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Gladstone Senior Center Survey

These are definitely unprecedented times that we are facing right now. Senior Centers will not likely be able to open until the Governor's Office approves Phase 3. Until that time programs will need to occur virtually. To provide effective programming, we need your input. Please take this survey and return it by mail or email. The survey can also be found by visiting https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/senior_center/page/110/gladstone_senior_center_survey_5-2020.pdf. Please respond today! Thank you.

Question	Yes	No
1. Do you have access to a computer, tablet, or smart phone?		
2. If yes, are you able to access the internet?		
3. Are you comfortable with using technology?		
4. Have you ever used a virtual meeting program such as Zoom or Google Meet?		
5. Even if you have no experience with virtual meeting programs, would you be interested in learning how to participate in one?		
6. Here is a sample of programs we are considering providing virtually. Indicate which ones you like and don't like.		
•Video led chair exercise classes		
•Staff led art's and craft's classes		
•Virtual versions of games like Bingo		
•Staff led Yoga and/or Tai-Chi classes		
•Virtual excursions to places like local museums, parks, schools, and more		
•A social hour. Where we can all meet online, have tea or lunch and enjoy one another's company		
•A self-care class		
•Virtual tour of City departments		
•Virtual book club		
7. There may be a possibility of partnering with other community senior centers and participating in their programs. Would you like to know more about this?		
8. Most, if not all programs will be free to participate in. Would you be willing to share basic information with the Senior Center for reporting purposes?		
9. Would special presentations interest you?		
10. Taking into consideration the Senior Center could keep social distancing practices in place, have no more than 2 clients at a time, and provide masks/gloves if needed, would you consider taking a short scenic drive with us?		
11. Would transportation services 1-2 times a week for shopping and other essential trips be helpful?		
12. Would virtual discussion sessions with other center's across the country, perhaps the world, be of interest to you?		
13. When safe to, would you participate in a drive through style congregate lunch program?		
14. Would a monthly printed newsletter with a schedule of events and resources be helpful?		
15. We would like to continue providing the Free Legal Clinic. If possible to do so, would you participate?		
16. Would a weekly pet discussion be of interest to you?		

Gladstone Senior Center 1050 Portland Ave. Gladstone, OR 97027

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Senior Center Payment Drop Box

Starting June 1, 2020 the utility bill drop box will reopen in the Senior Center. You will be able to access the drop box, however the rest of the Senior Center remains closed to the public until further notice. If you would like to meet with Senior Center staff, please call 503-655-7701 to set up an appointment. The utility bill drop is for the following bills: City of Gladstone Utility bill, Gladstone Disposal, PGE, and NW Natural Gas. All bills placed in the box will be mailed the next business day. If your services have been cancelled, please contact the appropriate utility and arrange for payment.

Chief's Corner: A Message from Police Chief John Schmerber and Fire Chief Rick Huffman



As the days get warmer and people begin to gather near our waterways, we want to remind everyone of two important safety concerns, social distancing and swimming in the river, specifically at High Rocks Park. From this point forward, regardless of which COVID rules are in place, I think we all understand that the new norm will be social distancing to ensure the health of everyone. Another concern of public safety is the swimming and jumping off the rocks at High Rocks Park. Originally, life guards were placed at a couple different parks within Clackamas County due to the number of drownings. This year AMR is unable to fulfil life guard positions due to COVID-19. Restrictions prevented training to occur along with recruitment. We encourage people not to jump off the rocks at the park. The water moves very fast, there is an undertow and lots of debris at the bottom of the river. Although the rocks are a nice place to picnic, if you decide to swim in the river at High Rocks, do so at your own risk. There are areas along the rivers in Gladstone that are more conducive to swimming but regardless, please use a life jacket when near or in the water.

If you have other questions or in need of information, please visit our websites or give us a call. Stay safe and stay healthy.



Disclaimer: This Newsletter contains information provided by various community individuals/groups which are not affiliated with the City of Gladstone. The City does not necessarily endorse such information and provides it simply as an informational service to our community.

Spring Maintenance Tips

Spring is in the air and it is time to start checking your sprinkler system! 1. Make sure all manual drains are closed. 2. Slowly open the main valve, allowing the piping between it and the cross connection (backflow) prevention assembly to fill with water. 3. Pressurize the mainline from the backflow prevention assembly to the control valves. Have one of the control valves open while you do this, so air trapped in the piping can escape through the sprinkler heads as the pipes fill with water. 4. Clean clogged nozzles or sprinkler heads. 5. Run the entire sprinkler system, one zone at a time. As you do this: Check for signs of leakage or damage to sprinkler heads and/or piping. Repair and replace as needed, Check for accurate spray patterns. Adjust your sprinkler heads so they water your landscape and not sidewalks or pavement. Remember, you are required to have the cross connection assembly or back flow tested by a state-certified tester yearly. Visit the Regional Water Providers Consortium Website at: <https://www.regionalh2o.org/> for more info.

