

A Message From The Gladstone Fire Chief



As your Fire Chief, my goal is to provide sustainable and affordable options for the best level of emergency services in Gladstone. Due to the robust services that surround us, we are in a position to safely and thoughtfully decide the future of Gladstone Fire & Emergency Services.

Due to multiple factors over the past decade and specifically over the last two years, the Gladstone Fire Department has experienced challenges to provide consistent levels of emergency response within the city. Fire departments that provide response coverage in similar cities, typically provide initial response with full-time employees. With the majority of firefighters in Gladstone being part-time, this presents a challenge in providing similar services and response times. Recruitment and retention of these part-time firefighters has been difficult. The reduction of qualified individuals that can enter the training process is one of these difficulties and has been further impacted by pandemic restrictions. Additionally, our current part-time/on-call firefighters are feeling the strain of maintaining increased training, the demands of staffing the fire station and balancing their personal lives at home (and at full time jobs) with the demands of increased emergency response standards and needs.

Gladstone Fire continues to respond to emergencies daily, but the demand has increased and maintaining the level of emergency services that is expected when 911 is called is the challenge we now face. Long-term solutions that involve answering the questions of how many qualified emergency responders are needed in Gladstone, what level of service is desired (including emergency medical care) is a priority for City Leadership.

To provide you with more information, the City of Gladstone has scheduled a special meeting on February 22nd at 5:30 pm (via zoom) to allow the community, elected officials and City leadership to review the status of the fire department and options for improving future emergency services. Look to the city website for more details on how to participate.

Please mark your calendars for the City Council special meeting on fire & emergency services!

Sincerely, Rick Huffman, Fire Chief, City of Gladstone

Upcoming City Meetings

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

- Gladstone City Council will meet Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board will meet Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm
- Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm
- Clackamas County Library Advisory Board will meet Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 5:30 pm
- Fire and Emergency Services will be having a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 5:30 pm
- Traffic Safety Advisory Board will meet Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm

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

City Closures

City offices, including the Gladstone Civic Center, will be closed:

February 21, 2022 for Presidents Day

Payments may be placed in the silver drop box located in the Civic Center parking lot. Other payment options can be found on the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/community/page/online-payments

Sew and Sews



The Sew and Sews Quilt group organized approximately 10 years ago. The sewing group is made of members and/or volunteers of the St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Gladstone. The group of 15-18 women, meet 2/x month to work on sewing projects/quilts for various community organizations/children and elders. They have donated their time, resources, and skills to

provide either backpacks, personal care/health items, lap robes to care centers, and handmade holiday stockings, stuffed with food, household items for homebound seniors of Gladstone Senior Center. The holiday stockings project is a huge part of the joy we see after delivery to home bound elders during the holiday season. The gratefulness verbalized, and at times, tears in their eyes, is a sign of the impact of giving. We always look forward to receiving these beautiful pieces to give to our participants, every year. The sewing group works for months sewing these beautiful holiday stockings (seen below, with Sew and Sews member Diane and Janet). There's a strong history of charity and creative making within this group of women.



Gladstone Senior Center wants to acknowledge this history of creative work and also the time they have given to provide so many necessary items to our community friends/neighbors as a whole. St. Stephen Lutheran Church's Sew and Sews Quilt group, are financially supported through donations from the congregation and also by you. To support the supplies for keeping Sew and Sews work going throughout the community; you may donate directly to St. Stephen Lutheran Church/ in care of Sew and Sews quilt group, 290 W Gloucester St, Gladstone, OR 97027

Announcing A Second Round Of Relief Funding For Artists

The application is now live for the Artist Resilience Program, a second round of relief funding for Oregon artists offered by the Oregon Arts Commission in partnership with the Oregon Community Foundation and the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation. The partnership, which began with 2020's Artist Relief Program, invests another \$1.5 million in support for artists' recovery from the pandemic.

Awards will generally range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and will be determined by a peer review panel. A geographic distribution model will ensure that applicants from across Oregon are supported. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022.

