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Construction is Complete on the New Gladstone's Civic Center

Construction is complete on the City of Gladstone's new Civic Center, located at 18505 Portland Avenue. An official ribbon cutting ceremony will be held once the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions are lifted.

Gladstone Civic Center

Gladstone's Civic Center is the new downtown home for the Police Department and City Hall, built on a 2-acre vacant site that is next to the City's public works facilities. A community room in the Civic Center will also be available for public meetings.

The new Civic Center meets contemporary energy codes and is ADA accessible. The building is safer – built to comply with up-to-date earthquake standards. Gladstone residents should feel safer knowing their Police Department and emergency services can continue to operate in case of a major seismic event.

Design-Build Team

The Civic Center is the City's first building to be designed and constructed using the streamlined "Progressive Design-Build" approach under which the Design-Build team is fully responsible for delivering the City's desired program on-time and on-budget. P&C Construction served as the Design-Build lead and general contractor. The building was designed by Scott Edwards Architecture, with Shiels Oblatz Johnsen serving as the Owner's Representative.

Anchoring Downtown Revitalization

The new Civic Center is expected to be a catalyst that stirs redevelopment along Portland Avenue in the heart of the community. The Gladstone Downtown Revitalization Plan calls for a more vibrant downtown core, with a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly streetscape combined with new private investment. The new Civic Center facilities will anchor the north end of the revitalized downtown. Gladstone deserves these highly anticipated and voter approved public facilities.

Project Financing

Funding is from the Gladstone Urban Renewal Agency, along with "full faith and credit" notes, and cash reserves. No additional property tax dollars are required. The total project cost is \$13.5 million.

***About Progressive Design-Build**

A stepped, or "progressive" process in which the City of Gladstone retained a design-build team early in the life of the project to undertake conceptual planning, cost estimating, design, permitting and construction. The hired team is under contract to complete the work, for an agreed price and schedule. Through the Progressive Design-Build process, the City was able to streamline the procurement process, shorten the overall project schedule, work with a single project contact and limit the City's financial risk.



Gladstone Civic Center Facts and Figures

Site:	1.97 acres
Location:	18505 Portland Avenue (corner of Portland Avenue and Duniway Avenue)
Building Size:	22,187 square feet Police Department (12,033 SF) City Hall (7,338 SF) Lobby/Public Restrooms (2,839 SF)
Room Sizes	Council Chambers (1,382 SF) Community Room (834 SF) Evidence Storage/Processing (768 SF)
Height:	One Story
Functions:	Police Department, City Hall, Council Chambers, Municipal Court, City Offices, Community Meeting Room
Off-street Parking:	81 spaces
Special Features:	Solar panels, community meeting rooms, new street connection on Watts, K-9 kennel, public art, cross-laminated timber Lobby framing, 4600sf stormwater treatment swale.
Total Project Cost:	\$13.5 million
Funding Sources:	Gladstone Urban Renewal Agency, full-faith-and-credit notes, cash reserves, Energy Trust of Oregon, Business Oregon
Construction Start:	April 2019
Completion:	April 2020

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.

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.



Just a reminder, we are currently closed to the public, however staff is still working hard to care for the seniors in our community!

AARP Tax Assistance For everyone scheduled to receive assistance tax filing from the AARP Tax Foundation at the senior center, we have been directed to close to the public until further notice. This directive from the State of Oregon came to us on March 13, 2020. We understand the frustration, confusion, and concern this may cause. There is some good news though; the State of Oregon and the I.R.S. have extended the filing dates until July 15, 2020 (<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/payment-deadline-extended-to-july-15-2020>). So, what does this mean for the AARP Tax Foundation assistance? At this point, there is no guidance from AARP on when and if they will start assistance again. However, please know the Gladstone Senior Center is committed to providing this assistance to those who need it most. You can also still file for free, online. About 70 percent of taxpayers are eligible to file federal tax returns online through IRS Free File, which connects single filers and families with annual income of \$69,000 or less to free filing software. For more eligibility information on this program, please visit: <https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free>. For State of Oregon electronic filing, please visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/dor/programs/individuals/Pages/approved-software-products.aspx>.



Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. Reduce Your Risk of Getting Sick. There are things you can do to **reduce your risk of getting sick**. 1. Stay home if possible. 2. Wash your hands often. 3. Take everyday precautions to keep space between yourself and others (stay 6 feet away, which is about two arm lengths). **Coping with stress.** Older people and people of any age who have serious underlying health conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. These conditions and situations may result in increased stress during this pandemic. Fear and anxiety can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions. **Things you can do to support yourself:** 1. Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories and social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting. 2. Take care of your body. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, and avoid alcohol and drugs. 3. Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling. 4. Call your healthcare provider if stress gets in the way of your daily activities for several days in a row. Have a plan for if you get sick. Know how to stay in touch with others by phone or email. You may need to ask for help from friends, family, neighbors, and community health workers if you become sick. Determine who can care for you if your caregiver gets sick. Contact your healthcare provider to ask about obtaining extra necessary medications to have on hand in case there is an outbreak of COVID-19 in your community and you need to stay home for a prolonged period of time. Have enough household items and groceries on hand so that you will be prepared to stay at home. **Family and caregiver support.** Here are some great ideas on how you can be of help. 1. Know what medications your loved one is taking and see if you can help them have extra on hand. 2. Monitor food and other medical supplies (oxygen, incontinence, dialysis, wound care) needed and create a back-up plan. 3. Stock up on non-perishable food to have on hand in your home to minimize trips to stores. For more information on COVID-19, please visit the CDC at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>



Nourishing the Community

Our partnership with the Gladstone Community Food Pantry



Since April 2nd, the Gladstone Senior Center and the Gladstone Community Food Pantry have partnered to provide assistance to those in need. This assistance consists of the Senior Center serving as a point of distribution for the food boxes and fresh produce that the Food Pantry provides to individuals and families in need. The Senior Center is the ideal location for distribution as it provides ample space for Food Pantry volunteers to maintain safe social distancing practices and easy traffic flow through the parking lot. This service is provided on Thursday afternoons until further notice from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Follow the signs from Portland Avenue at the Gladstone Senior Center, staying in your car if at all possible. There will be a line for pedestrians if needed, marked at six foot intervals. All volunteers and customers are asked to use social distancing protocol for safety purposes, please wear appropriate face masks and gloves for everyone's protection. If you are unable to pick up food for yourself, you are welcome to send a neighbor or friend in your place. If you already have a pantry card and can locate it, please bring it. If you can't locate your card or don't have one please still come, the volunteers can get help you get set up. We look forward to seeing you.



Senior Loneliness Line: They're there to listen

Social connections can help keep people healthy. The Senior Loneliness Line supports seniors in our community who are feeling lonely and having difficulty connecting. This free service is designed for adults 55 and older living in Clackamas County who may be isolated or lonely. Their team of volunteers and staff are specially trained in working with older adults, and they can provide ongoing support, connect you or someone you know with resources, or just listen. Your information is completely confidential. Sometimes knowing there is someone who cares and wants to listen can be of great help. If you are experiencing loneliness, or simply just want to talk to someone, please call today. Please call us at (503)200-1633 or if you prefer to, visit us online at: <http://seniorlonelinessline.org/>.