City of Gladstone Park Rules

In preparation for spring and summer outdoor activities, we anticipate many people enjoying the various city parks around Gladstone. While most of us have been cooped up for the past few months, we are all ready to get outside and feel the sun on our faces. Here is a friendly reminder of the rules surrounding use of the parks.

City Park Rules: Gladstone Municipal Code 12.12

Park hours:

There has been a lot of confusion around the park hours. All city parks are open from one hour before sunrise to one hour past sunset. A good way to check these times is to ask Google on your phone.

Park trails that parallel a public street or road, such as those in Ames Park and the upper area of Cross Park, are excluded from the park closure hours.

Rules posted on signs at all parks:

- No Alcoholic Beverages
- No Smoking or Vaping
- No Fireworks of any kind
- No Golfing or Horseback Riding
- BMX biking in designated areas only
- No damaging or removal of any park property (to include flowers, trees and plants)
- Dogs must be controlled by leash no longer than 6 feet
- RC Cars in designated areas only - Electric cars only
- No Fires - Charcoal or Gas BBQ's are allowed
- No personal home trash deposited in provided containers

Other rules that apply:

No operation of motorized vehicles or bicycles on any area or trail that is not specifically designed for motor vehicle or bicycle use.

No person shall possess or discharge any weapon of any type unless authorized by law, except for law enforcement officers or firefighters in the discharge of his or her official duties.

No person shall hunt, pursue, trap, kill, injure, molest or remove any wild animal or bird from the waters or boundaries of a public park in the city. This applies to eggs and nests of birds and reptiles. However, angling is permitted in compliance with rules and regulations of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Not all park rules are listed. Please visit www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/#/Gladstone12/Gladstone1212.html#12.12 for more information on all city park rules. Enjoy your parks Gladstone!

A message from Fire Marshall Mike Funk

The year 2020 will have history making implications that will someday be taught to our grandchildren. Those of us that have experienced the COVID-19 crisis will look back one day and say "the COVID-19 virus changed the way we did this back in 2020".

The last thing any of us need is more disruption in our lives. DON'T LET A FIRE BE THE NEXT DISRUPTION IN YOUR LIFE. It is common for a residential fire to displace you for many months while your home is being restored to pre-fire conditions. Fire is devastating and causes tremendous disruption to you, your family or your business. In the horrific event that fire causes injury to a loved one, your life will be forever changed. This is why I promote testing smoke alarms so often.



Time after time when our firefighters enter a home to combat fire or administer medical service, we find smoke alarms disabled or with non-working batteries. IT IS A TRAGEDY that this inexpensive life-saving device is so often overlooked. If you have not touched your smoke alarm in the last 30 days, do it now. This is so important that I am asking you to stop what you are doing and check it now. We are being bombarded with "Stay Home -Save Lives" during the time of this deadly virus. That's great, I agree that message is important. Even Big Foot is spreading that message.

I know I can't compete with bigfoot, but please heed this warning as well. "Only Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives". Did you know that if you need help with your smoke alarm, Gladstone Firefighters can help? If you own your home and do not have a working smoke alarm, your firefighters can help. If you rent your landlord is responsible to provide working smoke alarms per Oregon law. If you need assistance with a smoke alarm and do not have anyone that can assist you, call the fire station at 503-557-2775 and leave a message. Provide your name, address and a phone number so we can return your call. Remember, you are important to us. As always, emergency response takes priority, but we remain ready and willing to assist if needed.

Don't forget to review fire safety tips in the Fire Department tab of the City webpage at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/fire>

Submitted by: Michael Funk, Asst. Chief / Fire Marshal

Remember: Dial 911 for all emergencies! Do not call the fire station directly, as crews may be out on another emergency and will not be present to answer the station phone.



City Council Elections

The City Council is an elected policy decision-making body for the City of Gladstone. The council serves with an equal number of "lay members" on the Budget Committee and hears land use appeals of decisions made by the Planning Commission. Council members also serve as liaisons on City advisory boards, committees and commissions. Four-year terms of City Council positions #2, #4 & #6, held by Linda Neace, Neal Reisner and Thomas Mersereau respectively, will expire 12-31-2020. If you are interested in being a candidate, you must be a registered voter and have resided in the City for twelve months immediately preceding the election on November 3, 2020. A nomination petition or declaration of candidacy must be filed between July 6 and August 25, 2020. Information and instructions will be posted on the city's website, <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/administration/page/elections-2> after June 1, 2020.

