

## CITY OF GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL GOALS

2021-2022



The Gladstone City Council has adopted goals to better serve citizens for the next two years. The priority projects will be undertaken within available and forecasted financial resources. The City's vision and core values and recent accomplishments are highlighted below.

### Commitment as Elected Leaders:

- Listen to each other and our community
- Be good stewards
- Be accountable
- Be honest
- Be consistent
- Encourage collaboration
- Respect one another, staff and community members
- Achieve good governance for Gladstone
- To be transparent

### Gladstone City Council



Councilors: Randy Ripley, Greg Alexander, Matt Tracy, Mayor Tammy Stempel, Mindy Garlington, Tracy Todd, Annessa Hartman

### PRIORITY PROJECTS: 2021-2022

Here are some of the amazing projects coming soon...

**Facilities:** Return to pre-COVID operations City-wide as allowed by federal, state, and county officials.

**Affordable Housing and Redevelopment:** Prioritize and take the next steps of the City's Community Development initiatives including:

- Implementation of the City's Downtown Revitalization Plan (2017).
- Complete the Housing Code Audit (2019) and make changes mandated by HB 2001.
- Complete and adopt the Housing Needs Analysis and the Community Engagement Strategy.

**Parks:** Secure Resources to support Gladstone City Parks:

- Construct and implement parking fee station at Meldrum Bar Park.
- Complete Site Plan at Meldrum Bar Park.
- Max Patterson Parks Pickleball Courts Renovation Project.
- Shelter rental fees at Meldrum Bar.

**Facilities:** Initiate the planning, design, financing and construction of a Public Works Facility upgrade to meet critical facility requirements and support increased demands and staff needs. Sustain current service levels in the Gladstone Fire Department and its ability to meet Standards of Cover Objectives.

**Other Projects:** Restart the Chapter Review Process.

### Gladstone Vision and Core Values

Our City will be...

- Safe
- Healthy
- Engaged
- Livable
- Vibrant
- Thriving
- Highly Qualified
- Accountable
- Financially Stable
- Continually Improving

### Upcoming City Meetings

Due to COVID-19 and current State regulations, all City meetings are being held virtually.

Upcoming meetings are as follows: **April 12th:** Park & Recreation Advisory Board will be meeting at 6:30 pm, **April 13th:** City Council will be meeting at 6:30 pm, **April 20th:** Planning Commission will be meeting at 6:30 pm, **April 26th:** Traffic Safety will be meeting at 6:00 pm and **April 27th:** City Council Work Session will be meeting at 6:30 pm. More information regarding all City meetings can be found at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>

### Board and Committee Vacancies

The City of Gladstone is accepting volunteer applications for:

- \* 1 vacant position on the Budget Committee;
- \* 1 vacant position on the Audit Committee;
- \* 1 vacant position on the Traffic Safety Advisory Board.

The application process will continue to be open until all spots are filled. To obtain an application and more information visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/bc>.



### Job Opportunities

The City of Gladstone is accepting applications for Temporary Seasonal Employees, Public Works Department- Opened until filled. More information can be found at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/temporary-seasonal-public-works-0](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/temporary-seasonal-public-works-0)

### 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](mailto:lightout@pgn.com).

### Scoop the Poop! Gladstone Help to Keep Our Water Clean

As our rains continue to move in, streams swell with water. In Gladstone, as well as the rest of our wet region, much of this water washes off the land and into the storm water system. Our storm systems drain water away from the City and into our local rivers. Along the way, it picks up pollutants, some of which you may not think of as pollution. What you do around your home, work, or anywhere in the city, makes a difference for clean water in our environment.

Bacteria is a natural component of lakes, rivers, and streams. Most of these bacterial agents are harmless. But some have the potential to cause sickness and disease in humans, pets, and other animals. Their origin may surprise you. Research conducted by Clean Water Services of Washington County found that, on average, 63 percent of E. coli bacteria contamination in streams originated from waterfowl and canine sources, i.e.: Ducks and Dogs!

What you do matters. Gladstone Public Works encourages everyone to please pick up your dog's poop. It is essentially raw sewage and should not be left anywhere on the ground. In addition to E. coli, dog waste can contain harmful organisms such as Leptospira and roundworms. These organisms can be very serious to both humans and pets, and can be carried

into your home after walking through yards or parks where animal waste has been present. This same bacteria washes into streams and rivers when it rains. The solution to this pollution is to pick up after your pets in your yard, our parks and streets, put the waste in a bag and properly dispose of it in the trash.

