

Gladstone's Infrastructure Investment Priorities



↑ Jacquie Betz, Gladstone City Administrator.

In recent years, the City of Gladstone has been systematically upgrading its water-sewer-stormwater-transportation infrastructure. Cost-effective investments are being made to protect the environment, comply with state and federal regulations, and bring the City's systems up to current standards. Investing in our infrastructure before systems fail results in significant savings – and helps keep utility rates sustainable.

Gladstone's Progress on Infrastructure Priorities

Projects recently completed, underway, or planned:

- DEQ mutual agreement and order for sewer and system improvements (end of 2024)
- WES partnership on inflow and infiltration study (will be completed by November 2021)
- W. Clackamas Blvd. sewer project (under construction)
- Barclay St./Portland Ave. stormwater line (June 2022)
- Oak Lodge Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) negotiations on infrastructure projects (Spring 2022)
- Annual slurry seal and striping completed (August 2021)
- Financial forecast to identify funded Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) (underway 2021)
- Council discussion on the use of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for infrastructure (September 2021)
- Council work session to prioritize street improvements (October 2021)
- Webster Rd./Cason Rd. pedestrian crossing improvements (September 2022)

Upcoming City Meetings

City meetings will continue to be held virtually. Upcoming meetings are as follows:

- Park and Recreation Advisory Board will be meeting on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm
- Gladstone City Council will be meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm
- Gladstone Planning Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm
- Gladstone Traffic Safety Advisory Board will be meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

More information regarding all City meetings can be found at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings.

Election Ballot Drop Box



The indoor drop box will no longer be available at the Gladstone Library.

Clackamas County Elections has advised General Election ballots will be mailed out on October 14th. The County and City have installed a permanent outdoor drop box located in the parking lot of the new Civic Center, 18505 Portland Avenue (enter on Duniway Avenue). This will allow 24 hour accessibility. Voters can drive through to drop off ballots.

Elections: Ballot Measure

The City of Gladstone has two Measures for citizens to vote on this November:

Measure 3-570: Authorization to construct and incur debt for Public Works Facility.

Measure 3-569: City of Gladstone Home Rule Charter.

For more information on these measures please visit the City's website at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/administration/page/elections-4>



Replacing the Public Works Building

A new priority is replacing the City's Public Works building. Located on Portland Avenue in downtown Gladstone, the facility was built 50 years ago as a pre-fabricated shop building. Today, it serves as one of Gladstone's command centers for natural disasters, and is often called on for round-the-clock emergency response. Voters are being asked to consider this project on their November election ballot.

Gladstone's Public Works building is designated as a Critical Facility to "protect citizens, critical facilities, infrastructure, private property and the environment from natural hazards" – but it does not currently meet FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) standards.

This past years' experience underscores the building's challenges. In the snow and ice storm of February 2021, the Public Works building lost power and wasn't restored for 4 days. There was no heat, electricity, or internet service. Working from their vehicles to tackle problems with streets, sewers and water lines, City crews communicated by cell phone. Access to equipment and supplies was difficult.

Features of Public Works Replacement Building

- *Backup electrical power – critical for emergencies
- *Updated maintenance shop
- *Storage for equipment and critical supplies
- *Adequate restrooms
- *Locker rooms for field staff (due to hazardous materials)
- *Office space
- *Meeting rooms



↑ Voter approval is needed to replace Gladstone's Public Works building – a critical facility in an emergency.

Child Passenger Safety



It has been brought to the City's attention that the article that was included in the September's newsletter regarding Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week had incorrect contact information.

For general questions or additional information regarding child passenger safety, contact Oregon Impact Car Seat Safety Program at 503-899-2220 or email OregonCarSeatSafety@gmail.com. More information can also be found on their website at <https://oregonimpact.org/Child Passenger Safety>.

Utility Bill Drop Box

Did you know you can drop off your monthly utility bills, including: PGE, NW Natural, Gladstone Water/Sewer and Gladstone Disposal, at the Senior Center? No stamps needed! A drop box is located inside the main entry door as well as a 24/7 green drop-box located outside the main entrance.

Be Prepared- One Month At A Time- Part 6

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 6 supplies:

- Large plastic bags
- 1 box high-energy snacks
- 3 rolls of toilet paper
- Extra battery for cell phone
- Kitchenware: (plates, utensils, cups, etc.)

Month 6 activities:

- Have cash and coins saved up and placed with your disaster supplies
- Create a small storage bag of salt, pepper, sugar, and other supplies to place in your container.

