

Would You Know Where to Evacuate in an Emergency?

Gladstone was very fortunate to escape evacuations from the wildfires that consumed areas of Clackamas County last month. But would you have known where to go if a Level 3 evacuation was ordered? Disasters- natural and man-made, with and without advance notice, have left us with numerous complex, and sometimes tragic examples from which we may yet better comprehend how transportation is affected and utilized in an emergency. Effective evacuation planning requires a partnership among all stakeholders; personnel at all levels of government, private sectors partners, and the residents (evacuees). That is why it is important that you become familiar with your designated evacuation route- now, instead of when in a panic. The City of Gladstone Police and Fire Departments have prepared an effective evacuation plan. Please take time to review your situation and plan for the appropriate route to leave the City, when it is mandatory. If you are unsure of your evacuation plan, please send us an email contactform@ci.gladstone.or.us.

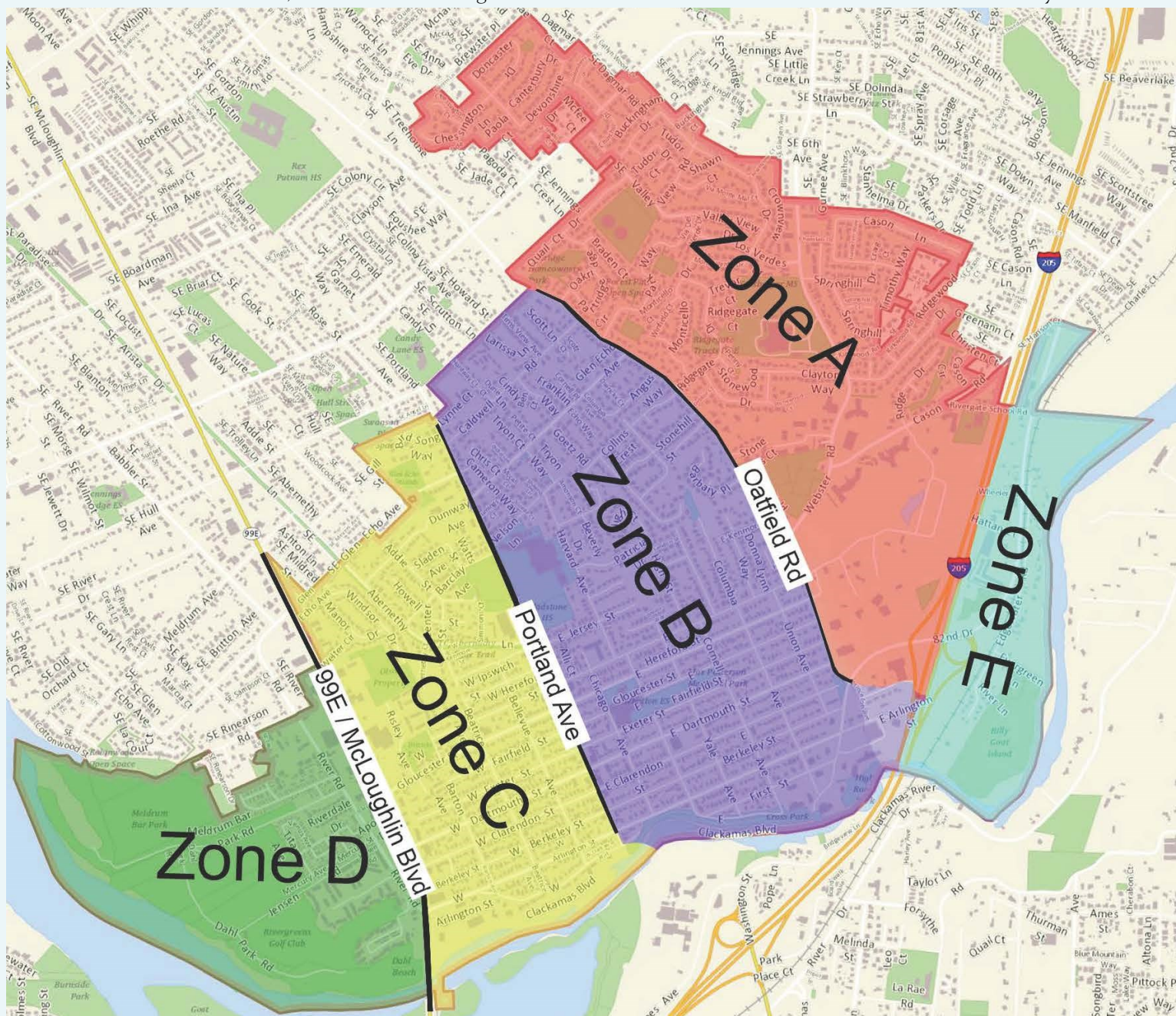
Zone A residents residing between Oatfield Road and I-205 will evacuate onto Webster Road.

Zone B residents residing between Oatfield Rd and Portland Ave will evacuate onto Oatfield Road.

Zone C residents residing between Portland Ave and McLoughlin Blvd will evacuate onto McLoughlin Blvd.

