

### ***Replacing a Critical Facility***

This November, Gladstone voters will be asked to consider a ballot measure to authorize replacement of the 50-year old Public Works building.

Located on Portland Avenue, the building is designated as a Critical Facility to “protect citizens, critical facilities, infrastructure, private property and the environment from natural hazards” – but the building does not currently meet FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) standards for emergencies.

This past year’s experience underscores the building’s current 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, power or internet service – and only emergency lighting. 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.



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

The Public Works building’s shortcomings in recent emergencies were cited by City Council members in July as a reason to seek voter approval for the replacement. “Frankly, we are many years over the life expectancy of this building”, said City Councilor Matt Tracy. “This is a critical facility for our infrastructure”, echoed Councilor Annessa Hartman.

The new building would be designed with a raised floor elevation to reduce flooding risk. The replacement structure would also have enhanced foundation support to make it more resilient to earthquakes.

The Public Works facility would include storage for equipment and critical supplies, plus several features missing from the existing building that would improve Gladstone’s response:

- Backup electrical power
- Adequate restrooms
- Locker rooms for field staff (due to hazardous materials)
- Office space
- Meeting rooms
- Updated maintenance shop

To finance the replacement building, the City would borrow an estimated \$5 million by issuing Full Faith and Credit Notes. The borrowed money would be repaid from already budgeted funds. *No additional property taxes would be used for the project.*

### ***Report a Streetlight Problem***



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

### ***Upcoming City Meetings***

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

**September 13th:** Park & Recreation Advisory Board will be meeting at 6:30 pm.

**September 14th:** Gladstone City Council will be meeting at 6:30 pm.

**September 21st:** Senior Center Advisory Board will be meeting at 5:00 pm and the Planning Commission will be meeting at 6:30 pm.

More information regarding all City meetings can be found at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings).

### ***City Office Closures***

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

### ***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.**

This measure would authorize the City to construct, incur debt, and provide for a new Public Works Facility, which is expected to:

- replace the current facility, which is in a state of disrepair and fails to meet the current needs of the community;
- provide a critical emergency facility to support responses to major events such as the recent ice storm and wildfires;
- create a seismically sound and accessible facility to all, including people with disabilities; and
- provide improved efficiency and access to city services, which will result in long term cost savings.

This measure would not increase taxes. This measure is being submitted to voters to meet the approval requirements of the City Charter. City estimates the amount borrowed would be approximately \$5,000,000. The City expects to repay the debt using an allocation of costs distributed across five departments (Streets, Sewer, Water, Storm, and Parks). The City will also apply for any qualifying grants to reduce the amount borrowed.

The new facility is expected to remain at the facility’s current location at 18595 Portland Avenue.

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

This measure would adopt a new home rule charter for Gladstone. The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt charters. Charters grant legal authority to cities and assign duties to city officials. Gladstone voters adopted the current Charter in 1984.

This proposed charter is based on the League of Oregon Cities Model Charter and the work of the City’s 2016 Charter Review Commission. It contains charter provisions unique and important to Gladstone.

The proposed charter retains the current form of government with a Mayor and six councilors to govern the city, all of whom will continue to serve four year terms. Councilors will also continue to be elected by position.

The proposed charter also retains the City Administrator position to run the administrative affairs of the City and includes recently enacted Charter amendments that require voter approval for: (1) parks changes; (2) incurring debt to finance public improvements; and (3) the construction of certain public buildings.

The proposed Charter is more concise, gender neutral and consistent with state law.

## Street Parking Regulations



Gladstone Code Enforcement would like to remind its citizens that there are City ordinances regulating on-street parking and these ordinances are very specific as to the type of vehicles that can be parked on city streets. Chapter 10.04 of the Gladstone Municipal Code (available online on the city's website, [www.ci.gladstone.or.us](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us)) includes the following:

- No person shall park, store, or leave standing a vehicle on a public street or public property controlled by the City for a timeframe of more than 72 hours
- No vehicle shall be parked or operated on a street when the vehicle registration as indicated by registration stickers or registration card is expired

Please be mindful of neighbors and use alternative parking, such as RV pads or local RV storage facilities, etc. By following these guidelines we can all enhance city services, improve public safety and help make our neighborhoods more "neighbor friendly" for Gladstone residents.

## Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives



Remember smoke alarms do not last forever. The effective life of a smoke alarm is 10 years. Even if the alarm still operates when you test it, please replace it after 10 years. Between the 10 year device replacements, you should perform battery testing and replacement. If you have a 10 year battery in your alarm (and you test it monthly), the battery should last 7-10 years. If you do not manage to test your smoke alarm on a regular basis, the battery should be changed out yearly.

## Be Prepared— One Month At A Time- Part 5

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 5 supplies:

- 1 package of juice boxes \*
- 1 ready to eat soup (not concentrated) \*
- Sewing Kit
- Disinfectant spray and wipes
- Rope
- Permanent parking pens
- Water purifying tables
- Waterproof container for important papers
- Small tool kit
- Battery powered or crank radio

### Month 5 activities:

- Make sure there is climate appropriate clothes packed in your disaster kit.\*
- Make sure all important papers are stored in a easy to grab, waterproof container.

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

## Public Works Dept. Project Update



The Public Works Dept. is in the thick of project season and this year we have been marking things off our list, which has been great for the department. After projects being put on hold due to Covid-19 the department is excited that we have completed some long standing projects and have several others in planning and engineering phases.

The department undertook a large asphalt patching project to prepare streets for our annual Slurry Seal project, with that completed we moved right into the slurry seal project which went smoothly. We greatly appreciated residents working with us to manage the disruption of traffic on some of our busier streets and neighborhoods. Striping has been completed and all of the streets that were part of this project look wonderful. Slurry sealing streets will continue to be a yearly project for the City of Gladstone Public Works Department, roadways are chosen based off our Pavement Management Plan

which is available to view on our website at [www.ci.gladstone.or.us/publicworks](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/publicworks)

The East Clackamas one-way project has been completed; this area was slurry sealed, re-stripped and included placement of new signage to a one way. This will improve traffic patterns for park users and local businesses. A bike lane was also added for this busy biking route.

The W. Clackamas Blvd. Sanitary Sewer Line Project is underway, NTA, Inc. the contractor has mobilized and begun working on the early phases of this sizable project the week of August 16<sup>th</sup>. The Public Works Dept. will be communicating with residents and business that are in the construction zone regularly to keep them informed of progress with the project.

For more information regarding Public Works ongoing projects please visit our City Projects section on the City's website or visit the Public Works Section of the website and read our Monthly Reports!

## Preventing Our Kids From Falling From Windows

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.

## Distracted Driving – One Text or Call Could Wreck it ALL.



Distracted driving is one of the fastest growing safety issues on the roads today. Distracted drivers aren't just a threat to themselves; they are a danger to everyone else on the road.

### Did you know?

Writing or reading a text message takes your eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. At 55 MPH, that's like driving the length of a football field – blindfolded.

If you text while you're behind the wheel, you're 20 times more likely to be involved in a crash than a non-distracted driver.

The risk of a crash or near-crash among novice drivers increased with the performance of many secondary tasks, including, texting and dialing cell phones.

## Gladstone Municipal Code

Do you have a question about fence height, setbacks, zoning, traffic or park regulations? If so, the Gladstone Municipal Code is online at [www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/](http://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/).

**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 utilities. As shown in the City's Master Fee 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.

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](http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/finance/page/low-income-utility-assistance-program).

**Hands Only CPR**

Cardiac arrest: An electrical malfunction in the heart that causes an irregular heartbeat and disrupts the flow of blood to the brain, lungs and other organs – is a leading cause of death.

When a person has a cardiac arrest, survival depends on early CPR! According to the American Heart Association, about 90% of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrest die. Immediate CPR can double or triple a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival.

