>Total New Charges</b>	<b>\$86.70</b>
					Previous Balance	\$88.05
					Adjustments	\$0.00
					Less Payments Received	(\$88.05)
					<b>Total Amount Due</b>	<b>\$86.70</b>

**Message Center**

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If full payment is not received within 5 calendar days after current bill due date, a \$7.00 late fee will be added to the account. Statement due date applies to current charges only. Any previous unpaid balance is due and payable immediately to avoid shut off.

Check here if you have changes, or to enroll in paperless billing, see reverse side.

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Make Check Payable to: City of Gladstone  
Please include Account Number on check.

Amount Enclosed \$

Water Conservation Block Rates	
From 1-6 units	\$ 1.25 per unit
From 7-10 units	\$ 2.00 per unit
Units greater than 10	\$ 2.75 per unit

### Upcoming City Meetings

The Gladstone City Council will be meeting on February 11, 2020 and February 25, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers located at Gladstone City Hall.

The Gladstone Planning Commission will be meeting on February 18, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers located at Gladstone City Hall. All upcoming meeting information and agendas can be found on the City's website at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>

### City of Gladstone Job Announcement



The City of Gladstone is accepting applications for a full-time Account Clerk II-Utility Billing position. Visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/account-clerk-ii-utility-billing-0> for complete details. Closing date is February 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

### City Board Applications

Several terms on City committees, boards and commissions expired the end of 2019. At the March 10, 2020 Council Meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointments to three (3) terms on the Budget Committee; two (2) terms on the Audit Committee; two (2) one-year terms on the Library Advisory Board and one (1) vacant term on the Traffic Safety Commission. To obtain an application and information about serving on a committee, board or commission, please visit the city's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us), call 503-557-2769, email [bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us) or stop by City Hall. Applications must be returned by 5:00 p.m. March 3, 2020 for the March 10, 2020 meeting.



### Business License Renewals

Business license renewals are due! Business license applications may be downloaded from the city's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us). If you have any questions or have not received your renewal paperwork, please email [bl@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:bl@ci.gladstone.or.us) or call 503-557-2766.

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### Street Sweeping 101



The City of Gladstone’s DEQ stormwater permit requires regular maintenance of our stormwater conveyance system. Part of the permit requirements involve sweeping the streets regularly to limit pollutant outflow into our rivers. The street sweeper operates on an efficiency pattern to make the best use of personnel time and wear and tear on the sweeper. If you see the street sweeper in your neighborhood and it seems like it missed your street, please be patient, it will be back within the next few days. The street sweeper typically does not sweep neighborhoods on garbage collection day, as maneuvering around trash cans poses a risk to your garbage cans and to the city’s equipment. The same is true for parked cars, basketball hoops, overhanging limbs, or anything that blocks the travel portion of the street. Public Works asks that you please use your yard debris receptacles rather than the street for your yard cleanup needs. The Public Works crew very much appreciates the cooperation and assistance of our citizens. Together, we make the City a better place for all of us.

During our rainy season, if you see a catch basin that is backed-up, please remember a rake is all it takes! A quick sweep with a rake will resolve the matter quickly. You may also contact our Public Works Dept. Monday – Friday 8:00am -3:30pm at 503.656.7957.

### Indoor Home Water Audit Kit

Winter is a good time to take a look at your indoor water use. The Clackamas River Water Providers has Indoor Home Water Audit Kits to help determine your water usage inside your home. Conducting an audit will help locate leaks you may have in your home and identify which fixtures may need to be upgraded.

#### Indoor Home Water Audit Kits Include:

- **Audit Kit Instructions** – This brochure will guide you through the steps of how to conduct an indoor home water audit.
- **Flow Meter Bag** –Use this bag to measure how much water your household fixtures (kitchen faucet, showerhead, bathroom faucet) use.
- **Drip Gauge** – Use this to measure drips around your house. Even a seemingly small drip can waste a lot of water. This gauge will give you an idea just how much that might be.
- **Leak Detection Tablets** – Use these tablets to see if your toilet has a leak.

To request free low water using devices for your home and more indoor water conservation information visit us at [www.clackamasproviders.org](http://www.clackamasproviders.org) or call 503-723-3511.