Zone D River Road residents will evacuate North onto River Rd and will remain on River Rd until outside of the City of Gladstone.

Zone E residents are East of I-205, Old 82nd Drive and Edgewater Drive. Which will head North on Old 82nd outside of the City of Gladstone.



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.

HB 4006 Severely Rent Burdened Populations Public Meeting October 20, 2020 5:30 pm Via Zoom

House Bill (HB) 4006, passed in 2018, and provided funding to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development and Oregon Housing and Community Services to assist cities in housing (technical assistance grants) and collect housing-related information to better understand the barriers and solutions. Another purpose of HB 4006 was to increase awareness of rent burden causes and potential solutions to encourage and support cities to address the need.

HB 4006 requires cities greater than 10,000, who are “severely rent burdened” to complete a survey and hold a public meeting to discuss the causes of severe rent burdens, the barriers to reducing rent burdens, and possible solutions”. The legislation defines a household as “severely rent burdened” if the household spends more than 50 percent of the income of the household on gross rent. A city is “severely rent burdened” if more than 25 percent of the renter households are severely rent burdened. In Gladstone, 34% are severely rent burdened (628 out of 1,827 renter households).

The City of Gladstone is actively working towards satisfying the requirements of HB 4006 and has scheduled a public meeting October 20, 2020 at 5:30 pm. We look forward to engaging the community and listening to people share their stories and ideas in reducing rent burdens in our community. Gladstone is not unique in addressing our housing needs, as this is a state-wide issue. We may not have the answers either, but we recognize that the lack of housing is impacting economic development efforts and cities need to deal with the crisis directly since 67 percent of Oregonians reside in a city. Please join us for a community conversation to assist Gladstone in understanding where the City needs to focus and what the desires of its community are to be successful. **October 20, 2020 5:30 pm.**

Smoke Testing

Clackamas Water Environment Services and the City of Gladstone will conduct leak detection tests on the pipes of the City's sanitary sewer system in September and October.

Smoke tests are performed by pumping a special non-toxic, non-staining smoke into the sewer lines to detect leaks in our pipes. The smoke is odorless and creates no fire hazard. If there is a crack or break anywhere in the pipeline, the smoke will rise to the surface and the crew can visually see the location where repairs are needed.

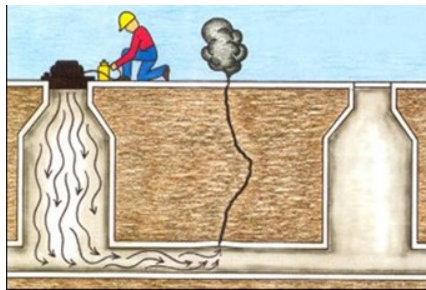
Water from rain events or naturally occurring groundwater can seep into pipes that are broken or cracked, adding to the flow of water going to the wastewater treatment facility or exceeding the capacity of the system causing raw sewage to overflow to the Clackamas River. Keeping this rain and ground water out of our pipes reduces overflows to the rivers while also saving significant costs in sewer operations and maintenance.

If your property will be impacted by the test, you will receive a hand-delivered notice to your front door 24 to 48 hours prior to the test. During the brief test procedure, you may expect to see small volumes of test smoke coming from neighboring roof vents or system manholes, etc. The smoke should not enter your home or place of business unless there is some form of defective plumbing or you have dried up drain traps. However, we ask that you pour three (3) or four (4) cups of water into all sink, shower, and floor drains the day before the test. The notice you receive prior to the test will repeat these instructions.

There will be no reason for any member of the testing firm to enter your residence during the test.

Although the smoke used in the testing is harmless, if, during the test, smoke does enter your home or business, please contact the outside field crews working in your area; they will help you find the leak and help prevent further incidence of smoke entering the building.

If you have any questions about the smoke testing program, please contact Gladstone Public Works at PWoffice@ci.gladstone.or.us, 503-656-7957 or <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/publicworks>.



Notice of General Election

For the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, there will be submitted to the legal voters within the city limits of the City of Gladstone, Oregon, the following list of candidates for City of Gladstone to vote for one:

Council Position #2:

Four-year term. Term expires December 31, 2024.

- Greg Alexander
- Steve Johnson
- Andrew Labonte

Council Position #4:

Four-year term. Term expires December 31, 2024.

- Scott Blessing
- Annessa Hartman
- Mark A. Horst
- Bill Osburn

Council Position #6:

Four-year term. Term expires December 31, 2024

- Mindy Garlington
- Thomas Mersereau
- Geoff Whalley

This election will be conducted by mail pursuant to state law. For more information please visit the City's website at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/administration/page/city-council-elections>.

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 -October 12th at 6:30pm, City Council Meeting -October 13th at 6:30 pm, Planning Commission Meeting -October 20th at 6:30 pm, Traffic Safety Advisory Board Meeting -October 26th at 6:00 pm. For more information and directions regarding how to join all City meetings, please visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>

Election Ballot Drop Box

Clackamas County Elections has advised General Election ballots will be mailed out on October 14th. The County and City have installed a permanent outdoor drop box located in the parking lot of the new Civic Center, 18505 Portland Avenue (enter on Duniway Avenue). This will allow 24 hour accessibility. Voters can drive through to drop off ballots. The indoor drop box will no longer be available at the Gladstone Library.



