

Calling for Volunteers – Gladstone needs YOU!

Are you looking for a new opportunity to serve in your community? If so, consider applying to serve on a City board, commission or committee. The City has six (6) active boards, commissions and committees that are composed of volunteers. Recruitment is underway for 24 open positions to be filled by January 1, 2021.

At the December 8, 2020 meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointments and re-appointments to two (2) terms on the Planning Commission, five (5) terms on the Budget Committee, five (5) terms on the Traffic Safety Advisory Board, three (3) terms on the Park & Recreation Advisory Board, four (4) terms on the Senior Center Advisory Board and five (5) terms on the Audit Committee.

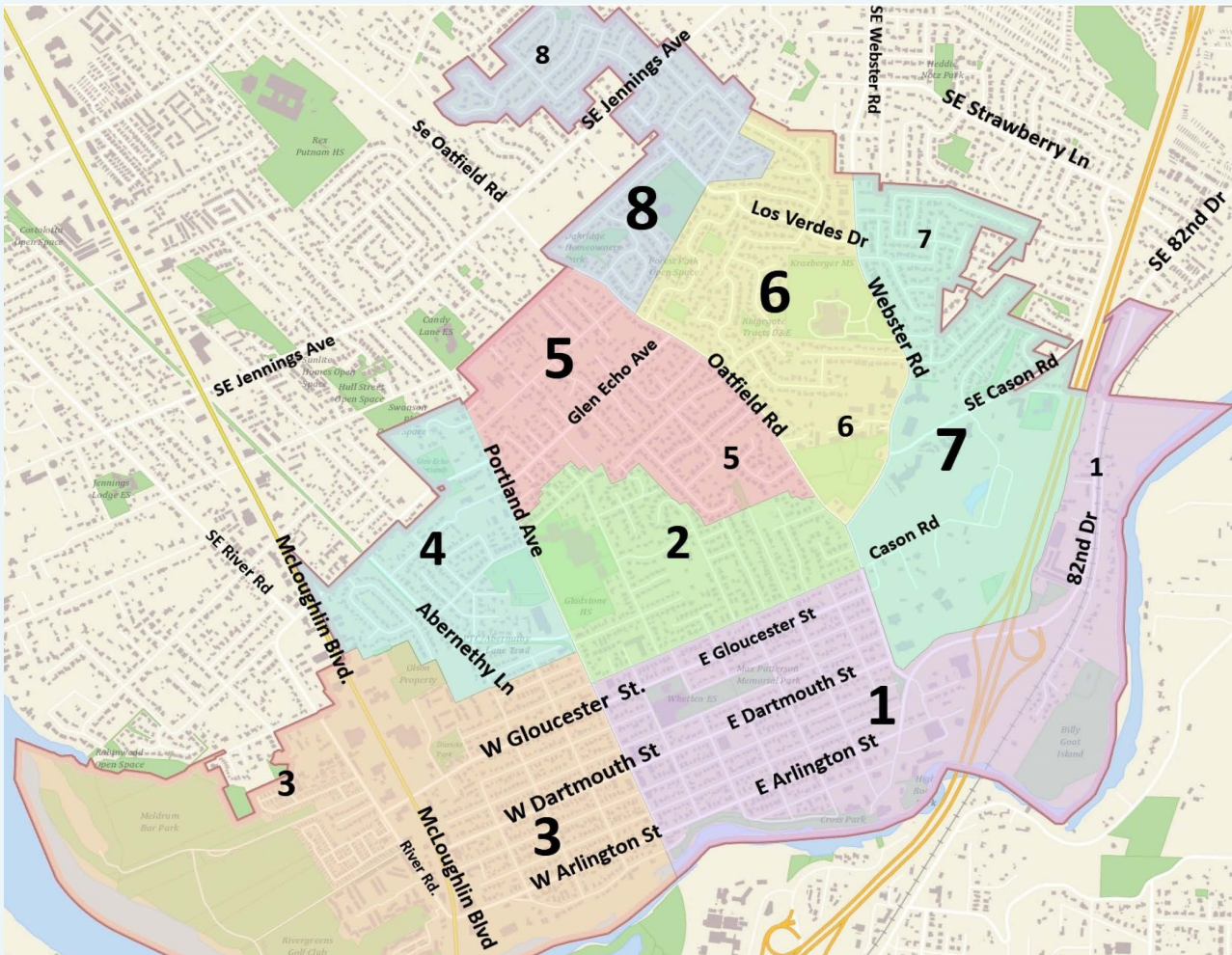
Boards, commissions and committees review new and existing operations in specific areas and suggest an appropriate course of action to City department heads and the City Council. Members of boards, commissions and committees provide an invaluable service to the City by advising the City Council on a wide variety of subjects and making recommendations on important policy matters.