"We are incredibly grateful to Oregon Community Foundation and the Miller Foundation for their dedication to helping us sustain our artists through these difficult times," said Brian Rogers, executive director of the Oregon Arts Commission. "In reaching Oregon's artists, we know we are not only supporting these individuals financially, but also enabling them to continue their creative careers and enliven the cultural environments of Oregon."

The purpose of the Artist Resilience Program is to provide relief funding to Oregon artists who have experienced financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic due to cancellations of exhibitions, performances, rehearsals or other activities with a stipend, events, teaching opportunities, book signings or other professional presentation opportunities. Guidelines are now posted on the Arts Commission website at www.oregonartscommission.org/grants/artist-resilience-program.

2022 Business License Renewals

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

Liquor License Renewals

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

Street Sweeping 101



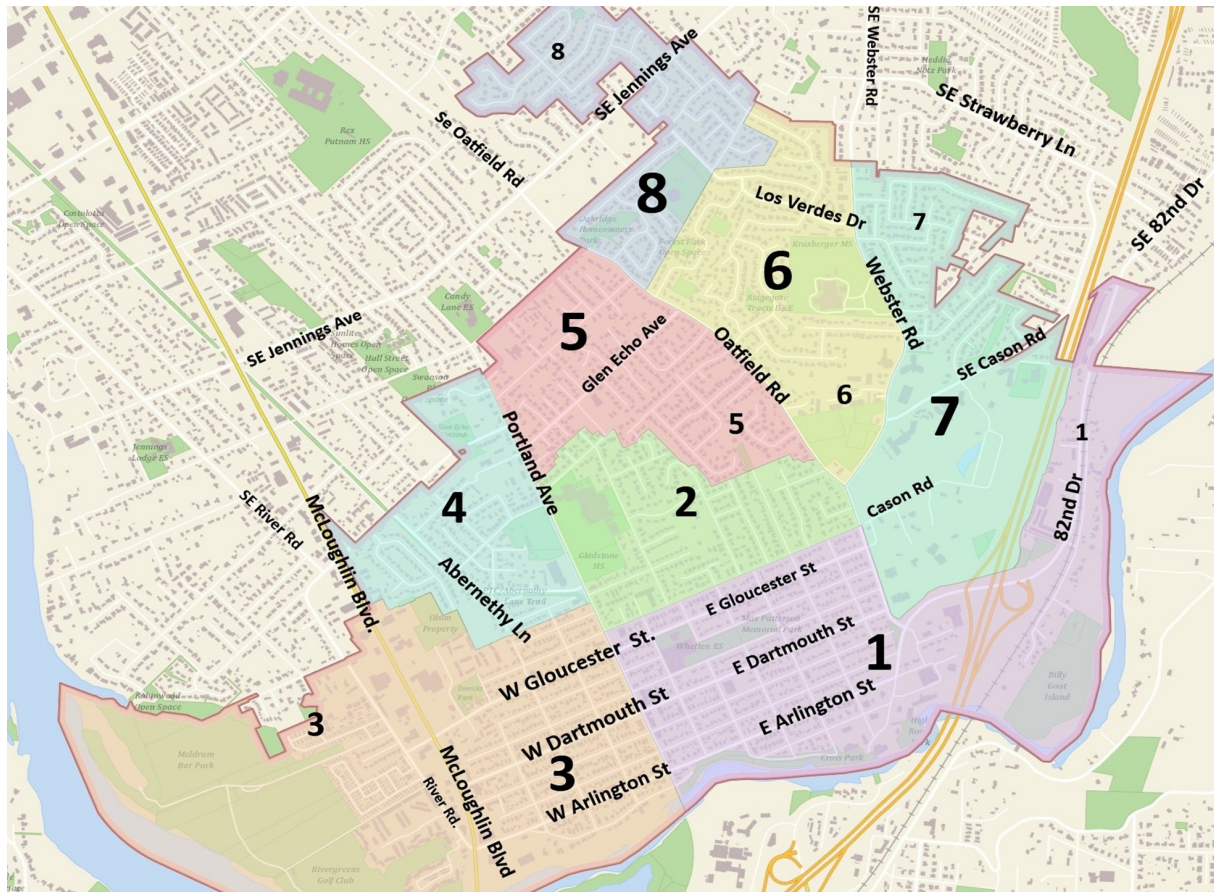
Our DEQ stormwater permit requires regular maintenance of our stormwater conveyance system. As part of our DEQ permit requirements, Public Works sweep the streets regularly so as to limit pollutant outflow into our rivers. The street sweeper operates on an efficiency pattern to make the best use of personnel time, wear and tear on the sweeper. If you see the street sweeper in your neighborhood, and it seems like it missed your street, please be patient, it will be back within the next few days. The street sweeper typically does not sweep neighborhoods on garbage collection day, as maneuvering around trash cans poses a risk to your garbage cans and to the city's equipment. The same is true for parked cars, basketball hoops, overhanging limbs, or anything that blocks the travel portion of the street. Public Works asks that you please use your yard debris receptacles rather than the street for your yard cleanup needs. The Public Works crew very much appreciates the cooperation and assistance of our citizens. Together, we make the City a better place for all of us.