Sidewalk Reminder

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

Your input is wanted! How would you prefer to cross the Trolley Trail Bridge?



The options shown here include five concepts the City of Gladstone is considering to replace the abandoned Trolley Trail Railroad Bridge that collapsed in 2014. This bridge will cross the Clackamas River in the City of Gladstone at the same location. The City was awarded federal grant funding to study the feasibility of replacing the Trolley Trail Bridge for pedestrian and bicycle traffic only.

The study identified five bridge structures that could be built at this location. We are gathering input from the community taking into consideration the bridge design, cost and permitting requirements. Please rate all of five bridge options from 1 to 5 (1 being your highest preference, 5 being your lowest preference, use each number only once). Please send us your ratings back with your utility payment, place in the utility payment drop off box at 18505 Portland Avenue, or submit via email to jhowie@clackamas.us by **June 30, 2020.**

For more information, please visit <https://www.clackamas.us/engineering/trolley-trail-bridge-feasibility-study> or contact Joel Howie at 503-742-4658 or jhowie@clackamas.us.



Option #1 – Single-Span Steel Truss



A steel truss bridge was considered because it is similar to the previous bridge. The total project cost is estimated to be \$6.6 million in today's dollars, which is second highest amongst the alternatives. The bridge would be the easiest to permit because no columns would be in the river.

RATING: _____

Option #2 – Three-Span Precast Concrete Girder



A precast, pre-stressed concrete bridge was considered because it is a common type of bridge structure in Oregon. The total project cost is estimated to be \$4.9 million in today's dollars, which is the lowest amongst the alternatives. The bridge would be harder to permit because of the columns in the river.

RATING: _____

Option #3 – Three-Span Steel Girder



A steel truss bridge was considered because it is a common bridge type in Oregon. The total project cost is estimated to be \$5.0 million in today's dollars, which is second lowest amongst the alternatives. The bridge would be harder to permit because of the columns in the river.

RATING: _____

Option #4 – Single-Span Steel Tied Arch



A single-span steel arch bridge was considered because of its aesthetic qualities. The total project cost is estimated to be \$10.9 million in today's dollars, which is the highest amongst the alternatives. The bridge would be the easiest to permit because no columns would be in the river.

RATING: _____

Option #5 – Three-Span Precast Steel Truss



A three-span bridge was considered because it is one of the most common types of bridge structures in Oregon. The total project cost is estimated to be \$5.5 million in today's dollars, which is the very middle of the alternatives. The bridge would be harder to permit because of the columns in the river.

RATING: _____

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



Who's Open (www.clackamas.us/business/whos-open) is a new web-based mapping tool offered through Clackamas County in order to help businesses reach customers and help people find out where they can get goods and services in Clackamas County during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you are a business who is open and operating during this time, visit the above website to "Add your business to the map" or "Edit or update business information" to help local costumers find

your business. This tool is dependent on business owners and/or representatives to add and update their information on the site. Businesses can enter their name, business location, contact information as well as services or items they offer or supply and hours they are open.

If you are a customer wanting to find a local business, visit the website to "See 'Who's Open'" or view the map located at <https://ccgismapservice.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3bcd62a700b945d1b907a28dff29f354> to see information from surrounding businesses. The map includes many types of businesses including: Automotive, Contractor, Dry Cleaning, Grocery/Market, Healthcare/medical, Non-profit, Pet Services, Professional Service, Restaurant/Food, Retail, Spa/Beauty Salons/Fitness, Veterinarian and Wholesale.

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

Leak Check 101



Whether inside or outside your home a leak can waste hundreds of gallons of water per year. Some leaks are easy to see or hear. Others are small. However, big or small, any leak costs you money and should be repaired as soon as possible.

Use your water meter to check for leaks: Undetected leaks can be costly. Your water meter can tell you how much water you use in a day, week or a month. It can also help you measure the effectiveness of your household's water conservation program and help detect leaks.

Reading your meter: Reading your water meter is like reading the odometer in your car. Read all the numbers from left to right that appear under the words "cubic feet". The first digit on the right represents one cubic foot. The second from the right represents 10 cubic feet. The third from the right (usually a different color) represents 100 cubic feet – or one ccf. One revolution of the meter sweep-hand equals one cubic foot, or 7.48 gallons.

Checking your system for leaks: There is a simple test you can perform to use your water meter to detect leaks. First, turn off all your faucets and water-using appliances (such as dish and clothes washers) and be sure no one is using any water. Then go to your water meter and lift the cover of the meter dial. Note the position of the sweep-hand by using a piece of tape, or by using a marker on the lens cover. Wait 20-30 minutes and check the sweep-hand location again. If the sweep-hand has moved, you probably have a leak somewhere in your system. If the small red diamond shaped indicator on the face of the meter is moving, it also means you probably have a leak. Retest to be certain; then locate the leak by inspecting all the pipes, fixtures and appliances that use water.

