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Clackamas County Takes Over Operation of the Gladstone Library; Formalizes an agreement with the City of Gladstone to construct a new library facility



In November 2019, the Gladstone City Council and the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved an

intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the City of Gladstone and the County to bring new libraries to the Gladstone and Oak Lodge service areas.

The approved IGA formalizes a settlement agreement that was made in 2017 between the two parties, and marks the latest milestone in an ongoing, collaborative partnership between the City and the County. “We are thrilled to have reached this important milestone,” said Jacque Betz, Gladstone City Administrator. “The Gladstone community wants to move forward with building a new library, and this IGA allows the City and the County to proceed with the project.”

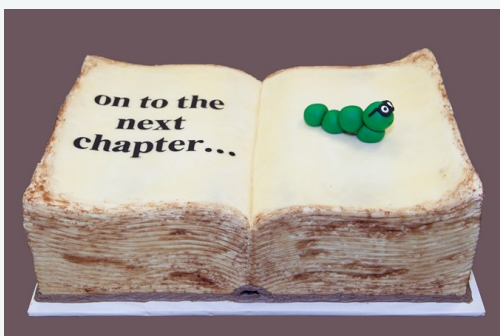
Per the agreement, Clackamas County will construct two new library facilities, one in the City of Gladstone at the current City Hall site, and the other in the Oak Lodge library service area. Previous community discussions identified the Concord Property (owned by the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District) as a possible location for a new Oak Lodge Library. The County will operate both libraries using a “one library, two building” model to maximize efficiency, achieve economies of scale, and provide high-quality, consistent library services to Gladstone and Oak Lodge residents.

In addition, while Clackamas County has been providing temporary library management services to the City since July 2018, this IGA provides for the full transfer of Gladstone Public Library employees and operations, which occurred on Dec. 1, 2019. “We’ve been working for more than a year to prepare for this transition,” said Laura Zentner, Director of Clackamas County Business and Community Services. “We’re delighted to welcome Gladstone Library staff to the Clackamas County family, and are looking forward to working closely with both communities to plan and build new, modern libraries.”

The City held an employee recognition for its employees (pictured above); Bonnie Espe, Library Assistant II; Ann Robinson, On-call Library Assistant; Stephanie Sullivan, Library Assistant II; Mitzi Olson, Library Director for Oak Lodge and Gladstone Libraries, Laura Zentner, Director of Clackamas County Business and Community Services; Heather Hoffmann, Library Assistant II; Jacque Betz, Gladstone City Administrator; Dillon Zoesch, On-Call Library Assistant; and Susannah Carver, Library Assistant II.

Both parties are excited to be working together to provide new library facilities and enhanced library services to the community. The County and the City are working closely with two community task forces and a team of architectural consultants to define community values, evaluate community needs, and create designs for modern library facilities for both communities.

Learn more about the project at <https://www.clackamas.us/communityproject>.



Upcoming City Meetings

The next City Council Meeting will be held on January 14, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers located at Gladstone City Hall. The annual City Council/ Department Heads retreat will be held on January 25, 2020 at the Gladstone Senior Center from 9:00am-1:00pm.

The next Planning Commission Meeting will be held on January 21, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers located at Gladstone City Hall. Upcoming meeting information and agendas can be found online at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>

City Council Adopts Utility Rate Increases

Gladstone City Council enacted rate increases for the City’s water, sewer and stormwater utilities. Gladstone’s new utility rates take effect in January 2020 and will be seen on the bill received in February. The combined monthly rate for a typical residence will increase from \$11.56 to \$19.06 per month (depending on usage). For more information visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/city-council-adopts-utility-rate-increases.

What You Should Know About the New Utility Rates

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

City Board Applications

Several terms on City committees, boards and commissions expired the end of 2019. At its February 11, 2020, the City Council will consider requests for appointments to three (3) terms on the Budget Committee; two (2) terms on the Audit Committee and two (2) one-year terms on the Library Advisory Board. To obtain an application and information about serving on a committee, board or commission, visit the city’s website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, email bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2769 or stop by City Hall. Applications must be returned by 5:00 pm on February 4, 2020.

City Office Closures

Gladstone City offices will be closed on January 20, 2020 in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. day and February 17, 2020 in observation of Presidents Day.

Happy New Year from your Fire Department!



