

RESOLUTION NO. 1184

A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AND RACISM DIRECTED AT BLACK, AFRICAN AMERICANS, AND ALL PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND AFFIRMING THE CITY OF GLADSTONE'S COMMITMENT TO EQUITY.

WHEREAS, Black, African Americans, and all People of Color continue to be marginalized and excluded from constructing and participating in the institutions that govern our society and the services upon which we depend to protect our health, safety, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the United States, State of Oregon, Clackamas County, and Gladstone has been guilty of committing acts of oppression against Black and African Americans, and urgent progress must be made to achieve racial justice; and

WHEREAS, incidents of violence and unconscionable racism directed toward Black, African Americans, and People of Color is an outrage and these acts represent a blatant disregard for the dignity and sanctity of human life; and

WHEREAS, too many Black, African Americans and People of Color in our country live in fear of losing their lives because of the color of their skin; and

WHEREAS, our nation's future well-being relies on a public system that confronts systemic bias, institutionalized racism and supports efforts to ensure that Black, African American and all People of Color thrive in the communities where they live; and

WHEREAS, the current movement for racial justice represents an opportunity for sustained commitment to creating a future that is more diverse and authentically welcoming to all, rather than maintaining the legacy of unequal opportunities and higher risk of violence for Black, African Americans, and People of Color that has existed in this country; and

WHEREAS, The City of Gladstone has a shared core value of equity and is committed to respecting every individual's right to dream and the right for their history and cultural heritage being celebrated, while living in the City of Gladstone.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF GLADSTONE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

IT IS DECLARED THAT the City of Gladstone and all its staff join with America in sharing its anger, shame and sorrow about the intolerable violence directed at Black, African Americans and People of Color.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED The City of Gladstone condemns the violent and disrespectful treatment of Black, African Americans and People of Color. Our organization does not and will not tolerate, nor accept in any way, treatment of Black, African American or People of Color that degrades their dignity or disregards their human life.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED The Gladstone City Council calls on elected officials and all government agencies to recognize the value and contribution of the lives of Black, African Americans, and all People of Color to remove barriers to greater equality.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED The City of Gladstone will review its policies and ordinances for any discriminatory impacts and practices and encourage other jurisdictions to do the same.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED The City of Gladstone will engage in listening and learning opportunities with communities of color to learn of their experiences to better help in improving policies and practices that include but not limited to law enforcement, justice system, economic disparities, education disparities, and land use and transportation policies that displace communities of color and other under-represented and marginalized communities disproportionately.

THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF GLADSTONE THIS 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020, SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



Tamara Stempel, Mayor

Date: 11/10/2020

Attest



Jami Bannick, City Recorder

Welcome New Elected Councilors!

A swearing-in Ceremony for the newly Councilors will take place January 4, 2021. More information can be found at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.



Greg Alexander, position #2. Councilor Alexander has lived in Gladstone for most of his life and has three generations of family who call Gladstone home. He wants to keep our small-town feel, great schools, events that bring us closer together, safe streets, a police and fire department that are honored and supported and beautiful open spaces that help make Gladstone what it is. He would like everyone who lives or visits Gladstone to feel welcomed and included.



Councilor Annessa Hartman, position #4. Councilor Hartman and her family moved to Gladstone for its close community feel, proximity to recreational activities and its affordability. She is wishing to bring greater transparency and community engagement to establish public trust and wishes to explore options with partnering with neighboring cities to benefit from their travel to help bring revenue into Gladstone while maintaining its small community feel.



Councilor Mindy Garlington, position #6. Councilor Garlington has been a Gladstone resident for over 29 years. She believes that Gladstone Police and Fire are assets to the Gladstone community, bringing safety and a visual presence of security and who are also valued employees of Gladstone. She hopes to bring around a much needed and updated City Charter as well as promoting City parks as a destination for tourism which is a vital piece to maintaining businesses in Gladstone.

Upcoming City Meetings

Due to COVID-19 and current State regulations, all City meetings are being held virtually. Upcoming meetings are as follows: City Council - January 12th at 6:30 pm, Planning Commission Meeting - January 19th at 6:30 pm, Traffic Safety Advisory Board Meeting - January 25th 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>

City Council Adopts Utility Rate Increases

For years Gladstone invested little into maintaining, updating or replacing infrastructure. In 2019, Gladstone City Council enacted two phase rate increases for the City's water, sewer and stormwater utilities. The first phase for an approximate 26% increase was approved and put into place January 2020, the second phase for another approximate 26% increase takes effect January 2021 and will be seen on the bill received in February. This will be the final phase of the planned increases of water, sewer and stormwater rates. Future increases are estimated to be 4% for all utilities, except pass-through rates.