Steps to take:

- First call 911!
- Push on the victim's bare chest *deep* and at a *rate of 100–120* compressions per minute. (The beat of *Stayin' Alive* by the Bee Gees will hope your pace)

For more information, visit [heart.org/handsonlycpr](http://heart.org/handsonlycpr)

**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.

**Do You Know the Difference Between Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke?**

HEAT EXHAUSTION	OR	HEAT STROKE
Faint or dizzy		Throbbing headache
Excessive sweating		No sweating
Cool, pale, clammy skin		Body temperature above 103°; Red, hot, dry skin
Rapid, weak pulse		Rapid, strong pulse
Nausea or vomiting		Nausea or vomiting
Muscle cramps		May lose consciousness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get to a cooler, air-conditioned place</li> <li>• Drink water if fully conscious</li> <li>• Take a cool shower or use cold compresses</li> </ul>	<p><b>CALL 9-1-1</b> Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives</p>	

**Defensible Space**

With temperatures on the rise, are you prepared if a wildfire happens?

The 2020 Oregon wildfire season was one of the most destructive on record in the state of Oregon. The fires killed at least 11 people, burned more than 1,000,000 acres of land, and destroyed thousands of homes. A few actions that you can do around your house can help reduce the potential of destruction if we see a return of the 2020 firestorms.

What is defensible wildfire space?

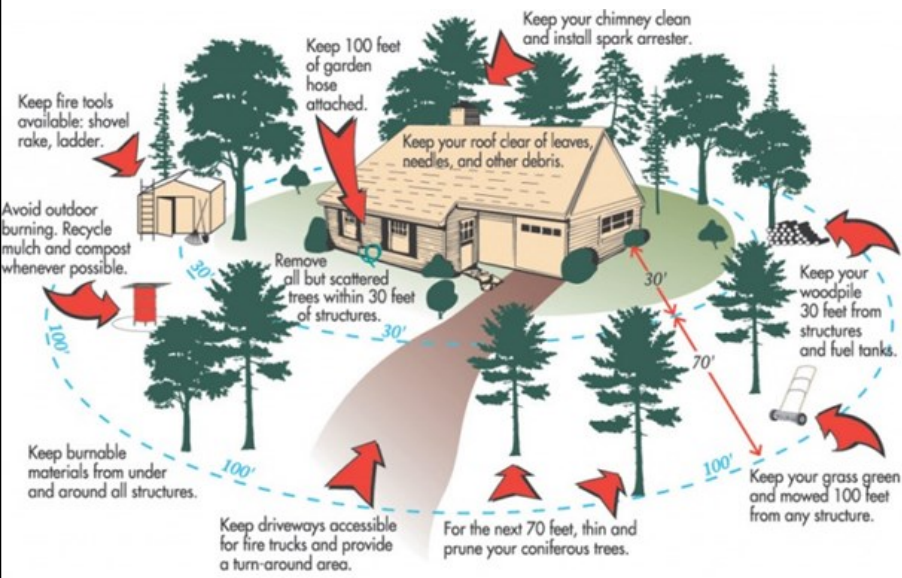
Defensible space is the area surrounding your home where vegetation and other types of debris may begin to grow up to your home. It is important that a 'defensible space' is created to clear space around your home from these types of wildfire threats.

By having a properly created defensible space, you will be able to slow or limit the spread of the wildfire around your home. It is important to remove any and all flammable items, materials, or plants that may pose a threat to your home should a wildfire begin to wreak havoc through your neighborhood. By creating a defensible space around your home

you will dramatically improve your chances of surviving a wildfire.

Below are the Steps for Creating a Defensible Space Around Your Home:

- Clean gutters by removing any and all vegetation that has collected.
- Clear your roof of any tree debris.
- Cut any dry grasses or brush to three (3) inches.
- Remove any trees, bushes, or shrubbery that is dead or dying.
- Trim tree branches to a minimum of 10 feet from the ground.
- Trim tree branches a minimum of 15 feet from your home's roof and chimneys.
- Remove any logs and stumps.
- Be sure to keep any and all firewood extremely far away from your home (at least 30 feet)
- Be sure to keep your plants healthy and watered at all times.
- Place mesh screens under decks and porches as this will prevent debris from gathering in these areas.
- Driveway accessible with address visible.



**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.



We would love to see all of the face that we remember and visit with new ones. Currently we are open to limited 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.



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.



Tuesday: Bingo at 1:00 pm  
 Wednesday: Bunco at 1:00 pm  
 Thursday: Pinochle/Rummikub at 1:00 pm  
 Friday: Bridge at 12:00 pm  
 Pool Room: Daily from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 Foot Clinic: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and Tuesday  
 (by appointment only)  
 Blood Pressure Clinic: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
 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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**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.