Gladstone Public Works provides doggy-doo bags in all our parks to make cleaning up after your pets convenient for you. We appreciate our residents doing their part to help keep our city clean and green.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Unfortunately, due to COVID the annual City of Gladstone Easter Egg Hunt has been canceled this year. We hope to return next year!



## DRUG TAKE-BACK, SHRED-IT, AND E-RECYCLING DAY



**When:** Saturday- May 8, 2021, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Where:** Gladstone Civic Center, 18505 Portland Avenue, Gladstone, Oregon 97027

Drug Take-Back Day is an opportunity to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths by providing a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs. We will also have shredding services provided on-site to help with the secure destruction of personal information and we are partnering with the Kraxberger Middle School Robotics Club to provide electronics recycling, all in a convenient location.

#### Things we accept:

All Pills (prescription/over-the-counter), Patches, Ointments

**We cannot accept liquids, needles, sharps, vitamins**



**QUESTIONS? Contact Sgt. Travis Hill [thill@gladstoneoregon.us](mailto:thill@gladstoneoregon.us) 971-352-0559- cell**

### City of Gladstone Low Income Assistance Program

The City of Gladstone provides residential customers a Low Income Utility Assistance Program which permits a reduced monthly charge for City billed services such as Water, Sewer and Stormwater services. As shown in the City's Master Fees & Charges Schedule, the reduced rates are 50% of the base rate only, for each type of utility.

#### Qualifications:

- A residential customer of Gladstone with one or more utility services provided by the City.
- The property is the principal residence and occupied by the applicant.
- No delinquent payments owed to the City, including utilities, court fines, and any other assessed fees or charges.
- Written application must be submitted on the City form and include all requested documentation for proof of income from all sources listed, from all income earners.
- Approval expires every year on June 30th and re-qualification must be submitted with current information annually.

•The Finance Department will notify all applicants of approval or denial in writing. If denied the applicant will have the ability to appeal within ten days from the date of the denial letter.

#### Income Limits:

- Based upon Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Income Limits/Very Low Income Limits (50% of Median Family Income) for the Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA MSA as published at HUD.gov and updated annually. Limits in effect as of July 1 will apply for the fiscal year period.
- Income limit areas are based on the current fiscal year Fair Market Rent (FMR) areas.
- Income levels are incrementally based on households of one to eight persons.

More information can be found on the City's website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us/finance/page/low-income-utility-assistance-program](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/finance/page/low-income-utility-assistance-program).

For questions, contact the Utility Billing Department by email: [ub@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:ub@ci.gladstone.or.us) or phone: 503-557-2771.

### 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/](http://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/).

## Upcoming Public Works Department Projects

The City of Gladstone Public Works Dept. has several projects that are coming up, Below you will see a map that outlines specific project areas. Noted on the map are three of the upcoming projects that are moving into the construction season of 2021. The Public Works Dept. will be putting out notifications to residents in project areas as we get closer to the start of each project.



**W. Clackamas Sanitary Sewer Project:** This project will focus on replacing a 300 ft. section of Sanitary Sewer line as well as 100ft of both Water and Storm line in the area of W. Clackamas Blvd. (area noted in blue). Replacement of this line will correct restricted flow in the existing line, this will help the city in reducing Sanitary Sewer Overflows in the future.

**Slurry Seal Project:** This project will include asphalt repairs and crack sealing in the highlighted areas (noted in red). The Slurry Seal project is scheduled to start in early July, the Public Works Dept. will make contact with residents in the slurry areas prior to the project start with more information.

**Barclay Storm Line Replacement:** The city is in the design phase of this project (noted in yellow) it does not have a start date. Updates on this project will be released as they are available.

**E. Clackamas One Way Project:** E. Clackamas Boulevard along Cross Park is currently designated as a one way street from First St. to Cornell Ave., and back to First St. There have been multiple safety concerns in this area due to vehicles going the wrong direction. There is a fairly large amount of foot and bicycle traffic as well. This project is designed with vehicle traffic, bicycle traffic, and pedestrian traffic in mind. The northern half of Cornell Avenue from First Street to mid-block will become a two way street. To accomplish this, the head in parking (eight parking spaces) on the northern half of Cornell Avenue will become parallel parking (three parking spaces). This will allow the traffic from the two businesses on Cornell Avenue to enter from First Street onto Cornell Avenue instead of driving around several blocks through the park.

**ADA Ramp Replacement:** The city will be working with grant funding to replace several ADA Ramps in town, the Public Works Dept. is working to identify ramps that will be replaced as part of this ongoing project.