Signs

With the upcoming General Election scheduled for November 3, 2020, the City encourages residents to review Gladstone Municipal Code Chapter 17.52.100 - Temporary signs <https://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/#!/Gladstone17/Gladstone1752.html#17.52.100> before posting political signs. Here are some helpful reminders:

Sign regulations stipulate that residential properties may have two temporary signs with a total maximum size of 16 square feet for both signs;

- Temporary signs must observe half of the zoning district setback, which typically means the signs must be set back 10 feet from the street property line - not the curb line;
- No sign shall extend into the public right-of way;
- No sign shall be attached to a tree or utility pole;
- Temporary signs may be only be displayed for 180 days total in any calendar year for each lot or parcel, or only until the event associated with the sign has ended, whichever is earlier;
- Temporary signs posted in commercial and industrial areas may be displayed during hours of operation only.

A Message from Gladstone Fire Marshal, Mike Funk

As if the months of stay at home, wear a mask, business disruptions, closures and uncertainties related COVID-19 was not enough; the City of Gladstone and most of Oregon has been given an extra-large serving of Wildfire events. When Oregon has long periods of warm weather we know to brace for the possibility of wildfires. However, the events that occurred in the second week of September were more severe than any of us could have imagined.

August was fairly warm and took its toll on our beautiful Oregon forests. Even with watering lawns in urban areas, we saw lawns turn to a dangerous brown color over weeks of heat. Several times a day, local fire departments were called to burning bark dust fires along recreational areas and around local businesses. Most of these fires are common to August and September “end of summer” temperatures and while dangerous, they are not totally unexpected. Firefighters preplan dangerous areas and refresh our training specifically relating to grass and brush fires.

However, in the second week of September, the Greater Portland area fell victim to a rare wind event that lasted several days. Any small spark that started a fire that could normally be stomped out by anyone that noticed it, immediately turned into fires that caused blocks, or acres of fields to ignite.

As the wind kicked up on the evening of Sept. 7th around 8:30 pm, so did the “Lagoon Fire”, a large grass and brush fire that pulled in over 20 fire apparatus. Crews battled the blaze for about three and a half hours before they began getting called away to a large fire in the Molalla area. Gladstone Fire responded to the “Lagoon fire” with 2 fire engines and a command officer for about 3 hours until redirected to other fires. For the next 30 hours, our Battalion Chief (BC) assisted with fires near the Molalla and Colton areas before being released back to Gladstone. One of Gladstone’s fire engines was also dispatched to the South County area to help with burning fields and homes that were exposed to and at times falling victim to the wind driven fires. Our other fire engine returned to Gladstone minutes before receiving a call for a large fire near I-205 on the SDA camp grounds. Gladstone fire crews, assisted by several Clackamas County Fire District #1 engines, battled the SDA fire for about 45 minutes before it was brought under control. However, due to the blowing winds the fire had to be dug out and sprayed with water for the next 3 hours to ensure that the fire would not reignite.

In the 24 hours following the “Lagoon fire”, Gladstone responded to 12 more calls of arching wires, brush and house fires. At 6:00 pm on Sept. 8th Gladstone responded to another devastating wind driven fire near 82nd Ave and Jennifer streets. Gladstone firefighters assigned to division D (under the tactical supervision of Gladstone Fire Chief Rick Huffman), along with an additional 7 fire engines, were tasked with protection of over 40 homes down wind of the main fire. Our fire engine pumped water directly on the fire and supplied water to other fire engines for almost six hours.

In all, Gladstone firefighters responded to more than 25 fire calls between the evening of Sept. 7th and Sept. 10th. We responded to an additional 29 Fire and EMS calls by Sept. 18th, when the lightning and pouring rains covered Gladstone. The huge rain deluge occurring over a short period caused substantial flooding in several areas around Gladstone. One of the most substantial events occurred on 82nd Ave. near the U-Store-It business. Pictured here you see one of Gladstone Fire Officers checking with local residents. The fire crew was on scene for about 3 hours clearing debris from the drains and guiding cars around the deep waters that covered the roadway. The water was estimated to be 4 feet high at the deepest point near the curb of the road.

Thru all the fires and floods, Gladstone Fire and Police worked side by side to help keep you safe. In the days following these events, the staff at Gladstone Public Works worked just as hard to clear our roads and storm drains to keep our streets open. All public safety employees would like to recognize the outpouring of food, water, all around support and kindness displayed toward us from all community members. Your acts of kindness in the form of meals, treats, protein bars, water, sport drinks and even hygiene and personal comfort supplies were all appreciated. Our donations were shared with responders on the front lines of wildfires as well as feeding our hometown firefighters that spent more hours at the fire station the second week of the month than we did at work and home with their families.