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

Report a Streetlight Problem

Contact Portland General Electric (PGE) at 1-800-544-1795 (press 3) or email info, including address of streetlight outage or problem, nearest cross street, pole & map number (on pole), if available, to lightout@pgn.com.



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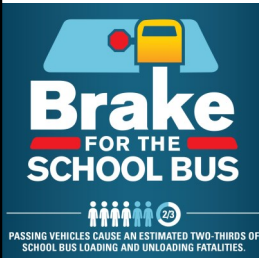
If you have a community event you would like to see in the upcoming Gladstone City Newsletter, please send it to kratz@ci.gladstone.or.us. Articles are due on or before the 18th of each month to appear in the upcoming Newsletter.

Vegetation and Water Quality



Trees, forests and other vegetation affect water quality by slowing and reducing stormwater runoff. Trees reduce runoff through rainfall interception by the tree canopy, and by releasing water into the atmosphere through evapotranspiration. Trees also promote infiltration of water through the soil and increases the storage of water in the soil and humus on the forest floor. With no tree canopy, rain falling on impervious urban surfaces such as parking lots, roofs, and streets gathers pollutants. The cumulative effect of tree canopy is to temporarily detain rainfall and gradually release it, regulating the flow of stormwater runoff downstream and thereby preventing some of the pollutants in rainfall and on urban surfaces from being transported to local waterways. Trees provide additional water quality benefits through uptake of pollutants from the atmosphere, soil and groundwater. Research provided by The Center for Watershed Protection shows that trees can intercept between 6% to 66% of rainfall. Urban trees can transpire from 0.2 to 46.7 gallons per tree per day! Streamside vegetation helps to create fish habitat and keep the waters cool for our native aquatic life. For more information about streamside vegetation management, contact Gladstone Public Works at 503 656-7957, or North Clackamas Urban Watershed Council at 503-550-9282.

Keeping Children Safe Around the School Bus



Riding the school bus is a great way to get children to and from school. It's a lot safer than other methods of transportation and provides access to school for about 26 million students each year. However, there are still risk factors associated with riding the bus that parents, children and motorists need to be aware of.

Despite the fact that there are stop arm laws in all 50 states, it's estimated that over 10 million drivers illegally pass school buses every year. This poses a serious risk to children who may not be aware of approaching traffic obscured by the big yellow bus. It's not clear why so many drivers violate stop arm laws when children's lives are at stake, but it remains a daily threat to children. There simply is no "safe" way to illegally pass the school bus. If the bus is stopping, children are present.

To keep children safer, motorists need to follow the laws in their state. It's illegal to pass a school bus within the roadway as it drops off or picks up passengers—regardless of the direction of approach. When sharing the road with a school bus, motorists should drive at a slower pace and keep a safe distance. This is the only way to be prepared to stop when those flashing red and yellow lights go on. States have different requirements on how close a vehicle can come to a school bus as it stops to pick up passengers, but

that distance may be as much as 25 feet. Under no circumstance should a motorist ever be within 10 feet of a school bus.

Parents also play an important role in keeping children safe around the school bus. Younger children should be supervised at the bus stop. All children should know about the risks involved with getting on and off the school bus and ways to stay safe.

Children should be aware of how important it is to get to the bus stop early. They should stay three giant steps away from the road and not approach the school bus until it comes to a complete stop and the door opens. Children who cross the street when getting on or off their school bus should be at least five giant steps (10 feet) in front of it. Before stepping onto the roadway, they should check for passing cars from each direction and wait for the OK signal from the school bus driver to cross.

Let children know that they should never walk behind the school bus or attempt to pick up an item that is dropped outside of it without getting permission from the driver first.

Everyone can improve the safety of children by letting others know that putting children's lives at risk is not OK. Take a pledge to brake for the school bus. Report aggressive drivers and spread the word about keeping children safe through the resources available at schoolbusfacts.com.

Article found at <http://schoolbusfacts.com/safety/>

A Rake Is All It Takes!



Summer may be behind us here in Gladstone but the wet and rainy Pacific Northwest fall and winters require that we all get weatherized. Some things that you might not think about are the catch basins in your neighborhood. Gladstone Public Works is diligent to keep our stormwater drains and conveyances cleaned out and ready for rain. However, with over 1,000 stormwater catch basins within our city, Public Works

appreciates citizen assistance in helping to keep the storm basins clear. If a catch basin in the street near your house becomes covered with leaves, a rake is all it takes to clear the leaves away. Please sweep up debris from your yard and driveway, and do not blow or hose leaves or other material into the streets, as it will wash into the storm basins. Keeping the catch basins clear allows stormwater to leave the city and helps prevent neighborhood flooding.