Let your voice be heard by sharing your experience, expertise and time. You can provide valuable insight from the citizen's point of view to the operations of the City and the City Council's decision-making process.

To obtain an application and information about serving on a committee, board or commission, visit the city's website at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/bc>, email bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2769 or stop by City Hall at 18505 Portland Avenue. Applications must be returned by 5:00 pm on November 30, 2020.



City of Gladstone Curbside Leaf Pick-up Program 2020



Leaf Pick-up Dates

Area 6 & 7:
Nov 2– Nov 6

Area 8:
Nov 9– Nov 13

Area 1 & 2:
Nov 16–Nov 20

Area 3 & 4:
Nov 30–Dec 4

Area 5 & 6:
Dec 7– Dec 11

Area 7 & 8:
Dec. 14– Dec 18

Curbside Leaf Pick-up Program Guidelines

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

Use our GIS Map to Locate your Zone with your Address

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

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

Parents and Caregivers,

Cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries. This year's Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW) campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!™", works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

FPW is a perfect time to complete this cooking safety checklist together. If you checked **YES** on all the boxes, great job! If some boxes are checked **NO**, work together as a family to turn them into a **YES**.

— SERVE UP —
Fire Safety
— IN THE KITCHEN! —



The _____ Family's Cooking Safety Checklist

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does a grown-up always pay attention to things that are cooking? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does a grown-up watch the stovetop when they are frying, boiling, grilling or broiling food? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If a grown-up must leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, do they turn off the burner? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are things that can burn, such as dish towels, curtains or paper away from the stovetop? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the stovetop, burners and oven clean—no spilled food, grease, paper or bags? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are pot handles turned toward the back of the stove when a grown-up is cooking? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do children and pets stay out of the kid-free zone (3 feet or 1 meter from the stove) when a grown-up is cooking? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are containers opened slowly when removing from the microwave? Hot steam can escape from containers and cause burns. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your family have working smoke alarms on every level of the home, outside all sleeping areas, and in each bedroom? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your family have a home fire escape plan? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you practice the plan? |



For more tips, visit firepreventionweek.org and sparky.org. Sparky® is a trademark of NFPA. ©2020 National Fire Protection Association®



Upcoming City Meetings



Due to COVID-19 and current State regulations, all City meetings are being held virtually. Upcoming meetings are as follows: Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting –November 9th at 6:30 pm, City Council Meeting –November 10th at 6:30 pm, Senior Center Advisory Board Meeting– November 17th at 3:00 pm and Planning Commission Meeting –November 17th at 6:30 pm. For more information and directions regarding how to join all City meetings, please visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>

St. Vincent de Paul and the City of Gladstone

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



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

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

Safe Sidewalks

You and your neighbors have a right to expect Gladstone sidewalks to be in good condition and free of defects in order to prevent possible injury. Typically sidewalks are a safe haven for pedestrians. Well-maintained sidewalks help create a vibrant community. Unfortunately, tree roots, ground settlement, freezing weather, and other acts of nature can damage sidewalks. Property owners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalk and planting strip abutting their property. This includes keeping sidewalks clear of debris such as leaves, ice, snow, weeds, and overgrown shrubs. Trees must be pruned to allow safe pedestrian and vehicle passage. A defective sidewalk is one that creates an unreasonable risk of danger to persons or property. For example, if a portion of the sidewalk is elevated enough to cause someone to trip, it is considered an unreasonable risk.

The Gladstone Municipal Code, 8.04.100 states that maintenance of sidewalks, curbs, and driveways is the responsibility of the abutting property owners. Any vertical uplift exceeding ½ inch is a violation of city code and the sidewalk must be repaired. Contact Code Compliance at 503-557-2763 or sboyle@gladstoneoregon.us if you have any questions.