### A Message from Gladstone Fire Department (GFD) Fire Marshal Mike Funk

HAPPY NEW YEAR, from the firefighters serving the City of Gladstone. The makeup of Gladstone’s Fire Department is men and women that live in Gladstone and in nearby communities. Over the years, Gladstone Fire Department, due to call volume and response expectations, has evolved into a combination fire department. This means we have a combination of both full time personnel and “paid on call” (POC) members. There are currently 32 men and women that serve at the fire department that responded to almost 1600 calls for help in 2019. Gladstone FD has gone away from the “volunteer only” fire department due to changing IRS requirements and taxing issues dating back to about 2008. Gladstone Fire with the help of a federal staffing grant a few years back, now boasts 24 hours per day 7 days a week, staffing with a paid Captain and one or more (POC) persons. We no longer rely on whether there are volunteer firefighters in town to respond from home to an emergency call. This response model now allows Gladstone firefighters to respond to Gladstone citizens with highly trained firefighters and EMT’s quicker than ever before.



For additional information about the Fire Dept. and how we operate today, you are encouraged to look on the City of Gladstone website at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us> where you can find the fire department’s Standard of Cover and Strategic Plan. These two guiding documents explain a great deal of what we do and how we operate to best serve this community.

Training update: Four firefighters began our training academy in the first part of September 2019. We are proud of all the hard work and training that has been successfully completed so far. With over 140 hours of academic study and practical hands on training, these four “recruits” will be ready to serve you after completing about 60 more hours of this rigorous training. Congratulations to Cody, Spencer, Jacob and Vlad for training hard. Keep up the good work.

#### SAFETY REMINDERS:



- Always dispose of fireplace ashes in a metal bucket, and place it outside away from any combustibles. Never use a paper bag for your ashes and do not place the ashes inside your garage until final disposal.

- When was the last time you cleaned your bathroom fan? Sure they always seem to work when we flip the switch, but are they working well? Over time these fans collect a coating of dust and dirt inside them. We need to go further than just vacuuming the front surface of these devices. Next time pull the face plate off and clean up into the fan. We responded to several of these type of fires in 2019. Don’t become part of our 2020 fire statistics. Clean your fan this week.

Remember: outdoor burning of leaves, branches, lawn clippings, berry bushes, construction debris, garbage and other like substances are not allowed in the City of Gladstone. Only dry, seasoned, fire wood is allowed and then the fire must be small and attended at all times. When burning outdoors, have a water hose or bucket nearby.

Remember 911 for emergencies. For any other non-emergency questions contact the local Fire Marshal at 503-557-2775.

### Recreation Program Offers Classes for All Ages



The Community School program contributes to the Gladstone School District by providing educational opportunities to all community members, both youths and adults. The program strives to assess community needs, and then to assist community members in meeting those needs to improve the quality of life in Gladstone. To register, call 503.650.2570 or visit [www.bit.ly/2MMivsb](http://www.bit.ly/2MMivsb).

### Street Parking Regulations

Gladstone Code Enforcement would like to remind its citizens that there are city ordinances regulating on-street parking. Parking regulations can be found under Chapter 10.04 of the Gladstone Municipal Code. Did you know that parking a trailer on the street while unattached from the vehicle is prohibited? You can find information on this and other parking regulations online at <https://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/>.

### 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/>.

## Upgrades on 82<sup>nd</sup> Drive Pedestrian Bridge nearing Completion



Construction on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Drive Pedestrian Bridge is nearing completion. Structural strengthening of the bridge is now finished. Seismic retrofit work continues and will make the bridge capable of withstanding a magnitude 9.0 earthquake once complete. Crews have also begun the installation of a new force main pipe on the bridge while bolstering existing piping that is carried across the Clackamas River.

Clackamas County Water Environment Services will soon announce the date when the bridge is expected to re-open. The enhanced bridge will be capable of providing passage for emergency vehicles across the river should a catastrophic earthquake occur.

Water Environment Services has owned the bridge since 1998. Built in the 1920s, the bridge was converted for use by pedestrians and bicyclists after Interstate 205 opened in the 1970s. For more information about this project, please visit <https://www.clackamas.us/wes/pedbridge.html>.

### Low Income Discount for Gladstone Water-Sewer-Stormwater Bills

Water and sewer discounts of 50% are available to low-income residents who are billed directly by the City. Applications are renewable on an annual fiscal year basis and are due by June 30th. Applications may be downloaded from the city's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us) or picked up at City Hall. If you have any questions or want to see if you qualify, please contact the Utility Billing Department by calling 503-557-2771. Low-income discounts are based on Federal poverty guidelines.



### City Office Closures

Gladstone City offices will be closed February 17, 2020 in observation of Presidents Day.

### Utility Bill Drop Box

Did you know you can drop off your monthly utility bills, including: PGE, NW Natural, Gladstone Water/Sewer & Gladstone Disposal, at the Senior Center? No stamps needed! The drop box is located just inside the main entry door.