Curbside Leaf Pick-up Program

Gladstone Public Works is happy to provide our leaf pick up schedule for 2021. The Public Works Department asks that residents follow the simple guidelines below, together we can make our Curbside Leaf Pick-up Program a success!

First Round of Leaf Pick-Up

Area 1 & 2	Oct. 18 th – Oct. 22 nd
Area 3,4,5	Oct. 25 th – Oct. 29 th
Area 6 & 7	Nov. 1 st – Nov. 5 th
Area 8	Nov. 8 th – Nov. 12 th

Final Round of Leaf Pick-Up

Area 1 & 2	Nov. 15 th – Nov. 19 th
Area 3 & 4	Nov. 29 th – Dec. 3 rd
Area 5 & 6	Dec. 6 th – Dec. 10 th
Area 7 & 8	Dec. 13 th – Dec. 17 th

Please have your leaf pile ready for pick-up by the first day of your area's designated pick-up schedule. While it is important to have your leaves ready for pick-up by the first day on your schedule, please remember that leaves placed in the street too far in advance of leaf pick-up will cause the leaves to wash into our storm drains, increasing the risk of flooding in your neighborhood. Best practice is to put your leaves out for pick-up the day before your area's first scheduled day.

Please have your leaves placed in one large pile in the street, at least one foot from the curb. This extra space between the curb and the leaf pile allows water to drain into the city's storm basins. With the rainy season coming, any help you can provide to keep your neighborhood's stormwater catch basins clear of leaves and debris will benefit both you and your neighbors. A rake is all it takes!

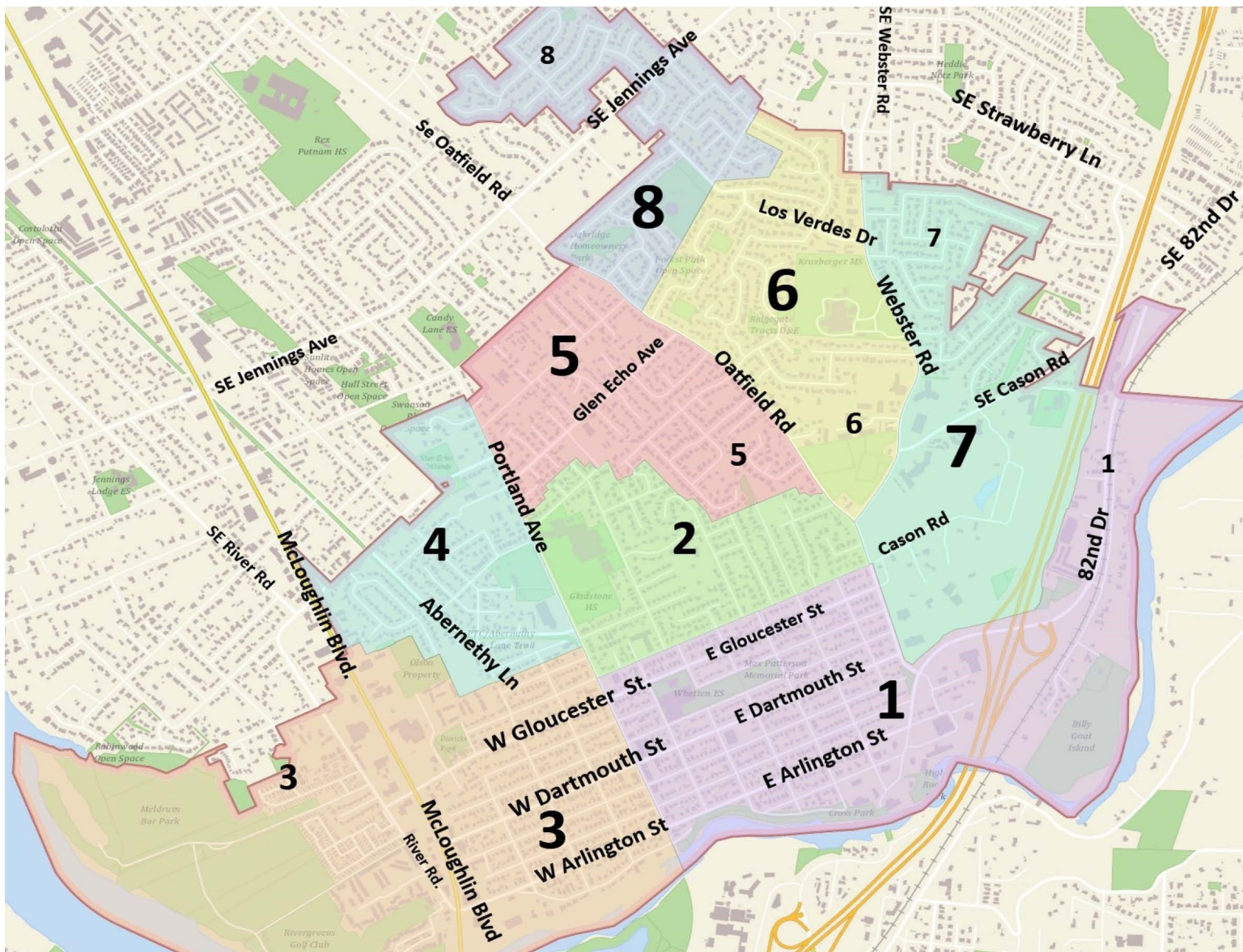
Do not block: Bike lanes, sidewalks, pathways, mailboxes, driveways, or intersections with leaf piles. Keep leaf piles separate from garbage cans and yard debris bins.