City Closures

City offices, including the Gladstone Civic Center, will be closed on **November 11, 2020** for Veteran's Day as well as **November 26, 2020** and **November 27, 2020** for Thanksgiving. During this time, payments may be placed in the dropbox located in the center of the Civic Center parking lot. Other payment options can be found on the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/community/page/online-payments

City of Gladstone Toy & Food Drive

NONE of us want to admit it but it is going to be a Covid Christmas. Several changes are in place since we must protect our responders and City workers as well as all of you. The need is great so Gladstone Fire Dept. and partners, will be serving 120 Gladstone families this year. Our Senior Center will be our home distribution base since our schools are closed. Gladstone Fire station will be a primary drop off point for donations.

Covid changes: **please no stuffed animals** this year, we can only accept new toys in their original unopened packages. We will have to limit the number of helpers this year but will try to schedule different helpers at different times for maximum volunteering. We request those that can, please donate amazon gift cards to be given to our adopted families. This way we can limit personal contact as much as possible.

Please drop off your donations as early as possible. Distribution will occur Dec. 16th and be complete by Dec. 19th. Watch for additional information coming soon to the City website at WWW.CI.GLADSTONE.OR.US

I'll do my best to answer questions, coordinate helpers and accept donations – Michael Funk, Fire Marshal, 503-557-2775



Santa Squad

Greetings Gladstone Citizens! The Gladstone Police Department is offering a safe place to have packages delivered during the holiday season. If a family member or neighbor is unable to collect the package for you, we are offering—for the month of December ONLY—to have your packages delivered to the Police Department. Please email Santa's elf, Cathy at ckerrigan@gladstoneoregon.us with your name and a phone number of where you can be reached once your package arrives.

Once you have contacted Cathy, packages may be delivered to 18505 Portland Ave., Gladstone OR 97027. Address it to Santa's Squad-GPD, C/O <your name> so we know who to call for pickup. If you have special circumstances (elderly or handicapped) let us know and we will deliver your package to your home after it's delivered.

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.



National Child Safety and Protection Month



November is National Child Safety and Protection Month. Now is an excellent time to review some smart tips to help make sure your home and your vehicles remain safe places for your loved ones.

Keep cleaning materials and medication safely out of range

Accidental poisoning through the ingestion of medicines or chemicals is a common household hazard. Young children, in particular, have a hard time resisting the lure of spray bottles, and often mistake medication for candy. To help ensure this doesn't occur, place plastic locks on all storage cabinets containing cleaning materials and other common household maintenance items. Ensure all medication is kept in childproof bottles stored out of the reach of children.

Secure your bathroom

With its combination of hot water and wet floors, the bathroom is often a dangerous place for young children. To help minimize the risk for injury, parents should turn the water heater temperature down, safely secure all razors and other medicine cabinet items and install slip-resistant mats and a toilet lock.

Cover electrical outlets

As they begin to navigate the world, children rely on their sense of touch to learn about new things. In the case of electrical outlets or frayed wires, this naturally inquisitive behavior can lead to life-threatening injuries. Be sure to cover all outlets with childproof covers and make sure the cords attached to appliances and other devices are in good condition. Teach your children to avoid touching these items and to never mix electricity with water.

Make sure all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are functional

When it comes to fires and carbon monoxide poisoning, early detection is absolutely essential. Without a functional alarm system, parents may not become aware of the presence of fires or carbon monoxide leaks until it's too late. This means it's imperative to install detectors throughout the house and check batteries regularly. Don't wait for low battery signals to start beeping — check detectors on a regular basis to ensure they still work.

Follow the safety rules governing use of a car seat

Car seats have been instrumental in saving the lives of countless children. Oregon law requires all children under two years old to be secured in a rear-facing child seat. Children who weigh 40 pounds or less must be secured in a forward facing child safety seat. Children who weigh over 40 pounds and are under four feet nine inches tall are required to use a booster seat until age eight. Make sure the seat is installed correctly and that all belts are in place. It's also important to replace your child's car seat if you've been in a collision, as this may have damaged the seat.

Never leave a child in a car

Even if you're only stepping out momentarily, never leave your children inside a warm vehicle. Kids cannot cool down with the same efficiency as adults, making them particularly susceptible to high temperatures. It's also important to always check your backseat to ensure your child hasn't been left behind. While this might sound obvious, busy parents sometimes forget.

For parents, nothing is more important than the health and well-being of their children. Follow these tips to help keep your loved ones safe and secure.

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

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

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

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

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





Free Face Covers for residents age 60 and older-We still have face covers to share!