The Public Works Dept. will be providing updates on these projects as they become available, if you have questions please visit our city website, check out our projects page at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us/projects](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/projects) or as always feel free to contact the office directly at 503.656.7957.

## Preventing Our Kids From Falling From Windows

Each year over 5000 children accidentally fall from windows. As warmer weather starts to approach, it is time to recognize and prevent these accidents from happening. Some simple tips and hardware ideas that can be found at any local hardware store will help prevent these accidents from happening:

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



## Bicycle Safety

Riding a bike is a healthy and fun activity as well as a mode of transportation for riders of all ages.

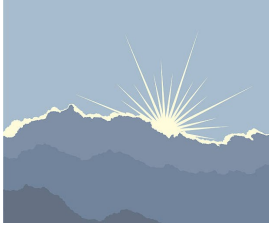
Before riding, make sure you and your bike are ready to ride. You can be a “Roll Model” for your peers and younger kids. Remember to:

- **Wear a Bike Helmet.** Protect your brain, save your life. For instructions on how to properly fit a bike helmet, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s website at [www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/8019\\_fitting-a-helmet.pdf](http://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/8019_fitting-a-helmet.pdf)
- **Adjust Your Bike to Fit.** Stand over your bike. There should be 1 to 2 inches between the rider and the top tube (bar) if using a road bike and 3 to 4 inches if using a mountain bicycle. The seat should be level front to back, and the height should be adjusted to allow a slight bend at the knee when the leg is fully extended. The handlebar height should be at the same level with the seat.
- **Check Your Equipment.** Before riding, inflate tires properly and check that the brakes work.
- **See and Be Seen.** Whether daytime, dawn, dusk, foul weather, or at night, make yourself visible. Wear neon, fluorescent or other bright colors when riding, to make yourself visible to others. Also wear something that reflects light, such as reflective tape or markings, or flashing lights. Remember, just because you can see a driver doesn’t mean the driver can see you.

Your bike is a vehicle, not a toy! Some bike crashes can cause serious injuries and most are related to the behavior of the bicyclist or the motorist. There are a number of things you can do to prevent a crash, and protect your brain if a crash occurs.

- **Control Your Bike.** Ride with two hands on the handlebars unless signaling a turn. Place books and other items in a bike carrier or backpack.
- **Watch for and Avoid Road Hazards.** Look for hazards that may make you crash, such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, leaves, and dogs.
- **Use Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication.** This includes eye contact with drivers, turn signals, pointing to road hazards for bicyclists behind you, and stating “passing on your left,” or “on your left.”
- **Avoid Riding at Night.** It’s harder for other road users to see bicyclists at dusk, dawn or nighttime. Use reflectors on the front and rear of the bike. White front lights and red rear reflectors or lights are required by law in all States.









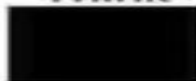
**Light at the end of the tunnel**– The last year has been rough for everyone. We are so close to having a sense of normalcy, we just need to stay the course and follow the guidelines set forth by the State of Oregon and the CDC. Please continue to wear a mask, socially distance, and wash/sanitize your hands. As soon as health and safety guidelines permit, the Senior Center will begin a purposeful and safe reopening process. Through the remainder of this year it will be the goal of staff to bring back programs, activities, and services safely. It will be a slow, however intentional process as services are added as permitted. The Senior Center will communicate our process through the City Newsletter, social media, and website. You will also be able to contact staff at the Senior Center to check in on the process as well. Safely returning to pre-COVID-19 operations is our primary focus this year. As the reopening process unfolds, we hope to see you all here as guidelines permit. In the meantime continue to wear a mask, get a vaccine when you are eligible, and stay safe. *Colin Black– Manager, Gladstone Senior Center*

**Fighting loneliness**– It goes to say that the last year has been rough on everyone. However, for those living alone a hard time dealing with loneliness became even harder. Social connections can help people keep healthy but with stay at home directives it became more challenging to provide those social connections. In 2017, Clackamas County Behavioral Health and the nonprofit Lines for Life launched the Senior Loneliness Line, a 24/7 crisis line that offers help to older adults and their loved ones in the county connect to others. This is a free service for those age 55 or older residing in Clackamas County. Sometimes knowing there is someone who cares and wants to listen can be of great help. All information is completely confidential. The team of volunteers and staff are specially trained in working with older adults and can provide ongoing support, connect someone with resources, or simply just listen. If you or someone you care about can benefit from this free service, please call them at (503) 200-1633.



