

City Council Acts on Public Works Building Replacement

On July 13th, Gladstone City Council agreed unanimously to send a measure to voters in November that would authorize replacement of the old Public Works Building.

The City is proposing to replace the Public Works facility located on Portland Avenue. Built over 50 years ago as a pre-fabricated shop building, the facility today serves as one of Gladstone's command centers for natural disasters. It is often called on for round-the-clock emergency response.

Councilor Randy Ripley noted: "Our Public Works people are emergency responders who support Police and Fire. We need the right people, with the right equipment, and the right facility so they are ready to roll."

Studies by McKenzie architects and engineers show constructing a new building is more cost-effective than rehabilitating the existing building. The replacement building would be constructed at the same site. No additional land is needed.

"For 50 years, our Public Works staff have been living in a glorified garage," said Mayor Tammy Stempel.

Replacing Gladstone's Public Works Facility requires voter approval:

-Gladstone's City Charter mandates voter approval to incur debt over \$1 million or issue debt (borrow money) of any amount.

-Voter approval is also required for construction of any public building projected to cost \$1 million or more.

Earlier, voters authorized both of these provisions to construct Gladstone's new Police Station and City Hall, completed on-time and on-budget in 2020.

The borrowed money would be repaid over the years from existing funds. *No additional property taxes would be used for the project.*



↑ Gladstone City Council is seeking voter approval to replace the 50-year old Public Works building.

Gladstone's strong credit history, combined with historically low interest rates, offers a unique opportunity now to borrow funds at the lowest possible rate. The project would also provide savings of \$500 per month for the rental of a temporary modular building that currently houses staff on-site.

The destiny of the Public Works building replacement will now be in the hands of Gladstone voters on November 2nd. "It's always great when the public gets a chance to vote," said Councilor Greg Alexander.

Upcoming City Meetings

City meetings are still being held virtually. Upcoming meetings are as follows:

August 9th: Park & Recreation Advisory Board will be meeting at 6:30 pm.

August 10th: Gladstone City Council will be meeting at 6:30 pm.

August 17: Planning Commission will be meeting at 6:30 pm.

August 23rd: Traffic Safety Advisory Board will be meeting at 6:00 pm.

More information regarding all City meetings can be found on the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings.

City Office Closures

Gladstone City offices will be closed on September 6, 2021 in observance of Labor Day

Portable Storage Containers

The City of Gladstone requires a permit to use portable storage containers or "PODS".

According to Gladstone Municipal Code Chapter 5.22.030: Portable storage containers shall be allowed on a street or public right of way for a period not exceeding 72 consecutive hours or a total of 16 days in any consecutive six-month period. Portable storage containers shall be allowed on private property for a period not exceeding 30 days.

For questions, please contact Sean Boyle at 503-557-2763 or sboyle@gladstoneoregon.us.

Permits can be obtained at the Gladstone Police Department or online at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/police/page/misc-police-documents-forms>

Backflow FAQ's and Why Testing is Required

What is Backflow? When pressure in a water system isn't maintained, the risk for water to flow backward into the water system and become contaminated is greatly increased. Backflow testing monitors the health and safety mechanisms designed to protect water purity. Backflow testing helps prevent water contamination or pollution.

What is this "test due" notice I keep receiving? Why do I have to do this? It is a reminder for you to get your backflow assembly tested. It is an important annual test that helps make sure the public drinking water remains clean and safe.

I did this last year. Why am I getting this notice again? Because Backflow Assemblies are mechanical units they must be regularly checked to ensure they are in working condition.

What is a backflow assembly? A backflow assembly is used to protect potable water supplies from contamination or pollution due to backflow. These are often found connected to sprinkler systems and fire systems.