As I write this, Assistant Chief Mike Funk (Gladstone's Fire Marshal) is collaborating with the Gladstone School District and helping coordinate multiple agencies (along with volunteers) to provide Christmas presents, clothing and food to our community members in need during the holidays. Firefighter Izaak Thoman was instrumental in helping in this effort along with many other Gladstone firefighters. A huge thank you to all the citizens and businesses of Gladstone that donated gifts, food, clothing and time to help those in need!

As we enter into 2020, I ask that you make a resolution to be prepared for unexpected events like snow and ice storms, power outages, loss of water service, flooding, and disasters. In many of these situations, emergency responders are overwhelmed and will not be able to help you. Your preparedness for the first 72 hours is critical and the new recommendation is to be prepared for 2 weeks. During disasters, help may come from local, regional, State and Federal agencies, but it can take many hours or days to reach us. Please consider this as you look at your priorities for 2020 and look at FEMA's website (www.ready.gov), it can provide you with information on how to prepare.

To report on my first six months as your Chief, I can say that it has been challenging, fun and fulfilling. This community is caring, supportive and involved. The fire department continues to look to the future and I will work hard to implement new procedures and practices to improve response times and capabilities. I am available to discuss any aspect of the fire department or emergency response with you. Happy New Year! Rick Huffman, Fire Chief

Did You Miss Leaf Pick-up?

The Public Works Dept. wants to thank everyone for helping make our leaf pick-up program a success. This year the leaves fell earlier than anyone expected, making for some very large piles around town. We appreciate everyone managing their leaf piles and maintaining clearance for surface water to make its way into our storm system.



We know that sometimes our schedule doesn't work with your schedule, people miss pick-up, trees don't cooperate, drop leaves in time, etc. If you have a large leaf pile that you are unable to dispose of using your yard debris can, we can help. Until January 15th Public Works will be accepting leaf drop offs at the Public Works yard, located at 18595 Portland Ave. in Gladstone. Please call our office at 503.656.7957 to schedule a time, Tuesday- Friday between 8:30-3:00pm

The leaf program is important to Gladstone residents and we are happy to work with our residents to keep this program viable and productive year after year.

Keep Leaves Out of the Storm Drains

Regularly clearing the storm drains of leaves and debris helps reduce flooding and property damage while protecting watershed health and the quality of our drinking water.

The Oregon Environmental Council and Water Environment Services (WES) offer these tips: ♦ Find the storm drain grates in front of your home or business and clear them of leaves and debris. ♦ Use a rake or pitchfork to clear leaves and debris from the storm drain. Do not try to remove the grate, only the debris on top of it. ♦ Dispose of leaves in your yard waste container or compost bin, or spread the leaves on your garden to protect and nourish perennials. ♦ When leaves fall into the street, rake them at least one foot away from the curb so they won't block the path of rainwater.

Winter Water Tips

When water freezes, it expands about 9%. If the temperature of your pipes drops below 32 degrees, even for a short period of time, you're more likely to have a pipe fracture or worse. Here are some precautionary measures you can take now to help avoid the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes later.



1. Close crawl spaces and vents Anywhere cold air blows on a pipe, it creates the potential for freezing. To make sure your pipes are protected from the cold, close crawl space vents and stuff insulation over the openings. Even a tiny hole can let in a lot of cold.

2. Protect outside pipes and faucets.

In some homes, the outside faucets and hose bibs have a separate shut-off, if this is the case shut off the outside water. Then go outside, disconnect the garden hose and if the outside water has been shut off, turn on the faucets to drain water from the line. Leaving the faucets in the open position, wrap or cover all outside faucets and hose bibs to protect them from the cold.

3. Open the cupboard doors beneath your sinks. Opening the cupboard doors beneath your sinks will allow warm air to circulate around the pipes and will help keep them from freezing. If you're anticipating a deep freeze, consider using a fan to help circulate the air near the pipes, or purchase a small space heater for some extra temporary heat.

4. Allow water to trickle from faucets. In extreme or a long-term cold spell, allow the water to trickle from your inside faucets to prevent freezing. Over a 24-hour period this will cost less than 15 cents per faucet.

5. Never turn off the heat when you leave home. During the winter set the temperature to at least 55-60 degrees F, and if you have multiple heat zones, be sure to adjust all thermostats appropriately.

6. Have emergency telephone numbers handy. Despite all best precautions water pipes may still freeze. Keep the number to your local water provider and your plumber posted in a location where everyone can see it in case of an emergency.

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.

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/>.