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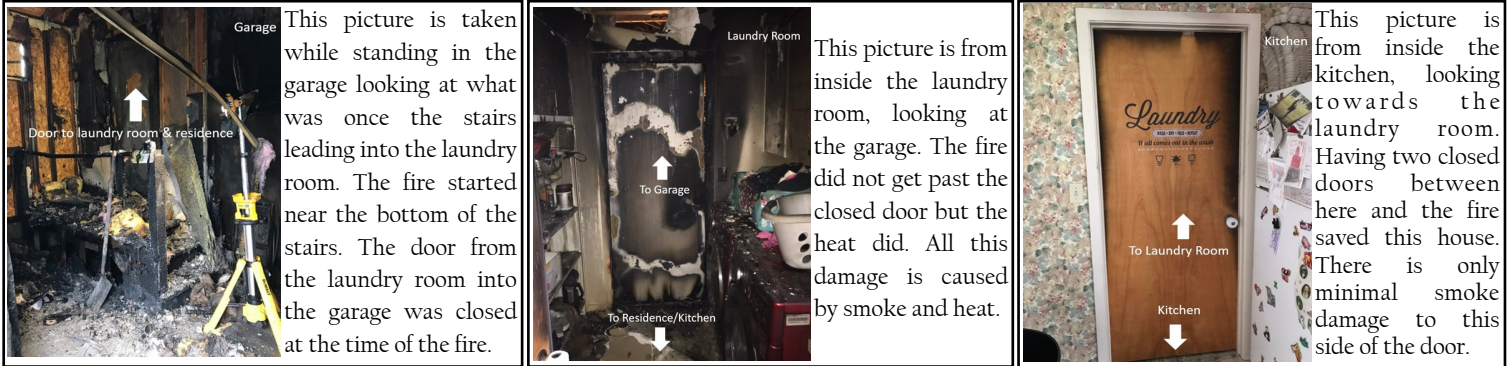
If you reside in Clackamas County and have questions on resources available to you, please contact the ADRC Monday through Thursday, 8:30am to 4:30pm at (503) 650-8522 or email at: clackamasadrc@clackamas.us. You can also visit them online at: <https://www.adrcforegon.org/consite/index.php>. Stay Home, Stay Safe.

Surviving a fire in your home

Our home is a place where families gather, eat, play, sleep, work, grow and we are generally most comfortable relaxing inside it's safety. While feeling safe within our homes is a good thing, we must not become complacent when it comes to fire safety.

When was the last time you replaced the batteries in your smoke alarm? Is your smoke alarm over 10 years old? If the unit is over 10 years old it has become or is becoming unreliable. Take action, check your smoke alarm now. Do the younger people in the house know what to do when the smoke alarm goes off at home? Take a moment to test your alarms and look around the kitchen for any potential fire hazards, maybe offer a treat to the child that spots the most.

Something you may have not considered in your fire safety plan: Close before you doze. Do you have any idea how much of your home you can save by closing the door? The pictures below are 3 pictures, all from the same garage fire and show how closing a door can save everything on the other side.



Visit the link below for a fun clip that talks about closing your bedroom door at night: https://www.youtube.com/embed/LOVCNTf7cA?rel=0&controls=1&showinfo=0&autoplay=1&cc_load_policy=1

Give you and your family the best chance to survive a fire in your home and reduce the damage fire causes. Install and check your smoke alarms. Walk through your kitchen and move any combustible products away from any heat source. Practice your home fire escape plan with all family members. Remember "Close Before You Doze". Stay Safe. "Fireman Mike".

News from the Gladstone Nature Park



Spring is a perfect time to take your kids on a walk thru the Nature Park. The park is in bloom and there is so much to see, hear, and smell. Look for nearly 100 bird species and list the different ones you can identify. Do the same with wildflowers, mushrooms and plants. Do you know what a Trillium looks like? Find it and other Oregon Native plants on the web, then look for them in your walk thru the park (hint: you might see the trillium in the shade under the trees). The Butterfly Hill is blooming thanks to kids from the 6th grade classes at Kraxberger who might want to show their parents the work they have accomplished.

Find ways to teach and practice social distancing with your family. Talk with the children in your home about that why social distancing is important. Help them understand: Who are we avoiding? What does 6 feet look like? When should we practice? Where should we social distance? Why are we wearing masks?

It's mason bee season! Time to put out your mason bee house! Add some baby mason bees from a local garden center and you're all set for these super pollinators. Last month GHS students installed 10 mason bee condos on the Butterfly/Pollinator Hill. They are currently actively building new colonies. Did you know all mason bee girls are queens? Check out the action on the Butterfly/Pollinator Hill. Note the yellow pollen coating this one.