### Do You Need a Real ID?

Something big is happening October first of this year. If you aren't paying attention, it might mean missing your flight out of PDX or any other airport across the U.S.

On that date the Transportation Security Administration, or TSA, begins requiring a new type of identification to board a commercial aircraft. The new ID must be compliant with something called the Real ID Act. It's designed to keep us safer in the air, but if you try to board an aircraft using your current Oregon driver license starting in October – it won't work. That's because the current Oregon driver license is not Real ID compliant.

Oregon DMV will begin offering a Real ID option on July 6, 2020. To fulfill the demand of nearly one million Oregonians who will want the Real ID option, DMV would have to issue 32 licenses a second every business day from July to October. That's just not possible.

If you don't have a Real ID compliant form of ID at the airport, TSA will put you through an alternate identity verification process that could take an hour or more, and you could miss your flight.

There is an answer for Oregonians: obtain and use a passport or passport card. The cost of getting a new passport card is roughly equal to that of getting a replacement license with the Real ID option – and you can apply now at one of over 76 acceptance sites across Oregon.

To find out more, visit <https://www.Oregon.gov/REALID>

By the way, Washingtonians already have the option of getting a Real ID compliant driver license. If you are a Washington resident, go to <https://id2020wa.com/> to find out more.



### Harvey Cross & Gladstone's Founding

The Founder of Gladstone, Harvey Edwin Cross, was born in what is today the City of Canby on June 6, 1856. His parents had emigrated to Oregon in 1852 from Amboy, Illinois. In 1862 the Cross Family—Lorenzo, Dorcas and their four surviving children—sold their Canby farmstead and moved to Oregon City. Lorenzo, a carpenter by trade, was not enthralled with farming, preferring to earn his living as a carpenter. Oregon City, then being in the midst of a building boom, was the perfect place for Lorenzo and his carpentry skills. What is more, he was eager for his children to receive an education, and life in town offered better prospects for schooling.



Older brother, Caleb, followed in his father's footsteps as a carpenter, while Harvey readily took advantage of the educational opportunities of life in town. He entered the Oregon City Public School System in 1862, graduating with apparent ease in 1873, whereupon he decided to become a schoolteacher himself. He was hired by the Revenue School District to teach classes during the 1874-75 school year, in a one-room log schoolhouse near Sandy, Oregon. Besides living in the homes of his students, his compensation amounted to \$100 per quarter. After a brief stint of teaching at another rural school, he sought and found employment in the Clackamas County Clerk's office. He was a sheriff's deputy for a time and collected tolls on the Barlow Road at the Rhododendron tollgate.

In the fall of 1875, he began the study of law in the Oregon City firm of Johnson and McCown. Three years later, on January 8, 1879, he was admitted to the Oregon State Bar and soon after opened his own Oregon City office to enter legal practice. It was at about this time that Harvey made the acquaintance of the Orpha Francis Tingle, a young woman who came to Oregon in 1870 with her parents. They had originally settled in Columbia County, later moving to Oregon City where Orpha completed her education at the Atkinsons' Female Seminary. After a five month's courtship, Harvey and Orpha were married in Oregon City on June 10, 1879.

Three years later in 1882, the Crosses decide to move out of Oregon City to the north side of the Clackamas River. They purchased the house Fendel Cason and his son Adoniram had built there twenty years earlier. Harvey had not moved out of Oregon City merely to escape town life. He began, in 1883, to purchase the lands surrounding the Cason home. By 1888, he had assembled close to 400 acres (about two-thirds of the Cason DLC), together with an additional 60 acres purchased along the east side of the Rinearson DLC. Much as his father before him, Harvey had little interest in farming as an occupation.

And so the mostly open pastoral fields, dotted by groves of oak, maple and firs, with cottonwoods lining the river banks, were not envisioned by him as farmland but as a thriving town. In contrast to Charles Pickett and his Clackamas City, some four decades earlier, there would be no running off to adventures in the California gold fields for Harvey Cross. He would remain committed to his fledgling town and see it take shape as a reality, remaining a resident of it for the rest of his life. (To be continued) *Herb Beals, Former Gladstone Historian.*



# Glad Tidings

February 2020

Hours of operation

**Monday through Friday**

**8:30 am to 5:00 pm**

**(503) 655-7701**

[www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc)