Where to look for leaks: TOILETS: Pick up a toilet leak test strip from our Utility Billing office located at City Hall or drop a little food coloring in the tank, wait about 10 minutes without flushing. If color appears in the bowl you have a leak.

CHECK: Dishwashers, Refrigerator ice-making units, bathtubs, showers, hot water tank, washing machine, outdoor plumbing, soft spots around and under house plumbing.

More questions on leaks? Contact Gladstone Public Works at 503.656.7957 or email us at PWOffice@ci.gladstone.or.us

Pedestrian Safety



With our days becoming longer, it is important for residents to wear reflective and/or light-colored clothing while jogging, walking or biking during the hours of darkness. Bicycles should have ample reflectors and lights on when it is dark.

Avoid pouring Fats, Oils and Grease down sinks to prevent clogged pipes, backups and overflows

The temporary closures of restaurants and increased number of people staying home due to social distancing and other safety guidelines have led to a significant rise in the amount of cooking and discarding of food in homes and apartments.

Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES) advises homeowners to avoid pouring fats, oils and grease (FOG) down kitchen sinks and garbage disposals after meals or while washing dishes as it can lead to backups, overflows and expensive pipe damage.

Over time, FOG builds up by sticking to the inner sides of pipes and forms thick clusters that clog pipes, which can result in:

- sewage overflows in your home or neighbors' homes, requiring expensive cleanups
- overflows in yards, streets and parks
- overflows that can carry pollutants into streams and rivers
- possible sewer rate increases due to repair costs for damages to sewer systems and wastewater treatment facilities

FOG is found in many common foods and ingredients, including:

- meats
- butter, lard, shortening
- cooking oil
- mayonnaise
- gravy
- dairy products
- salad dressings
- sour cream
- baking goods
- sauces
- food scraps



Problems caused by FOG can be prevented by:

- Pouring cooled fats, oils and grease into a covered, disposable container and tossing it into trash. A heat-safe container, such as an empty soup can also be used for this and stored it in the freezer. Once solidified, toss can into the garbage
- Soaking up remaining FOG with paper towels and placing in the trash
- Wiping all pots, pans, dishes, and cooking utensils with a paper towel prior to washing to absorb the grease.
- Scraping food scraps into compost or trash before washing dishes
- Using sink strainers to catch food waste while washing dishes

To learn more about WES, please visit <https://www.clackamas.us/wes>

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. 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.

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

Until the town of Gladstone incorporated in January 1911, the community relied on Oregon City or the Clackamas County Sheriff for police assistance...which was not often. Gladstone enjoyed a reputation for being a quiet, easy-going, and crime free community. But once the ink was dry on the town's official papers, things rapidly changed. New businesses moved onto Portland Avenue. New houses sprang up and quickly filled with families. And, new automobiles began going every which way. Literally. Not every Model T owner learned to drive well.

To maintain Gladstone's peaceful and safe status among all this newness, Gladstone's first town council appointed the town's first police chief, C.A. Baxter. Designated the "Town Marshall", Mr. Baxter was neither trained nor chosen for his expertise in law enforcement. He "won" his job simply by being a member of the first town council and the Mayor told him to do it. Unhappy with his duties, Mr. Baxter soon resigned his marshal position (replaced by Asa F. Parker who was also an early postmaster) and refused to run for a second council term.

In January 1912, Gladstone got a new lawman with a new title when the town council appointed Merton Bell as "Police Chief". A carpenter by trade, Mr. Bell's law enforcement experience extended as far as his twice being arrested for illegal voting in New York state and in Sellwood while a current resident of Gladstone. As before, it wasn't long before the man hired for enforcing the law was reluctant to do so. Eight months into the job, Mr. Bell found himself at odds with the town council when he refused to carry out his duty as "Pound Master". Surprisingly, Mr. Bell prevailed in his disagreement, and the town council was sent scrambling for a new pound master since the streets of Gladstone were quickly filling up with stray animals and some other unpleasant debris.

T. Chambers Howell, a current councilman, future mayor, and the on-going richest man in Gladstone, somehow ended up with the pound master job. Probably because he was the last guy elected, and largely because he owned a vacant piece of land next door to his (most expensive) house in Gladstone. The future site of Gladstone's Senior Center made a perfect stockyard for wandering horses, cows, sheep, and all the chickens T.C. could catch.