Many of us learned through these recent events that we were not as prepared as we thought we were. September 2020, was the first time that I can remember in 50 years that Gladstone has been placed on any kind of emergency evacuation alert. Most of Gladstone never got above a level one alert (be ready). Did you do anything to be ready? Level two alert is “get set”. This means that you should be ready to go at a moments notice. You may or may not get the next alert. The level three alert means “Go”. No time to pack— leave the red area now— your very life may be in danger. Thanks to all the people that helped friends and family move out of the evacuation zones when first declared and be sure to thank all the folks that opened and staffed shelters for Clackamas County evacuees.

You can still HELP. Please take these past event as a warning to get yourself educated and prepared. Visit websites like www.ready.gov, www.clackamas.us, www.redcross.org and www.fema.gov to find information about emergency planning. Please take the time to “be aware-and prepare”. Stay Safe, Be Prepared.



Protect yourself from scams



Scammers are posing as electric company workers and targeting customers due to COVID-19. Please beware of impostors who are going door-to-door asking for access to your home and/or demanding payment in order to inspect electrical equipment. Portland General Electric will never do this. Find more safety tips at www.portlandgeneral.com/our-company/news-room/fraud-alert

Planning & Permits



The City of Gladstone contracts with Clackamas County for administration of the City’s land use planning and building permits; including plumbing, electrical, grading, and more. For more information regarding planning and building permits, visit the county’s website, clackamas.us/building or call 503-742-4510.

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.

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/.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Neighbors Helping Neighbors is Gladstone’s new way to help people with hardships and the elderly to infirm of code enforcement issues on their property. The program will allow a team of volunteers to help those in need with minor yard issues rather than immediately turning to enforcement. The volunteers will assist with work party projects like hauling junk and debris, mowing grass and trimming shrubs. Visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us/police/webform/neighbors-helping-neighbors for more information.



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.



Foot Care Clinic We are very happy to be able to bring this service back to the Gladstone Senior Center. The Foot Care Clinic is performed by licensed RN's and is a cost of \$35 per person cash or check only. We are currently hosting the clinic twice monthly, on the 2nd Monday and Tuesday of each month. This clinic is by appointment only, so please contact the Senior Center to make your appointment today.



Beware of Robocalls, Texts and Emails Promising COVID-19 Cures or Stimulus Payments

Coronavirus scams are spreading nearly as fast as the virus itself. As of Sept. 20, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) had logged more than 204,000 consumer complaints related to COVID-19 and stimulus payments, 68 percent of them involving fraud or identity theft. Victims have reported losing \$143.9 million, with a median loss of \$300. Fraudsters are using the full suite of scam tools; phishing emails and texts, bogus social media posts, robocalls, impostor schemes and closely following the headlines, adapting their messages and tactics as new medical and economic issues arise. Here are some other types of coronavirus scams to look out for: **In-demand products and bogus cures:** No vaccines or drugs have been approved specifically to treat or prevent COVID-19. Teas, essential oils, cannabiniol, colloids silver and intravenous vitamin-C therapies are among supposed antiviral treatments hawked in clinics and on websites, social media and television shows as defenses against the pandemic. **Financial phonies:** Watch out for calls or emails, purportedly from government agencies, that use the term "stimulus" (the official term is "economic-impact payment") and ask you to sign over a check or provide personal information like your Social Security number. Another common stimulus con comes via social media, in scam Facebook messages promising to get you "COVID-19 relief grants." **Phishing scams:** The pandemic has brought about "significant increases in broad-based and targeted phishing campaigns," according to a July 30 alert from the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). The FTC and the Justice Department issued an alert about phishing texts and phone calls that are supposedly from contact tracers, warning you that you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19. The scam texts include a link that, if clicked, downloads malware to your device. (Messages from actual contact tracers working for public health agencies will not include a link, or ask you for money or personal data.) **So, what can you do? Tips to avoid coronavirus scams:** 1) Avoid online offers for coronavirus-related vaccines or cures; they aren't legitimate. 2) Be wary of emails, calls and social media posts advertising "free" or government-ordered COVID-19 tests. Check the FDA website for a list of approved tests and testing companies. 3) Don't click on links or download files from unexpected emails, even if the email address looks like a company or person you recognize. Ditto for text messages and unfamiliar websites. 4) Don't share personal information such as Social Security, Medicare and credit card numbers in response to an unsolicited call, text or email. 5) Be skeptical of fundraising calls or emails for COVID-19 victims or virus research, especially if they pressure you to act fast and request payment by prepaid debit cards or gift cards. 6) Ignore phone calls or emails from strangers urging you to invest in a hot new coronavirus stock. **Have questions?** As always, the staff of the Senior Center are here to help you. If you are concerned about a email, phone call, or mail asking for money and your not quite certain if its real, please call us (503) 655-7701 M-F 8:30am-4:30pm.