**Important Dates to Remember**

**Feb. 3**— Gold Star Potluck at 12 pm. Bring a dish to share please.

**Feb. 10**— Gladstone Public Library arts program at the Senior Center. 3-5pm. Contact Library for more information.

**Feb. 13**— Valentines Day Lunch. RSVP please. 11:30– 12:30pm.

**Feb. 17**— Senior Center closed in observance of Presidents Day.

**Feb. 24**— Book Club at 10:30am.

## AARP TAX PREP AIDE

### 2019 Tax Year- Tax Assistance

Tax preparation will be conducted each Friday starting February 7, 2020 until Friday, April 10, 2020, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. All assistance will be by appointment only, no walk-ins allowed. These services are provided by trained volunteers free of charge to area tax payers, particularly those aged 60 and older. The AARP Tax Foundation Tax-Aide program processes simple form tax returns only, no complex or business tax processing will be allowed. To reserve your tax preparation appointment, please call the Gladstone Senior Center at (503) 655-7701.

### American Heart Month

American Heart Month isn't just for lovers. February also reminds us to take care of our heart and consider our risk factors. Believe it or



not, heart disease can happen at any age. Some risk factors for heart disease and stroke are preventable. American Heart Month teaches us the ways we can help reduce our risks while eliminating those we have control over. Here are a few signs the CDC says you may be at risk for heart disease. 1) High blood pressure. There are millions of people in the United States who have high blood pressure, and millions of them are as young as in their 40s and 50s. If you are one of them, make sure to have it under control. 2) High cholesterol, diabetes, and obesity are all conditions that can increase your risk for heart disease. If you fall into this category, work on eating healthy and getting some physical activity in a few times a week. 3) Smoking cigarettes. Over 35 million adults in America are smokers and thousands of young people are picking up the habit daily. If you're a smoker, do your best to quit or cut down. It's what's best for your health. For more information, please visit [www.millionhearts.hhs.gov](http://www.millionhearts.hhs.gov) today. Did you know that there are free chair exercise classes at the Senior Center aimed at helping you get healthier and at your own pace? Call us today, even if chair exercise is not for you, we have resources that may be helpful.

### Inclement Weather

If the City experiences an inclement weather event such as severe rain or snow, the Senior Center will follow the closure procedure of the Gladstone School District. Should the district close, we will not be providing meal services that day. Please contact us for more information.

### Did you know? A look at Older Americans Act (OAA) Nutrition Programs-How they help

OAA congregate and home-delivered nutrition programs provided over 222 million meals to older adults in FY15. This service is especially critical for the nearly 61% of home-delivered meal recipients and 49% of congregate meal recipients who report that the meals represent half or more of their food intake for the day. Nutrition programs such as those within the OAA, Congregate meals provide a setting which help to keep older Americans healthy and prevent the need for more costly medical interventions. In addition to serving healthy meals, the program presents opportunities for social engagement, information on healthy aging, and meaningful volunteer roles, all of which contribute to an older individual's overall health and well-being. Home delivered meals, more commonly known as Meals on Wheels, provide nutrition services for older individuals who are homebound. Home-delivered meals are often the first in-home service that an older adult receives, and the program is a primary access point for other home- and community-based services. The program serves frail, homebound, or isolated individuals who are age 60 and over, and in some cases, their caregivers, spouses, and/or persons with disabilities. 69% of individuals served by this program are 75 years or older. Currently, your senior center provides over 1,000 meals to clients each month. **What's at stake.** Funding for OAA nutrition programs has not kept pace with need or inflation. Cuts due to the federal budget sequester also led to fewer meals, waiting lists, and program closures across the country. A portion of our income comes from contracts with Clackamas County to provide these services. It is essential that we are able to continue to provide these services for numerous factors; rising housing costs, increased isolation, and chronic health conditions. Your Gladstone Senior Center is more than simply a place for older people to go to during the day. It is a site where people who care assist seniors to live their lives to the fullest, not just fade away into the setting sun.

### Gladstone Historical

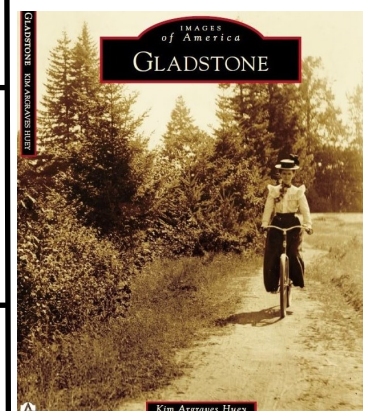
#### Presentation

Wednesday March 18, 2020 from 11:30 to 1:00pm, the Gladstone Senior Center will host a presentation by Kim Huey, Historian for the Gladstone Historical Society. This presentation is free and open to all that would like to attend. Gladstone has a deep history that not many are aware of. This presentation is an excellent opportunity to see and hear about all of the amazing events that have happened in and around the City of Gladstone. We hope to see you there!