Over the next few years, police chiefs and the occasional deputy would come and go. However, the force was always in force, no matter who was forced into volunteering. But at some point, former Chief Bell overcame his dislike of corralling wayward livestock and in 1916, he was recorded as back wearing a badge and busily filling up the animal pens alongside Chambers Howell's residence.

Besides pound master, Chief Bell did have some other important duties. Besides ringing the eight o'clock curfew bell, replacing broken streetlight globes, and checking picnic baskets for alcohol, he arrested automobile joy riders who used the 82nd Ave./Park Place wagon bridge as a racetrack. Sunday Night was a particular favorite of would-be dare devils to take a run at the bridge from the south, accelerate across the river, and then attempt the infamous River Road Curve (Clackamas River Drive) to the west without slowing down. Invariably, automobiles ended up atop rocks, lawns, fences, down by the river, or nose-to-nose with a gas pump.

By 1919, Chief Bell had retired and moved to Salem where he passed away at 74 years.

(You can enjoy photos of the infamous River Road curve on p. 41 and 109 of latest Gladstone pictorial history book, "Images of America – Gladstone, from Arcadia Publishing. Copies available from the Gladstone Historical Society.)

Gladstone Food Pantry

During the COVID-19 outbreak, the Gladstone Food Pantry is providing pre-packed food boxes via drive-through pickup on Nelson Lane

Hours: Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Location: Nelson Lane, the first street north of Gladstone High School.

Individuals or businesses that are interested in making a potentially tax-deductible monetary contribution to support the needs and operation of the Gladstone Food Pantry can do so by donating to the Gladstone Education Foundation. To ensure the donation is directed to the Gladstone Food Pantry, please indicate "donation for the Gladstone Food Pantry" in the memo portion of your check or include a note with the same wording along with the donation. If the donation is in cash, please be sure to include a note, as mentioned above, and include your full name and mailing address so that the appropriate receipt can be generated.

- Please mail the donation to:

Gladstone Education Foundation

17789 Webster Rd

Gladstone, OR 97027

Please make checks payable to "Gladstone Education Foundation" and include a note or memo, per above, to ensure proper designation of the funds.

For more information, to donate, or to volunteer: contact Pantry Manager Reyna Welliver at welliver4@gmail.com

Note - donors should always seek the counsel of their tax advisor for specific information regarding the potential tax deductibility of this or any other donation. Neither the Gladstone Food Pantry nor the Gladstone Education Foundation can promise the tax deductibility of your donation.

Street Parking Regulations



It is that time of year when owners of boats, trailers, and RVs are using them for summer outings. Gladstone Code Enforcement would like to remind its citizens that there are City ordinances regulating on-street parking, and these ordinances are very specific as to the type of vehicles that can be parked on city streets. Chapter 10.04.230 of the Gladstone Municipal Code (available online on the City's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us) describes parking issues. Please be mindful of neighbors and use alternative parking, such as RV pads or local RV storage facilities, etc. By following these guidelines we can all enhance City services, improve public safety and help make our neighborhoods more "neighbor friendly" for all Gladstone residents. For any questions parking, please contact Code Enforcement at 503-557-2763.

Stadium lights honor GHS Class of 2020

This spring, the lights at Dick Baker Stadium will be turned on each Friday night at 8:20 p.m. (20:20 military time) for 20 minutes to honor and support the Gladstone High School Class of 2020. We are joining over 100 schools across the state participating in. #BeTheLightOR Please do not congregate, and be very careful about social distancing while viewing the lights. Let's keep our community healthy and safe as we honor our 2020 graduates.

Noise Control

TABLE OF ALLOWABLE SOUND LEVELS IN ANY TEN-MINUTE PERIOD (in dBA)

Type of Source by Use	Type of Received by Use					
	Noise Sensitive		Commercial		Industrial	
	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night
Noise Sensitive	55	45		—		—
Commercial	55	50	70	65		—
Industrial	55	50	70	65	75	70

The City Council has determined that excessive sound is a serious hazard to the public health, welfare and the quality of life and it shall be the policy of the city to prevent excessive sound which may jeopardize the health, welfare and safety of citizens or degrade the quality of life. No person shall knowingly continue, cause or permit to be made or continue to make any excessive or unnecessary sounds. The following acts are declared to create excessive and unnecessary sounds in violation of this chapter without regard to the maximum sound levels: Radios, Phonographs, Tape players, Television Sets, Stereo Systems, Amplified sounds, external speakers, paging systems, Revving engines, Compression braking devices, Exhausts, Idling engines on motor vehicles, Vehicle tires, Motorcycles, go-karts, dune buggies, Motorboats, Powered model vehicles, Fireworks, Tampering, Animals, Steam whistles, Horns, and Compressed air devices. See table for allowed sound levels. Day

time hours are between 7:00am-10:00pm the same day, Night time hours are between 10:00pm and 7:00am the following day. For more information, visit <https://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/#!/Gladstone08/Gladstone0812.html#8.12>

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.