During our rainy season, if you see a catch basin that is backed-up, please remember a rake is all it takes, in most cases a quick sweep with a rake will resolve the matter quickly. You may also contact our Public Works Dept. Monday – Friday 8:00 am -3:30 pm at 503.656.7957.

City of Gladstone Street Sweeping Schedule

The Public Works Department will be continuing a “Monthly Street Sweeping Schedule”, this schedule will follow the same “area/zone map” as utilized for the Leaf Pick-Up Program. The first Monday of every month the street sweeper will run consecutively for eight business days, completing one area per day until the entire City is completed. The schedule takes into consideration garbage pickup days, as to not interfere with garbage pick-up. In the event your scheduled day falls on a holiday, the schedule will be delayed by one (1) day.

If you have questions, please contact the Public Works Office at 503.656.7957



- Sweeping schedule begins on the 1st Monday of each month.**
- Street Sweeping Schedule**
- Monday/day 1: Area 2
 - Tuesday/Day 2: Area 6
 - Wednesday/ Day 3: Area 5
 - Thursday/Day 4: Area 1
 - Friday/Day 5: Area 3
 - Monday/Day 6: Area 4
 - Tuesday/ Day 7: Area 7
 - Wednesday/Day 8: Area 8
- Sweeping areas are based on garbage days as to not interfere with garbage schedule.

In the event your scheduled day falls on a holiday, the schedule will be delayed by one (1) day.

Meldrum Bar Parking Kiosk

Below you will find the net profit (loss) since instillation of the parking kiosk in June 2021.