If you have not gotten your mask, don't worry, we still have plenty left! You can have friends or family pick them up for you if you are not able to do so. These face covers were provided to the Senior Center by the Federal Government and there is no charge for them. Each pack contains 5 face covers and can be washed up to 15 times before being thrown away. Additionally, we have a limited supply of KN95 masks available on a first come, first serve basis. KN95 masks are better suited for filtering out particulates in the air from the fires. To get your free pack, please stop by or call the Senior Center at (503) 655-7701.



Tips to avoid fraud and imposter phone scams- Recently here in Gladstone, a resident received a phone call from someone stating to be the "police". They stated the resident had a warrant out for their arrest for money laundering and drug trafficking. It terrified the resident, they believed that everything this person said was true, however it wasn't true at all. Every year Oregonians lose thousands of dollars to telephone scams. During these trying times, phone scams targeting the elderly are increasing.

There are some easy tips to remember to help you with identifying phone and mail scams: 1. Someone asks you to wire money or purchase a prepaid card. 2. Says that you have won a prize or a gift but you need to pay fees or taxes first. 3. Asks you to visit websites or download software. 4. Asks you to verify your social security number, bank account number, home address, or usernames and passwords. 5. Tells you not to share the information or asks you to keep the call a secret. If you experience any of these, there is a possibility you could be being scammed. Phone call threats of legal action from the Social Security Administration, law enforcement agencies, and government agencies are simply not true. If you receive a phone call from someone stating they are with one of these agencies, first simply hang up. If they are persistent and call you back, don't provide any personal information at all. Call a friend, family member, or local law enforcement to talk through what you just experienced. There is nothing shameful about asking for help. Additionally, staff of the Senior Center are always willing to assist you with your questions, confidentially.



Medicare Open Enrollment 2020 is here! Open enrollment runs from Sunday, November 1st through Tuesday, December 15th, 2020 with coverage effective January 1st, 2021. If you are in need of assistance with the Open Enrollment process, SHIBA is here to help you. The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance program (SHIBA) uses trained counselors to educate and advocate for Oregonians with Medicare. To get help, call SHIBA at: 1-800-722-4134. You will be asked to use the phone keypad to enter your ZIP code. Depending on where you live, your call

may be routed to a local agency in your area or will be returned by one of the state SHIBA staff members. You can also visit them online at: shiba.oregon.gov. Are you new to Medicare? Check out medicarestartsat65.oregon.gov. Be sure to get your Medicare information from a reliable source (rather than family or friends) and document the contact to protect yourself with date, time, number you called from (calls are recorded), representative with whom you spoke, and what was said. While the SHIBA program offers Medicare counseling services through a statewide volunteer network, help's also available at no cost through licensed health insurance agents. Agents can assist with recommendations and purchase of Medicare insurance plans. If you want to work with a local agent in your community, the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace has a Medicare agent locator tool available on its website, healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/find-help.aspx. Start planning today!



Tips to encourage your elderly loved one to stay active and safe during COVID

While the Senior Center remains closed to the public, it is important to remember that during this trying time we encourage older adults to stay active and maintain gains in strength, balance, and flexibility that reduce fall risk, strengthen the immune system, and improve quality of life. Older adults may be concerned about their safety as they prepare to exercise at home, but research has shown that the risks of exercise at home are no greater than exercising in a



group setting. 1. Encourage activity! If older adults are already engaging in outbreak-appropriate physical activity, tell them to keep it up! Exercise is key to healthy aging. 2. Sit less. Move more. For example, get up during every commercial on TV and do an active chore or march in place. If possible, taking a walk outside is a great way to stay active. 3. Move Your Way. If older adults are too busy for exercise, they can get stuff done and stay physically active at the same time. Physical activity isn't a chore if you make chores physical activity! Be sure to stay safe while exercising at home. Listen to your body. Always warm up before exercising and cool down afterward. Be aware of your environment. Make sure you are in reach of a counter, back of a couch, or a sturdy chair that is pushed up against a wall in case you lose your balance and need to hold on to something. It may also be helpful to put a chair/couch behind you in case you need to sit or lose your balance. Hydrate. Drink water before, during, and after exercising, even if you don't feel thirsty. Also, always follow the advice of your primary care physician.

Is Your Home Ready for Winter?

*Before shutting the irrigation system down for the winter, run each zone system separately checking for leaks, broken/misaligned spray heads, and other maintenance issues. When you are ready to shut the system down, drain all of the water out of the system to prevent freezing.