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](mailto:clackamasadrc@clackamas.us) . You can also visit them online at: [www.adrcoforegon.org/consite/index.php](http://www.adrcoforegon.org/consite/index.php) . Stay Home, Stay Safe.

## Scoop the Poop!



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

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

**What you do matters.** Gladstone Public Works encourages everyone to please pick up their dog's poop. It is essentially raw sewage and should not be left anywhere on the ground. In addition to E. coli, dog waste can contain harmful organisms such as Leptospira and roundworms. These organisms can be very serious to both humans and pets, and can be carried into your home after walking through yards or parks where animal waste has been present. These same bacteria wash into streams and rivers when it rains. The solution to this pollution is to pick up after your pets in your yard, our parks and streets, put the waste in a bag and properly dispose of it in the trash.

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

## Recycle Guide

Your guide to what goes where in Gladstone

**Recycling**    Reciclaje    Rác Tái chế  
Утиль    回收

Plastic bottles, plastic round containers, metal, paper & cardboard  
6 oz or larger, empty & dry

**Glass**    Vidrio    Стекло    Rác Thủy tinh    玻璃

**Yard Waste**    Desechos de jardinería    Rác Sân Vườn  
Хозяйственные отбросы    庭院废物

In separate glass bin. Missing yours? Call Gladstone Disposal Co.

**Bottles & jars only**  
empty & dry, no lids

Leaves, grass, small branches, plants & trimmings

**Garbage**    Basura    Rác còn lại  
Mycop    垃圾

All garbage including plastic bags, to-go containers, lids & packaging  
Some items accepted at recycling depots. Visit webpage to learn more.

More detailed guide: [www.clackamas.us/recycling/recycleguide.html](http://www.clackamas.us/recycling/recycleguide.html)

Gladstone Disposal    Clackamas County    Metro's Recycling  
503-656-9426    Sustainability & Solid Waste    Information Center  
503-557-6363    503-234-3000

## A Minute of Gladstone History

By Kim Argraves Huey, Gladstone Historical Society Historian

Post offices aren't usually considered part of a town's history because of their federal classification, as opposed to local government that directly affects the development of a town. However, they play a significant role in a town's life, along with the people, oftentimes our neighbors, who work there. A post office's story is important. So, for the next two months, we will tell the story of the Gladstone Post Office. Here goes... the first of two parts.

June 2, 1890, the yet-to-be platted town of Gladstone applied to Washington DC for permission to establish a post office. Elmer E. Cross, brother of town founder Harvey Cross, filled out the application, mailed off the paperwork, and on June 23, he received a letter greeting him as the first postmaster of Gladstone, Oregon. His wages for postmaster duties would be \$33.11 per year.

Great news! Two hundred Gladstonians (the current population according to Elmer's application) were thrilled that they no longer had to cross the cranky Clackamas River to collect their mail in Oregon City. But where was the post office? According to Elmer's application, the brand new post office was to be located "no" miles from the Clackamas River and 100-feet north of the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks.

At that time, the S.P. train tracks curved close enough to the Cason house for the train to rattle the windows before it crossed the Clackamas River. Also at that time, there were only two buildings located in the specified area: Ad Cason's 1869 "Little Red School House", which had been built for a dozen students and now overflowed with fifty children; and the Cason house where Harvey Cross now lived with his extended family. (There was a third building, the Cason/Cross Ferry Office, but it was only attended seasonally when the Clackamas River flooded and the ferry was the only means by which to cross

the river.) Of the two realistic choices, Harvey's house (now the Mr. Rooter's place of business on 82<sup>nd</sup>. Ave.) was undoubtedly the most likely location of the first Gladstone post office. After all, how much easier could it be? Twice a day the train carried mail between Portland and Oregon City. All Elmer had to do was step off the front porch and exchange bags.

In 1893, the interurban trolley began running through the heart of Gladstone and the Portland-Oregon City mail pick-up and delivery switched from the train to the trolley. The post office moved too. This time it set up shop in Mitt Cross' (brother to Harvey and Elmer) Mercantile, its first of many permanent locations along Portland Avenue.