82nd Drive Pedestrian Bridge on Track to Re-open in February



The 82nd Drive Pedestrian Bridge remains on track to re-open in February as seismic-retrofit work and other upgrades near completion. The enhanced bridge will be able to withstand a magnitude 9.0 earthquake, making it possible for the span to provide passage for emergency vehicles across the Clackamas River should such a catastrophic event occur.

In December, the bridge deck was replaced while work to strengthen supports under the bridge took place. Over the next month, seismic upgrades will be made to mechanical connections that attach the bridge deck to the supports. Crews will also install new force main piping and complete upgrades to existing piping that the bridge carries across the river.

After construction of Interstate 205 was completed in the 1970s, the bridge, built in the 1920s, was converted for use by pedestrians and bicyclists. WES has owned the bridge since 1998.

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



Environmentally Conscious Deicing



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

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

Know before you go, visit the City of Gladstone's website 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. You can also visit Oregon's travel information website at <http://www.tripcheck.com>, or by calling 511 you can get information on the latest road conditions.

Don't Fall Victim to Fraudulent Phone Scams

Residents have contacted the City regarding questionable phone calls stating they are from Gladstone Municipal Court or the Social Security Office. Most of these scam/spoof calls leave voicemails indicating that you have to call the scam phone # back to resolve whatever issue they are calling about. Variations of this 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.

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 or call 503-742-4510.

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 you figure out how much water you are using and where you can save the most water inside your home. Conducting an audit is simple and may take an hour to complete. It will help you locate leaks so you can prioritize fixing them, and identify which fixtures may need to be upgraded to new low flow fixtures so you can start saving water and money.

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 or call 503 723 3511.

Neighbor Law

The City receives requests from residents about issues between neighbors that the City doesn't regulate. These issues include requests to: place trash and recycling cans out of public view, to not feed stray cats that may attract unwanted pets to a neighbor's yard or place of business, to trim overhanging tree limbs; locate property lines, move fences, etc. Many of these legal issues were settled years ago and resolution of current issues between neighbors are now typically settled by mediation instead of being litigated in court. For additional information on neighbor law, you may check out "Neighbor Law: Fences, Trees, Boundaries and Noise", by Cora Johnson at the Gladstone Library.

Check Your Toilet for Leaks!

Toilets are the #1 water users in the home — and leaking toilets can waste thousands of gallons of water a month, leading to higher water bills.

Take 20 minutes and use this easy test to see if your toilet leaks.

1. Remove the toilet tank lid.
2. Drop a few drops of food coloring into the tank.
3. Put the lid back on. **Do not flush.**
4. Wait at least 20 minutes, and then look in the bowl. If you see colored water, you have a leak. If not, you don't.

Found a leak? Find tips on how to fix wasteful toilet leaks at regionalh2o.org/water-lost-toilet-leaks. Plus, get timely water saving information sent directly to your email — sign up at regionalh2o.org/water-conservation-newsletter





Glad Tidings

Tax Year 2019 AARP Tax Preparation

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



Emergency Food Services— If you are experiencing challenges in securing enough food for you or your family, there is help. Through various programs of the County, State, and Federal governments assistance is available to those that qualify. Program eligibility varies from program to program. In Gladstone, there are some programs and services to those in need. The Gladstone Pantry is one such program; the Gladstone Food Pantry welcomes any person in need of food. No identification required. Customers are welcome to visit once a week. Please bring your own reusable grocery bags. They're an equal opportunity provider operating Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. For more information please call (503) 496-3947. The pantry also accepts volunteers and donations as well. Other Gladstone programs include the Dorcas Society located at 8372 Cason Rd. Call (503) 655-4968 to request food assistance.



ADRC The Senior Center also provides hot meals Tuesday through Thursday at 11:45 am for everyone. If you are age 60 or older it is a suggested donation of \$3.00. If you are under 60 it is a cost of \$4.00 per person. All meals served at the Senior Center are diabetic friendly and consist of a fresh salad bar, hot soup, hot meal, and dessert. For more information call 211 or go to www.211info.org. For more information for Older Adults or People with Disabilities, call 503-650-5622 or go to www.adrcforegon.org.