Base meter charge on a 3/4" meter has increased from \$23.09 to \$28.86, water block rates have increased from \$1.24 to \$1.55 for 1-6 units, \$1.99 to \$2.49 for 7-10 units and \$2.74 to \$3.43 for 11+ units. City sewer collection rate has increased from \$20.16 to \$32.26 and stormwater has increased from \$11.00 to \$13.20. For questions, please contact our Utility Billing department at ub@ci.gladstone.or.us.

A Message from Gladstone Fire Marshall Mike Funk

Gladstone Fire Department would like to extend a Happy New Year greeting to the citizens of Gladstone. The year 2020 has brought forth a lot of challenges and we have weathered them well so far. We have made it into 2021 but the effects of COVID-19 linger on. Overall, we have learned better sanitation habits, many of which should be continued into the post COVID-19 world that we hope to live in soon.

For the start of 2021, I would like to encourage Gladstone to get back to the basics. This means remember the core safety practices like "Stop, Drop, and Roll" if your clothes catch on fire. Test your smoke alarms weekly, change batteries when needed or replace them altogether. As the alarm sensors get older, they become unreliable. If your home alarm is 10 years old, it needs to be replaced. Make the commitment this year to become more aware of fire hazards in your home.

1. Always dispose of fireplace ashes in a metal bucket and place it outside away from any combustibles. Never use a paper bag for your ashes and do not place the ashes inside your garage until final disposal.
2. Clean your bathroom fan. Over time these fans collect a coating of dust and dirt inside them. Clean more than just the front surface of these devices. Pull the face plate off and carefully clean the inside of the fan. We responded to several of these types of fires in 2019 and 2020. Don't become part of our 2021 fire statistics.
3. Remember: outdoor burning of leaves, branches, lawn clippings, berry bushes, construction debris, garbage and other like substances is **not allowed** in the City of Gladstone. Only dry, seasoned, firewood is allowed in small fire pits that are attended at all times-make sure to have a hose or bucket of water nearby.

Be the one to make safety fun in 2021. **Remember 911 for emergencies.** For non-emergency questions contact the local Fire Marshal at 503-557-2775.

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

2021! What will it bring? In 1921, residents of Gladstone were wondering the same thing. After surviving 22 months of Spanish Flu, folks were hoping that a new year might let life go back to normal. 1921 brought monumental events for Gladstone: A new (and still remaining) steel automobile bridge was erected to replace the 1892 wood and steel wagon bridge; Gladstone's first newspaper, "Gladstone Reporter", was published; Portland Avenue was paved; The Gladstone Community Club was formed and soon after, the Gladstone Community Hall was built; and Cross Park got its first comfort station.

But the biggest event of all was the January 1921 flood of the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers. While the north banks of the Clackamas River managed to contain the high water, the south banks could not. Large areas of Park Place were underwater by five feet. Area houses had basements and first floors filled with muddy water. The paper mills shut down. The Chinese vegetable gardens (present-day Oregon City Shopping Center) were ruined. The roadbed of the wagon bridge barely floated above the water while flood debris pushed on its underpinnings. Nearly all of 82nd Dr., south of the bridge and into Oregon City, was underwater. Gladstone and Oregon City residents were completely cut off from one another except by boat, which was a dangerous crossing at best.

However, when news spread that Willamette Falls was a "glory to behold" with its "roaring plunging cataract", folks from Portland hopped in their automobiles and raced to Gladstone on their way to Oregon City to see the "seething torrent of water". In their eagerness to view this amazing site, they ignored the warnings and took the old wagon bridge at breakneck speeds, sliding around the first turn and then unexpectedly plunging into the middle of a lake where they found themselves submerged in Clackamas River water up to their windshields. No amount of tire spinning (if that was even possible) would free them. The wonder of Willamette Falls was quickly forgotten as crowds gathered to view the growing collection of nearly underwater automobiles with drivers and passengers wading ashore. Gladstonians, a resourceful group, following that old adage of never let a good flood go to waste (or something like that), a new generation of entrepreneurs sprang into existence. Cranking up their small-town tin lizzies, the helpful gentlemen of Gladstone reversed to the rescue. With plenty of good stout rope they pulled and tugged the autos to dry land, all the while being cheered on by the enthusiastic crowd. Towing charges ranged from \$1.00 to \$5.00, some gentlemen did very well that day. (Photos of the Clackamas River, the both bridges, and the 1921 flood can be seen in "Images of America - Gladstone", from Arcadia Publishing, available from the Gladstone Historical Society. www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org.)

A Message from Our Community Cat Rescue

Happy New Year! As the weather gets better, kittens will make their appearance outside if born from feral moms. The earlier you contact us to get mom and babies, the better chances of them being socialized for new homes, and mom not having another litter. Please reach out to us on our Facebook page or ourcommunitycatrescue@gmail.com.

