

New Gladstone City Sign Installed

As part of the City of Gladstone Tourism Strategy, the City of Gladstone got a new “Welcome to Gladstone” sign, located at Stocker Park at the end of East Clarendon Street.



Upcoming City Meetings

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

Upcoming meetings are as follows: **May 3rd:** Budget Committee will be meeting at 6:30 pm. **May 10th:** Park & Recreation Advisory Board will be meeting at 6:30 pm. **May 11th:** City Council will be meeting at 6:30 pm. **May 18th:** Planning Commission will be meeting at 6:30 pm and Senior Center Advisory Board will be meeting at 5:00 pm. **May 25th:** City Council Work Session will begin at 6:30 pm. More information regarding all City meetings can be found at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>

High Rocks, AMR Lifeguard Program & Gladstone Fire Department (GFD)

High Rocks Park is approximately 1.5 acres in size with the Clackamas River bordering Gladstone and Oregon City, and is a popular place for people to escape the heat or just to enjoy a family outing. High Rocks has seen many fatalities over the years that could have been prevented with a life jacket or a little bit of education on the dangers of the cold and fast water. The Clackamas River in the High Rocks area hides many dangers including strong currents, extremely cold water, large underwater rocks, and large pieces of scrap steel. Some of these items are barely under the surface where many people jump from the rocks and river temperatures range from the mid-40 degrees in the winter to mid-60 degrees in the summer. American Medical Response (AMR), our local ambulance company, brought their River Safety and Rescue Program to our local waterway in 2002. Even with AMR Lifeguards on duty from Memorial Day to Labor Day, there are those situations that require additional resources or a “full marine rescue”. The Clackamas Water Rescue Consortium, including the GFD, responds to incidents that require specialized rescue including divers, swift water swimmers, and boat operations. This year, the GFD will be doing outreach programs to educate swimmers about the dangers of the Clackamas River to include High Rocks. Please be safe as you enjoy High Rocks Park this year and remember to have a healthy respect for the dangers of swimming in this area.

Until more Oregonians receive their vaccine, always remember to social distance, wear a face covering, keep groups small.



**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 971-352-0559

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Provide Assistance During Ice Storm

Thank you to all of our friends and neighbors who recently assisted in clean up after the February ice storm. Special thanks go to members of the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program who volunteered their time for 22 clean-up events after the storm. These members assisted in clearing tree limbs and debris, mowing lawns, trimming bushes and branches. Thank you to all of our community members who assisted during our recent event, this shows how great our Gladstone community is! If you are interested in getting involved, 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. 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? If so, visit the City’s website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/police/webform/neighbors-helping-neighbors. For questions, contact Sean Boyle at 503-557-2763 or sboyle@gladstoneoregon.us.



You will still need to wear a mask and socially distance after getting the vaccine for now.

- ✓ Keep wearing a mask
- ✓ Stay 6 feet from others
- ✓ Wash your hands
- ✓ Don't spend time with people with whom you don't live

Things can't go back to normal until enough people are vaccinated.



Specified Animal Permit Required



An animal permit is required for keeping bees, livestock or fowl (Roosters are prohibited). Gladstone Municipal Code Chapter 6.08.020(1) states: "A permit to keep such bees, livestock or fowl within the City shall not be granted unless the owner or possessor provides facilities which will reasonably assure the City that the premises will be maintained in a sanitary condition, free from offensive odors, excessive noise or any other conditions which constitute a public nuisance as defined in Chapters 8.04 and 9.12." You may stop by the Police Department, 18505 Portland Avenue, or download an application from the city's website at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/community/page/community-application-forms>. For information call 503-557-2763.



Preventing Our Kids From Falling From Windows.

Each year, according to the CDC, over 5000 children accidentally fall from windows each year. As the warmer weather is here, we need to recognize and prevent these accidents from happening. These simple tips and hardware ideas that can be found at any local hardware store will help prevent these accidents from happening.

Prevention Tips

- In homes with children, install window guards on all second-story or higher windows.
- Use window stops to prevent windows from opening more than 4 inches.
- Window screens are not designed to stop a child from falling. A normal window screen is NOT enough to keep children safe.
- 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.
- Install locks on sliding windows to prevent children from opening them.
- Move all furniture away from windows. Children can climb on furniture to access windows that are otherwise out of reach.
- Create soft landing surfaces such as bushes or plant beds under windows to help prevent serious injuries in case of a fall.
- Do not allow children to play on fire escapes, roofs or balconies.
- Make sure that older children understand the dangers of climbing out of or jumping from windows.
- Young children should never be left at home unsupervised.