**Annual Golden Anniversary Celebration**– Once again the annual Golden Anniversary Celebration will be held virtually due to COVID. Just as it happened last year, this event will be broadcast on public access tv and streamed on YouTube so that everyone may watch. This year’s celebration will be on Friday, June 18th, starting at 12pm. All couples that have been married 50 years or more any date this year are welcome to participate. This is a free event for all participants thanks to the generosity of the Gladstone Seniors Foundation. Participants are asked to provide 1-2 photos, preferably one from your early years and one recent photo. If you’d like to participate, please contact Colin Black, Senior Center Manager at (503) 655-7701 or by email at [black@ci.gladstone.or.us](mailto:black@ci.gladstone.or.us). The last day to rsvp for this event will be 5/3/21. Event also includes a catered lunch delivered to you at home on June 18th.

**April Brain Teasers**- How many can you get? Answers will posted online starting April 9. To see the answers, please visit the Senior Center page of the City of Gladstone website at: [www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc)

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**Homebound Meals Update**– If you or someone you know residing in the city limits of Gladstone, aged 60 or older, you qualify to receive homebound meal delivery. This is a free service. If you are facing nutritional challenges, we are here to help. Meals are delivered 3 days a week. For more information about this free program, please call the Senior Center at (503) 655-7701.

### **St. Vincent de Paul and the City of Gladstone Extended!**

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, 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 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, leave a message with your contact information and financial need. This program will run until June 30, 2021.



### **HomeServe USA**

Have you received a mailing from HomeServe USA? The mailing may inform the recipient that they are responsible for the maintenance and repairs of their exterior water lines, leaving them liable for repairs which could potentially cost thousands of dollars. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises residents to read the notice very carefully, particularly the portion that says "HomeServe is an independent company separate from your local utility or community." While homeowners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of their water lines from the meter to the house, the warranty coverage they offer is optional, not mandatory. The BBB recommends to never agree to any contract over the phone without first receiving it in writing, read the service contract very carefully, review your homeowners insurance policy or call your insurance agent to see if coverage is already provided and check the BBB website at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) for issues.

### **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 [www.ci.gladstone.or.us/police/webform/neighbors-helping-neighbors](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/police/webform/neighbors-helping-neighbors). For questions, contact Sean Boyle at 503-557-2763 or [boyle@gladstoneoregon.us](mailto:boyle@gladstoneoregon.us)

### **Crosswalk Safety**

Under Oregon law, every intersection is a legal crosswalk. You must safely stop for people **showing intent** to cross the street at a marked or unmarked crosswalk or at a marked mid-block crosswalk. (ORS 811.028) What does it mean to show intent? Walkers show intent by extending their hand, foot, wheelchair, cane, crutch or bicycle into the roadway. Drivers should yield right of way. For your safety, make sure vehicles moving in all lanes and in both directions have stopped before proceeding.

Whether you walk, bike or drive, take 5 seconds to follow crosswalk safety guidelines:

**Pedestrians:**

- Use sidewalks if possible.
- If there are no sidewalks, it is safer to walk facing road traffic.
- Make it easier for drivers to see you by dressing in light colors and wearing reflective clothing, and carry a flashlight in dark areas.
- Don't count on drivers paying attention,

make eye contact to be sure drivers see you!

- Use extra caution when crossing multiple-lane, higher speed streets, and don't assume that because one lane has stopped, drivers in the other lanes have seen you and will also stop.

**Bicycles:**

- Be visible. Wear light colored or reflective clothing. Use lights on the front and back when riding at night or in other conditions when visibility is lower.
- Ride on the right. It is dangerous to ride on the road against the direction of traffic.
- Signal lane changes and turns with hand signals. Drivers often are very nervous driving around bicyclists because they don't know what to expect. They will generally give you more space and time to make your turn if they know what you intend to do.
- If a lane is so narrow that passing is dangerous, you may need to take the lane briefly to make that clear to drivers behind you. Also, take the lane when moving at the

speed of traffic, such as when traveling down hills or on downtown streets.

**Drivers:**

- When entering a crosswalk area, drive slowly and prepare to stop.
- Stop for pedestrians who are in a crosswalk, even an unmarked crosswalk.
- When stopping for a pedestrian in a crosswalk, stop well back so drivers in the other lanes can also see the pedestrian in time to stop.
- Do not pass other vehicles stopped for pedestrians.
- Be especially cautious around schools and in neighborhoods where children are around.
- Check the bike lane before turning. The bike lane is a travel lane. Bicyclists often move as quickly as cars. If you've just passed a bicyclist, check to make sure there is plenty of space before turning across their path.
- Look before opening your door so you don't open your door in front of other cars, bikes, or pedestrians.