In 1895, the post office ran afoul of the government. For whatever reason not yet known, Gladstone's residents slipped to 80. Too few for local postal service, at least that was the opinion of the US Postmaster General in Washington D.C., and he ordered Gladstone's post office doors to be closed at once -or in this case, the mail sorter cabinet sent to Mitt's stock room.

Gladstonians were irate! Immediately a petition was circulated to "Save the post office" and everyone lined up to sign it. Well, almost everyone. Two disgruntled residents refused. However, 78 was a good enough number to get the Postmaster General to relent and Gladstone's post office was back in business, serving all the residents, even those who were disgruntled. (To be continued in October.)

For all the latest Gladstone Historical Society happenings visit our website at [www.GladstoneHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.GladstoneHistoricalSociety.org). Got a historical question or a suggestion for this column? Send an Email to [GladstoneHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:GladstoneHistoricalSociety@gmail.com).

## Be Part of the Solution to Urban Waters Pollution

**Nontoxic household products:** reduce the number of chemicals in your home by purchasing nontoxic household products such as cleaning supplies, laundry products, paints, insecticides, and pool chemicals.

**Dispose of hazardous products properly:** don't toss hazardous chemicals down the drain. Contact Metro South at 503-234-3000 for information on how to properly dispose.

**Save water:** turn water off when brushing teeth, run the dishwasher and washing machine when full, fix water leaks.

**Recycle:** know what can be recycled vs. what has to be placed in the garbage. Trash can damage sewer systems and end up on beaches and in drinking water.

**Recycle used motor oil and maintain your car:** throwing motor oil in the trash is illegal and harmful to your water source. Recycling centers and many service stations accept used motor oil for recycling. Also, be sure to keep up with regular car maintenance to prevent oil, coolant, antifreeze, or other hazardous chemicals from leaking onto the ground.

Child Passenger Safety Week, September 19 – 25, is an annual nationwide campaign focusing on increasing awareness of Child Passenger Safety issues and providing parents and caregivers with resources and information to better protect children from motor vehicle crash risks. Even if you've had your child's car seat inspected before, it never hurts to have a refresher.

Securing children properly in age and size appropriate child safety seats — in the back seat of the vehicle — is the most effective thing parents and caregivers can do to protect them in the event of a crash. In fact, in motor vehicle crashes, child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants, 54 percent for toddlers (USDOT NHTSA Center for Statistics and Analysis) and 59 percent for

children in boosters (Children's Hospital for Philadelphia).

Nationally among child passengers under age 5, child restraints saved the lives of an estimated 244 children in 2008 alone. Even so, motor vehicle traffic crashes remain the leading cause of death for children age 3 and older. In Oregon during 2008, there were 10 fatalities and 751 injuries in motor vehicle crashes to children under age 8. (ODOT Crash Analysis & Reporting Unit)

The good news is that a majority of parents buckle up their children in child safety seats. In Oregon, observed use surveys indicate that 99% of children under age four are riding in child seats. But, there's more work to be done. Only 58% of four to eight year olds are

using booster seats as required by law. In addition, nearly 3 out of 4 child safety seats are not used properly. For a child safety seat to do its job right, it has to be:

- Appropriate for the child's age and size;
- Installed properly in the vehicle; and
- Adjusted to fit the child securely.

For general questions or additional information contact Oregon Impact Car Seat Safety Program at 503-899-2220 or email OregonCarSeatSafety@gmail.com

More information can be found at <https://oregonimpact.org/Child Passenger Safety>.

Article and more information can be found at: [www.safekidsoregon.org/national-child-passenger-safety-week-september-19-25/](http://www.safekidsoregon.org/national-child-passenger-safety-week-september-19-25/)

**Living With Suburban Skunks**

Oregon is a special place, known for its natural features and its diverse and abundant wildlife. However, as human populations grow, the space left for wildlife shrinks, especially around urban areas. When their habitat, food and water sources disappear, "critters" look elsewhere for their basic needs and sometimes that means your yard, attic, crawlspace or garage. In urban areas, parks and green spaces provide important wildlife habitat; but sometimes animals residing there are attracted to easy meals or living quarters near human dwellings. By making a few modifications to our behavior and our homes, most conflicts can be avoided.