Remove any obstructions: Including basketball hoops and parked cars, to allow for the leaf pick-up equipment.

Crews will not pick up: Yard debris, tree branches, grass clippings, construction materials, or garbage during leaf pick-up operations. Please do **NOT** place these items in your leaf piles!

Please place small piles of leaves in your yard debris bin! Let's keep small piles out of the street!

As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 503 656-7957 or e-mail our office at PWOffice@ci.gladstone.or.us. Office hours are weekdays, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Our staff and crew look forward to serving you!



Use our GIS Map to Locate your Zone with your Address, in 3 Easy Steps

1. Visit the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, under the tab "I Want to" Click on "View GIS Mapping"
2. In the search bar at the top of the page, enter your street address and click on the spy glass.
3. Your address should appear in the left side toolbar, look for: "In Street Zone"

Halloween 2021: to Trick-or-Treat or not to Trick or Treat?

This year, the Oregon Health Authority reminds us that it's more important than ever to put safety first due to COVID-19 cases on the rise and holiday gatherings on Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day led to increased case counts. So, this Halloween, be extra mindful of your choices. Choosing low risk Halloween plans can help to prevent the spread of COVID-19 illness, decrease the impact on Oregon's health care system and save lives.

This Halloween, the Oregon Health Authority is recommending that Oregonians avoid traditional door-to-door trick or treating and "Trunk or Treat" events because these are high risk activities for crowding among people outside your household. This recommendation aligns with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), which also recommends families avoid traditional trick or treating.

Some ideas for safer, low-risk activities include:

Dress up and Stay Home - Dress up in your costumes and hold a virtual party. Plan a fashion show to show off your costume or have a dance party and learn the dance moves from Michael Jackson's "Thriller"

"Spooky" Halloween Movie Marathon - Pop some popcorn, throw in some candy corn and get ready for some "spooky" stories. Anything from "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" to "Halloween", there are many Halloween movie options!

Pumpkin Decorating - Pumpkins can be decorated in many ways, from paint to carving the options are endless! If carving a pumpkin, try using glow sticks or a battery operated

light over the traditional candle to help reduce fire risk.

Decorate your house in a big way - Celebrate Halloween by decking out your house in Halloween attire. Cut out cats and witches hats from construction paper (keep away from any heat source such as a candle or lightbulb). String orange, black and white lights, decorate pumpkins, or craft a giant spider!

Be your own mad scientist! - By using kitchen staples and household items, you can mix together and create "Vampire Slime" (littlebinsforlittlehands.com/vampires-blood-taste-safe-metamucil-slime/), "Frankenstein's Phlegm" (www.dreamalittlebigger.com/post/frankensteins-phlegm-a-homemade-slime-recipe.html) or "Pumpkin Playdough" (www.yourmodernfamily.com/pumpkin-pie-play-dough-diy/). How about combining baking soda and vinegar inside a jack-o-lantern and watch what happens?



"If you dress up in a costume, be careful to plan a costume that allows you to wear a face covering," said State Health Officer Dr. Dean Sidelinger. "Halloween masks will not protect you or others from coronavirus. Wearing a cloth or disposable face mask that fits snugly and covers your mouth and nose is still required while wearing a costume, no matter how scary or silly your costume is."

The Gladstone Fire Chief, who oversees not only Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical

Services in the City, but is also the City Emergency Manager, recommends we stay strong and continue to slow the spread by reducing contact with others. As individual vaccinations increase and become available for children, we will see additional slowing of the virus if we continue with precautions like these.



In addition, with the cold weather comes the potential for accidental fires. Help keep your home safe by following the following safety tips:

- Use a battery operated candle or glow stick in jack-o-lanterns
- When choosing costumes, stay away from long trailing fabric
- Teach Children to stay away from flames, including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them
- Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper can catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like lightbulbs and heaters
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes. Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.