Burning of Trash

Gladstone Police Department will sometimes get complaints of a neighbor burning trash. Trash burning is illegal which should not come as a surprise to you. DEQ has enforcement authority when it comes to trash burning. If you ever encounter this, please refer the complaint to the DEQ complaint hotline at 1-888-997-7888.

You can also file a complaint online at <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Get-Involved/Pages/File-Pollution-Complaint.aspx>

Address Numbers on Your Home

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



Noise Control

The City Council has determined that excessive sound is a serious hazard to the public health, welfare and the quality of life and it shall be the policy of the city to prevent excessive sound which may jeopardize the health, welfare and safety of citizens or degrade the quality of life. No person shall knowingly continue, cause or permit to be made or continue to make any excessive or unnecessary sounds. The following acts are declared to create excessive and unnecessary sounds in violation of this chapter without regard to the maximum sound levels: Radios, Phonographs, Tape players, Television Sets, Stereo Systems, Amplified sounds, external speakers, paging systems, Revving engines, Compression braking devices, Exhausts, Idling engines on motor vehicles, Vehicle tires, Motorcycles, go-karts, dune buggies, Motorboats, Powered model vehicles, Fireworks, Tampering, Animals, Steam whistles, Horns, and Compressed air devices. See table for allowed sound levels. Day time hours are between 7:00 am—10:00 pm the same day, Night time hours are between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am the following day. For more information, visit www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/#!/Gladstone08/Gladstone0812.html#8.12

TABLE OF ALLOWABLE SOUND LEVELS IN ANY TEN-MINUTE PERIOD (in dBA)						
Type of Source by Use	Type of Received by Use					
	Noise Sensitive		Commercial		Industrial	
	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night
Noise Sensitive	55	45		—		—
Commercial	55	50	70	65		—
Industrial	55	50	70	65	75	70

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/.

City Office Closures

Gladstone City offices will be closed on May 24, 2021 in observance of Memorial Day.

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/jobs

Be Prepared– One Month at a Time

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 1 supplies:

- 1 gallon of water (per person and/or pet in the household).
- 1 jar of peanut butter
- 1 canned meat, stew, or pasta meal (per person in the household)
- Hand operated can and bottle opener
- Liquid dish soap
- Plain liquid bleach
- Plastic wrap
- Aluminum foil
- Heavy duty gloves
- Working flashlight and batteries
- Waterproof matches
- Duct tape
- Large container with lid for all your supplies.
- Hand Sanitizer

If Needed:

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Baby food
- Pet food
- Pet leash or carrier

Month 1 activities:

- Learn about disasters that could happen the area. Identify a safe places to go in case of a fire, earthquake, or other local disaster. Inventory disaster supplies already on hand, including camping gear. Place items in your emergency container. Discard expired items.
- Have your household run a fire drill.
- Register for emergency alerts at FlashAlert.

Sign-up to Receive Flash Alerts



Want to sign up to receive Emergency Alerts for the City of Gladstone? Learn how to sign up for Flash Alerts by visiting www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/how-subscribe-flash-alerts.

May is National Youth Traffic Safety Month

Attention parents and caregivers of teens! We want to help you talk to your teen drivers about the importance of safe driving habits. Whether teens are driving a car, truck, or SUV, and whether they've just earned their license or have had it for a few years, the rules stay the same, and they shouldn't have the keys if they don't know the rules. Parents, the greatest dangers for teen drivers — and the areas of focus for your conversation — are alcohol consumption, inconsistent or no seat belt use, distracted driving, speeding, and driving with passengers in the vehicle.

Be Empowered!

Remind your teen driver that driving is a privilege, not a right. If they aren't following the rules of the road, they don't get to have the keys to the car.

Whether you own the vehicle, or your teen owns the vehicle, they are living under your roof, and they need to follow the rules. This also means that, whether they want to or not, they need to listen to what you have to say about driving safety.

Talk to your teen driver about driving laws. If they can't follow the law, they can't drive the car. You could save their life.

Talking to your child about the importance of safe driving habits may feel tiresome for both parent and teen at times, but keep working at it. They are listening and they depend on you to set and enforce the rules.

Become familiar with Oregon's nighttime driving restrictions, passenger restrictions, and all the graduated driver licensing and help law enforcement and educators enforce them.