Senior Loneliness Line of Clackamas County

Loneliness has become an epidemic among seniors. Even those with families or living spouses may feel depressed and forgotten. When the elderly feel lonely, they are more likely to stay home and act unpleasant, pushing

people away and thus reinforcing their isolation. This becomes more evident during the holiday season when families are visiting loved ones and see this concern first hand. There are some simple things that can help your loved or yourself to combat loneliness. First, make your visit meaningful. Don't watch the clock, play with your phone, or engage in small talk. Connect with your loved one, have those deep conversations that mean so much to us all. Second, make sure that they're not being scammed or taken advantage of. The number of reported scams against the elderly continue to rise. Help your loved one to protect themselves. Thirdly, do those simple little chores that actually mean more than you realize; change the light bulbs, hang the pictures, move the dresser, etc. Yes, they can do it, however it means more when you recognize something needs to be done and do it yourself. Our fourth suggestion is to help them find ways to use modern technology simply to remain connected to you and those they love. Finally, get them connected with a local senior center such as ours here in Gladstone. From programs and services to keep them in their home, we also have several activities happening at any given time that will keep them socially engaged. Keeping your loved ones active socially and physically aides them with remaining independent and healthy both physically and mentally.

Senior Center Book Club— January 27, 2020

Summer of '69 by Elin Hilderbrand

This is a "historical" novel, with details of an era that shaped both a country and an island. The Levin family spends summers at their grandmother's home in Nantucket. Everything is different though this year. The summer brings a huge amount of change in their personal life and lives of everyone around them. There is the landing on the moon, Vietnam, Woodstock, Ted Kennedy and Chappaquiddick.



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!

January 2020

Hours of operation

Monday through Friday

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

(503) 655-7701

www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc

Important Dates to Remember

Jan. 6—Gold Star Potluck @ 12 pm.

Jan. 20— Senior Center Closed for MLK Day.

Jan. 21— Senior Center Advisory Board. 3pm to 4pm.

Jan. 21— AARP Tax preparation assistance reservations open.

Jan. 27— Book Club @ 10:30 am

Jan. 28— Volunteer Orientation & Ethics Training, 6 pm @ City Hall.

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.

Emergency Preparation

It is important for us all to be prepared for any emergency. There are challenges though when you are an older adult or disabled. Here are some steps to follow to ensure you are ready:

- 1) Make a kit. Make certain you have basic supplies; water, food, and medication, enough to last at least 72 hours.
- 2) Make a plan. If you know what to do when disaster strikes, it becomes much easier to deal with. Create a personal support network of friends and loved ones that can help you in a time of need.
- 3) Be informed. Know what type of natural disasters are common in your area. For more information visit: www.ready.gov

January 2020 Happy New Year!

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. Menu subject to change without notice. All ages are welcome for this lunch. We hope to see you soon!</i>			1 Happy New Years! Senior Center Closed	2- Chicken Pomodoro A= Pinochle, Cribbage, and Board games	3 A= Bridge at 12 pm	4
5	6 A= Pinochle at 1pm A= Gold Star Potluck. 12 pm	7- Country Beef Stew A= Bingo S= Fred Meyer	8- Chicken Te-trazzini A= Bunco S= Safeway	9- Turkey Pot Pie A= Pinochle, Cribbage, and Board games	10 A= Bridge at 12 pm	11
12	13 A= Pinochle at 1pm	14- Meatloaf A= Bingo	15- Chicken Parmesan A= Bunco S= Safeway	16- Baked Beef Rigatoni A= Pinochle, Cribbage, and Board games	17 A= Bridge at 12 pm	18
19	20 MLK Day Senior Center Closed	21- Shoyu Chicken A= Bingo S= Walmart	22- BBQ Smokehouse Chop A= Bunco	23- Southwest Chicken A= Pinochle, Cribbage, and Board games	24 A= Bridge at 12 pm	25 A= Activity S= Service All activities start after lunch, approx. 1:00 pm.
26	27 A= Pinochle at 1pm A= Book Club. 10:30 am	28- Sliced Ham A= Bingo	29- BBQ Chicken A= Bunco S= Safeway	30- Beef Spanish Rice Bake A= Pinochle, Cribbage, and Board games	31 A= Bridge at 12 pm	



January 2020 Senior Center Tram Trips

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 3 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. We hope to see you on a trip soon!