2020 Wildfires– How to help The fires are causing hardship and grief for many of our friends and neighbors. For those with the means to give, cash donations to disaster response organizations such as the Red Cross and members of the Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (ORVOAD) are the best options. If you have items to donate please visit the state portal and provide the details of those items through the site. If your items are needed they will be matched with the need. Please do not bring unsolicited donations to any of the current shelter sites or firefighting camps. You may also provide donations to local organizations accepting donations in Clackamas County. Visit the Clackamas County organizations accepting donations map to find local organizations to donate to. You can also text or call us at 503-964-4267.

Help with the Basics to Help You Recover. If you have been impacted by the Oregon fires, the Oregon Department of Human Services would like to remind you that they are still here to help. If you or someone you know receives benefits such as SNAP, Cash Assistance, Child Care Assistance, Access to medical care, or any other state benefit, you can visit Govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits for information. For additional resources, you can also dial 2-1-1, text your zipcode to 898-211, or also visit 211info.org.



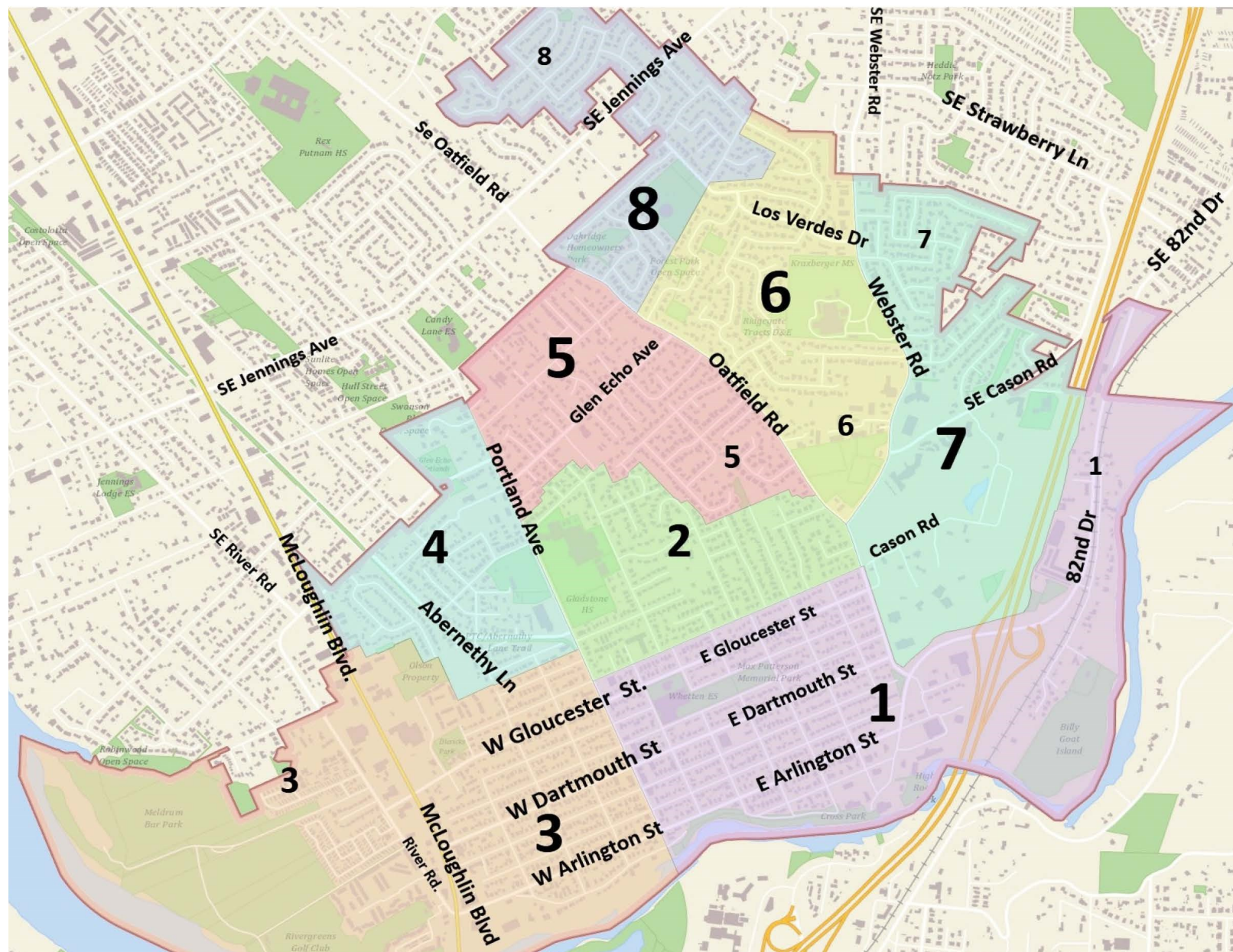
City of Gladstone Curbside Leaf Pick-up Program 2020

1st Round of Leaf Pick-up

Area 1 & 2	Oct. 19 th - Oct 23 rd
Area 3,4,5	Oct. 26 th - Oct. 30 th
Area 6 & 7	Nov. 2 nd - Nov. 6 th
Area 8	Nov. 9 th - Nov. 13 th