### Senior Center Book Club— February 24, 2020

*The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

The author chronicles the 1986 fire at the Los Angeles Public Library that burned for more than 7 hours and consumed 400,000 books and damaged another 700,000. After 30 years the cause still remains a mystery. Orlean reveals how libraries provide much more than just books and why they remain an essential part of the country.



The Rotary club of Gladstone/Oak Lodge meets each Thursday at 12 pm, in the Planton Room of the Senior Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come try us out! Lunch is on us!

# February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Lunch served @ 11:45 am Tuesday-Thursday. A suggested donation of \$3 for 60 or older and \$4 for everyone else. All meals are diabetic friendly. Dessert, Hot Plate, Soup and salad included with meal. Coffee, milk, and water included. Menu subject to change without notice. All ages are welcome for this lunch. All activities start after lunch, approx. 1:00 pm. There is no cost to participate in these games. We hope to see you soon! A= Activity at the Senior Center S= Service by provided by the Senior Center</i>						1
2	3 A= Gold Star Potluck at 12pm A= Pinochle at 1pm	4- Beef Stew A= Bingo S= Fred Meyer	5- Mexican Pasta Bake A= Bunco S= Safeway	6- Spaghetti & Meat Sauce A= Pinochle, Cribbage, Board Games	7	8
9	10 A= Library Art program 3-5pm A= Pinochle at 1pm	11- Mini Chef Salad A= Bingo	12- Chicken Pomodoro A= Bunco S= Safeway	13- Beef & Black Bean Chili A= Pinochle, Cribbage, Board Games	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15
16	17 <i>Presidents' Day Senior Center Closed</i>	18- Chicken Patty Sandwich A= Bingo S= Wal Mart	19- Meatloaf & Gravy A= Bunco S= Safeway	20- Creamed Chicken & Vegetables A= Pinochle, Cribbage, Board Games	21	22
23	24 A= Book Club at 10:30am A= Pinochle at 1pm	25- White Bean Chicken Chili A= Bingo	26- Baked Fish and Tartar Sauce A= Bunco S= Safeway	27- Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya A= Pinochle, Cribbage, Board Games	28	29

### February 2020 Senior Center Tram Trips

**FEBRUARY 7-LA PROVENCE BREAKFAST-** This Lake Oswego restaurant has wonderful breakfasts, pastries and baked goods. Enjoy your meal and if you like, take home a goodie or two! After our meal we will enjoy a country drive (weather permitting). Lv. 8am Ret: 11am Fare: \$5

**FEBRUARY 14-JUST LUNCH TO GUSTAV'S-** Come along with us and enjoy Fondue and other German food. Lv. 10:30am Ret: 2pm Fare: \$7

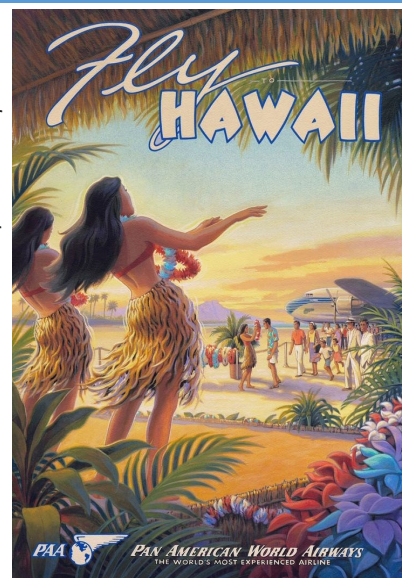
**FEBRUARY 21-HEIDI'S IN GRESHAM AND CHASE ME AGAIN-** We will begin our day with lunch(or breakfast at Heidi's in Gresham. Then we will shop at "Chase Me Again", a local resale thrift shop. Lv 9:30am Ret: 3pm Fare: \$8

**FEBRUARY 28-PORTLAND ART MUSEUM-** Enjoy special exhibits (Mt. St. Helens in art) and others as well as the wonderful. permanent exhibits. Enjoy a snack or lunch at the museum coffee shop. Lv: 9:00 Ret: 3pm Fare: \$25

**MARCH 5-(THURSDAY)-ODD COUPLE AT LAKEWOOD THEATRE-** Two Bachelors. One Apartment. Zero In Common. Felix, an uptight neat freak journalist, is thrown out by his wife and moves in with his friend Oscar, a slovenly sportswriter. The two must learn to get along as roommates, as Felix's neuroticism and Oscar's carelessness hilariously clash in Simon's classic comedy. Lv: 6:30pm Ret: 10:30pm Fare: \$7