JANUARY 9(THURSDAY) WAIT UNTIL DARK AT LAKEWOOD THEATRE-Susan Hendrix, a blind Greenwich Village housewife, becomes the target of ruthless con men who set up an elaborate charade in order to get their hands on a mysterious doll. As the tension mounts and the house plunges into darkness, can Susan outwit the murderous visitors? Lv. 6:30 Ret: 10:30 Fare: \$5

JANUARY 17-KORBLATTS NY STYLE DELI/23RD AVENUE

Authentic New York style deli food awaits you at Kornblatt's. After our meal, we can shop the many places on and around 23rd Avenue. Lv. 10am Ret: 3pm (or earlier) Fare: \$8

JANUARY 24-SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO

Come try your luck at Spirit Mountain. Lunch at the buffet, sports bar or café. Lv:8:30AM Ret:4:30PM Fare: \$15

JANUARY 31-PORTLAND AERIAL TRAM AND SPAGHETTI FACTORY

We will have lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory, and afterwards, take a round trip ride on the Portland waterfront Aerial Tram. You will enjoy city views from it and at OHSU at the top. Lv. 10:45 Ret: 3:30pm Fare: \$12(includes tram admission)

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

Senior Companion Program.....Coming Soon!- Senior Companion Program (SCP) offers support to homebound seniors and adults with disabilities in Clackamas County. There is no charge for services. Our program helps individuals live independently for as long and safe as possible. Trained Senior Companion volunteers help individuals in need of assistance. Our volunteers become companions for seniors to address certain needs, such as helping clients get to critical appointments and services, participate and encourage social activities, assist with household needs, and help clients maintain independence. SCP volunteers are 55 years of age or older, no longer in the regular workforce, and are capable of serving adults with unique needs. If income eligible, SCP volunteers may receive a small, non-taxable stipend plus mileage reimbursement. Volunteers spend a specific amount of hours per week volunteering in order to meet program guidelines. For information or to get involved call 503-655-8875. The Senior Center will be hosting an info session soon, stay tuned!



Energy Assistance

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

Sign-up to Receive Flash Alerts



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

OReGO Drivers of Electric and High MPG Vehicles May Avoid Registration Fee Increases

Do you drive an electric vehicle or a vehicle that gets more than 40 mpg? Your registration fees will increase significantly starting January 1, 2020 but you have an option to avoid those increases if you enroll in OReGO.

As a result of legislation passed in 2017, passenger vehicle registration fees are now based largely on the vehicle's fuel efficiency rating. Drivers of more efficient vehicles will pay more to register and renew their tags so they contribute more for use of the roads. Why? Because these drivers are contributing much less (or nothing, in the case of all-electric vehicles) in fuels tax while driving just as much.

Typically, drivers pay two to four years' worth of registration fees in advance when purchasing a car or renewing their registration. With electric and high-mpg vehicle fee increases occurring in 2020 and 2022, the combined up-front registration fee could amount to hundreds of dollars. If they are enrolled in OReGO, drivers of electric vehicles or those rated at 40+ mpg do not have to pay the registration fee increases. Instead, they pay just the base registration (\$43 per year) plus a monthly road charge of 1.8 cents per mile.

How much will I pay? New registration fees for high-mileage passenger vehicles are as follows: 40+ mpg NOT in OReGO — \$304 four years, \$152 two years, 40+ mpg enrolled in OReGO—\$172 four years, \$86 two years, Electric NOT in OReGO—\$612 four years, \$306 two years, Electric enrolled in OReGO— \$172 four years, \$86 two years. Oregon residents with vehicle tags expiring on or after Jan. 1, 2020, will see these new fees in their renewal reminders.

Should I pay by the mile instead? For OReGO drivers, the road charge is calculated monthly and paid by the driver via an account manager they select at MyOReGO.org. If you drive an electric vehicle, the road charge may amount to a few dollars per month (\$18 for 1,000 miles). If you drive a fuel-powered vehicle, you get credit for fuels tax paid at the pump, which reduces the road charge.

Drivers can compare what they would pay in OReGO versus what they currently pay in gas tax by plugging their car's mpg rating and the typical number of miles they drive into the OReGO calculator at www.MyOReGO.org/calculator.

OReGO has more than 1,600 vehicles enrolled to date. Learn about OReGO, enroll as a volunteer driver, sign up for the interest list, and more at MyOReGO.org.

Learn more about the OReGO registration fee exemption at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Programs/Pages/OReGO.aspx.

Need help signing up? Contact OReGO customer service at (503) 986-7827 or myOReGO@odot.state.or.us, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, visit <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDOT/bulletins/271f629> or contact Michelle Godfrey at (503) 986-3903 or (971) 304-9705

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.

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.

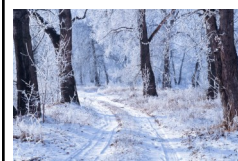


Nationally, studies of students who meet regularly with a mentor show that:

- 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 schmidtt@gladstone.k12.or.us.