A Minute of Gladstone History

By Kim Argraves Huey, Gladstone Historical Society Historian

Part 2 of Gladstone's Post Office.

Around 1905, the post office moved into Gladstone's first pharmacy, located on the corner of southeast Dartmouth St. and Portland Ave. While there letters and postcards were stamped and sorted next to bottles of catarrh and dyspepsia relievers. Then, after a stint in the Arlington Trolley Depot, the post office moved again. This time P.G. Wells, written up in the local 1908 newspapers as a "most energetic and enterprising merchant of Gladstone", became the new postmaster. Pronto, he packed up the sorter cabinet, trotted it up the street to his new *Confectionary, Cigar, and Grocery Store*, on the southwest corner of Dartmouth Street, and hoisted the U.S. flag. A quick nine months later, P. G. sold his store to his dutiful - but - feisty son-in-law, Thomas (Phet) Gault and ran off to join a Grand Old Army of the Republic encampment in Utah.

Along with buying the store, Thomas agreed to take over the duties of postmaster. But all too soon he crossed tracks with the State Railroad Commission. It seems the railroad "powers-that-be" had decided to move the trolley stop away from its present location, in front of Thomas' store, to somewhere up the street. Thomas was furious. How dare the

railroad discontinue a much-needed public service to trolley passengers. The Gladstone populous not only enjoyed but depended on the convenience of disembarking in close proximity to collecting their mail....not to mention picking up a little tooth powder, some nails, and a bag of candy at the same time. Mr. Gault was unmovable and he won. The trolley stop remained in place.

The next postmaster was W.H. Miller, a prize-winning lapidarist, who filled the position for about 2 years before retiring. In 1915, Asa Parker, Gladstone's first barber, took over the duties as postmaster. He was assisted by his wife Carrie.

Little is known of Asa's tenure as postmaster except that he installed the post office in his barbershop on the east side of the trolley tracks where things got too hot --literally--. Desiring a cooler more pleasant location for cutting hair, he built a new, modern, and quite cozy barber shop on the west side of the tracks. With his building surrounded by shady fruit trees, Asa continued giving shaves and selling stamps until his death in 1922.

With the utmost devotion, Carrie continued sorting mail while waiting to learn if she could assume her husband's position and serve as postmaster herself. Even though she

had already been officially recognized as Asa's assistant postmaster for the past 10 years, the government wasn't entirely sure she was qualified for the "big" job. Nothing would do except Carrie take a civil service test and prove her suitability for such an august position. Carrie complied. But oh no! The always ever-efficient government somehow became wadded up in a huge ball of sticky red tape and while Carrie waited for the results of her first test, the Postmaster General reclassified the position of U.S regional postmaster and Carrie was forced to take a new upgraded test. Carrie showed the government that she really did know her "stuff". Not only did she pass her first test, but she scored above average on her second test and beat out two Gladstone republicans for the job. (Why this latter detail was important we do not know, but the newspapers all reported it.) Carrie served as Gladstone's first Lady postmaster until 1934. During her tenure, she was paid \$1000.00 each year for her work. (For all the latest Gladstone Historical Society happenings visit our website: www.GladstoneHistoricalSociety.org Got a historical question or a suggestion for this column: Email: GladstoneHistoricalSociety@gmail.com.)



We would love to see all of the face that we remember and visit with new ones. Currently we are open for activities, we are consistent with the state mandate of mask wearing inside the Senior Center. If you plan on visiting please bring a mask with you or we have some here as well. We look forward to seeing you.



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.

Calling all Bingo, Bunco, Pinochle, Cribbage and Rummikub we have groups of people that are enjoying these games at the Senior Center if you would like to come down and join. If you are new to the game or a little rusty we can help you . Call for more information 503-655-7701 or just stop in.

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Pool Room: Daily from 10 am-4 pm
 Tuesday: Bingo 1:00 pm
 Wednesday: Bunco 1:00 pm
 Thursday: Pinochle/Rummikub 1:00 pm
 Friday: Bridge 12:00 pm
 Foot Clinic: 2nd Monday and Tuesday by appointment only
 Blood Pressure Clinic: 2nd Tuesday
 Law Clinic: Dates to be announced
 Book club: Time to be announced

Available during open hours: Puzzles and books
 All activities require participants to wear a mask.

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Foot Clinic, Blood Pressure Clinic are happening now at the Gladstone Senior Center. Foot Clinic by appointment only 503-655-7701. Appointments are scheduled for the 2nd Monday and Tuesday of each month.