*Shut off all outside water, disconnect hoses, open the hose bibs, and wrap or cover the hose bibs to prevent freezing. Store hoses, spray nozzles, and sprinklers inside, this will prevent freezing and breaking during the winter.

*Insulate all exposed and venerable water pipes and cover the foundation vents to keep out the cold winter air.

*Make sure everyone in the home knows where the main water shut off valve is and how to use it. If a pipe breaks during the winter the water will be shut off much quicker and could prevent costly damage. And last but not least, make sure the emergency phone numbers to your local water provider and a plumbing specialist are posted where everyone can see it. In an emergency this will save time and possibly prevent damage to your home.

*For more water conservation tips visit the Clackamas River Water Providers conservation page on our website at www.clackamasproviders.org/water-conservation/.

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

The 2020 fire season may be winding down, but for early Gladstone residents, fire was a year-around problem. The first recorded fire in Gladstone took place before the town was founded. In 1872, an arsonist set Ben Holiday's second railroad bridge ablaze and the Clackamas River was called upon to provide water. Not only did the river douse the flames, but a short time later, it swept away the entire bridge in a flood.

The next fire of any importance happened at night. May 1906, Gladstone's first building burst into flames. Constructed by Judge Cross in 1893, the building served as the town's first trolley depot, first Post Office, first general store, and lastly a house. Too far from the river to bucket water fast enough to put out the flames, the building burned to the ground.

Two years later, Gladstone suffered its most frightening fire yet. At three in the morning, a ten-room house, also built by Judge Cross and the first location of the Oregon City- Gladstone Hospital, suddenly ignited. The residents barely escaped with their lives, saving only the parlor piano seconds before the house was completely destroyed.

1913 set a record for near-miss flue explosions and stove sparks. After much prodding by the residents, the town council finally took up the discussion of what the town should do in case of a serious fire. Proud that the town had finally achieved solvency, Judge Cross advised against the town acquiring any new debt. So, instead of buying the needed firefighting equipment, the council urged residents to purchase larger fire insurance policies as this would give them greater peace of mind. Ok, next fire.

1921 and house fires were on the rise, some hot and smoldering Gladstone residents demanded the town install fire hydrants. No. But to cool tempers, an agreement was made with Oregon City for their better trained and better equipped fire department to assist Gladstone whenever a fire was greater than the local bucket brigade's ability. Too bad not everyone in O.C. got the memo. In 1922, while 215 students plus teachers sat at their desks, a spark from a nearby chimney caught the Gladstone Grade School's roof on fire. No hydrants and blocks from the river, only Gladstone's horse-drawn hose cart and a few volunteers answered the call. Without water, the hoses were useless. But thanks to a rainy fall and a badly leaking roof, all of the school's drip buckets were full. The bucket brigade suppressed the flames with rainwater and the O.C. fire team? They arrived after everyone else had left. It seems the firemen had spent the entirety of Gladstone's fire hunting down the mayor for permission to drive the fire truck beyond O.C. city limits.

After the "schoolhouse scare", fire hydrants popped up all along Portland Ave. The school was outfitted with a six-inch water pipe, one fire hydrant, hoses for each floor, and six roof sprinklers. And Oregon City? They designated the entire town of Gladstone as Ward 53 in their fire coverage area. Permission to drive the fire truck beyond city limits was repealed.

In 1928, after Mayor Chambers Howell's house burned to the ground, the town council voted to establish a fire department and purchase a 1928 (Graham) fire truck. Immediately, fifty men signed up to be volunteer firemen. Paul Wyman was chosen as Gladstone's first fire chief. Finally, Gladstone's fire department was born.

Enjoy more stories of Gladstone's past in our latest book: "Images of America - Gladstone", from Arcadia Publishing, available from the Gladstone Historical Society. www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org.

Planning Ahead for Severe Weather

As winter approaches, it is a good time to make sure you are prepared for all it may bring.



Create an emergency plan for winter with your family and work colleagues with an emphasis on working from home, taking public transit, and having an emergency meeting location. Visit <https://tripcheck.com/> to view the road conditions nearest to you.

Make a checklist for your home, business, and vehicle. Property owners, tenants, and businesses should have supplies on hand, such as ice melt and snow shovels to clear sidewalks as well as pathways across their driveways. They should also be prepared to warn the public of overhead dangers around the property such as falling snow or ice and prepared to keep ditches, culverts, and trash racks clear of debris that could impact runoff.