Clackamas Water Environment Services reminds customers to only flush toilet paper; hand wipes and other materials damage pipes, sewers and wastewater treatment equipment



Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES) reminds customers to avoid flushing hand wipes, baby wipes and all "flushable" wipes and other materials down the toilet as they can clog pipes, cause sewer backups and damage wastewater treatment equipment. The only thing you should ever flush down a toilet is toilet paper.

WES recommends throwing all wipes in the trash. So-called "flushable" wipes do not disintegrate in water like toilet paper. The vast majority of these products stay fully intact after being flushed and often get stuck in sewage lines that connect homes to main sewer lines and cause raw sewage backups.

When flushed wipes are carried into sewer systems, they often get tangled in and damage pump stations and vital equipment at wastewater treatment facilities, which can disrupt service and cost thousands of dollars to repair or replace. WES provides wastewater treatment services for 190,000 people in northern Clackamas County.

"WES is grateful to customers who help us spread the word about only flushing toilet paper, which protects the equipment we use to protect public health and the environment," said WES Director Greg Geist. "The last thing we all need during the current public health crisis, is another crisis created by damages to wastewater treatment equipment. Fortunately, we can easily prevent that by working together to raise awareness about wipes."

No wipes are flushable, even though the packaging often claims they are.

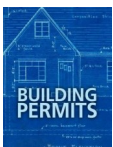
"Think about it: these wipes sit in packaging for months, yet when you open the packages, they are still wet," said WES Operations Manager Greg Eyerly. "The fact they don't fall apart while being removed from the package tells you they won't disintegrate when you flush them."

To avoid these problems, dispose of wipes in the trash along with the following: surface cleaning wipes, paper or cloth towels, cotton balls, swabs, dental floss, disposable contact lenses, sanitary napkins, diapers, swiffers, toilet bowl scrub pads, and mop refills.

Learn more about damages caused by wipes by visiting <https://www.clackamas.us/news/2019-01-15/keep-the-wipes-out>

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=is1FQJtNaH4> to watch WES' "Trash it, Don't Flush it" video

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.

Address Numbers on Your Home

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



Rats!

If you feed them, they will come!



With the exception of Antarctica, rats, mice and other vermin are dispersed across every continent on the globe. Yet, even in Antarctica, a rat eradication program is helping to protect that region's ecosystem from rats migrating in from the Falkland Islands.

The life expectancy of the common brown rat is only three years. But because rats reach sexual maturity at only five weeks, one female rat can produce nearly one litter per month, if the environment is favorable, birthing up to 14 offspring in each litter. One breeding pair of rats can become 15,000 rats in a single year. This astounding extrapolation makes it clear that vermin are a health and environmental concern, making rat control an ongoing endeavor all around the world.

Western Oregon has many species of rats and mice that call our region home. One species is the Norway Rat, also known as the common rat, brown rat, and wharf rat. It is believed that these rats were spread around the world by infiltrating early ship travel and whaling boats. The Norway Rat is highly acclimated to urban living in close proximity to humans. Rats are opportunistic and will migrate to areas that provide them with food and shelter. Human activity inadvertently creates the ideal environment for the common rat to live and breed. In urban and suburban neighborhoods such as we have in Gladstone, gardens, fruit trees, backyard chicken coops, bird and squirrel feeders, pet food and feces, trash, lumber piles, stacked firewood, open trash receptacles, all make life very easy for rats and mice to take up residence. Overgrown yards provide cover for vermin to hide from their natural predators such as cats, coyotes, owls, and hawks. The best way to eliminate rats and mice from your neighborhood is to keep clean, well maintained properties, particularly if you feed outside animals or leave pet food outdoors. Your efforts will help keep your property and neighboring properties clear of rats. Rats and mice can take shelter in groundcovers such as ivy and vinca beds, under shrubbery, porches, and decks. They can fit into very small conveyances, and may find their way into your home through plumbing or electrical openings. In addition to rat eradication products, other materials are on the market to seal up holes around your plumbing pipes to prevent rodents from entering your home.

Rats find nutrition in animal feces, so it's important to clean up after your pets. In the city parks, Public Works provides doggie-doo bags and trash containers to make it easy and convenient for pet owners to keep their pet waste out of the parks. Public Works removes between four and eight tons of trash each week from the parks, and regularly mows and trims undergrowth. Public Works does not regularly encounter rats in the City sewer lines, but on the rare occasions that we do, they are baited. Additionally, for those residents who want to help keep our city clean while on your daily walks around town, Gladstone Public Works has trash pickers and trash kits available to check out from our office. The Public Works office is located at 18595 Portland Avenue. Just stop in and ask for a trash picker and kit.