City Closures

City offices will be closed January 1st for New Years Day and January 18th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Liquor License Renewals

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) advises the City yearly for businesses that are eligible for a liquor license renewal. Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 471.166 establishes the process for local governments to make recommendations of approval or denial to the OLCC. The City is requesting residents express any concerns about currently OLCC licensed businesses. Please direct comments or concerns by February 1, 2021 to bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Thank you Monte Harris

Monte Harris is a local environmentalist who has decided to attack ivy in local parks. He has been busy at Meldrum Bar and Cross Park cutting ivy off the trees, sometimes while dangling from a rope down the bank. The City truly appreciates his efforts in enhancing our parks to create safe spaces for people to enjoy. For more information on Monte or how you can combat climate change, invasive species and plastic pollution, please visit his website at earthonthedge.org.

Escape to the Nature Park During Quarantine

With more than 11 acres to enjoy, the Nature Park is a safe place to be outside during the pandemic. Many neighbors have already discovered the woody trails through our White Oak Savannah, there's plenty to see this time of year. Look for 84 different birds and two different kinds of squirrels. Plan a scavenger hunt. Can you find the "Dog Vomit" fungus? (Hint: look under the Mayor's Tree.) Have you ever seen a purple mushroom? The Nature Park has it. It's called a "Blewit."



Join our fun work party! Join neighbors and the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park in a fun work party on Saturday, January 30, 9am to noon. Volunteers are invited to participate in various restoration activities such as plantings, chipping trails, reseeding, and blackberry removal. No experience necessary, tools and refreshments are provided. All ages and ability levels are welcome.

Time to clean your mason bee house. If you installed a mason bee house in your yard last year, it's time to clean it and tuck in the babies for next spring. Detailed instructions for cleaning are available on our website GladstoneNaturePark.org. The Butterfly/Pollinator Hill has 10 mason bee houses thanks to the GHS shop classes. You can see them behind the Butterfly/Pollinator Hill near the fence. To keep your mason bees healthy, be sure to avoid pesticides in your yard. Learn more at GladstoneNaturePark.org, or friend us on Facebook and Instagram. For more information contact: friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com.

Local Telephone Numbers

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



AARP Foundation TAX-AIDE

Free tax assistance for those who need it most

Annual Tax Preparation and Safe Driver Courses- For more than 20 years, the Gladstone Senior Center has hosted the AARP Tax Preparation and Safe Driver Courses. Due to safety concerns, AARP has made the difficult decision to cancelled all in-person events and activities until March 1, 2021. The Safe driver program has been made available online. For more information, please visit AARP at: www.aarpdriversafety.org. If you chose to take the course online, the AARP has extended their special discount of 25% off through February 28, 2021. Promo Code: DRIVINGSKILLS. As of now there is no information on the Tax Assistance program. We will work hard to keep you updated as we learn more about this valuable program.

Happy New Years to you all from the staff of the Senior Center! We wish each and everyone of you a healthy, safe, and prosperous 2021. To state that 2020 was a rough year for everyone would be immaterial. With the COVID-19 vaccine now available, we are finally able to see the light at the end of the tunnel. However, we must not become complacent and revert back to our pre-COVID practices just yet. So, please keep wearing a mask or face cover, wash your hands, and maintain your social distancing practices. As staff look ahead



into 2021, we are looking forward to reopening the Senior Center in a safe, phased approach that addresses the safety of everyone while complying with CDC and State guidelines. We will reopen in 2021, however we are not certain on what the timeline looks like at this moment. Staff will communicate the changes to available services through City social media, direct phone contact with existing clients, City website, and this newsletter. As more services become available, there will be a need for additional volunteers. If you are interested in serving the community in which you live in, please visit us online at: www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc/page/senior-center-volunteer for more information. We look forward to continuing to serve our community in 2021 and wish nothing but the best for all of you. Be safe, wear a mask, and social distance!









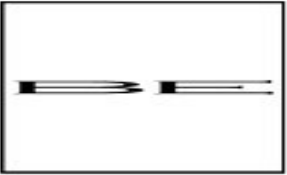
2020 Holiday Food and Toy Drive- The annual Gladstone Fire Department Food and Toy Drive continued this holiday season with great success. The Senior Center was a proud participant by serving as the distribution center this year. The staff of the Senior Center would like to thank all of the great volunteers, staff, and the families of Gladstone Fire Department staff for making certain this wonderful tradition continued. More than 120 families were served this year. Families received food boxes, books, and gifts for the family including a \$50 gift card.