Skunks are primarily solitary animals. Just like humans, they have five toes on their front and hind feet. They have elongated nails that aid them in digging for insects and grubs. Skunks are omnivorous and will eat a variety of insects, wild fruits, and small vertebras like mice and eggs of ground nesting birds. Their only natural predator is the great-horned owl.

**Benefits of skunks**

- Excellent at rodent and insect control, including black widow spiders and scorpions.
- Will eat carrion, keeping roadsides clean .

**Deterrent Ideas In yard or house:**

- Never intentionally feed wildlife.
- Secure garbage cans with bungee cords, rope or chains.
- Remove all pet foods, water and fallen fruit.
- Close all pet doors and garage doors at night.
- Keep all pets indoors.

**Destroying landscape**

- Animals are attracted to new landscape because of the grubs and pest that are present
- Ask your local nursery about pesticides that can be used for grub control
- Pin new sod to the ground with thin spikes or cover with a thin nylon bird netting
- Water your lawns in early morning rather than in the evening .

• Sprinkle your lawn or planters with cayenne pepper to discourage animals from grub hunting. For large areas cayenne pepper can be diluted with water and sprayed over lawn.

• Protect trees by securing sheet metal around the base of trees to a height of at least 3 feet.

• Install low voltage hot wire fencing around planters.

**In attic, chimneys, under decks or on rooftops**

- In the fall, trim trees and shrubbery away from rooftops and fencing.
- Cap chimneys with a commercial chimney cap or wire mesh.
- Use towels soaked in household ammonia and place them in the crawl space before nightfall. This should drive animal(s) out. The entry point can then be sealed.
- Use radios or motion detected lights in "den" areas. Once the animal has left, seal all entrance points. To ensure animal has left place flour outside the entrance and look for animal prints. Be cautious during spring and summer, as there may be a litter of young that cannot escape.

**Ponds and pools**

- Install an 8-inch wire mesh horizontally around the perimeter or provide a nylon netting cover at night.
- Always provide fish with adequate hiding areas. This can be achieved with bricks, rocks and/or plants.
- If you find an animal trapped in your pool leave a ramp or towel over the side of the pools so the animal has access to get out.

**Pest Control or Self-Trapping is a temporary solution, ridding the property of attractions is the best way to remove unwanted animals.**

Trapping can leave orphaned starving babies behind. Skunks cannot be relocated and must be euthanized. For additional information on living with skunks, wildlife control operators and self-trapping go to [www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living-with/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living-with/)



**Food Safety Education Month**



September is National Food Safety Education Month. Learn how to be a food safety superhero! Take steps to help prevent food poisoning, and show others how to keep food safe.

Every year, an estimated 1 in 6 Americans (or 48 million people) get sick, 128,000 are hospitalized, and 3,000 die from eating contaminated food. Anyone can get sick from a foodborne illness (also called food poisoning). But some groups of people are more likely to get sick and to have a more serious illness. These groups are:

- Adults aged 65 and older
- Children younger than 5
- People with health problems or who take medicines that lower the body's ability to fight germs and sickness
- Pregnant women

There are things you can do to protect yourself and your family. As you prepare and handle food, follow these four steps:

- Clean: Wash your hands, utensils, and surfaces often when you cook.
- Separate: Raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs can spread germs. Separate them from cooked food and fresh produce.
- Cook: Use a food thermometer to make sure foods are cooked to an internal temperature that kills germs.
- Chill: Refrigerate perishable foods external icon and leftovers within two hours. Chill within one hour if it's above 90°F.

Join us in sharing information about the four steps to food safety. Let's make sure everyone knows how to protect themselves and their loved ones from food poisoning.

Article, along with other educational material, can be located at: <https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/education-month.html>



## Reserve Your Spot for Gladstone's Fall Kindergarten!

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

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

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

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



Gladstone's early learning center was designed for the unique needs of our youngest learners, with spacious classrooms, multiple playgrounds, weekly physical education and music classes, plus an array of family services conveniently located on site. Our building provides continual fresh air ventilation, and our staff follow careful health and safety protocols to protect our students.