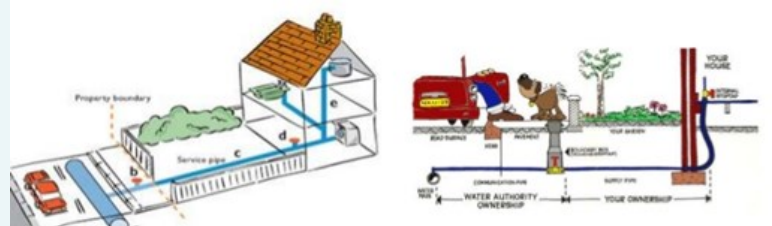
Do I need a backflow preventer on my sprinkler system? YES, sprinkler system backflow prevention devices are safety mechanisms to prevent contaminants from entering water supplies. Irrigation backflow devices are designed for installation on potable

water lines to protect against both back-siphonage and backpressure of contaminated water into the potable water supply.

What is a cross-connection? A cross-connection is a "link" between drinking water and a system or fixture that carries or contains something other than drinking water. An example would be a garden hose lying in a hot tub.

SERVICE PIPES AND WATER MAINS

Service pipe means a pipe extending from the property line into premises supplied with water.
Water main are those pipes, other than supply pipes and service pipes, used for conveying or distributing water in a network



Reserve Your Spot for Gladstone's Fall Kindergarten!

If your child will be age 5 by September 1st, it's time to register for kindergarten! This fall, the Gladstone Center for Children & Families will offer a full-day in-classroom kindergarten program.

To register online, visit <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/enrollment-for-new-families-admitted-interdistrict-transfers/>, then, contact Heidi Smith at 503-496-3939, or email smithhh@gladstone.k12.or.us to schedule a Connect to Kindergarten tour.

Our small, close-knit learning community offers a welcoming, supportive place for each student to develop their strengths. Our Culture of Care addresses each child's social-emotional needs, teaching self-calming, conflict resolution, and interpersonal skills that provide a foundation for successful learning.

Kindergarten at the GCCF provides a fun, safe place for children to develop their academic and social strengths. All photos submitted by Gladstone Schools have parent permission for publication.



Gladstone's early learning center was designed for the unique needs of our youngest learners, with spacious classrooms, multiple playgrounds, weekly physical education and music classes, plus an array of family services conveniently located on site.

Transfers from outside the Gladstone District are welcome at most grade levels. For information, call Natalie Weninger at 503.655.2777 ext. 590.

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

Awhile back we told you about Judge John W. Meldrum, an 1845 pioneer who settled near Oregon City in 1856, and who in 1871 purchased the northern half of the Peter Rinearson Donation Land Claim. Except for 50 acres that he retained as a homesite, he planned to turn the land into a townsite called Meldrum. While details of the existence of Meldrum's town is still murky, we have learned a few more facts about Meldrum land and its two names. The western portion of land along the Willamette River was called Meldrum Bar after the river's geography. Here a boat landing was constructed, and from the mid-1800s and into the 1900s, a steady stream of river traffic that included steamboats traveling between Portland and Oregon City, stopped at Meldrum Bar Landing. After 1893, the rest of Meldrum's land came to be known as Meldrum Station after the interurban trolley depot that was erected along the tracts bordering Meldrum land.

Following the lead of Judge Harvey Cross in creating Gladstone Park, Judge Meldrum cleared an area of his land next to the Willamette River and established his own park. Newspaper articles of the day described the enjoyment of the church classes, clubs, and civic groups who picnicked and played baseball "at the Meldrum Station Park, kindly loaned by Judge John Meldrum".

In 1909, the Gladstone Improvement Club was assigned the task of drawing up the boundaries of future Gladstone in anticipation of the town's incorporation. The new town was to include "all of the Cason Land Claim and the south half the Rinearson Land Claim. At the same meeting, an amendment was presented by property owners Thomas F. Ryan, L.A. Read, Mrs. Anna G. Hayes, J. Beauliau, and Peter Rinearson to have their properties included in the township of Gladstone, after which an addendum to the amendment requested that the south half of the Meldrum land also be included. Both the amendment and its addendum were approved.

When John Meldrum died in 1919, the land he still owned passed to his eldest son John. At that time, John Jr. sold 39 of the acres to his sister, Mrs. D. P. Thomson of Portland. A short time later, Mrs. Thompson announced to the Portland newspapers that she planned to dedicate the 39 acres as a public park in honor of her father and mother, early pioneers to Oregon. She also added that the original Meldrum house was being torn down and she was relocating the house's original rock foundation (each stone hand-chiseled and placed into position by her father), to the park's entrance where the old foundation rocks would be formed into a new artistic gateway. Mrs. Thompson was quoted as saying that she "loved nature and did not want any of the large fir trees to be removed". She asked that the underbrush be kept cleared and the grounds kept suitable for the enjoyment of all, but that her desire was that the trees remain undisturbed.