Carry snow chains for your vehicles, at a minimum. Other items that should be in your emergency weather kit should include: snow shovel, bag of sand, jumper cables, first aid kit, basic tools (pliers, wrench, screwdriver and knife), blanket and warm clothing, extra food and water, cell phone and extra charger, and flashlight.

Stay informed. Sign up at <https://www.publicalerts.org/> for emergency notifications from all regional agencies via text, email, or phone. Go to <https://tripcheck.com/> to track real-time weather, traffic, road closures, and plow information.

Stock up on provisions such as food, water, clothes, and medications you, your family, your pets, or your business will need in case you are stranded by winter weather at home or on the road in your vehicle.

Check in with vulnerable neighbors who may need help stocking up on supplies ahead of a storm or clearing their sidewalks afterward.

Prepare to move your car off our snow and ice routes to give room for snow plows and other equipment.

Address Numbers on Your Home



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

Gladstone City Newsletter

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

Drop Off Unwanted Prescriptions at Gladstone PD



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

Public Hours Adjusted for use of Gladstone High School Track



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

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

Manage Energy Usage and Costs



As we all do our part to stay home and stay safe, it's natural to start worrying about how all that time at home will impact your energy bill. Find energy savings tips at <https://portlandgeneral.com/residential/energy-savings/ways-to-save>. You can also track how much energy you're using while at home. Portland General Electric's free, online Energy TrackerSM tool shows you when and how you're using energy, and how to save. To start, simply sign-in to your account at <https://portlandgeneral.com/>

Rivers East Village now serving Gladstone



Rivers East VILLAGE

helping neighbors age in place

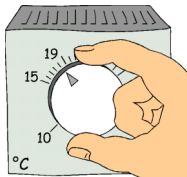
Rivers East Village is a non-profit organization that serves local older adults. The goal is to support members living in their homes and help them stay

connected to their communities. Volunteers provide a variety of services and socialization, for a low cost annual membership fee. Services include rides, errands, occasional household or garden chores. Call 971-808-2340 or email info@riverseastvillage.org for more information, or to schedule an informational visit from our volunteers.

Energy Assistance

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

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



Street Parking Regulations

As we approach the time of year when owners of boats, trailers, and RVs are preparing them for winter storage. Gladstone Code Enforcement would like to remind residents of city ordinances regulating on-street parking. Ch 10.04.230 of the Gladstone Municipal Code (available at 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 and improve public safety.

Gladstone Junior Baseball



Gladstone Junior Baseball Association will be holding its annual open meeting this year utilizing an online meeting platform. We will be meeting on Sunday November 8th @ 7:00pm, the meeting link

will be available on our Gladstone Junior Baseball Facebook page and our website. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend, we will be discussing our plans for the 2021 baseball season as well as voting on board positions that are open or coming up for re-election.

Current board positions that are up for re-election: Snack Shack coordinator and Equipment Coordinator we also have three positions that are or will be vacant: Vice President, Umpire Coordinator and Rookie Coordinator. If you want more information about joining our board, check our website at www.GladstoneJuniorBaseball.com click "about" and "contact" to email any of our current Board Members.

We look forward to seeing everyone via our online meeting platform for this year's annual meeting!

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

Here are a few reminders of things you can do to stay safe this holiday season:

- *If you shop at night, park in a well-lit area;
- *Plan to shop with a friend, especially at night (there's safety in numbers);
- *Do not leave packages or valuables where they can be seen in your car;
- *Locate your keys before you leave the store so you can easily & quickly get in your car;
- *Keep a secure hold of your purse & parcels—do NOT put them down to open the car door;
- *Think of carrying a cross-body purse and be sure to keep every handbag zipped/closed so someone cannot reach in and grab your wallet;
- *Avoid carry large amounts of cash—use checks or credit cards whenever possible & save those receipts; be sure to keep a record of all credit card numbers at home in case something ends up missing;
- *Pick-pockets may work in pairs or groups so beware of strangers approaching you;
- *Men—keep your wallet someplace other than your back pocket as it is easy to grab;
- *Stay alert to your surroundings—don't just pay attention to your cell phone. Keep your head up and use common sense to stay safe this holiday season!



Free Meal Pickup Every Monday

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

Gladstone Municipal Code

Do you have a question about fence height, setbacks, zoning, traffic or park regulations? If so, the Gladstone Municipal Code is online at www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/.