If you reside in Clackamas County and have questions on resources available to you, please contact the ADRC Monday through Thursday, 8:30am to 4:30pm at (503) 650-8522 or email at: clackamasadrc@clackamas.us . You can also visit them online at: <https://www.adrcforegon.org/consite/index.php> . Stay Home, Stay Safe.

Get a Free COVID Vaccine At Gladstone High School

To protect people from serious, long-term impacts of COVID-19, Gladstone High School will host a series of free vaccine clinics. The events are open to anyone age 12 and older, whether they are seeking their first or second Pfizer vaccine. Parent permission is required for people age 12-14.

While drop-ins are welcome, booking an appointment in advance will save time and paperwork when you arrive. Schedule your vaccine here: <https://bit.ly/3lhzaTN>

Gladstone's clinics are on these Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. at Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Avenue. [athletic entrance.] A Spanish interpreter will be provided.

- October 20th
- November 10th
- December 1st

According to Clackamas County Public Health, vaccination is the best way to avoid severe illness, hospitalization, and death.



Preparing Your Swimming Pool for Winter

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

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

- Pool water is not stormwater and should not be placed in ditches, street gutters, or storm drains;
- The same chlorine or salt used in a pool that disinfects water for recreational use has a high concentration of chemicals that negatively impacts stream health and aquatic life; and,
- There is a safe way to drain or de-chlorinate pool water. Generally, pool water is safe to drain after waiting five to seven days for the chlorine to evaporate. After that timeframe, slowly release the water into a large, vegetated area so that plants and soil can clean the water before it goes to storm drains and local waterways.

Is Discharging Pool Water Illegal?

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



Transient Lodging Tax

Are you renting your property for less than 30 days at a time? Is your property located in the Gladstone City Limits? If so, as a homeowner you are responsible for collecting and remitting a Transient Lodging Tax.

For more information regarding the Transient Lodging Tax, visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/gladstone-implements-transient-lodging-tax>

Fall Water Conservation Tips

Take Stock Of Your Water Usage Habits-Even if you're careful about your water usage in the home, chances are there are important steps you're not taking and factors that you're not considering. As the air begins to cool, for example, you may enjoy taking a few extra minutes in a hot shower. Standard shower heads use more than two gallons of water a minute. Even a small amount of extra shower time every day adds up to large water waste. Consider changing your old shower head to a newer 1 - 1.5 GPM (gallons per minute) low flow shower head. You can still enjoy that shower without wasting water.

Water Plants Less-Longer nights, cooler temperatures, and increased rainfall means outdoor plants and lawns require much less water. Purchase an EPA Watersense certified smart controller or rain sensor switch for your existing controller to stop your irrigation system from coming on when it isn't necessary. Visit our website for rebate information on EPA Watersense certified smart controllers and rain sensors. Lastly don't forget to winterize your irrigation system. Make sure to turn off and drain your irrigation no later than October 31st to prevent the pipes from freezing.

Install Water Efficient Faucets Aerators-While not running water needlessly, such as letting the faucet flow when brushing your teeth, or scrubbing dishes after a large holiday celebration many households can further decrease their water use by installing high efficiency (1 - 1.5 GPM) faucet aerators in the kitchen and in the bathroom.

Upgrade Your Toilets-Toilets are the number one water waster in the home, replacing your old toilet with a new EPA certified High Efficiency Toilet (HET) is an excellent way to reduce unnecessary water use. If you're unable to replace your toilets, you can use toilet tank banks, or fill cycle diverters to reduce the amount of water used per flush. Visit our website for rebate information on EPA certified High Efficiency Toilets.

Check Behind the Scenes-Check all faucets and, wherever possible, pipes for leaks. A single drip may seem insignificant, but that volume adds up — a single dripping faucet can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water a year. To check for leaks in hidden pipes, monitor your water meter for an hour or two when no water is being used, if the meter dial is moving, there is a leak.

There are a myriad of different ways to conserve water at home. To learn more indoor and outdoor water saving tips, receive our indoor water audit kit, information about the Clackamas River Water Providers Rebate Program, and how to receive water saving devices such as faucet aerators, and shower heads visit our website at www.clackamasproviders.org or call us at 503-723-3511.

Free Clothes for Kids Open Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon



The Gladstone Kids Clothes Closet is open for free clothes shopping and donation drop-offs each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. It is located off Nelson Lane in a portable classroom on the north side of the Gladstone High School campus.

The facility serves any youth from birth to age 18. They provide free gently-used clothing, jackets, and shoes, as well as new socks and underwear. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Clothes Closet Coordinator Karen Gallaway at karenskids4@msn.com.