Remember that it's an ongoing process to keep your property vermin-free. Making your environment inhospitable to rats and mice requires vigilance. They will migrate back if you allow your property to become attractive to them.

For more suggestions on vermin control, contact Clackamas County Vector Control at (503)655-8394. There are also many private pest control and pest removal companies in the area.

PLEASE DON'T FEED THE RATS!



Motorcycle Safety

As the weather warms up, we are going to see more motorcycles on our streets here in Gladstone. National Ride to Work Day is June 17, 2020.

Motorcycle crashes involving another motor vehicle continue to account for nearly half of all motorcyclist fatalities in the United States. Motorcyclists are inherently at more risk than motor vehicles because they lack many of the same safety features of automobiles. From a statistical perspective, motorcyclists are 27 times more likely to die in a crash than other motorists.

While motorcycling offers riders a sense of freedom, and a chance to reduce their carbon footprint, riding a motorcycle doesn't offer the structural protection that a car does to keep riders safe in the event of an accident. That's why motorcyclists need to get special rider training, and wear special gear to protect their body and make them more visible to other road users.

Make sure you are always attentive to those around you while driving to motorcycles, bicycles, pedestrians and other drivers. Together we can reduce the injuries and crashes in our community.



Vegetation and Water Quality



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

Kindergarten registration is open El registro para Kinder estará abierto

Children who will be age 5 on or before September 1 are invited to enroll for kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year. Online Registration is open. The link will be posted on the Gladstone Center for Children and Families [GCCF] website <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/center/>. While there is no registration deadline, families are urged to register as soon as possible so teachers and staff can prepare to welcome new students. If you have any questions, contact school secretary Heidi Smith at smithh@gladstone.k12.or.us or 503.496.3939.

Families who reside outside of the Gladstone School District boundaries and wish to transfer into Gladstone School District contact Natalie Weninger at weningern@gladstone.k12.or.us

Los niños que tendrán 5 años de edad en o antes del 1 ero de septiembre están invitados a inscribirse en el jardín de infantes para el año escolar 2020-21. El registro en línea se abrirá el 23 de abril de 2020. El enlace se publicará en el sitio web del Gladstone Center for Children and Families [GCCF] <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/center/>. Si bien no hay plazo de inscripción, se insta a las familias a registrarse lo antes posible para que los maestros y el personal puedan prepararse para dar la bienvenida a los nuevos estudiantes. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la secretaria de la escuela Heidi Smith a smithh@gladstone.k12.or.us o 503.496.3939.





Las familias que residen fuera de los límites del Distrito Escolar de Gladstone y desean transferirse al Distrito Escolar de Gladstone deben enviar un correo electrónico a Natalie Weninger a weningern@gladstone.k12.or.us



Gladstone Park Nature Scavenger Hunt

During the time of social distancing, the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park have decided to provide Scavenger Hunt Cards. Visit <http://www.gladstonenaturepark.org/scavenger-hunts.html> and go for a stroll around one of the many parks in Gladstone and see what all you can find!



-  **flower**
-  **rocks**
-  **water**
-  **green leaf**
-  **tree**
-  **grass**
-  **spiderweb**
-  **bird**
-  **sand or dirt**
-  **cloud**
-  **bug**
-  **ant**
-  **brown leaf**
-  **tree bark**
-  **butterfly**
-  **fern**

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A message from Our Community Cat Rescue

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Our Community Cat Rescue will most likely not be having our yearly yard sale. We are still available to rescue, following social distancing protocol. You may still donate to our cause by mailing a check to P.O. Box 771 Gladstone, Oregon 97027 or through our pay pal account at: <https://www.paypal.me/OCCR>. Check us out on face book and see our latest rescues and what we are doing. <https://www.facebook.com/OurCommunityCatRescue/>.

If you find a nest of kittens, do not disturb them. Reach out to us so that we can get mama, too, so that she does not keep having litters of kittens.