So, to all of those great Gladstonians who have asked the Historical Society: "What was the stipulation that came with the donation of Meldrum Bar Park? The answer is trees -to leave the trees undisturbed in the now 102-year-old park. So, the Historical Society wants to know, do any Gladstone residents remember the rock entrance to Meldrum Bar park. If you do, please email us your memory at GladstoneHistoricalSociety@gmail.com

Butterfly Hill Update

Warm weather hasn't stopped the ongoing butterfly hill project. The new interpretive sign was made by Bill Preble and Nancy Eichsteadt with the rest of the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park. Take a stroll through this gem of a park to see & hear the nature within our city. Learn about all our important pollinators and how you too can become a friend to the bees and butterflies.



Visit the butterfly hill at Gladstone Nature Park located at 18111 Webster Rd in Gladstone.

Be Prepared- One Month At A Time Part 4

If there is one thing we can take from the past year, it is that natural disasters are unpredictable. Days long power outage's, home evacuations or flooding are natural disasters that we may be faced with. It is important that you and your family are ready for anything that life may bring.

What is the best way to get started? Being prepared may seem overwhelming and costly but breaking up the task throughout the year helps lessen the burden. Over the next several newsletters, we will include a few items that can be good to have included in your emergency kit, as well as a task to complete to make sure your home and family are prepared.

Month 4 supplies:

- 1 canned fruit *
- 1 canned vegetable *
- 1 can ready-to-eat soup *
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Thermometer
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Petroleum jelly
- Disposable hand wipes

If Needed:

- Baby Supplies (bottles, formula, diapers, wipes)

**per person and/or pet in the household.*

Month 4 activities:

- Know where your water and gas shut-off valves are located. ** Before attempting to turn off any main valve, please contact your provider for information on what circumstances would be appropriate to turn services off. Some companies may charge residents if valves are broken when attempting to turn off.
- Secure water heater and other heavy items that could fall during a disaster (including but not limited to dressers, TV's, bookshelves and shelving units)

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)



Opening Soon!!

The Gladstone Senior Center is pleased to announce that starting August 2, 2021, we will be opening our doors for limited activities! To see what activities will be starting, please visit the Gladstone Senior Center at 1050 Portland Avenue, or give us a call at 503-655-7701.

Foot Clinic and Blood Pressure Clinics are happening now at the Gladstone Senior Center. Foot Clinic by appointment only 503-655-7701. These happen on the second Monday and Tuesday of each month.

Brain Teasers

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2. **PA**walk**RK**

3. **M1LLION**

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7. **WALKING**
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8. **STAND**
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9. **BE**

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.



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.

We've enjoyed seeing so many of you returning to the library since we've re-opened to pre-pandemic hours and services!

Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 10 am – 6 pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 12 noon – 8 pm

Wednesday: 10 am – 8 pm

August happenings and reminders include:

- Fines for overdue materials have resumed, although checkout periods continue to be 28 days for most materials (laptops and WiFi hotspots are just 7 days). Be sure to return or renew items by their due dates.
- Summer Reading prizes are available through August 31st (for those already signed up); bring your completed reading log (kids) or bingo card (adults) to the library and receive yours!
- Weekly craft kits for kids (while supplies last), with new projects introduced every

Sunday through August 22nd.

- **StoryWalk®** at the Gladstone Nature Park; follow the signs through the park to read "Señorita Mariposa" by Ben Gundersheimer, and perform the activities on each panel. Presented in partnership with the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park and the Gladstone Public Library Foundation.

- **ZOOM Virtual Storytime** every Wednesday at 10:30 am with Teacher Heather; request the meeting link and password by emailing gladstone@lincc.org (this changes each week).

- **Gladstone Task Force meeting!** For meeting schedules and links, visit clackamas.us/meetings/communityproject/oakgladproj.