Final Round of Leaf Pick-up

Area 1 & 2	Nov. 16 th - Nov. 20 th
Area 3 & 4	Nov. 30 th - Dec. 4 th
Area 5 & 6	Dec. 7 th - Dec. 11 th
Area 7 & 8	Dec. 14 th - Dec. 18 th



Curbside Leaf Pick-up Program Guidelines

- Place leaves in the street NO EARLIER THAN ONE WEEK BEFORE each of the two scheduled pick-up dates for your area. Placing your leaves in the street outside of this guideline is a violation of the Gladstone Municipal Code (GMC: 13.15.020, GMC: 8.04.2020) and you will be directed to remove the leaves from the street 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 with leaf piles. Keep leaf piles separate from garbage cans 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"

As always, if you have any questions, please call your Public Works Department at 503 656-7957, or by e-mail to PWOffice@ci.gladstone.or.us. Our office hours are weekdays, from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Our staff and crew look forward to serving you!

Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility (Tri-City WRRF) Outfall Project

By Christopher Bowker, WES Advisory Committee Member

As a resident of Gladstone, I know a lot of discussion has occurred in the last year regarding our water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructures. The City has been working to catch up with deferred infrastructure needs as these utilities are essential and critical to modern comfort and health. I'm also a member of the Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES) Advisory Committee which provides perspective and guidance on WES policies and services that affect our community and others within Clackamas County.

WES is the regional wastewater treatment provider for parts of Gladstone, Oregon City, West Linn, Happy Valley, Milwaukie, Johnson City and unincorporated Clackamas County. Gladstone collects its wastewater, and sends it to WES's Tri-City WRRF. This means that a percentage of your monthly utility bill goes to WES to allow them to receive the wastewater that you flush down your toilet and treat it to meet state water quality standards to ensure clean water for boating, swimming, fishing and aquatic resources before discharging to the Willamette River.

Because of this, I want to highlight an infrastructure improvement project that will benefit the City of Gladstone and thoughtfully addresses regional infrastructure concerns. Referred to as the Tri-City WRRF Outfall Project, it aims at addressing existing outfall capacity issues that could occur as soon as 2025, depending on storm events (large rain events can easily overwhelm cities' sewers).

Infrastructure is so often overlooked as we can't see these utilities buried beneath our feet. However, it is important to understand that if no action were taken, untreated flows could enter the Willamette River with increasing frequency. This comes with environmental fines, doesn't meet the state and federal regulations, and does not align with the values expressed by our community to protect and preserve the waters that define what makes Gladstone and Clackamas special.

These capacity issues are based on modeling WES completed as part of the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan (SSMP) Project that evaluated the current and future capacity needs for the collection system operated by WES. This model accounted for increases in collection system inflow and infiltration as the system ages, as well as zoning maps and population growth projections for future buildout conditions. The model developed to support the master planning effort identified a need to increase the wet weather outfall capacity at the Tri-City WRRF from 75 million-gallons per day (MGD) to 180 MGD in 2080.

With the completion of the SSMP, the need for a project to increase outfall capacity was well documented. In May of 2019, WES hired a consultant to perform an alternatives analysis for a new outfall pipeline to meet the future wet weather capacity. The alternatives analysis considered factors such as schedule, constructability, construction cost, permitting needs, and impacts to the public. Out of this effort came a recommendation to construct an approximately 101 MGD pipeline route and outfall that connects the Tri-City WRRF to the Willamette River.

At an estimated \$21.5 million for planning, design, and construction, this project represents a significant investment in the region's sanitary and storm infrastructure. Thanks in part to financial planning, rate smoothing, and appropriate use of reserve funds, this project is not anticipated to impact rates.

Although this project has received preliminary community support, the project will require that Oregon City voters grant WES a permanent easement for the underground pipeline underneath Jon Storm Park and a temporary easement on the surface for construction of the pipeline. WES anticipates the construction impacts to park property will last a few months. After construction, the park would be returned to its original condition and the underground pipeline should have no effect on the use of the park. In addition, the project would include enhancements to the park and surrounding areas, which may include native landscaping, riverbank restoration, trails, and other needs identified by the City.

This project, like most water, sanitary, and stormwater projects will be buried and go unnoticed by most, but that doesn't mean it's not working for us, and will become a keystone component in helping WES manage Gladstone's (and others') wastewater flows projected out to 2080. Once this project is completed, we will have acted to protect a river that defines our region, will have improved part of our infrastructure to meet regional needs into the foreseeable future, and will even have an enhanced park space. For more information, please visit <https://sites.jla.us.com/tricityoutfall>.

Written with the support from Tammy Stempel, City of Gladstone Mayor and WES Advisory Committee Member

A Rake is all it Takes!