### **Marked Crosswalks**

### **Mid-block Crosswalk**

### **Unmarked Crosswalk**



### **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!



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

In honor of Arbor Day, did you know that Gladstone and the lost Continent of Atlantis have something in common?

In 1911, Gladstone was a busy place and growing fast. The summer Chautauqua was seventeen years old and flourishing with annual attendances in the thousands. As fast as new houses were built, new residents moved in. And along with all the new businesses, new churches, a new school, new clubs were forming faster than people could decide which one to join. So, they joined three or four, becoming members of groups as the Athletic Club, Commercial Club, Dancing Club, Euterpean Society, Flower Club, Gladstone Community Club, Gladstone Improvement Club, Literary Society, Live Wires, Women's Club, XL Club, and more.

The Chautauqua was responsible for bringing a lot of attention and newcomers to Gladstone. Newspapers as far away as Chicago and New York reported that the "Mother Chautauqua of the West resided in a pleasant little village named for one of Great Britain's most popular Prime Ministers" and suddenly, people from the opposite side of the country came to visit. When Gladstone's City Fathers realized how much notice the town was receiving, they called for a town meeting and proposed that if Gladstone was going to be in the nation's view, then it should give the nation something spectacular to see. Unanimously, it was decided that Gladstone should become the most beautiful town in all of Oregon.

Immediately, garbage that had been accumulating for way too long was hauled away. Benches were installed at all trolley stops. The riverbanks were cleared of underbrush. River Road (Clackamas Blvd.) was repaired. And last but not least, 10,000 new leafy shade trees were planted throughout the town. Townsfolk, club members, church groups, school children, and even the city fathers rolled up their sleeves and picked up a shovel. Every street, avenue, path, and north bank of the

river was turned into a horticultural wonderment.

But wait, there's more. In 1911, when Judge Harvey Cross, Gladstone's founder, deeded the strip of land along the north bank of the Clackamas River (between the Gladstone-Park Place wagon bridge and the Interurban Trolley bridge) for a swimming and picnic park, he also included the densely wooded, 2.4-acre piece of land located in the center of the Clackamas River (just east of the trolley bridge), called Clackamas Island or Gladstone Island. Since the island had an elevation well above the highest recorded flood level, the city fathers, in their quest to put Gladstone on the map...okay, the globe, decided to tame the tangled mess and create a unique mid-river extension to the swimming and picnic park. One hundred men volunteered to clear brush and create trails that preserved the island's natural wild beauty, and newspapers reported that a rustic arch bridge connecting the island with the mainland, a small band pavilion, and a boat house were also constructed. No sooner was the island park completed than compliments poured in from all the surrounding communities praising the attractiveness of Gladstone's new park that "offered glorious views of up and down the Clackamas River".

Gladstone enjoyed its island park for four years. Then came the December 1921 flood and the river swelled to an unprecedented high. When floodwaters finally receded, the island-park was gone. Portland newspapers were quick to send condolences to Gladstone, stating that "in spite of its devastating loss, Gladstone was still a mighty pretty little town". No photo has yet been found that shows the entirety of Gladstone's island-park. However, a portion of the island can be seen in the 1893 cover photo of the Gladstone Historical Society's latest book – "Images of America – Gladstone", from Arcadia Publishing. Copies available from the Gladstone Historical Society. [www.GladstoneHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.GladstoneHistoricalSociety.org).

***Gladstone Public Works and the U.S. EPA Want You to Be Part of the Solution to Urban Waters Pollution***

**Around The House:**

- Use nontoxic household products. Want to reduce the number of chemicals in your home and in your waterways? Start by purchasing nontoxic household products such as nontoxic cleaning supplies, laundry products, paints, insecticides, and pool chemicals. If your local store does not carry nontoxic products, ask them to start.
- Dispose of hazardous household products properly. Don't toss hazardous household chemicals down the drain. Contact your local public works, sanitation, or environmental health department and find out if your city has a hazardous waste collection day. If your city doesn't have a local program, ask them to start one.
- Save water. Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth or washing your face. Run your dishwasher and washing machine only when they are full. Fix leaky plumbing fixtures and switch to low-flow toilets and showerheads. Changing small habits can save more than 100 gallons of water a week.
- Recycle. Deposit waste in a trash can. Never flush non-degradable products or sweep debris into the street or storm sewer. Trash can damage city sewer systems and end up littered on beaches and in your water.
- Don't flush old prescription drugs down the drain (unless directed). Wastewater treatment plants are unable to remove drugs from sewer system water and they end up in our rivers and streams.
- Don't let pollutants go down the drain, inside OR outside. Urban waters take on large amounts of pollution from a variety of sources, including polluted runoff from urban landscapes, which creates public and environmental health hazards. Remember, what goes on the ground and down your drain eventually ends up in the water. Don't dump oil, gasoline, solvents, paint, or other household chemicals down your household drains or storm drain.
- Recycle used motor oil and maintain your car. Throwing motor oil in the trash is illegal and harmful to your water source. Recycling centers and many service stations accept used motor oil for recycling. Also, be sure to keep up with regular car maintenance to prevent oil, coolant, antifreeze, or other hazardous chemicals from leaking onto the ground.
- Take your car to a car wash. A commercial car wash reclaims its wastewater using special filtration systems. This not only conserves water, but minimizes polluted runoff entering local storm drain.