Teen Driver Safety Week, October 17th — 23rd

National Teen Driver Safety Week is October 17-23, 2021 and is a great opportunity for parents to sit down with their teen drivers and discuss the importance of driving safety. Whether teens are driving a car, truck, or SUV, and whether they've just earned their license or have had it for 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. Parenting teens can be hard and adding in the driving factor can present a whole new set of challenges. Driving is a new chapter and a step toward independence for many teens. This is where constant communication about safe driving skills is essential for your new teen driver. Your teen is counting on you to not only set a good example, but to enforce the rules take the opportunity to talk to your teen about safe driving practices and the consequences they'll face if they don't obey the rules of the road.

Drop Off Unwanted Prescriptions at Gladstone PD

Flushing drugs down the toilet or putting them into the garbage may 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*. No paperwork or fee required! *Excluding holidays.



Rotary Club Eager To Add New Members

The Rotary Club of Gladstone/Oak Grove is seeking new members who want to make new friends and work together on community service projects.

This group of women and men helps our community through projects like organizing the Gladstone Community Festival, painting the Gladstone Public Library, providing dictionaries to third graders, supporting the Gladstone Kids Clothes Closet, and providing college scholarships to local graduates.

Those interested in joining the group should contact Club President Dr. Bob Everett for more information [reverett78@yahoo.com]. He will invite you to an upcoming meeting. The group meets outdoors Thursdays at noon in Max Patterson Park.

Our local Rotary club is part of Rotary International, a global organization focused on promoting peace; fighting disease; providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; saving mothers and children; supporting education; and growing local economies.

Rotary members (from left to right) Baldwin van der Bijl, Bob Everett, Candace Krause, Leslie Robinette, Jal Duncan, and Bryce Colson, gather to celebrate club accomplishments of the past year.



Gladstone School Food Pantry Provides Free Groceries



The Gladstone School Food Pantry provides free groceries to families with children in Gladstone Schools. The pantry also serves residents of Gladstone, Jennings Lodge, and Oak Grove.

The pantry is open to shoppers every Thursday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at 6460 Glen Echo, behind Hillside Fellowship. Parking is available. Please bring bags to carry your groceries.

This shopping-style pantry offers a wide variety of nutritious, high-quality foods including meat and fresh produce provided by Bob's Red Mill, Dave's Killer Bread, and the Oregon Food Bank. A team of friendly volunteers is on hand to help you.

To volunteer or to donate, contact Pantry Manager Alex VanPelt at 503.737.5283 or email avanpelt@nwfs.org. The food pantry is a partnership between Northwest Family Services, the Gladstone School District, Hillside Fellowship, and the Oregon Food Bank.

Did You Know? Fall is the Best Time to Plant Oregon Natives



Greetings from the Nature Park! It's only three months till we begin 2022 and still so much to accomplish before we close out another year at this beautiful nature filled park!

There is lots happening at the Park! For starters this last summer has had some really high temperatures! So, in order to give our new plants and some almost mature plants a fighting chance

Nature Park watering team: Eli I, Zoe S, Marley Z. Not pictured, Jackson S & Violet Z

we have tried to help them along with some extra water through the summer. In tandem with our Nature Park volunteers we have enlisted five middle and high school students to help with watering. Our thanks for their hard work this past HOT summer is just not enough. Marley, Jackson, Eli, Zoe and Violet have been invaluable in our efforts to keep the new plantings alive. If you see them watering be sure to stop and give them a thumbs-up!

In late September and early October the Nature Park volunteers will be planting the last of the 'hardy' plantings. We plant all Oregon Natives, all the time! If you want to help, contact us. We are always working at the park the last Saturday of the month from 9am-noon. For all the neighbors and guests who stroll thru the park and stop to chat with the kindest of words regarding our efforts, it has been great to meet so many of you and we appreciate you as well.

If you haven't taken the time for our Story-Walk please do so.... Senorita Mariposa will soon be migrating for the winter. Fear not, a new story will soon arrive.

For more information, visit our website at Gladstonenaturepark.org, call 503-804-0314 or email friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com.

Public Records, Permits, Planning

- A Public Records Request form and fee are required for anyone requesting public records information, download form at, www.ci.gladstone.or.us.
- The City contracts with Clackamas County for administration of the City's land use planning & building permits, including plumbing, electrical, grading, etc. Most questions may be answered by visiting the county's website at www.clackamas.us/building/or by calling 503-742-4240.