#### Gladstone Senior Center Tram Trip Policy

*Tram trips with the Senior Center are open to everyone regardless of residency. If you are interested in participating in a trip and have questions, please contact us for more information. You may sign up to 2 trips per person and be placed on the wait list for another 2. All trips are cash or check only, no cards please. Tram trips are non-refundable, however any trips cancelled by the participant or the Senior Center will result in a credit for a future trip unless specifically stated in the trip notice. Trips must be paid 1 week prior to trip date unless otherwise noted.*



Gladstone, did you know that February is National Love Your Library Month? The Gladstone Public Library often partners with the Gladstone Senior Center to provide programs for all ages. Contact the library today, see what kind of fun you can participate in!



### *Energy Assistance*

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

### *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 (MgCl<sub>2</sub>) with rust inhibitor; is an effective way to provide a safer road surface during winter driving conditions. Use of the deicing agent helps to reduce the use of sand, which reduces impact on air quality, water quality, and aquatic habitat.

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

Know before you go, visit the City of Gladstone's website to review the city's Hazardous Weather Response map which is located at: [https://maps.orcity.org/Html5Viewer\\_4\\_12\\_2/index.html?viewer=Gladstone.Gladstone](https://maps.orcity.org/Html5Viewer_4_12_2/index.html?viewer=Gladstone.Gladstone). You can also visit Oregon's travel information website at <http://www.tripcheck.com>, or by calling 511 you can get information on the latest road conditions.

### *Chimney Safety Reminder*



Always dispose of fireplace ashes in a metal bucket and place it outside away from any combustibles. Never use a paper bag for your ashes and do NOT place the ashes inside your garage. Have your chimney cleaned or checked regularly. Prevention is a lot cheaper than a fire from a dirty or clogged chimney. Please recycle Christmas gift wrap. There are an increasing number of chimney fires each year from placing wrapping paper in the fireplace or woodstove.

Don't forget to check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and replace them if needed. Remember the effective life of today's alarms are about 10 years. Maybe provide a new flashlight for a winter power outage or a fire extinguisher for the home or car. For those of you that must drive in winter weather, consider a new can of de-ice for your car windows. Driving with frozen windows can cause accidents. Don't forget to keep an emergency travel kit in the car with a blanket, water, high energy food and a flashlight and /or road flares.

### *Play Group at Gladstone Christian Church*

Join us at Gladstone Christian Church in our large Community Center from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. each Thursday. All children ages 0 - 4 are invited to burn off their endless energy and make new friends while their parents/caregivers have a chance to meet other parents in our community. Come for all or part of the time. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact Valerie at [office@gladstonecc.org](mailto:office@gladstonecc.org) or by phone 503-656-3394.



### *Don't Fall Victim to Fraudulent Phone Scams*

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

### *Community Clothes Closet/Gladstone Food Pantry*

Located off Nelson Lane, behind the Gladstone High School **Clothes Closet** is open: Thursdays from 3-5pm and Saturdays from 10am-12pm Free used clothing for youths from birth to 21 years old. Families are invited to choose: outfits, jackets, shoes, new socks & underwear. The group needs a volunteer to build dressing rooms, plus donations of shopping bags for those served. For more information, call coordinator LaRae Applebee at 503-758-4411.

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

**Donations** are appreciated, including garden produce! Please deliver to the Gladstone High office on school days, Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or deliver to the Pantry on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Pantry Manager Alex Van Pelt at [avanpelt@nwfs.org](mailto:avanpelt@nwfs.org) or 503-496-3947

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

### *Planning & Permits*

The City contracts with Clackamas County for administration of the City's land use planning and building permits, including plumbing, electrical, grading, etc. For more information, visit the county's website, [clackamas.us/building](http://clackamas.us/building) or call 503-742-4510.

### *"March into Kindergarten" Night for School Year 2020-2021*

All incoming Kindergarteners and their parents are invited to attend "March into Kindergarten", Tuesday, March 17, 2020 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Gladstone Center for Children and Families, 18905 Portland Avenue. For questions, contact Heidi Smith at 503-496-3939



### *Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk*

Flag! Drunk driving is the ultimate form of unsportsmanlike conduct! Designate a sober driver. There's no need to consult the playbook. The winning play is to always designate a sober driver.

See someone about to get behind the wheel after drinking? Intercept those keys!

A good game plan is the key to success. Get your own game plan before kickoff by designating a sober driver.