***Rookie Registration for Gladstone Junior Baseball is Open!***



For the 2021 season registration has been reduced to \$25.00 per player. Registration is open until April 25<sup>th</sup> get your spot now before teams fill up!

Register online at: [www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=gladstonejuniorbaseball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=gladstonejuniorbaseball)



***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](mailto:kratz@ci.gladstone.or.us). Articles are due on or before the 18th of each month to appear in the upcoming Newsletter.

**Gladstone Food Pantry News and Updates**

The Gladstone Food Pantry exists because of the ongoing commitment of the Gladstone School District (GSD) and Northwest Family Services (NWFS) to maintain the Gladstone Food Pantry as an Oregon Food Bank (OFB) School Pantry. The goal is to ensure that students, their families and other community members are able to supplement their nutritional needs on a regular basis, especially during COVID-19 and limited in-person schooling. NWFS, a longtime partner of the GSD, manages the day-to-day operation of the pantry and strives to make the Pantry an efficient and effective supplemental food source for the school community as well as others in need.

The Gladstone School Food Pantry Coordinator, Maddie McGalliard, works full time for NWFS as Pantry Coordinator and Housing Services Case Manager. Her housing role will potentially allow direct connection to housing services for the students and families and other Pantry customers.

NWFS has just completed relocating the Pantry to facility on the Hillside Fellowship campus at 6460 Glen Echo Ave. This is just a few blocks from the old pantry site and thought to be a much more convenient location for GSD students, families and staff as well as other community members.

Due to COVID-related health and safety issues, the Pantry is currently only providing food bags to COVID quarantined families; to families served by the Gladstone Center for Children and Families (GCCF) and the Relief Nursery; to GSD students and families through NWFS staff who are still serving GSD; and, the Gladstone Senior Center.

In many cases, multiple families with school age children are living together to make ends meet due to the loss of jobs and income, lack of affordable childcare, and the rising cost of groceries. Recently, a woman was in tears explaining that she now has 7 extra mouths to feed and that the Pantry food is sustaining the nutritional needs of her and her unanticipated guests.

And as soon as the Pantry is fully settled into the new location, Maddie

McGalliard and a full cadre of dedicated volunteers will be ready to advertise more broadly to the school community and others about the new pantry site and accessing food there on a regular basis. That announcement will be provided in the near future.

Until further notice, the Pantry is not able to accept food donations from individuals due to COVID-related health and safety concerns. However, individuals or businesses that are interested in making a potentially tax-deductible monetary contribution to support the needs and operation of the Gladstone Food Pantry can do so by donating to the Gladstone Education Foundation (GEF).

To ensure the donation is directed to the Gladstone Food Pantry, please indicate **“donation for the Gladstone Food Pantry”** in the memo portion of your check or include a note with the same wording along with the donation. If the donation is in cash, please be sure to include a note, as mentioned above, and include your full name and mailing address so that the appropriate receipt can be generated. Please make checks payable to “Gladstone Education Foundation” and include a note or memo, per above, to ensure proper designation of the funds. Please mail the donation to: Gladstone Education Foundation, 17789 Webster Rd, Gladstone, OR 97027.

**Alternatively** – For credit card donations, you may use this link to access the GEF online donation page at [gladstonefoundation.ejoinme.org/donate](http://gladstonefoundation.ejoinme.org/donate). Please indicate the amount you want to donate and then select **Gladstone Food Pantry** from the drop-down menu of categories. Complete the personal information and then payment information, as indicated. After completing and submitting the donation, you will receive a receipt by email.