Gladstone Food Pantry

As uncertainties in the world continue to increase, one thing that remains a constant beam of light and hope in our community is the Gladstone Food Pantry. The Pantry strives to be a steady glimmer of light for adults, families and children who need a helping hand to put food on the table on a weekly basis. Pantry volunteers greet each and every client with a bright smile beneath their masks. In return, they hear stories of the daily struggles of our community members, which have been exacerbated by the COVID crisis, as well as expressions of hope and gratitude. In many cases, multiple families with school age children are living together to make ends meet due to the loss of jobs and income and the rising cost of groceries. Just last week, a woman was in tears explaining that she now has 7 extra mouths to feed and that the Pantry food boxes are sustaining the nutritional needs of her and her unanticipated guests. Another client explained that his manufacturing job is only part time right now, so he is not receiving a full pay check. He is grateful for the weekly Pantry food boxes which lighten that financial burden and emotional stress for him and his family.

In serving over 120 families per week, the Gladstone Food Pantry must depend on the generous donations from community members and businesses, the Oregon Food Bank (OFB), Grocery Outlet, Bob's Red Mill, Dave's Killer Bread, Imperfect Produce and others. And to ensure the health and safety of our volunteers and customers, during the COVID-19 outbreak, the Gladstone Food Pantry is providing pre-packed food bags/boxes for drive-through pickup every Thursday afternoon.

Also, the Gladstone Food Pantry exists because of the ongoing commitment of Superintendent Bob Stewart and the Gladstone School District to maintain the Gladstone Food Pantry as an "OFB school pantry" to ensure that students, their families and other community members are able to supplement their daily nutritional needs during the COVID pandemic and far beyond. Northwest Family Services, a longtime community based partner of the Gladstone School District, is also a partner in making this efficient and effective food pantry work well for children, families, seniors and others in need.

The Gladstone Food Pantry hopes to be viewed by the community as a predictable and gentle presence where everyone is welcome. We understand that some people are understandably hesitant to accept help in such a vulnerable way. Our hope is that more and more families will come to know that the Pantry is a resource they can count on for weekly food boxes as well as unconditional kindness and devotion to them. As the saying goes...it takes a village.

Calling All Graduating 2021 Senior Parents



The tradition of fundraising for the All Night Drug and Alcohol free party has begun! If you are a parent of a Gladstone High School Senior 2021, join and invite any senior parent to the closed Facebook group: Gladstone Senior Grad Party 2021.

Our next meeting will be held on November 12th at 7:00 pm -Virtually. Look for an email from GHS with the link. Please send an email to ghs2021gradparty@gmail.com to be add you to the email blast.

Thank you to all who attended the Chipotle night. We raised a little over \$300. Current fundraisers:

- Year round- Cans/bottles: We will pick up! Contact us at 971-221-7638 or ghs2021gradparty@gmail.com
- Now through November 15- Poinsettia Sale: Poinsettias come in both 6" (\$15) and 8" (\$28) sizes and four color options: red, pink, white, and marble. Please send orders and questions to ghs2021gradparty@gmail.com.
- November 30-December 3- Flying Pie Pizza: Flying Pie Pizza will be donating a portion of carryout sales made between 4 and 8 pm. Call ahead and mention Class of 2021. 503-496-3170, 16691 SE McLoughlin Blvd. Milwaukie.

Future fundraisers include Christmas tree recycling -January and Flowers and Flower basket -May

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

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



Follow the Star- Online!

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



**A Message from Our Community
Cat Rescue**



Hello Neighbor! We are offering a rewarding volunteer opportunity with our rescue. We are seeking temporary foster parents for our cats/kittens. Email us at ourcommunitycatrescue@gmail.com or visit our page on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/OurCommunityCatRescue/>

Also, if you're ready to adopt a pet, please don't overlook the ones with a disability, the older ones, and the scared ones. Pet with extra needs may require more time or resources, but they are SO worth it. Thank you!

Report a Streetlight Problem

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

Pedestrian Safety



With the recent Daylight Savings time change, residents are reminded while jogging, walking or biking to wear reflective and/or light colored clothing during the hours of darkness. Bicycles should have ample reflectors and a light on when it is dark.

Get Social

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



Local Telephone Numbers

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

(option 1 for police or fire calls)



The Gladstone Public Library continues to serve our patrons, although our building is still closed to the public. Have you 'checked out' our laptops and WiFi hotspots yet? These popular items must be picked up from, and returned to, the Gladstone Public Library during curbside hours. Place your hold today!