Practice constant communication about safe driving skills. Self-reported surveys show that teens with parents who set and enforce firm rules for driving typically engage in less risky driving behaviors and are involved in fewer crashes. Don't look at the conversation as nagging or bothersome — your teen is counting on you to not only set a good example, but to enforce the rules.

Be a good role model for your teen driver and set an example with your own safe driving habits.

Talk to your teen about safe cell phone use while in the car.

Encourage them to stow their phones while driving, designate a texter, or to pull over before answering phone calls or responding to text messages.



Backyard Barbecue & Outdoor Fun

Summer is on its way—time to have a BBQ! Always be in attendance while you use your propane or charcoal cookers. To help insure your safety, check the date near the handle of your propane bottle. Propane bottles need to be recertified after 12 years initially and every 5 years thereafter. If charcoal briquettes are more your style, be sure to store the bag in a dry place at all times. If your charcoal based fuel gets wet or damp, they can self-ignite under certain conditions, and that can spell disaster. If lighter fluid is used, be sure to follow the directions on the can and never apply fluid when there is an open flame.



Lawnmower Accidents

Now that spring is here, we will be getting out of the house and once again paying attention to our yards. Each year across the United States, lawnmower accidents account for approx. 6,394 serious injuries including burns, cuts and broken bones, according to a new study from Johns Hopkins researchers.

Before operating your lawnmower for the first time this season, here are a few helpful reminders:

- Start with the owner's manual. Familiarize yourself with the operation and the safe handling of your power equipment.
- Inspect equipment. Loose or damaged parts, including bolts, belts, and guards should be carefully looked at for damage or missing items.
- Check the fuel tank for leaks. Any amount of leaking fuel can end with disastrous results. Always have a properly charged fire extinguisher handy when refueling.
- Always store fuel in a proper container.
- Ensure that blade is properly sharpened. A sharp blade can produce a better cut for your lawn and allow your mower to work easier. Dull, nicked, and damaged blades should always be replaced or sharpened.
- Make sure safety glasses and ear protection are properly worn.
- Make sure you are aware of what you are mowing. Tall grasses and weeds can hide items like rocks and other things that can cause injuries.



The Kiwanis Club of Gladstone-Oak Grove Virtual Meeting




Kiwanis – Serving the Children of the World. Kiwanis is an International Service organization with a priority to serve children. Kiwanis members stage more than 150,000 service projects, devote more than six million hours of service and raise nearly \$100 million every year for communities, families and projects. Kiwanis programs for youth and young adults help to create the next generation of community leaders. Key Club, the world's oldest and largest student-led service organization for high school students, encourages leadership development through service to others.

The Kiwanis Club of Gladstone-Oak Grove sponsors a Key Club at Gladstone High School. We are currently meeting on Zoom. Contact the President Tom Hogan at 503-819-8367 or tomhogan2@comcast.net with questions or to attend. You can also check out the website at <https://www.kiwanis.org/>. Get involved with Kiwanis.

What we need to do together

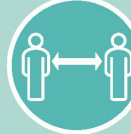
Until we vaccinate enough Oregonians to stop the spread of COVID-19, we are going to have to keep doing what we're doing to protect ourselves and others. **We are all going to have to continue to:**

 **Wear our face covering** when we are around people who don't live in our home or are not fully vaccinated

 **Keep our gatherings small**

 **Stay home when we are sick**

 **Wash our hands often**

 **Keep our distance from people we don't live with**



Document accessibility: For individuals with disabilities or individuals who speak a language other than English, OHA can provide information in alternate formats such as translations, large print, or braille. Contact the Health Information Center at 1-971-673-2411, 711 TTY or COVID19.LanguageAccess@dhs.oregon.gov.

Help Prevent System Back-ups: Kitchen & Bathroom

Covid-19 has changed our day to day lives and activities, people are spending more time at home, cooking, working, schooling kids and enjoying the safety our homes offer. The City of Gladstone and our partners are taking every opportunity to advise the public of actions that may seem harmless but in reality have great risk to both private and city systems.



First up the Kitchen: avoid pouring fats, oils and grease (FOG) down kitchen sinks and garbage disposals after meals or while washing dishes as it can lead to backups, overflows and expensive pipe damage. Over time, FOG

builds up by sticking to the inner sides of pipes and forms thick clusters that clog pipes, which can result in sewer overflows in your home or your neighbors' home, requiring expensive cleanups and repairs. It can also cause larger problems, overflows in yards, streets and parks, which can result in pollutants being carried into streams and rivers.