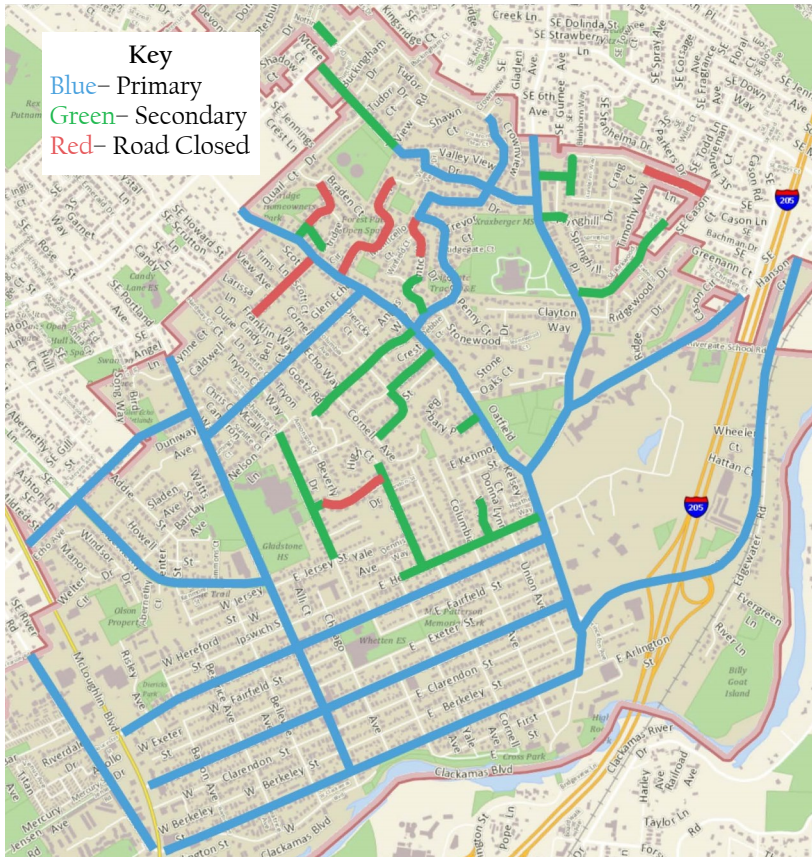
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Revenues:		
July		27,682.00
August		16,611.00
September		9,736.00
October		5,894.00
November		2,179.00
December		1,799.00
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June	12,657.30	
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Expenditures:		
Contractual Services	-	3,488.38
Credit card fees	-	2,736.73
Operations & Maintenance	-	7,051.31
Purchase & install kiosk	83,208.38	1,813.75
Year to date	83,208.38	15,090.17
Net Profit (Loss)	(70,551.08)	48,810.83
Cumulative Balance	(70,551.08)	(21,740.25)

Report a Streetlight Problem

Know of a streetlight that's out, flickering or on all day? Tag the pole with florescent tape (available at Gladstone Public Works, 18595 Portland Ave), make note of nearest address, cross street, map number & pole number (map and pole numbers are found on the pole tag- 3-inch round or oval metal tag located at eye level on the pole) and contact PGE at 503-612-4685 or email lightout@pgn.com.



Environmentally Conscious Deicing



The City of Gladstone will continue to utilize liquid deicer for the upcoming winter driving season. Sourced from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), magnesium chloride (MgCl₂) with rust inhibitor; is an effective way to provide a safer road surface during winter driving conditions. Use of the deicing agent helps to reduce the use of sand, which reduces impact on air quality, water quality and aquatic habitat.

The City of Gladstone will use the lowest application rate necessary to achieve the desired road conditions. The product being used also meets the strict requirements of the Pacific Northwest Snowfighters Consortium. The City makes every effort to protect our nearby waterways, while still providing safe roadways. Plowing, sanding and deicing are all part of keeping the roadways safer. When winter weather is upon us crews will lay deicer down at stop and start areas, hills and curves, however crews will not lay deicer on flat straight roadways. Please remember that drivers have a shared responsibility to drive at speeds that are appropriate for road conditions and if at all possible, to delay travel until conditions are more favorable.

Know before you go, visit the City of Gladstone's website, review the cities Hazardous Weather Response map which is located at: maps.orcity.org/Html5Viewer_4_12_2/index.html?viewer=Gladstone.Gladstone. You can also visit Oregon's travel information website at: www.tripcheck.com, or by calling 511 you can get information on the latest road conditions.

Checking For Leaks

The Gladstone Utility Billing Department has recently received many phone calls with concerns regarding water usage. If there has been no change to how water is being used in the home, but you notice an increase in your consumption, it is important to look to see if a leak could be the reason for the water increase. Undetected leaks can be costly. Your water meter can tell you how much water you use in a day, week or a month. It can also help you measure the effectiveness of your household's water conservation program and help detect leaks. Whether inside or outside your home a leak can waste hundreds of gallons of water per year. Some leaks are easy to see or hear. Others are small. However, big or small, any leak cost you money and should be repaired as soon as possible.