Many thanks to the Gladstone community for the continued support of the Gladstone Food Pantry. Stay tuned for more Gladstone Food Pantry news on the Gladstone School District website at [gladstone.k12.or.us/gladstone-food-pantry/](http://gladstone.k12.or.us/gladstone-food-pantry/).

**2021 Gladstone High School Grad Night Party Fundraiser**

Gladstone Class of 2021 will be hosting a plant sale to raise money for their Drug and Alcohol Free Graduation Party. Ordering options include:

- \$15.00 Half flat (24 plants) White Alyssum, Blue Lobellia, Marigolds or Petunias
- \$35.00 Flat (10 plants) 4 inch Zonal Geranium in red, pink or white.
- 12 inch mixed premium basket for \$30.00 each
- Gift Cards, \$25.00 each for Serres Garden Center

Flats and half flat orders must all be of the same color. Orders are due April 5th and will be available for pick up between May 1-7th.

Please contact Jamie Jaekel at 971-221-7638 or [jamiejaekel@icloud.com](mailto:jamiejaekel@icloud.com) for more information or to place an order.

**May 13 Online Event to Support Gladstone**

The Gladstone Education Foundation (GEF) proudly presents their online auction to raise funds for kids across Gladstone.

Bid all week, May 9 to 16, on the amazing trips, services, and gift baskets in our online silent auction.

Then watch our FACEBOOK LIVE gala May 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for special auction items and the raffle! (Pre-show starts at 6 p.m.)

Let's give our all for Gladstone students to support academic supports, athletics, the arts, career-technical programs, family needs, advanced courses, and technology.

Donate auction items by contacting Tammy Tracy at 503.655.2777 or email [tracyt@gladstone.k12.or.us](mailto:tracyt@gladstone.k12.or.us). Visit [www.gladstonefoundation.org/](http://www.gladstonefoundation.org/) for more information.

**New native plants in Gladstone Nature Park**



What are all those blue tubes in the Nature Park? Check out the little mini-greenhouses that help new plants survive being chewed by wildlife. In teaming with Gladstone Public Works, the Nature Park is slowly but surely becoming less about noxious invasive and more about Oregon natives.

The new native plants include: Pacific dogwood, blue elderberry, red twig dogwood, mock orange, thimbleberry, cascara, salmonberry and beaked hazelnut. All these Oregon native plants will attract birds and pollinators and add beauty to parts of the park that were previously covered with blackberries. Thanks donors and volunteers for making this year's replant possible! Five years ago, this boulder was completely hidden under decades of blackberry thicket. Native red twig dogwood will fill in this area and become habitat for birds and bunnies.

**May Day Plant Sale:** The FOGNP will be holding a plant sale Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the Gladstone Nature Park, located at 18111 Webster Rd., Gladstone. Choose from beautiful perennials that bloom year after year. Many varieties and colors. All proceeds benefit the Gladstone Nature Park.

**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 is here for you, even though our building remains closed to the public.

- Non-contact, no appointment pickup is available 7 days a week from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; masks required. Call 503-655-8540 or ring the bell when you arrive at the library, give staff your name and library card number, and your holds, Lucky Day items (choose from titles displayed onsite), seed orders, and free print/copy requests (10 pages per day, per patron) will be brought out to you.
- Help your kids experience the magic of gardening with our spring seed kits made especially for them! Our fun egg carton kits with a mix of colorful lettuce varieties make starting a garden child's play – ask for a kids seed kit when you pick up your holds (while supplies last). For more gardening fun, our *Seeds for Sharing* seed library is stocked for the upcoming growing season for gardeners of all ages. Visit [clackamas.us/lib/seeds-for-sharing](http://clackamas.us/lib/seeds-for-sharing) for instructions and updated seed catalogs, email your order to [gladstone@lincc.org](mailto:gladstone@lincc.org) – you'll be notified when your seed order is completed and ready to pick up (this can take a while, *please do not show up for seeds unless you've been notified they're ready*).
- We've expanded our free WiFi hours to 8 am—8 pm; most devices can access it from our parking lot.
- Enjoy storytime books, songs, and games virtually with Teacher Heather and Teacher Susannah every Thursday at 10:30 am. Request the ZOOM All-Ages Storytime meeting link and password at [gladstone@lincc.org](mailto:gladstone@lincc.org) (this changes each week).
- We have doubled the number of Dell laptops and WiFi hotspots available for checkout. These items must be pick up and return to the Gladstone Public Library during curbside hours. Place your hold today!
- Bundle Builder helps your family stay engaged! Our Librarians can choose a bundle of books or DVDs customized for what you want and when you want it—submit your requests online by visiting [clackamas.us/lib/#readyresources](http://clackamas.us/lib/#readyresources) – Readers' Advisory and Bundles, email [gladstone@lincc.org](mailto:gladstone@lincc.org), or

Speak to staff directly at 503-655-8540.