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) are in many common foods and ingredients, including: meats, butter, lard, shortening, cooking oil, mayonnaise, gravy, dairy products, salad dressings, sour cream, and sauces that contain thickening agents.

What should you do with FOG to safely dispose of it?

- Pouring cooled fats, oils and grease into a covered, disposable container and tossing it into trash. A heat-safe container, such as an empty soup can also be used for this and stored it in the freezer. Once solidified, toss can into the garbage
- Soaking up remaining FOG with paper towels and placing in the trash
- Wiping all pots, pans, dishes, and cooking utensils with a paper towel prior to washing to absorb the grease.
- Using sink strainers to catch food waste while washing dishes

Your Role as a Property Owner:

Sewer system backups have far reaching consequences if not caught in a timely manner. It only takes seconds for a substantial blockage to cause costly damage. A sewer overflow which makes its way into our waterways not only violates the federal Clean Water Act, but they cause a host of other problems for communities and the region as a whole. Taking a few small steps to change behaviors can go a long way in reducing the possibility of a sewer backup caused by a buildup of FOG.

Recently the City of Gladstone's Public Works Dept. was contacted by a resident who reported seepage from a manhole. The utility crew was onsite quickly to investigate the situation; it was determined the line blocked was a private line. Being unable to contact the owner and concerns regarding the location being in close proximity to a local waterway, the crew freed the blockage utilizing our Vactor truck. Though we were confident sewage did not reach the waterway, precautionary signage was posted and DEQ was notified of the sewage system overflow (SSO). The owner of the property was able to contact residents advising them not to dispose of grease or other FOG substances by pouring them down drains as well as advising against the use of "flushable wipes" of any type. City crews do not normally resolve private line backups, our obligation to protect the waterway required us to take action. The City will bill the owner of the property for our crew's time incurred in investigating and freeing the blockage.



Next up the Bathroom: With the great toilet paper shortage of 2020, people may have resorted to using items that they wouldn't have normally used in the bathroom. Paper towels, baby wipes, facial tissue and wet wipes that are marketed as "flushable". Wipe manufacturers are not legally required to pass any testing to call their wipes "flushable". Truth is: Sewer systems were designed to handle two things — human waste and toilet paper. Flushing anything else down the toilet can cause big problems for homeowners, Gladstone's aging sewer system and the local wastewater treatment facilities.

Irrigation System Summer Check List

Now is the time to start checking your irrigation system for peak summer performance. Because automatic irrigation systems often come on in the early morning hours—unobserved by their owners—leaks and other problems can go unnoticed—wasting water and damaging plants. Take time to check, repair and adjust the irrigation system at the beginning of the watering season, and monitor throughout the summer. Spring checklist: 1) Close all manual drains—the sprinkler system was probably drained last fall—make sure none of the manual drain valves have been left open. 2) Slowly open the main valve and allow the mainline piping from the main valve to the backflow prevention to fill with water. 3) Have the backflow prevention assembly tested by a state certified backflow tester. 4) Pressurize the mainline from the backflow prevention assembly to the control valves—have one of the control valves open while you do this so that air trapped in the piping can ease through the irrigation heads as the pipes fill with water. 5) Run the entire system, one zone at a time. As you do this, check for the following: signs of leakage—caused by damage to the heads or piping during the winter months—repair as needed. Spray pattern of the of the sprinklers can be inefficient, nozzles get clogged and need to be cleaned or nozzles and sprinklers may need adjustments to reduce overspray into walks, driveways, etc. For information about summer water conservation tips contact Clackamas River Water Providers at 503-723-3511 or email Christine@clackamasproviders.org.

Planning & Permits

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

Residential Fences

With the arrival of spring, many of us start to think about those outdoor home improvement projects.



If a fence is something you're considering, here's some general information to keep in mind for residential locations. Along with the usual building materials of wood, vinyl, brick or chain link, fences can include such things as hedges, shrubs and flowers. Generally speaking, they are to be no higher than three feet from the front of the house to the front lot line and no higher than six feet elsewhere. When planning what to put in your yard, please also use common sense and consider sightlines for vehicle traffic. This is especially important on corners. The philosophy is that you need to have a clear sight line both horizontally and vertically at intersections for safety. The specific requirements on what's allowed can be found in the Gladstone Municipal Code, sections 17.10, 17.12 and 17.54.020 located on the city's website at: <https://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/#/Gladstone17/Gladstone17.html>. Residents are also asked to call 8-1-1 before they dig – this is a national call-before-you-dig phone number to call before digging to request the approximate location of buried utilities be marked with paint or flags so you don't unintentionally dig into an underground utility line.