Clackamas County Vector Control

As summer comes to an end, think about fall yard cleanup. Residents can do these things to help mosquitoes:



Eliminate standing water. Mosquitoes first 3 stages

of their life require water. Eliminate the water and they can't reproduce in your yard. The tough part is that only a bottle cap full of water is enough water for mosquitoes to breed in. Some normal yard items like sandboxes, wagons, and plastics toys can hold water. Make sure your plant saucers, dog bowls, gutters, and the areas under your downspouts aren't providing the mosquitoes a breeding ground.

Get rid of unneeded vegetation mosquitoes love plant nectar found under leaves and on vegetation. They like to hide in tall grass around shrubs and bushes. Get rid of their hiding spots by keeping your yard mowed and tidy. Make sure to weed eat after mowing.

Get rid of debris grass clippings, piles of leaves, stacked branches, and other types of unneeded debris attract mosquitoes and their breeding habits. Get rid of it all! Keep firewood stacked off the ground so there is good air flow between the wood to prevent mosquitos.

Clackamas County Vector Control District (CCVCD) is responsible for the control of flying vectors within Clackamas County, and we have a program that specializes in eliminating mosquitoes and flies. We offer free property inspections, mosquito fish for ponds and pools, and educational presentations so you can protect yourself from mosquitoes.

If you are having any issues, call us at 503-655-8394 or visit FighttheBites.com where you can request services, watch educational videos, and stay up to date with local vector news and updates. We are open between 6:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday stop by and pick up your free 2022 calendar. Don't forget to like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.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
Clackamas County Dog Services	503-655-8628
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
Century Link	1-866-642-0444
Non-Emergency Dispatch	503-655-8211
(option 1 for police or fire calls)	

At present time, we are still open seven days a week and regular hours. We appreciate your continued cooperation with safety measures (such as masks for ages 5+) posted at the library when you visit.

Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday:
10 am – 6 pm
Tuesday and Thursday:
12 noon – 8 pm
Wednesday:
10 am – 8 pm

October happenings and reminders include:

- **StoryWalk®** at the Gladstone Nature Park will introduce a new English/Spanish picture book early this month! Follow the signs through the park to read “Call Me Tree” by Maya Christina Gonzalez, 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** Wednesdays at 10:30 am with Teacher Heather; request

meeting link/password at gladstone@lincc.org (this changes each week).

- **Checkout periods** are now 28 days for most materials; and 14 days for new adult fiction, Lucky Day items, magazines, DVDs/BluRays, video games, and equipment such as laptops, WiFi hotspots, and ukuleles.
- **Overdue fines**, charges for lost or damaged items, and account blocks for charges over \$25 were reinstated last month. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns about amounts owed; we may be able to offer help in resolving account issues, and want you to continue to use and enjoy your library!
- **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.

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates

Wow! it's October and already two weeks into the fall season. Once again, thanks to all who stopped and shopped at our pop-up book sale last month. We want to thank Ralph and Matt for helping us with the set up and breakdown. While we are working on upcoming events, don't forget to check out our bargain basement. Go to our website at: <https://gpl-foundation.org>, click onto shopping and make a purchase.

amazon smile Being a part of the You shop. Amazon gives. Fred Meyer's Reward Program and AmazonSmile, have been very successful in raising money for our new library. These two great programs won't cost you a penny to join. Just link on to your existing account, or if you'd like to sign up, just log onto, AmazonSmile and follow the prompts. For Fred Meyer, the address is: www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards. Thank for your support.



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. All proceeds go to support our library.

"Nothing is pleasanter than exploring a library." - Walter Savage Landor (1775-1864. English writer and poet)

Stay safe, stay healthy, and read!

Do You Need To Update Your Bill Pay?

Customers who use their bank's bill pay system to pay their Gladstone Utility Bill need to make sure the address for the City of Gladstone has been updated to **18505 Portland Avenue, Gladstone OR 97027-2199**.



In April 2020, Gladstone City Hall along with the Police Department relocated to a new building. At that time a mail forwarding order was placed with the Post Office. After being in the new building for over a year, that forwarding order has expired, and any payments still being sent to the old address are being returned to sender.

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GLADSTONE, OR 97027**



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Police Department—18505 Portland Ave
Fire Department—555 Portland Ave
Public Works Department—18595 Portland Ave
Senior Center—1050 Portland Ave
Library—135 E. Dartmouth St.

City of Gladstone Low Income Assistance Program

The City of Gladstone provides residential 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.
- For more information on income limits or to complete an application form, please visit the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/finance/page/low-income-utility-assistance-program.

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) - 6:30 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 all City meeting packets and agendas can be found on the City's website at: www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings

Local Meetings:

- ***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.