Gladstone Nature Park is located at 18111 Webster Road.

School District provides free meals for youths

During the COVID-19 Stay Home order, the Gladstone School District will be providing free meals for any youth age 1 to 18. Meal distribution is every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families parking lot. You will receive 5 breakfasts & 5 lunches per child. To speed up the line, please remain in your car with your doors unlocked, your trunk/hatch open, and your car windows open so staff can talk with you and put food in your vehicle. Kids need not come with you to pick up.

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.

Gladstone Community Festival cancelled for 2020

The 2020 Gladstone Community Festival planned for July 31st to August 2nd has been cancelled. The local businesses who usually step up to sponsor the event have been hit hard by the economic downturn and many will be unable to provide funding this year.

"Gladstone's festival has been a treasured tradition since our first Chautauqua gathering in July of 1894," said Festival leader Dr. Bob Everett. "Though the Festival can't happen this year, we want people to know our event will continue when it's safe, likely in the summer of 2021."

All vendor and sponsor fees for the 2020 event will be returned this spring. Anyone with questions about the cancellation should email Bob Everett at reverett78@yahoo.com.

Local Telephone Numbers

- *City Hall General Business Line 503-656-5225
 - *Utility Billing/Water/Sewer Acct Info 503-557-2771
 - *Municipal Court/Traffic Citations 503-557-2772
 - *Public Works 503-656-7957
 - *Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm 503-557-2797
 - *Fire Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm 503-557-2776
 - *Library 503-655-8540
 - *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 503-656-2411

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Gladstone Public Library is closed until further notice. We miss working with our patrons, face-to-face, and are working hard to plan a safe reopening of our building. Until then, here's what's happening: Email and voice messages are monitored daily; please be patient as staff works to respond with limited access to systems and resources:

Gladstone Public Library: 503-655-8540 gladstone@lincc.org (please note new number!)

Due dates on current checkouts extended to May 31, 2020 with no fines accruing; dates will be extended further, if necessary. Pickup dates for available holds to be extended at least a week after libraries open; unavailable holds are suspended until libraries reopen.

Book drops are not being emptied; please 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; details may be shared at clackamas.us/lib and/or on the libraries' Facebook pages.

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 May 6th, May 20th, and June 3rd from 5:30-7:00 pm. Visit clackamas.us/meetings/communityproject/oakgladproj for more information.

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

Due to the observance of social distancing, our Plant and Veggie sale has been delayed for a bit. We will list new dates and times on Nextdoor Gladstone, our Facebook page and website at www.gpl-foundation.org.

Don't forget, you can help support our new library by using your Fred Meyer Rewards Card. It's a win-win for you and our library. If you have a card or thinking of getting one, you can link it to the Gladstone Library 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.

Be safe, stay home and read!

**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 Weningern 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 Weningern a weningern@gladstone.k12.or.us

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Preventing Our Kids From Falling From Windows

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Police Department—18505 Portland Ave
Fire Department—555 Portland Ave
Public Works Department—18595 Portland Ave
Senior Center—1050 Portland Ave
Library—135 E. Dartmouth St.

Each year over 5000 children accidentally fall from windows. As the warmer weather is here, it is time to recognize and prevent these accidents from happening. Some simple tips and hardware ideas that can be found at any local hardware store will help prevent these accidents from happening: 1. In homes with children, install window guards on all second-story or higher windows. It is best to purchase window guards with a quick release mechanism. This will allow the window to be opened easily by an adult in the case of a fire emergency. 2. Use window stops to prevent windows from opening more than 4 inches. 3. Install locks on sliding windows to prevent children from opening them. 4. Move all furniture away from windows. Children can climb on furniture to access windows that are otherwise out of reach. 5. Create soft landing surfaces such as bushes or plant beds under windows to help prevent serious injuries in case of a fall. 6. Do not allow children to play on fire escapes, roofs or balconies. 7. Make sure that older children understand the dangers of climbing out of or jumping from windows. 8. Young children should never be left at home unsupervised.

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