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!









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 Jacque Betz, City Administrator at (503) 557-2767 or by email at betz@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.



May Brain Teasers- How many can you get? Answers will be 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

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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

Happy Mother's Day from all of us at the Senior Center



A Minute of Gladstone History

By Kim Argraves Huey, Gladstone Historical Society Historian

The "#1" question that the Gladstone Historical Society is asked most often is: "How old is my house and is it historical?" For all those folks wondering if they should remodel or restore this summer, here is some information to help you decide. For a house to be considered as having historical value and to qualify for **National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)**, it must meet the following requirements: 1.) More than 50 years old; 2.) Connects to a significant historical person or event associated with the area; 3.) Has maintained its original physical integrity; 4.) is considered an embodiment of a particular master (builder) or historic style (this requirement can be optional); 5. Can provide important historical information concerning the person or event of its location. If you think your home is over fifty years old, and many houses in Gladstone have hit that milestone, here are some resources to help you trace its history.

Clackamas County Records-Recording Division: Home ownership can be traced back to the early 1850s. Sometimes the county will have a home's original floor plans, the builder's name, and info on later additions.

Maps: Maps can be a super useful tool when it comes to establishing a house's original and/or evolving address, tracing ownership, and even a time frame when the house was built. Old maps often numbered the property lots and then listed the current owners to the side. Some great local map resources are 1.) Clackamas County; 2.)Museum of the Oregon Territory; 3.) Oregon State University; 4.) Archives West - Orbis Cascade Alliance. A google search will also produce a variety of great map resources including: 1.) Historic Map Works; 2.)Library of Congress. **Names/**

Owners: If you know who built your house or the name of someone who lived in it, try the Gladstone Historical Society. We keep a list of names of prominent residents and how they relate to Gladstone's history.

Some general facts to help you determine your houses age, notable architecture, historic value, or how it fits into Gladstone's development. The town's first building boom began in 1893 with the earliest Victorian houses generally being constructed in the first two blocks east and west of Portland Avenue, between Clarendon St. and the Clackamas River. By 1905, bungalows were all the rage, and many were built throughout "old-town Gladstone". In 1915, Guy LaSalle, a well-known architect, created Gladstone's first housing development by building 13 bungalows along Arlington St. and Clackamas Blvd. Some of these bungalows are distinct for their river rock foundations. After that time, craftsmen houses and depression-era cottages homes began appearing wherever a building lot was available. The second major housing development came shortly after WWII. Made from masonry brick, Melvin Dunmire constructed sleek, new, ranch-style houses along east Dartmouth street, many of which were heated by hot water pipes in their cement floors. The last development in Gladstone that might have houses qualifying as "historical" is the 1970s Los Verdes addition.

So, now for some fun facts on Gladstone's houses. **Oldest House:** The oldest house in Gladstone is the 1869 Cason-Cross house located on 82nd Drive between Arlington and Berkley Streets. Built by the Fendel Cason Family (early settlers), it has been extensively altered and probably would not qualify for

the NRHP. **First House:** The first house built in the newly-platted town of Gladstone sits on a lot located on the southwest corner of Clarendon St. and Chicago Ave. In 1893, Asa Parker (early postmaster) built a Queen Anne Vernacular Style home that was later purchased by Grant Olds (city council member). As of 2000, the house had been altered only slightly by an addition in the rear and the removal of a balustrade over the front porch. It has great possibilities of being on the (NRHP). A near-twin of the Parker-Olds house sits on the opposite corner and was built in 1895 by H.S. Anderson. Nothing else is known about this house. **Two Prominent Houses**



1904 Oregon City Enterprise (newspaper) ad for lots for sale in Gladstone. Artist drawing of Parker-Olds House

reside on Portland Ave. The James M. Tracy (Clackamas County Judge/Gladstone City Council Member) house is a Queen Anne Vernacular built in 1900 and located on the northeast corner of Hereford St. and The T. Chambers Howell (twice served as mayor) house is located on the northwest corner of Ipswich St. (next to Gladstone Senior Center). Built in 1925, this Prairie Style House replaced Mayor Chambers earlier home, which burned in a fire.