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

## Clackamas Community College (CCC) announces vacancy on Board of Education



The Clackamas Community College Board of Education passed a declaration of board vacancy during its July 28 regular meeting. The vacancy is in Zone 3, which covers Gladstone and was previously filled by Dave Hunt, who resigned from the position on July 15.

Clackamas Community College is governed by a seven-member Board of Education. Members, elected to four-year terms, represent each of the seven zones in the CCC College Service District. The board oversees the development of programs and services, and the adoption of policies and budget to meet the needs of the college district. The board generally meets the third Wednesday of the month.

Applications for the vacant position are being accepted until 5 p.m., Oct. 1. The new board member will take office upon appointment by the board and serve until June 30, 2023. The appointed board member may run to fill the remaining two-years of the term in the May 2023 election.

Applicants must be registered voters residing within Clackamas Community College Zone 3 boundaries and not an officer or employee of the college. The zone boundary map can be found here: [https://www.clackamas.edu/docs/default-source/about-us/leadership/ccc-district-map.pdf?sfvrsn=818968\\_6](https://www.clackamas.edu/docs/default-source/about-us/leadership/ccc-district-map.pdf?sfvrsn=818968_6).

For more information about the position and to apply, visit [www.clackamas.edu/board-of-education](http://www.clackamas.edu/board-of-education). For questions, contact Denice Bailey at 503-594-3012 or [denice.bailey@clackamas.edu](mailto:denice.bailey@clackamas.edu).

## Neighbor Law

The City receives requests from residents about settling issues between neighbors that the City does not regulate. These issues include requests to: place trash and recycling cans out of public view to help maintain neighborhood livability, to not feed stray cats that may attract unwanted pets to a neighbor's yard or place of business, to trim overhanging tree limbs; locate property lines, move fences, etc. Many of these legal issues were settled years ago and resolution of current issues between neighbors are now typically settled by mediation instead of being litigated in court. For additional information on neighbor law you may check out "Neighbor Law: Fences, Tress, Boundaries and Noise", by Cora Johnson at the Gladstone Library.

## Portable Storage Containers (PODS)

The City of Gladstone requires a permit to use portable storage containers or "PODS". PODS can be placed on the street or public right of way for up to 72 hours. PODS can be placed on private property for up to 30 days. More information related to PODS can be reviewed under Chapter 5.22 of the Gladstone Municipal Code online at <http://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/> Permits can be obtained at the Gladstone Police Department or online at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/police/page/misc-police-documents-forms>

## Our Community Cat Rescue

Hello neighbors! Our Community Cat Rescue is dissolving and will be no more. We were never able to accumulate a building or structure for our rescue and this put a dent in our ability to continue to rescue. Please always make sure whomever you call for help is a no kill rescue and that they will always take and spay the feral mom and not just steal her babies. Thank you to everyone who has supported us through the years.



Our Community Cat Rescue

## Clackamas County Vector Control



Are you tired of the BUZZ of mosquitoes and flies? Did you know there is a way to reduce and possibly eliminate those "vectors" that really bug you?

Call 503-655-8394 Clackamas County Vector Control District is responsible for the maintenance of flying vectors within Clackamas County, and they have a program specialized in handling or eliminating mosquitoes and flies. Here at CCVCD, we are committed to controlling flying vectors (mosquitoes and flies) in Clackamas County and have developed a program to tackle this issue. We offer free property inspections, mosquito fish for ponds and pools, and educational presentations to help you protect yourself from mosquitoes.

To learn more visit [fightthebites.com](http://fightthebites.com) where you can request services, watch educational videos, and stay alert with their news and updates. Or simply call (503) 655-8394 between the hours of 6:30 AM and 5 PM, Monday-Thursday. Don't forget to like us on Facebook too!

Clackamas County Vector Control District wants to help you enjoy being outdoors this summer BUZZ free!

## 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](http://clackamas.us/building) or call 503-742-4510.

## 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 (option 1 for police or fire calls)	503-655-8211

We're happy to see so many new AND familiar faces at the Library. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as COVID-related requirements continue to evolve. At print time, we are still open all days and regular hours. Please follow any mask or distancing instructions 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**

**September happenings and reminders include:**

- Closed Monday, September 6, 2021 to observe the Labor Day holiday.
- 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 have been reinstated. 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!