How to locate your meter:

Your water meter should be located in front of your house, inside a concrete or plastic meter box that is set flush with the ground. Look for your meter behind the sidewalk at a side lot line near the street. If your home is on a corner lot, your water meter could be located either on the front or side street. Sometimes, meter boxes are not easily visible due to landscaping and other obstructions.

Checking your system for leaks:

There is a simple test you can perform to use your water meter to detect leaks. First, turn off all your faucets and water-using appliances (such as dish and clothes washers) and be sure no one is using any water. Then go to your water meter and lift the cover of the meter dial. Write down all the numbers you see on the meter. Then, wait 30-60 minutes and write down all the numbers again. If the numbers have changed at all, you probably have a leak somewhere in your system. If the small red diamond shaped indicator on the face of the meter is moving, it also means you probably have a leak. Retest to be certain; then locate the leak by inspecting all the pipes, fixtures and appliances that use water.

Where to look for leaks:

- Your toilet may have a silent leak. Drop a little food coloring in the tank. Wait about 10 minutes without flushing. If color appears in the bowl you have a leak.
- Check for moist spots around and under house plumbing and around the outdoor plumbing.
- Replace worn washers in faucets and showerheads. A little drip waste many

gallons each day.

Below shows the approximate water that is used with different types of leaks:

- *A dripping leak consumes: 15 gal. Per day, 450 gal. per month
- *1/8 in. leak consumes: 3,806 gal. Per day, 114,200 gal. per month
- *1/32 in. leak consumes: 264 gal. Per day, 7,920 gal. per month
- *1/4 in. leak consumes: 15,226 gal. Per day, 456,800 gal. per month
- *1/16 in. leak consumes: 943 gal. Per day, 28,300 gal. per month
- *1/2 in. leak consumes: 60,900 gal. Per day, 1,827,000 gal. per month

Found a leak?

The first thing you should do once you have found a leak is to get it fixed! Any leak that is located from the house to the meter are the responsibility of the property owner. This may mean that you will need to contact a plumber for repairs.

Once the leak is fixed, you can submit copies of the receipt from the repair to the Utility Billing Department and request a leak credit.

If you have any questions, please contact the Utility Billing Office at 503-557-2771

Keep the Wipes Out



Please remember to toss all hand wipes, baby wipes and other wipes in the trash instead of flushing them down the toilet.

These so-called "flushable" wipes do not disintegrate in water like toilet paper. The vast majority of these products stay fully intact, which means they can clog pipes and cause sewage backups. When wipes make it into the main sewer line, they often get tangled and damage equipment at our wastewater treatment facilities or pump stations, which can cost thousands of dollars to repair or replace.

- No wipes are flushable, even if the packaging claims

they are. Think about it: these wipes have sat in packaging for months, yet when you pull them out, they are still wet. The fact they don't disintegrate while being removed from the package tells you they will not disintegrate when flushed.

- Please remember that toilet paper should be the only thing you flush down the toilet.

Clackamas Water Environment Services produces clean water and protects water quality. It's our job to ensure that residents and visitors enjoy the benefits of safe, healthy water for generations to come.

Learn more at clackamas.us/wes/education

City of Gladstone—Senior Center
1050 Portland Ave. Gladstone, Or. 97027

The sponsored by Gladstone Senior Foundation Holiday Party at the senior center was a hit. We had over 60 senior participants in attendance, as well as volunteer help from City Council, Mayor Tammy, the Gladstone Senior Foundation and the Senior Center Advisory Council members. Special music by Mark J, and a surprise visit from Santa, aka "REX", from the City's Public Works department and Fire Chief Rick, and Police Chief John. Volunteers suited up in aprons, and gloves and served the delicious hot lunch catered by Busters BBQ. Below are some photos from the event.