Is your Gladstone home on the National Register of Historic Places? If so, the Gladstone Historical Society would love to know. Our records show that Gladstone has no officially designated historical places other than the Pow-Wow tree. Please share your information by emailing GladstoneHistoricalSociety@gmail.com.

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.

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

Curfew

According to Gladstone Municipal Code, Chapter 9.16.040, It is unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen (18) years who is not emancipated pursuant to ORS [419B.550](#) to [419B.558](#), to be in or upon any street, highway, park, alley, public right of way, or other public place between the hours specified in this section unless such minor is accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person twenty-one (21) years of age or older and authorized by the parent or by law to have such care and custody of the minor, or unless such minor is then engaged in an authorized school activity or lawful employment that makes it necessary to be in or upon such public place during the hours specified in this section. The curfew is between 11:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. of the following morning.

Picnics/Parties at Patterson Park

Shelters or picnic areas in Gladstone parks are available on a first come, first served basis. Be aware, bouncy houses and rock climbing walls are NOT permitted at any city park. For additional details, visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Gladstone City Newsletter

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

Family fun in the Gladstone Nature Park

Looking for some outdoor family fun? Try our Nature Park scavenger hunts. There are three different ones. Find them on the website, GladstoneNaturePark.org, or pick up a sheet at the FOGNAP shed.

Did you know there are 86 different kinds of birds in the Gladstone Nature Park? The park has everything from hawks, bald eagles, songbirds, swallows, and even turkey vultures. Find the current list at the FOGNAP shed near the entrance and see how many you can find in the park.

What's blooming in the park this month? Oregon grape (mahonia aquifolium): Chosen the state flower in 1899, its clusters of yellow flowers are set off by deep green holly-like leaves. Purple berries appear later that are edible, but oh so sour!



Trilliums (trillium ovatum): One of the first flowers to bloom in spring. Never pick a trillium! It takes 10 years for this bulb to bloom, so these are very special. Look for white, pink and purple blooms in the Nature Park. Fawn lilies (erythronium):



These tiny white flowers look like they are inside out. Find them hiding in shady areas.

Volunteers are welcome on the last Saturday morning of the month to help clean the Nature Park. There's lots to do and lots to learn about. Join us, from 9am to noon, May 29, 2021. All ages welcome.

For more information about the Gladstone Nature park, go to GladstoneNaturePark.org. Or contact us at: friendsogladstonenature@gmail.com

SHOC Walk & Run for Ovarian Cancer – Virtual for 2021



The SHOC Foundation will once again be holding a VIRTUAL event for its 17th Annual SHOC Walk & Run for ovarian and gynecologic cancer research. We hope you'll join us!

On Saturday, August 7, 2021, we'll kick-off at 8:00 am as we "race in place" together again...but apart. Supporters can participate on their own time, in their own place, at their

own pace. Choose your own beautiful course—through the park, along the water, your favorite trail in the woods—or stay inside and hit the treadmill! Start at any time you want and on any day you want between August 7th and August 14th.

We will not be "gathering" at an actual event location in Gladstone or having a pancake breakfast, but we hope the online camaraderie will bridge that gap. Come join us virtually and make a difference! @shocfoundation #shocwalk

For more information and to register online visit shocfoundation.org

Golf Tournament to Benefit Gladstone Kids

The Gladstone Education Foundation [GEF] is planning a golf tournament to raise funds for Gladstone student academics, athletics, and activities. The event will take place Wednesday, July 14 at Stone Creek Golf Course.



To register or to sponsor this event, call Tammy Tracy at 503.655.2777. The Education Foundation is a 501 C-3 non-profit (Tax ID# 93-1284265).

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.

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. Due to COVID, masks will be required.

Register Now for Fall Kindergarten

If your child will be 5 by September 1st, it's time to register for fall Kindergarten! Sign up now at <http://bit.ly/2JMQNLO>

The kindergarten experience at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families is in a safe and spacious setting designed for the unique needs of our youngest learners.

Music, science, physical education, and art give children the chance to explore, with plenty of time for core academics and making new friends.



Public Access Hours on School Grounds Change as Students Return

As students return to classroom learning, some hours for public access to school grounds have changed due to COVID-19 precautions during school and athletic activities.

Outdoor school facilities are open **all day on weekends** and at the times listed below. Masks are required on school property. No events by non-district groups/teams are allowed.