Wet and rainy Pacific Northwest winters require that we all get weatherized. Some things that you might not think about are the catch basins in your neighborhood. Gladstone Public Works is diligent to keep our stormwater drains and conveyances cleaned out and ready for rain. However, with over 1,000 stormwater catch basins within our city, Public Works appreciates citizen assistance in helping to keep the storm basins clear. If a catch basin in the street near your house becomes covered with leaves, a rake is all it takes to clear the leaves away. Please sweep up debris from your yard and driveway, and do not blow or hose leaves or other material into the streets, as it will wash into the storm basins. Keeping the catch basins clear allows stormwater to leave the city and helps prevent neighborhood flooding.

What to Recycle at Home & Work

YES, Please: Mixed Paper, Cardboard & Cartons: junk mail, office paper, newspapers, magazines, phone books, cereal and cracker style boxes, milk, juice and soup cartons (rinse & drain). Plastic Bottles, Tubs & Buckets: clean bottles and tubs, 6 oz. and larger, plastic buckets 5 gallons or smaller, rigid nursery pots 4" across & larger. Metal Cans, Foil & Scrap Metal: clean cans, foil, pie plates & trays; empty spray cans, scrap metal up to 30 lbs and no longer than 30".

NO, thank you: Frozen food boxes, coffee cups, pizza boxes, pet food bags, paper towels, paper plates, napkins & tissue: these contain wet strength, an additive, which means these items won't break down in the paper making process. Plastic Bags & Film: these items jam the machinery during the recycling sorting process, causing worker injury and additional labor costs. To-Go Boxes, Cups, Plates, Clamshells & Styrofoam: these plastics have limited or no demand by manufacturers.

On the Side: Glass Bottles & Jars: clean glass bottles and jars go in SEPARATE recycling container. Motor Oil: recycle motor oil in marked, unbreakable container, not larger than two gallons, with a screw-top lid.



Street Sweeping 101



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

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

A Message from Our Community Cat Rescue



Hello neighbors! We are hoping everyone is staying safe through the pandemic, the fires, and the protests. What a crazy year right? All of these things have not slowed us down for cat and kitten rescue. We would again like to emphasize if you find a nest of kittens please do not disturb them! Give us a shout out on

Facebook or email us at ourcommunitycatrescue@gmail.com

This is very important because we will get the mama with the babies and hold them until they are weaned and spay mama.

We are also looking for short term fosters, help with transport, and fundraising.

Preparing Your Swimming Pool for Winter

Did you know that if chlorinated or saltwater pools are not maintained properly, it could affect the water quality of streams and lakes in our region?

When preparing a pool for winter, remember these three details:

1. Pool water is not stormwater and should not be placed in ditches, street gutters, or storm drains;
2. The same chlorine or salt used in a pool that disinfects water for recreational use has a high concentration of chemicals that negatively impacts stream health and aquatic life; and,

There is a safe way to drain or de-chlorinate pool water.

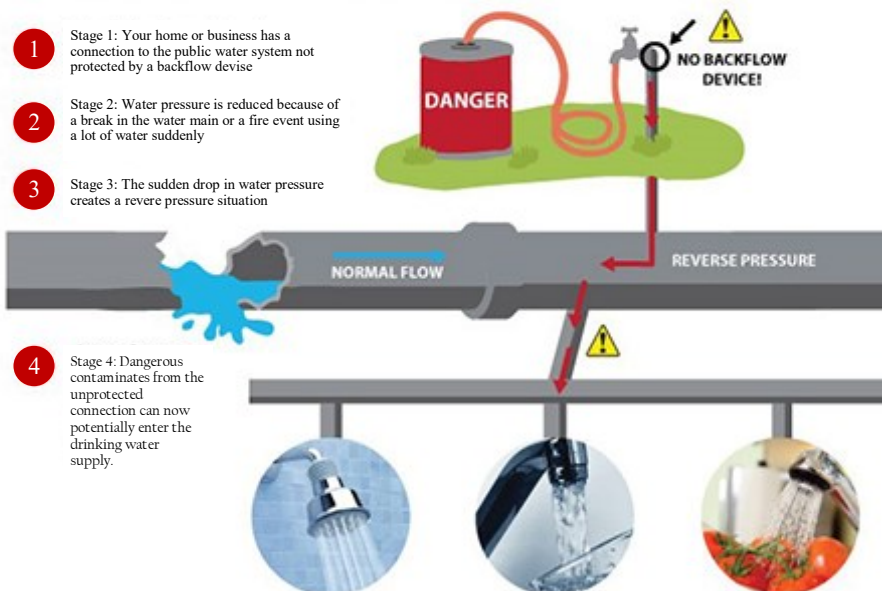
Generally, pool water is safe to drain after waiting five to seven days for the chlorine to evaporate. After that timeframe, slowly release the water into a large, vegetated area so that plants and soil can clean the water before it goes to storm drains and local waterways.

Is Discharging Pool Water Illegal?