•No-contact, no appointment holds pickup continues to be available Monday-Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:30 pm. Call 503-655-8540 or ring the bell when you arrive at the library, give staff your name and library card number, holds will be brought to the table.

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

•Book bundles and readers' advisory: Want to binge-watch a TV series? Read the Harry Potter series in order to your grandkids? Get lost in Romance paperbacks? Let our Librarians help choose a bundle of books or movies customized for what you want and when you want it. Submit requests online by visiting clackamas.us/lib under READy Resources – Reader Advisory.

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

•Patrons unable to visit the library can enroll in our free Homebound Service, which provides library materials (and their return) through the US Postal Service. Call 503-650-3187 to request an application (this is a message phone; please leave your name and phone number and your call will be returned).

•Due dates and hold expiration dates are back, so please pick up and return your items in a timely manner.

•Our book drop is open 24/7 for your returns, no overdue fines will be charged for items checked in during November (regardless of due date).

•Help plan your new library! Gladstone's Community Library Task Force will be meeting Tuesday, November 10th at 4:30 pm. Visit clackamas.us/meetings/communityproject/oakgladproj for information on attending the online meetings.

•The Board of County Commissioners will consider approval of the Master Plan for the Gladstone and Oak Lodge community projects on Tuesday, November 24th at 2:15 pm. Visit clackamas.us/meetings/bcc/presentation for more information.

•Staff is answering phones and emails daily, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, after-hour messages will receive responses the next business day. Phone: 503-655-8540 Email: gladstone@lincc.org

•The Oak Lodge & Gladstone Libraries Playlist on Clackamas County's YouTube channel (#ClackCo TV) is growing. Learn how to register for an eCard, play and sing along to kids' songs and games, and more.

•Free passes to local venues are available at culturalpassexpress.quipugroup.net with your card number and PIN.

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

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on things to be thankful for. This year is exceptionally hard for all. As difficult as these times are, we can always hope that things will get better. For the foundation, we appreciate the tireless efforts of our Library's director and staff, our patrons, and the many people in our community who have championed our need for a new library. We value you and thank you for your support.

Join our first Facebook Live Winter Wonderland Book Sale and Gift event on Dec. 5th from noon – 2:30 pm. visit facebook.comgladstonelibraryfoundation to receive an invite to this event. Purchase books and gifts for the holidays online, and pick them up from 1-3 pm at Harvey Cross Park under the Foundation sign and pop-up canopy.

A simple way to help build our library is to link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to the Gladstone Public Library Foundation. It won't cost you a penny. Visit www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards for information.

If you want to learn more about us or are interested in attending our meetings please visit gpl-foundation.org. Donations are graciously accepted and can be mailed to GPLF, PO Box 146, Gladstone, OR 97027-0146. Please join with us in our journey to build a new library. Stay safe, stay healthy, and read.

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library." – Albert Einstein

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

City Meetings:
*City Council—2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary) - 6:30 pm—in the City Hall Council Chambers
*Planning Commission—3rd Tuesday (as needed) - 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers
*Library Board—1st Tuesday—6:30 pm—City Hall Council Chamber
*Traffic Safety—4th Monday every other month (as needed) - 6:00 pm—City Hall Council Chambers
*Park & Recreation—2nd Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers
*Senior Center Advisory—held bi-monthly —3rd Tuesday— 3:00 pm—Gladstone Senior Center
Copies of City Council and Planning Commission meeting packets are on our website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Here is a great opportunity to give back to your community. Neighbors Helping Neighbors is Gladstone's new, innovative way to help people with hardships, the elderly or help those who have code enforcement issues on their property. The program will allow a team of community volunteers to help those in need deal with minor yard issues rather than immediately turning to enforcement. The volunteers will assist the City's livability team with projects around the City.



Would you like to volunteer on a team that helps neighbors with hardships, solve common code issues such as overgrown vegetation, removing debris, or who may just need their lawn mowed? Sign up today to help a neighbor! Visit the City's website at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/police/webform/neighbors-helping-neighbors>. For questions, contact Sean Boyle at 503-557-2763 or boyle@gladstoneoregon.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 9:00 am-12:00 pm at 18111 Webster Rd, Gladstone. For more info visit protect.theparks.org
◆ For questions regarding the Gladstone Historical Society visit www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org/