Make the greatest play of the night by designating a sober driver.

### Lunch Buddy Volunteers needed at John Wetten Elementary

The Lunch Buddy program at John Wetten Elementary School and Gladstone Center for Children and Families (GCCF) matches adult volunteers with elementary students to provide friendship, support and a positive role model by having lunch and spending special time together at recess.

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

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



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

### St. Stephen Lutheran Preschool News



Due to updated Oregon Fire Codes (which do not allow preschools to hold classes in a basement), St. Stephen Lutheran Preschool will not be able to hold classes in their current location at St. Stephen Lutheran Church after May 2020. The Preschool is actively looking for a new location. If you know of a church or building that might be available, please contact Lori at 503-656-3035 or email preschool@sslcgladstone.org.

### 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. 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 sidewalks 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 pedestrian and vehicle passage. Defective sidewalks can be dangerous 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 1/2 inch is a violation of city code and the sidewalk must be repaired. Contact Code Compliance at 503-557-2763 if you have any questions.

### Gladstone Nature Park in 2020



Congratulations to Libby (left) & Jim (right) Spencer for completing 1,200 miles of walking in the Nature Park in 2019!

Upcoming dates to remember: Gladstone Nature Park clean-up day is the last Saturday of each month. Bring a friend and gloves, we'll supply the rest. Gladstone Nature Park will be celebrating Arbor Day on Saturday April 25, 2020



### SafeOregon School Safety Tip Line



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

### Our Community Cat Rescue

We are beginning our annual can and bottle fundraiser. We will collect until the end of February. You can reach us via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OurCommunityCatRescue/>, email at [ourcommunitycatrescue@gmail.com](mailto:ourcommunitycatrescue@gmail.com) or P.O. Box 771, Gladstone, Oregon 97027. All funds will be used for medical, flea, and worm treatment for our rescues.

Thank you, Our Community Cat Rescue

### Gladstone Junior Baseball Sign-ups



Baseball season 2020 is just around the corner. Online registration is open! Visit [www.leaguelineup.com/gladstonejuniorbaseball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/gladstonejuniorbaseball) to register your player. Players must be registered online and paid in full to participate in tryouts. \*Scholarships are available.

GJBA Registration Closes: February 5<sup>th</sup> at Midnight (Rookies/K-2 is open until 3.31.2020)

Coach Webster Hitting Clinics: January 26<sup>th</sup> & February 8<sup>th</sup> (Registration via Community School)

GJBA Tryouts Minors - Seniors: February 9<sup>th</sup> (Tryouts are mandatory, times to be announced)

\*Scholarship information available on website. Must contact board member and have scholarship in place prior to tryouts

### 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](mailto:lightout@pgn.com).



### Local Telephone Numbers

- \*City Hall General Business Line ..... 503-656-5225
- \*Utility Billing/Water/Sewer Acct Info · 503-557-2771
- \*Municipal Court/Traffic Citations ..... 503-557-2772
- \*Public Works ..... 503-656-7957
- \*Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm ..... 503-557-2797
- \*Fire Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm ..... 503-557-2776
- \*Library ..... 503-656-2411
- \*Senior Center ..... 503-655-7701
- \*Recreation/Business License ..... 503-557-2766
- \*Planning ..... 503-742-4510
- \*Electrical/Plumbing Permits ..... 503-742-4240
- \*Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance · 503-557-2763
- \*Gladstone School District ..... 503-655-2777
- \*Gladstone High School ..... 503-655-2544
- \*Kraxberger Middle School ..... 503-655-3636
- \*Wetten Elementary School ..... 503-656-6564
- \*Gladstone Disposal Company ..... 503-656-9426
- \*Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) ..... 503-299-9999
- \*Portland General Electric ..... 503-228-6322
- \*Northwest Natural Gas ..... 503-226-4211
- \*Comcast Cable ..... 1-800-934-6489
- \*Non-Emergency Dispatch ..... 503-655-8211 (option 1 for police or fire calls)



### Get Social

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



### Gladstone City Newsletter

If you have a community event you would like to see in the upcoming Gladstone City Newsletter, please send it to [kratz@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:kratz@ci.gladstone.or.us). Articles are due on or before the 18th of each month to appear in the upcoming Newsletter.

📖 Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.-Toddler Storytime (18 Months-3 Years) Songs, books, and play for early development. Older siblings are welcome to sing and dance with us.

📖 Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. - Baby Storytime (0-18 Months) Books, songs, lap bounces, cuddles, and play to help with early development.

📖 Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. - All Ages Storytime - Thursdays, 9:30 am Join us for books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities that build literacy and language skills.