Gladstone Seniors Foundation Holiday Gift Bags- Yet another reason to love Gladstone! For the second year, the Gladstone Seniors Foundation partnered with the Sew and Sew's Quilting Group from St. Stephens Lutheran Church to provide handmade gift stockings and gift bags to homebound clients of the Senior Center. Each client received hand knitted items, toiletries, small goodies, crossword puzzle books, and a gift card from the Gladstone Seniors Foundation. A very big thank you goes out to the volunteers from the Sew and Sew's Quilting Group of St. Stephens Church and the Gladstone Seniors Foundation for delivering and making these gifts. It is through the great generosity of these groups that no senior in Gladstone goes without during the holiday season. Please take time to thank these wonderful groups! Thank you.

Brain Teasers

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There has been a large demand to have the answers for these brain teasers. Starting in January of 2021, we will be posting the answers to each month's brain teasers on the Senior Center page of the City of Gladstone website. To see our page, please visit: ci.gladstone.or.us/sc. If you don't have access to the internet? No problem, please give us a call at the Senior Center and we will be happy to provide the answers for you.

Library will be closed January 1st for New Year's Day & January 18th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We are here for our patrons, even though our building is closed to the public.

•Miss storytime? Your wait is over! Enjoy your favorite books, songs, and games from the comfort of your living room. Join Teachers Heather and Susannah every Thursday at 10:30am for ZOOM All-Age Storytime. Request the Zoom link and password at gladstone@lincc.org.

•BookFlix (lincc.org/bookflix), features read-along ebooks for kids, preK—3rd grade. Highlights include: **Read-aloud-** allows students to hear the book text, key word definitions, and directions for activities; **Educational puzzlers-** to show what they have learned, **Safe, age-appropriate web links -** for kids to extend their learning on a topic; **Meet the Creator-** learn more about each fiction book; **Spanish language versions.**

•Have you 'checked out' our laptops and WiFi hotspots yet? These popular items must be picked up from, and returned to, the Gladstone Public Library during curbside hours. Place your hold today! Did you know our free WiFi operates from 8am to 8pm? Most devices can access it from our parking lot.

•No-contact, no appointment holds pickup is available Monday—Saturday, 10am to 6pm. Call 503-655-8540 or ring the bell when you arrive at the library, give staff your name and library card number, your holds will be brought to the table for pick up. Masks are required!

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

•Bundle Builder can help with ideas for keeping you or your family engaged in healthy activities! Let our Librarians help choose a bundle of books or DVDs customized for what you want. Submit your requests online by visiting clackamas.us/lib#readyresources - Readers' Advisory and Bundles, email gladstone@lincc.org, or call 503-655-8540.

•Patrons unable to visit the library can enroll in our free Homebound Service, providing library materials (and return) through USPS. Call 503-650-3187 and leave your name and phone number to request an application. Applications are also available online at 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 January regardless of due date.

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

•The Oak Lodge & Gladstone Libraries Playlist on Clackamas County's YouTube channel (#ClackCo TV) is growing! Check it out!

•Free passes to local venues are available at culturalpassexpress.quipugroup.net with your card number and PIN. Passes are now available for patrons with temporary eCards, too!

•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.

Whew! It was a struggle for many, but we hope to help lighten the load in 2021. Our virtual Facebook Winter Wonderland Book and Gift Sale last month turned out pretty well, for our first endeavor. So well, that with a little tweaking, another one is in the plans for February, especially in time for Valentine's Day. The date is set for Saturday, Feb. 6th, time and pick up to be decided. Check our website, <https://gpl-foundation.org>, and Nextdoor Gladstone for more information. There are also items still on the website from the last sale that can be purchased. Feedback from those who made purchases were positive. We plan on doing these events throughout the year, and hopefully have our annual sale in August.

THANK YOU for those who have linked your Fred Meyer's Rewards program to the Gladstone Public Library Foundation. It's a win-win for all, and there is no cost involved. Visit www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards for more information.

If you want to learn more about us, interested in attending one of our meetings, or making a donation, please visit our website at: <https://gpl-foundation.org>. Donations can also be mailed to: GPLF, PO Box 146, Gladstone, OR 97027. Every penny goes to support our library. Please join with us on this journey to building a new library.

"To ask why we need libraries at all, when there is so much information available elsewhere, is about as sensible as asking if roadmaps are necessary now that there are so very many roads." Jon Bing, 1944-2014 Norwegian writer and law professor at the Norwegian Research Center for Computers and Law Please 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

2021 Business License Renewals

Business license renewals are due January 1st of each year. For businesses located within Gladstone the fee is \$100, plus \$5 per employee over 3 Full Time Equivalent employees, an additional \$50 fee is required for any **NEW** business being operated out of a home. For rental properties, the base fee of \$100 is required along with an additional \$25 for one rental unit, \$50 for 2-5 rental units, \$75 for 6-12 rental units or \$100 for 13+ rental units. Business license applications may be downloaded from the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. Questions can be emailed to bl@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Discount for Gladstone Utility Bills

Utility discounts are available to low-income residents who are billed directly by the City of Gladstone. Information can be found at 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 or phone: 503-557-2771.

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/