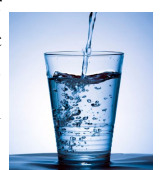
Resource for Winter Travel



Travel information can save motorists the hassle of driving for miles only to find out a route is closed or congested. The Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) offers travel information on their website at www.tripcheck.com. The site offers camera images of mountain passes and other key locations throughout the state. Maps include road conditions and information about weather, road maintenance work and traffic incidents. Travelers in Oregon may also dial 5-1-1 or call toll free at 1-888-275-ODOT (6368) to access Trip-Check road and weather information by phone.

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 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.



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.

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

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 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.

Clackamas County Warming Shelter Locations

Warming shelters will be open when the weather is predicted to be 33 degrees or lower (including wind chill) or when other conditions (snow, wind, flooding or other weather conditions) make sleeping outdoors especially dangerous. Visit <https://www.clackamas.us/socialservices/reliefcenters.html> for more information regarding hours of operation and lists of shelters.

Our Community Cat Rescue

Our Community Cat Rescue is in need of short term foster homes for our rescue kittens and sometimes adult cats. This entails the same care as you would give your own cat but in a separate room away from your house pets. Please message us for more information. We provide all supplies and support. Thank you.

ourcommunitycatrescue@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/OurCommunityCatRescue/

Gladstone Spring Softball Registration

Gladstone Softball spring registration begins January 15th for girls 5-14 years old. Open gym time begins in March and outdoor practices start in April. Games begin the end of April and go through the middle of June.

Register at: gladstonegirlsssoftball.com

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

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

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

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@sslgladstone.org.

Liquor License Renewals

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) advises the City each year of 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 3, 2020 to bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Business License Renewals

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

Street Parking Regulations – Trailers on the Street

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/>.

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.

Local Telephone Numbers

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



Get Social

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



Gladstone City Newsletter

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

Rock Readers Book Club Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 PM. January's book is The 9th Judgement by James Patterson. Copies can be picked up at the Information Desk. Newcomers welcome!

Dungeons & Dragons Saturday, January 18th at 3:00 PM. Join us for a D&D adventure for all ages! We will be playing 5th edition. New players are welcome.

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

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

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

Fused Glass Art Class for Adults Monday, January 13th at 3:00-5:00 PM. Come make a beautiful springtime inspired platter with artist Jenny Wells! Maximum attendance of 15 people. Event to be held at the Gladstone Senior Center.

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates

Welcome to 2020, the beginning of a new decade and the preparation for a new library in Gladstone. Newly elected officers for the coming year are, Colette Umbras, President, and Lani Sanders, Vice-President. Re-elected are Mary Accettura, Treasurer, and Katie Lewis, Secretary. Congratulations to all.

It's amazing to note that between 3,000 and 5,000 people enter and exit our little "Charlie Brown" library each month. That's about half our population of 12,000. Can you imagine how many more folks will want to visit when our library becomes a reality?

We will be exploring several fundraising ideas for future events at our strategic meeting this month. All proceeds from every one of our projects go to support the library whether it's providing programs for all ages, or purchasing materials for 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. You can also like us on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram. As always, we thank you for your continued support. Together, we will build a new library.

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.

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 present difficulties, use other types of traction tires or chains, or postpone your travel until conditions change for the better. A study completed in 2014 concluded studded tires cause about \$8.5 million in damage each year on state highways.

Alternatives to studded tires:

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

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

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.

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A Message from Water Environmental Services (WES) Director Greg Geist

The toilets, sewer systems, and wastewater treatment facilities we use every day protect the health of our community. Our goal is to always provide customers with safe, reliable and effective wastewater treatment and watershed protection services. Each year, we clean more than seven billion gallons of wastewater to protect your health and our shared environment.

As we head into another rainy season, WES remains committed to protecting our region's rivers and streams from pollutants carried by stormwater runoff, which is a leading source of water pollution in Oregon. We work hard every day to prevent pesticides, trash, and other pollutants from reaching the water where they can harm people, fish and other wildlife. Our team cleans more than 2,500 stormwater structures annually to make sure they capture and clean dirty water. It truly is our pleasure and privilege to serve you. Sincerely, Greg Geist, Water Environment Services Director

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 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 or email 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 gladstonehistoricalsociety.org for more info. Guests always welcome! Old photos of the community and new ideas are needed.
◆ The Gladstone-Oak Grove Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at 7:00am at the Bomber Restaurant, 13515 SE McLoughlin Blvd. Milwaukie, OR 97222. Visitors are welcome!

City 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