Thank you to all who were able to join us and celebrate the season. oxox



February 2022

Hours of operation

Monday through Friday

8:00am to 4:00 pm

(503) 655-7701

www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc

Important Dates to Remember:

- Hot Lunch is served in the Bloye Dining Hall **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11:45am** - suggested donation is \$3
- Arts n Crafts every **Monday at 10a**
- Low Impact chair exercise every **Tuesday/Thurs at 10:30a**
- Shopping Trips **every Wednesday and Thursday at 1pm** - call if you need a pick-up (Gladstone area stores only)
- Bingo **every Tuesday at 1pm**
- Pinochle at **1pm every Wednesday**
- Rummikub at **1pm every Thursday**

Weekly Instructor led Classes:

1. Watercolor painting and
2. Acrylic painting

AARP Tax Prep

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides in-person tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate income. Tax-Aide volunteers will meet with you for approx. 15mins after you've **completed the questionnaire packet** provided. Tax-Aides are trained and IRS-certified every year to make sure they know about and understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code. Call our center for an appointment 503-665-7701 Starts Feb. 11th, and are held **every Friday 9am-3pm** until early April, in the center.

GLADSTONE EMERGENCY RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE:

The Emergency Resource Center aka Gladstone Senior Center is open and ready to serve you during times of environmental crisis circumstances in our city; A team of community volunteers, City of Gladstone leadership, and senior center staff are here to assist/help in providing current/ updated information, be a warming/cooling station, as well as other immediate resources that may arise during these times. We are charged with the responsibility of providing support, training opportunities, information, day time shelter, food, and communication to all who may be in need.

We intend to work collaboratively with other resource centers/organizations in the area to support the community in times of needs.

February Word Search

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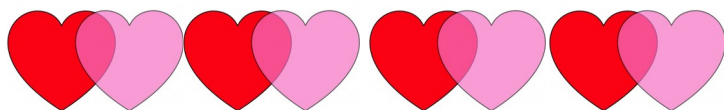
**CANDY
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February 2022 Activities Calendar

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
AARP TAX prep starts on the 11th- call for your appts. 503-655-7701	2/1 Beef Stew Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Bingo 1p	2/2 Mexican Pasta Bake Pinochle 1p Watercolor 2:00-4:30	2/3 Chicken Rice Bake Acrylics 9:30-11:30 & 12:30-2:30 Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Rummikub 1pm	2/4 Pinochle 1p Trip Sandy Historical Museum & Lunch @ Smokey Hearth
2/7 Pinochle 1p	2/8 Turkey Patty Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Bingo 1p	2/9 Garlic Chicken Pinochle 1p Watercolor 2:00-4:30	2/10 Meatloaf Sandwich Acrylics 9:30-11:30 & 12:30-2:30 Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Rummikub 1p	2/11 AARP TAX prep- call to register Pinochle 1p Trip Lunch @ the Viewpoint
2/14  Pinochle 1pm <i>...love is kind, love is patient...</i>	2/15 Chicken Pastini Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Bingo 1p	2/16 Turkey Whipped Potatoes Pinochle 1p Watercolor 2:00-4:30	2/17 Breaded Fish & Tator Tots Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Acrylics 9:30-11:30 & 12:30-2:30 Rummikub 1p	2/18 AARP TAX prep- call to register Pinochle 1p Trip Museum of the OR Territory & Lunch @ Tachos
2/21 Pinochle 1pm	2/22 Lasagna Roll Up Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Bingo 1p	2/23 Breaded Chicken Patty Pinochle 1p Watercolor 2:00-4:30	2/24 Beef Sloppy Joe Acrylics 9:30-11:30 & 12:30-2:30 Chair Exercise 10:30-11:30 Rummikub 1p	2/25 AARP TAX prep- call to register Pinochle 1p Trip Volksfest Lunch in Mt Angel
2/28 Pinochle 1Pm				

Dining Menu is Subject to change without notice- Lunch served Tues, Weds, Thurs @ 11:45am w/ Activity programs+ shopping trips following. Call center to schedule rides, shopping, or Friday Outing Bus trips – 503-655-7701 Michelle McIntire. Gladstone Senior Center 1050 Portland Ave Gladstone, OR 97027

Art Classes are back



GROUNDHOG DAY

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**GROUNDHOG
 DAY**
 February 2nd

The partnership between the City of Gladstone’s Senior Center + Gladstone Community School is in full swing with art classes weekly.