- Patrons unable to visit the library can enroll in our free Homebound Service, which provides library materials (and returns) 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). Applications are also available online at [clackamas.us/lib/#readyresources](http://clackamas.us/lib/#readyresources) – Homebound Service.
- Due dates and hold expiration dates are back, please pick up and return your items in a timely manner.
- Our book drop is open 24/7 for your returns, check-in of items will be delayed for safety but no overdue fines will be charged for items checked in during April (regardless of due date).
- Staff answers phones and emails daily 10 am-6 pm; after-hour messages receive responses the next business day. Phone: 503-655-8540, Email: [gladstone@lincc.org](mailto:gladstone@lincc.org)
- The Library 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, games, and more.
- Free passes to local venues, such as the Evergreen Space Museum, Pittock Mansion, Portland Japanese Garden, and Oregon State Parks (parking passes) are available at [culturalpassexpress.quipugroup.net](http://culturalpassexpress.quipugroup.net) with your card number and PIN. Passes are available for patrons with eCards, too!
- Gladstone's Task Force will meet virtually on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Visit [clackamas.us/meetings/communityproject/oakgladproj](http://clackamas.us/meetings/communityproject/oakgladproj) for meeting schedules and links, and [clackamas.us/communityproject](http://clackamas.us/communityproject) for more information about the projects overall.
- Things change quickly! For updates, watch [clackamas.us/lib](http://clackamas.us/lib) and Gladstone Public Library's Facebook and NextDoor posts; [lincc.org](http://lincc.org) also offers service updates on all libraries in Clackamas County and information on using online resources.

Flowers are blooming, birds are chirping. Welcome to Spring! In honor of National Library Appreciation Week, have we got a great deal for you! Starting April 1 – 17, use the promo code GLADSTONE, order \$20 worth of items and get 30% off your entire purchase. Visit [gpl-foundation.org](http://gpl-foundation.org) to shop, browse, and buy. Gladstone, Milwaukie and Oregon City purchases will have free contactless delivery. If you are looking for a bargain, check out the Bargain Basement on our website. We've got books priced from \$1.50-\$2.00.

Are you an Amazon shopper? Amazon's program, Amazon Smile, will donate 0.5% to our foundation for any eligible purchase made. Go to [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com), scroll down to the Amazonsmile logo, click on: You shop, Amazon donates, next to it, then press the get started button and follow the prompts.

If you want to learn more about us, or are interested in attending one of our meetings, please visit our website at: [gpl-foundation.org](http://gpl-foundation.org). Our mailing address is: GPLF, PO Box 146, Gladstone, OR 97027-0146. Better yet, donate online through our website. Every penny goes to support our library. Please join with us on this journey to building a new library.

"Libraries always remind me that there are good things in this world." - Lauren Ward (b. 1970. American singer and actress)

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**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](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us)

**Register now for fall kindergarten!**

The Gladstone School District welcomes our future Kindergarten families to register for the 21-22 school year! Kindergarten is housed at the Gladstone Center for Children and Families, a beautiful environment and experience to welcome children into school.

Our classrooms are spacious, calm, and joyful with an incredible staff that builds upon the strengths and abilities of each child. **If your child will turn 5 on or before September 1, 2021**, please complete our online registration process (<http://gladstone.k12.or.us/enrollment-for-new-families-admitted-interdistrict-transfers/>) and join us for an incredible Kindergarten year starting Fall of 2021!

If you have any questions please contact Heidi Smith at 503-496-3939.

**Local Meetings—**  
◆ For questions or information regarding the Gladstone Business Owners & Managers Meetings, contact Doug Loose at [dougwithTLC@msn.com](mailto:dougwithTLC@msn.com) or 503-595-5379.  
◆ Friends of Gladstone Nature Park meets the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at 18111 Webster

**Kraxberger Middle School Fundraiser**

Kraxberger Middle School is holding a can and bottle drive to raise money for their 8th grad



graduation party. Please bring cans and bottles to the Kraxberger Middle School parking lot (17777 Webster Rd., Gladstone) on April 18th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Rd, Gladstone. For more info visit [protect.theparks.org](http://protect.theparks.org)  
◆ For questions regarding the Gladstone Historical Society visit [www.gladstonehistorical.society.org/](http://www.gladstonehistorical.society.org/)