Pool water is only considered an illegal discharge if the water is chlorinated or "shocked" immediately before draining, or if disposing of it causes environmental damage. In this case, the property owner may receive an illegal discharge violation. Other items that should not go in the storm drain include paint, wash water, gasoline, wastewater, grease and oil, yard waste and leaves, pet waste, and litter. Illegal discharges can be reported to the Gladstone Public Works Department at 503 656-7957, or by e-mailing to PWOffice@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Backflow Prevention/Cross Connection

The purpose of backflow prevention devices is to eliminate potential contamination of your drinking water by "cross connection" with pollution related substances such as fertilizer or industrial chemicals. For example, a cross connection can occur when a garden hose is connected to an outside faucet and left in a barrel of highly toxic insecticide, the insecticide can back-siphon into the public's water supply. Oregon Administrative Rules and City code require **annual testing** of all backflow prevention devices. Devices are required for residential irrigation systems and non-residential land uses include medical clinics, commercial laundries, dry cleaners, etc. By having the assembly tested, you can be confident that it is doing the job for which it is intended: helping to keep your drinking water safe. The cost of a backflow assembly test can vary widely among testers. We recommend you obtain more than one quote before hiring a tester. Also, check with your neighbors or home owner's association; you may be able to negotiate a lower cost per test if there are several assemblies in close proximity. Find a state-certified backflow assembly tester at <http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/CrossConnection/Pages/publiclist.aspx>. You may also contact the Public Works Department at 503-656-7957 if you have questions including whether you need to install a device.



Donuts, dirt, and digging in the Nature Park

Fall has finally fallen! Thanks to our continued Metro Grant Support for our work on the Butterfly/Pollinator Hill continues. Come out and check our progress.

You are cordially invited to get dirty with the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park on our last Saturday of the month work party. We are preparing the planting beds on the Butterfly Hill for new plants that will attract pollinators in the spring and summer. Our next work party is Saturday, October 31, from 9am to noon. We are fortunate to be able to social distance in the park, so please join us and bring your mask, kids, dogs, and friends. Tools and refreshments are provided, but wear sturdy shoes. The Nature Park is located at 18111 Webster Road across from the LDS Church on Cason Road. Parking is available in the park. For more information, call 503-804-0314 or email friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com. Visit our website at: GladstoneNaturePark.org.

City of Gladstone Job Opportunities

The City of Gladstone is taking applications for Lateral Police Officer. A Lateral Police officer performs law enforcement and crime prevention by patrol and investigations, controls traffic, enforces state and local traffic regulations and other ordinances and laws, protects the life and property of the citizens of Gladstone. Complete details and application packet may be downloaded from the city's website www.ci.gladstone.or.us/jobs. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

Low Income Discount for Gladstone Utility Bills

Utility discounts of 50% are available to low-income residents who are billed directly by the City. Information and application can be found at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/finance/page/low-income-utility-assistance-program>. For questions, contact the Utility Billing Department by calling 503-557-2771.

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. Place your hold today!
- No-contact, no appointment holds pickup continues to be available Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm. Call 503-655-8540 when you arrive at the library, give staff your name and library card number, and your holds will be brought outside for you to pick up. And while you're here...
- It's your Lucky Day - our selection of Lucky Day books and DVDs are on display and available for checkout during your holds pickup; 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--call 503-655-8540 or email gladstone@lincc.org with your requests!
- A limited number of fall seeds are still available through no-contact pickup; visit clackamas.us/lib/seeds-for-sharing to review the Gladstone Seed 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, and while check-in of items will be delayed for safety, no overdue fines will be charged for items checked in during October (regardless of due date).
- Help plan your new library! Community project and task force meetings continue so the library project remains on schedule. Gladstone's Community Library Task Force takes a break in October, but meets up again Wednesday, November 18th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Visit clackamas.us/meetings/communityproject/oakgladproj for schedules and information on attending these online meetings.
- Staff is answering phones and emails daily 10 am to 6 pm, and monitoring after-hour messages:
 - *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, such as The Oregon Garden, Portland Japanese Garden, and Evergreen Aviation Museum 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.

There's a bit of chill in the air. Yep, it's October already. Weather conditions caused us to cancel last month's book sale. However, we're looking at other options such as a possible drive-by book/candy giveaway through the library parking lot on Halloween. Keep checking our website, Facebook, and Nextdoor Gladstone sites for updates.

We want to give a shout out to our fantastic library staff. They've gone above and beyond, devising ways to support our patrons during this pandemic.

A big thank you for those who donated books at the Rotary Recycle Day. We value your support.

It seems like a lot of non-profits are asking for donations, but here's one way to donate and it won't cost you a penny. Join Fred Meyer Rewards and link to the Gladstone Public Library Foundation. The link is: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

To learn more about our foundation, check us out at: www.gpl-foundation.org, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram. Our address is: GPLF, PO Box 146, Gladstone, OR 97027-0146. Donations are graciously accepted. Please join with us in our journey to build a new library.

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life." - Sidney Sheldon
Stay safe, stay healthy, and read.

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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

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 October 8th 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.

Join us for our next fundraiser on October 14th at Chipotle from 5:00 pm to close. We will also be collecting cans/bottles year round. Give us a call at 971-221-7638 and we can come pick up!

Future fundraisers: Poinsettias-November, Christmas tree recycling - January, Flowers and Flower basket -May.



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/