Local Telephone Numbers

- *City Hall General Business Line 503-656-5225
- *Utility Billing/Water/Sewer Acct Info 503-557-2771
- *Municipal Court/Traffic Citations 503-557-2772
- *Public Works 503-656-7957
- *Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm 503-557-2797
- *Fire Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm 503-557-2776
- *Library 503-655-8540
- *Senior Center 503-655-7701
- *Recreation/Business License 503-557-2766
- *Planning 503-742-4510
- *Electrical/Plumbing Permits 503-742-4240
- *Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance 503-557-2763
- *Gladstone School District 503-655-2777
- *Gladstone High School 503-655-2544
- *Kraxberger Middle School 503-655-3636
- *Wetten Elementary School 503-656-6564
- *Gladstone Disposal Company 503-656-9426
- *Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) 503-299-9999
- *Portland General Electric 503-228-6322
- *Northwest Natural Gas 503-226-4211
- *Comcast Cable 1-800-934-6489
- *Non-Emergency Dispatch 503-655-8211
(option 1 for police or fire calls)



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



To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, both Gladstone and Oak Lodge Public Libraries remain closed until further notice. We miss working with our patrons, face-to-face, and are working hard to plan the safe reopening of our buildings. Until then, here's what's happening:

- *Email and voice messages continue to be monitored daily; please be patient as staff works to respond with limited access to systems and resources:
- *Oak Lodge Public Library: 503-655-8543 oaklodge@lincc.org
- *Gladstone Public Library: 503-655-8540 gladstone@lincc.org (please note new number!)
- *Due dates on current checkouts extended to June 30, 2020 with no fines accruing; dates will be extended further, if necessary.
- *Mailing of available holds will continue for patrons who want their items shipped; pickup dates for remaining available holds extended to June 15, 2020, or until two weeks AFTER the final LINCC library opens.
- *Unavailable holds will continue to be suspended until libraries reopen.
- *Book drops are being emptied on a quarantine rotation, but we would appreciate it if patrons can keep all items until libraries reopen.
- *Garden seeds available by mail from Seeds for Sharing Seed Library while supplies last;

visit clackamas.us/lib/seeds-for-sharing for eligibility, instructions, and an inventory of seeds.

- *Books by Mail program is operating; contact oaklodge@lincc.org for eligibility and information.
- *Previously scheduled programs (such as book clubs, genealogy and gardening classes) may be presented online - check clackamas.us/lib or the libraries' Facebook pages for details.
- *Prerecorded storytimes and more can be viewed on the new 'Oak Lodge & Gladstone Public Libraries' playlist on Clackamas County's YouTube channel #ClackCo TV.
- *Community project and task force meetings are continuing as scheduled so library design projects are not delayed. Gladstone Community Library Task Force Meetings are scheduled for June 3rd, June 17th, and July 1st from 5:30-7:00 pm. Visit clackamas.us/meetings/communityproject/oakgladproj for a schedule and information on attending these online meetings.
- *Check lincc.org for closure and service updates on all libraries in Clackamas County, as well as information and instructions on the many online resources offered to library cardholders. Residents without library cards may now register for temporary eCards that allow immediate access to online resources, including eBooks and eAudiobooks. eCards are available to all residents of the LINCC Library District, age 5 and up.

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates



Summer will soon be here. Where did Spring go? During this time of sheltering-at-home, the days weave into weeks, and into months without a pause. Our annual Plant and Veggie sale had to be refigured to allow those waiting eagerly, with careful social distancing, to make purchases. Thank you all for supporting the library. A special thank you to Lisa at Happy Rock Coffee Company for taking orders, making deliveries, and opening her patio for people who opted to pick up their plants.

Since the Community Festival has been cancelled for this year, so is our annual August Book Sale. We'll be exploring ideas for a mini book sale sometime in the future. Please hold on to those books, CDs, and other donations for a few weeks after the library reopens.

Remember linking us to your Fred Meyer Rewards Card will help support our new library. It's a win-win for both. If you already have one or thinking of getting one, you can link it to our foundation. Doesn't cost you anything, and your rewards stay the same.

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 us out at: www.gpl-foundation.org. Like us on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram. As always, we thank you for your continued support. Please join with us in our journey to build a new library.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and read.

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Public Works Department—18595 Portland Ave
Senior Center—1050 Portland Ave
Library—135 E. Dartmouth St.

The SHOC Foundation will present our first-ever VIRTUAL event with its 16th Annual SHOC Walk & Run in support of ovarian and gynecologic cancer research.

Join us virtually on Saturday, August 1, 2020, with kick-off at 8:00am as we "race in place" together...but apart. Supporters can participate on their own time, in their own place, at their own pace. Choose your own beautiful course—through the park, along the water, your favorite trail in the woods—or stay inside and hit the treadmill!

This also means we will not be "gathering" at an actual event location in Gladstone or having a pancake breakfast, but we hope the online camaraderie will bridge that gap. We hope you'll join us virtually and make a difference! [#shocfoundation](https://twitter.com/shocfoundation) [#shocwalk](https://twitter.com/shocwalk)

For more information and to register online visit shocfoundation.org



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

Local Meetings—

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