Watercolor is on Wednesdays and Acrylic painting is on Thursdays .

Call Jennifer Ingram at the Community school for sign up **503-655-2777** or **503-650-2570**

Do you have dreams about

New classes that you’d like to see happening in our community? Please send your ideas to Jennifer at the Community School, or Tiffany at the Senior Center 503-655-7708.



A Minute of Gladstone History
By: Kim Argraves Huey
Gladstone Historical Society Historian

Part 2 – More Gladstone Politics and Elections.

1915 - F.E. Goodwin and Henry Strebbig competed for a position on the Gladstone City Council. F.E. really wanted the job, but Henry was unsure. Then his friends, without his approval, undertook a HUGE write-in campaign and won Henry the seat. F.E. protested, arguing that Henry was not a US citizen and therefore ineligible to serve. Honestly, Henry didn't know where he was born and so he thanked his friends and stepped aside.

All did not go well for F.E. Goodman in his new council position. Appointed as manager of Gladstone's water department, F.E. soon found himself drowning in trouble when he appointed a new water superintendent (Johnson) without first dismissing the old water superintendent (McGetchie). With no explanations or instructions to the two men, buckets and wrenches soon flew. Both men insisted they were in charge, and both refused to cooperate with the other. While McGetchie was out collecting water rents from Gladstone's citizens, Johnson was busily engaged in turning off water due to unpaid bills.

Gladstone residents were incensed and demanded that Mayor Chambers Howell rectify the situation immediately. A council meeting was called with all councilmen expected to be in attendance. Somehow, F.E. didn't get the memo. His seat remained empty when the gavel went down. Furious, Mayor Howell ordered Police Chief Bell to fetch Councilman Goodman to the table. F.E. refused the summons. When Chief Bell returned without his man, Mayor Howell demanded that he go back and drag F.E. to the council chambers. Chief Bell refused. F.E. was a large and abundantly proportioned man. Chief Bell was not. F. E. was known to partake in sparring matches around Gladstone. Chief Bell did not. Rather than attempt to dislocate parts of himself while attempting to relocate a stubborn F.E. to the council chambers, Chief Bell turned in his star.

For the next several months, the City Council continued to grapple with the water mess. Why didn't F.E. just straighten it out and be done with it? The answer is that he was busy. Earlier that spring, F.E. had started twice-weekly counseling sessions with his egg lady, offering her a comfy shoulder to cry on and in-depth advice concerning her troubled marriage. F.E.'s friends knew of his new avocation. The neighbors knew. His wife denied it. And quite by accident, the egg lady's husband discovered it in a locked hotel room in downtown Portland. Funny, the egg lady's husband hadn't realized his marriage was in trouble.

Poor F.E. What's a well-meaning guy supposed to do? When he got word that the egg lady's husband was suing him for "alienation of affection", he immediately transferred all his possessions to his wife. Oregon law at that time stated that pulling such a trick was an automatic admission of guilt. F.E. was ordered to pay \$1000.00 to the egg lady's husband.

F.E. remained on the city council until February 1918. With the Gladstone water department still in a huge mess, he resigned from the council and disappeared from our records. Rumor had it that he left town to do more counseling.



↑ Henry Strebbig served three times as Gladstone Police Chief (1934-1938) (1943-1945) (1947) and is shown here in uniform. Photo date unknown.

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.

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.

Rivers East Village Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Villages are intentional caring communities of neighbors helping neighbors. Each Village reflects the community it serves, responding to the needs of its members. Rivers East Village serves the communities of Gladstone, Milwaukie and the surrounding areas.