📖 Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020 at 4 p.m. - Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting (6-12th grade) – Gladstone Public Library, Are you interested in improving your library and helping to plan awesome programs for other youth? TAG is for you! Stop by the Information Desk for an application, or come to a meeting to see what it's all about!

📖 Monday, Feb. 10, 2020 at 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Craft: Quilled Paper Valentines (18+ Years) – Gladstone Public Library/Gladstone Senior Center, Jenna Lechner will help participants create a beautiful heart craft using the traditional art of paper quilling. No experience necessary. Registration is required and class fills quickly. Class held at the Gladstone Senior Center. Call the library at 503-656-2411 to reserve your spot.

📖 Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020 at 4 p.m. - Teen Craft: Card Making (6-12th grade) – Gladstone Public Library, Join us for a fun afternoon of crafting and snacks. We'll have supplies to make cards for Valentine's Day or just because.

📖 Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. - Rock Readers Book Club (18+ Years) Engage with other readers in a discussion of "The Dead in Their Vaulted Arches" by Alan Bradley. Ask for your copy at the Information Desk.

\*Thank you to all who donated to the Toy and Food Drive! The Library collected 1,500 pounds worth of donations!

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

The Foundation is looking forward to a great year. Several activities, some old, some new were discussed at our January strategic planning session. Dates and times for these events will be announced at a later date.

Don't forget, if you have a Fred Meyer Rewards Card or thinking of getting one, you can link it to us. And, you don't lose any points or gas points. This is a win-win collaboration for our community, the store and the library. Proceeds from all our events go to support the new library.

If you'd like to learn more about our foundation or make a donation, our address is: GPLF, PO Box 146, Gladstone, OR 97027-0146. Check out our foundation by going to [www.gpl-foundation.org](http://www.gpl-foundation.org) You can also like us on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram. As always, we thank you for your continued support. Our aim is to build a new library and with your help, we can do it together. "Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one." Neil Gaiman, Author

**Become a Master Recycler**



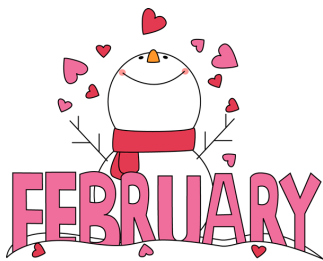
Learn from the experts. Connect with others. Make a difference. Registration is now open for the Clackamas County course starting April 1. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, March 4 at noon. Earn Master Recycler Certification by attending the course and volunteering 30 hours. Details and application at [www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org)

**Studded Tire Season**

Studded tire season runs through March 31, 2020. ODOT encourages drivers to consider other types of traction tires or chains. If you must travel when weather conditions are difficult, use other types of traction tires or chains, or postpone your travel until conditions change for the better.

Alternatives to studded tires: \*Chains—link chains, cable chains or other devices that attach to the wheel, vehicle or outside of the tire that are specifically designed to increase traction on snow and ice. Drivers should note that link chains may not be recommended for use on some types of vehicles. \*Other traction tires—these traction tires meet Rubber Manufacturers Association standards for use in severe snow conditions and carry a special symbol on the tire sidewall showing a three-peaked mountain and snowflake. They work about as well as studded tires on ice, but work better than studded tires or regular tires in most other winter conditions. And they cause no more damage to road surfaces than regular tires.

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**2019 Toy and Food Drive**



This year, the City of Gladstone Toy and Food drive helped supply food and toys for up to 123 families over a 3 day period. This is a huge undertaking and doesn't work without the help of numerous community helpers. While not an all-inclusive list, we would like to publicly thank a few of these community partners: City of Gladstone, Gladstone School District (students, teachers & retired), Gladstone/ Oak Lodge Rotary, Gladstone Kiwanis, Latus Motors, Gladstone Cardroom, a couple of local Tax businesses, Gladstone Black Rock, CIACC, Portland Sunshine Division, and the numerous private and personal donations from the Gladstone community and special friends of the fire department.



City Hall—525 Portland Ave  
Police Department—535 Portland Ave  
Fire Department—555 Portland Ave  
Public Works/City Shops—18595 Portland Ave  
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) - 6:30 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](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us)

**Local Meetings—**

- ◆ Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meets quarterly. The next meeting will be held in March. For questions or more information, contact Doug Loose at [dougwithTLC@msn.com](mailto:dougwithTLC@msn.com) or 503-595-53796.
- ◆ 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](http://protecttheparks.org) or email [friendsofglastonenature@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofglastonenature@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](http://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!