- Please contact us by phone at 503-655-8540, or by email at gladstone@lincc.org if you have questions. We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you back to your library!

August is usually the month for our annual fantastic book sale. But this year our pop-up book sales are a great alternative. If you missed the one at the Senior Center, Saturday, July 31, no worries. Another one is planned for Saturday, Sept. 11, 10am-4pm at the Senior Center. Prices are the same. Adults: \$2 hard bound, \$1 soft; Children's \$1 hard, soft, 2 for \$1. DVDs \$1. Minimum \$10 for square. Purchase five children's books and get a free T-shirt. Check out our bargain basement by going to website, <https://gpl-foundation.org>, click onto shopping, and make a purchase.

Fred Meyer's Reward Program and AmazonSmile, are two great programs that won't cost you a penny to join. Their assistance helps us raise money for our new library. Log onto AmazonSmile and follow the prompts. Fred Meyer's address is: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

To learn more about the Foundation, please visit our website at: <https://gpl-foundation.org>. To donate, mail to the Gladstone Library Foundation GPLF, PO Box 146, Gladstone, OR 97027-0146. Better yet, donate online through our website. Proceeds go to support our library.

"A Trained Librarian is a Powerful Search Engine With a Heart."- Sarah McIntyre (British/American illustrator and writer of children's books and comics)

Heat Related Illness

With this years warm weather, it is important to recognize signs of heat-related illnesses:

Heat Exhaustion: Heavy sweating; cold, pale and clammy skin; fast, weak pulse; nausea or vomiting; muscle cramps; tiredness or weakness; dizziness; headache; or fainting. **What to do:** Move to cool place; loosen your clothes; put cool, wet cloths on your body; sip water. **Get medical help right away if:** You are throwing up, symptoms get worse, or your symptoms last longer than 1 hour.

Heat Stroke: High body temperature (103 degrees F or higher); hot, red, dry, or damp skin; fast, strong pulse; headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion; losing consciousness. **What to do:** Call 911 right away! Heat stroke is a medical emergency! Move the person to a cooler place; help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath; do not give the person anything to drink.

If you must be out on these hot days, pace yourself, take lots of breaks, and drink plenty of water.

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

City Meetings:
***City Council**- 2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary) - 6:30 pm—currently being held on Zoom
***Planning Commission**- 3rd Tuesday (as needed) - 6:30 pm currently being held on Zoom
***Traffic Safety**- 4th Monday every other month (as needed) - 6:00 pm—currently being held on Zoom
***Park & Recreation**- 2nd Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm, currently being held on Zoom
***Senior Center Advisory**- held bi-monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 5:00 pm at the Gladstone Senior Center
Copies of City Council and Planning Commission meeting packets are on our website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us

Local Meetings:
***Gladstone Business Owners & Managers**- Please contact Doug Loose at dougwithTLC@msn.com or 503-595-5379 for questions and more information.
***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 protecttheparks.org
***Gladstone Historical Society**- Please visit www.gladstonehistorical.society.org/ for more information.

W. Clackamas Blvd. Sanitary Sewer Project

The City of Gladstone will be working with NTA Contracting, Inc. on the W. Clackamas Blvd. Sanitary Sewer project starting soon. This project will focus on replacing a 300 ft. section of Sanitary Sewer line as well as 100 ft. of both water and storm line in the area of W. Clackamas Blvd.

The purpose of this project is to correct the restricted flow in the existing sanitary sewer line which will ultimately help the City in reducing future Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO). The City of Gladstone has worked diligently over the past five years to reduce our Sanitary Sewer Overflows into our surrounding waterways. With guidance from DEQ we have worked to identify and correct deficiencies in our system that have greatly reduced the frequency of SSO's; the W. Clackamas Blvd. Sanitary Sewer Project will further these efforts.

Included below is a map of the area that will be impacted during construction. Please note that we will make every effort to minimize inconveniences to everyone. We will be updating residents and businesses prior to the start of construction with a schedule and what traffic delays should be expected. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work through this project, we know there will be delays and inconvenience but we will do our absolute best to ensure that the inconveniences are as minimal as possible.