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

• **ZOOM Virtual Storytime** Wednesdays at 10:30 am with Teacher Heather; request meeting link/password at gladstone@lincc.org (this changes each week). There will be NO STORYTIME ON SEPTEMBER 22!

• **Gladstone Task Force meeting!** For meeting schedules and links, visit [clackamas.us/meetings/communityproject/oakgladproj](http://clackamas.us/meetings/communityproject/oakgladproj).

Please contact us by phone at 503-655-8540, or by email at [gladstone@lincc.org](mailto:gladstone@lincc.org) if you have questions.

Thanks to all who stopped and shopped at our pop-up book sale last month. If you missed it, no worries. Another one is planned for Sat, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am-4:00 pm at the Senior Center. Prices are:

- Adults: \$2 hard bound, \$1 soft;
- Children's \$1 hard, soft, 2 for \$1.
- DVDs \$1.

Minimum \$10 to debit.

Oh, 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.

Thank you all for being a part of the Fred Meyer's Reward Program and AmazonSmile, two great programs that won't cost you a penny to join. Just link on to your existing account. Your support and their assistance help us raise money for our new library. Log onto AmazonSmile and follow the prompts. Fred Meyer's address is: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

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

"Librarians are tour-guides for all of knowledge." - Patrick Ness (b. 1971. British-American author, journalist, lecturer, and screenwriter)

Stay safe, stay healthy, and read

**Irrigating in City Parks**

The City of Gladstone will be taking part in the yearly campaign to reduce water usage amongst the partners of the Clackamas River Water Shed. The Public Works Department will be following protocols by reducing watering times in our parks that are not on irrigation supplied by our two wells. We will continue to follow a responsible schedule by irrigating at low temperatures and managing time limits when irrigating. If you have questions or concerns regarding this campaign, please feel free to contact Public Works at 503.656.7957 or visit [www.clackamasproviders.org/](http://www.clackamasproviders.org/) for more information.

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**Take Note—School Has Started!**



As Gladstone students are returning back to in-person learning, it is important for local drivers to remember to use caution when traveling to and from work in and around Gladstone.

Following some simple tips can help children reach school safely, as well as keep drivers avoid costly fines and tickets. The

Gladstone Police Department is urging drivers to slow down, pay attention and follow traffic laws in school zones and parents and children who walk to school should be alert at all times. Some other tips include:

- Be prepared for kids to appear in unexpected places, like between parked cars; if they're on bikes, prepare for them to turn in front of you without looking or signaling.
  - Yellow flashing lights on a school bus mean slow down — don't speed up — because the bus is preparing to stop. There are likely students waiting to get on the bus or parents waiting nearby to pick up children.
  - Red flashing lights mean stop — and wait at least 20 feet behind the bus — because children are getting on or off the school bus. Stay stopped until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving.
  - If you're driving behind a school bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car—at least three car lengths.
  - Pay extra attention to stop signs, crosswalks and your vehicle speed when driving through school zones where the speed limit is 20 mph when posted or when school zone lights are flashing.
- Please be alert. Children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

<b>City Meetings:</b>	<b>Local Meetings:</b>
* <b>City Council</b> - 2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary) - 6:30 pm—currently being held on Zoom	* <b>Gladstone Business Owners &amp; Managers</b> - Please contact Doug Loose at <a href="mailto:dougwithTLC@msn.com">dougwithTLC@msn.com</a> or 503-595-5379 for questions and more information.
* <b>Planning Commission</b> - 3rd Tuesday (as needed) - 6:30 pm currently being held on Zoom	* <b>Friends of Gladstone Nature Park</b> - Meets the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at 18111 Webster Rd, Gladstone. For more info visit <a href="http://protecttheparks.org">protecttheparks.org</a>
* <b>Traffic Safety</b> - 4th Monday every other month (as needed) - 6:00 pm—currently being held on Zoom	* <b>Gladstone Historical Society</b> - Please visit <a href="http://www.gladstonehistorical.society.org/">www.gladstonehistorical.society.org/</a> for more information.
* <b>Park &amp; Recreation</b> - 2nd Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm, currently being held on Zoom	
* <b>Senior Center Advisory</b> - 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 <a href="http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us">www.ci.gladstone.or.us</a>	