- GCCF front playground: Open before noon and after 3 p.m. weekdays
- Baker Stadium track & GHS fields: Open before noon and after 6 p.m. weekdays [except during track meets]
- Kraxberger fields and playground: Open before 11:30 a.m. and after 6 p.m. weekdays
- John Wetten playgrounds: Open before 11:30 a.m. weekdays [all], 3 to 8 p.m. weekdays [red & blue only]

A Message from Our Community Cat Rescue

If you find a nest of kittens, please reach out to us or someone who will get the mama cat too, so they aren't separated. Thank you to everyone who donated food to us in March! This enables us to care for our rescues. We are gearing up for a yard sale on July 16-17. We are accepting donations now.

We are actively welcoming volunteers for fostering and transportation. All supplies for fostering are covered by us. We are a non-profit 501c3 located in Gladstone, Oregon - serving surrounding communities as well.

ourcommunitycatrescue@gmail.com

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 our patrons, and although our building is still closed to the public as of this writing, things can change quickly! For updates, stay tuned to clackamas.us/lib and Gladstone Public Library's Facebook and NextDoor posts. Lincc.org also offers updates on all libraries in Clackamas County.

•No-contact, no appointment item 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.

•Free WiFi helps keep you connected 8 am to 8 pm; accessible on most devices from our parking lot.

•Grow a great garden with spring seed kits just for kids with a mix of colorful lettuce varieties (while they last - ask for a kids' seed kit when you pick up your holds), and our *Seeds for Sharing* seed library for gardeners of all ages. Visit clackamas.us/lib/seeds-for-sharing for detailed instructions and updated seed catalogs, then email your order to 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*).

•Teacher Heather and Teacher Susannah share a host of favorite storytime books, songs, and games virtually every Thursday at 10:30 am. Request the ZOOM All-Ages Storytime meeting link and password at gladstone@lincc.org (this changes each week). All ages welcome!

•Dell laptops and WiFi hotspots are available for checkout—just pick up and return these items to the Gladstone Public Library during curbside hours. Place your hold today!

•**Bundle Builder** helps you 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 - **Readers' Advisory and Bundles**, email 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 their return) through the US Postal Service. Call 503-650-3187 to request an application (this is a message phone; please leave your name and phone number and your call will be returned). Applications are also available online at clackamas.us/lib/#readyresources - **Homebound Service**.

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

•Our book drop is open 24/7 for your returns,

with no overdue fines charged for items checked in during May (regardless of due date).

•Staff answers phones and emails daily 10 am to 6 pm; after-hour messages receive responses the next business day.

•**Phone:** 503-655-8540

•**Email:** gladstone@lincc.org

•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 with your card number and PIN. Passes are available for patrons with eCards, too!

•The Oak Lodge and Gladstone Community Project's task force meetings are in full swing. Gladstone's Task Force meets again virtually on Wednesday, May 5th at 5:30 pm. Visit clackamas.us/meetings/communityproject/oakgladproj for meeting schedules and links, and clackamas.us/communityproject for more information about the projects overall.

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

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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

***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 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.

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates

It's planting season in the Northwest, and we have some amazing plants for you to order. The sale runs Saturday, May 1st—Saturday, May 8th. We are offering several varieties of tomato plants and a few peppers. Prices are \$1.75 each or 3 for \$5.00. Please email foundationgladstone@gmail.com for information on what is available or to place an order.

If you're looking for a bargain, check out the Bargain Basement on our website. We've got books priced from \$1.50-\$2.00. Go to <https://gpl-foundation.org>, click on shopping, browse, and buy. Orders in Gladstone, Milwaukie and Oregon City, will have free contactless delivery.

Don't forget, you have two ways to help us with our support for the new library. Amazon Smile: Amazon donates 0.5% for any eligible purchase made. Go to: 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. Fred Meyer Rewards: If you are a rewards member or want to join Fred Meyer's program, their address is <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

Interested in learning more about us, or interested in attending one of our meetings, please visit our website at <https://gpl-foundation.org>. If you would like to donate to the foundation, donation can be mailed to GPLF, PO Box 146, Gladstone, OR 97027-0146. Donations are also accepted on our website. Every penny goes to support our library. Please join with us on this journey to building a new library.

"Cutting libraries during a recession is like cutting hospitals during a plague." Eleanor Crumblehulme (Library Assistant, University of British Columbia, Canada) Please stay safe, stay healthy, and read.