Villages mobilize volunteers to provide programs and services that older adults need to remain safe and independent in their homes, such as transportation, light home maintenance, tech support, friendly visits and check-in calls. Villages also offer social and educational activities that reduce isolation and create interpersonal connections and social support.

From its Boston beginnings in 2002, the Village concept has grown to a now-thriving network of more than 300 nonprofit, community-based Villages serving about 40,000 older adults across the country and internationally. The Village model is now established as a cost-effective and sustainable solution for healthy, vibrant aging.

This year the U.S. Congress will proclaim February 15 as National Village Day. Rivers East Village (REV) will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Village Movement on February 18th, 10:00am at Libbies Restaurant, 11056 SE Main St, Milwaukie. Sign up to attend at riverseastvillage.org or contact us at 971-808-2340 for more information.

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.
- Do you have a question about fence height, setbacks, zoning, traffic or park regulations? Questions may be answered by viewing the Gladstone Municipal Code at www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/.
- The City contracts with Clackamas County for 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 or by calling 503-742-4240.

Gladstone City Newsletter

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

Gladstone High School Hosts Vaccine Clinics

Families seeking free COVID-19 vaccines and boosters can make an appointment for an upcoming clinic at Gladstone High School. Events are scheduled for Feb. 2, Feb. 23, and March 16 from 4-7 p.m. Appointments are required. Book them a week in advance at www.bit.ly/3lhzaTN and use location code ghs to see our upcoming event on the list. Currently vaccines are approved for ages 5 and older, and boosters are approved for ages 12 and older 5 months after your second Moderna/Pfizer vaccine or two months after your J&J.



Other nearby vaccine, booster, and COVID-19 test providers include:

- Gladstone Safeway: www.safeway.com/vaccinations/home
- Gladstone Walgreens: www.bit.ly/3yfXFGV
- Rite Aid at Oregon City Shopping Center: www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/scheduler

St. Vincent de Paul and the City of Gladstone

The City of Gladstone has once again partnered with St. Vincent de Paul in helping Gladstone residents who have been financially impacted due to COVID-19. This Gladstone COVID Assistance Program (GCAP) may provide a combination of eligible assistance up to approximately two months of utility payments, one month rent and/or food assistance, with a maximum cap of \$1,000.00 per household.

This program is organized to run through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and is available for all City of Gladstone residents upon applicant approval. Applicants must show emergency financial need related to COVID-19 and be a Gladstone resident.

For questions or to see if you are eligible, please contact St. Vincent de Paul at 971-236-2111, leave a message with your contact information and financial need. This program will run until December 31, 2026 or until all funding is exhausted, whichever comes first.

News from the Gladstone Nature Park



↑ A turkey vulture visits a crow's nest in the Park. Vultures are not able to attack other birds, but may have wanted to find some eggs for a snack. The crow was not happy!

Winter is the best time for bird action in the Nature Park! Many migrating birds come down from Canada at this time. Check out our lengthy bird roster; printed copies are located on the FOGNAP tool shed. All 84 birds identified by the Audubon Society are listed. Look for raptors, hawks, and merlins. Our bald eagles are around too, along with peregrine falcons, downy woodpeckers, juncos and swarms of bush tits. Hear that faint clicking sound? That's our hummingbird friends who think they own the maple trees. Bring your binoculars and spend a quiet hour in the Nature Park.

A new Story Walk is up on the Metro trail and young visitors and their families are already enjoying it. *The Snowy Day*, by Ezra Jack Keats, will delight children as they work their way up the trail.

Volunteer! We love our volunteers! Yes, we still work outside in the wintertime. There's no better place to spend a lovely winter morning than in the Nature Park. Consider joining a work party. Our volunteers perform many tasks: trail maintenance, blackberry and ivy removal, watering. Kids love to use the grabbers and buckets to hunt for trash, so they are welcome too. Mark your calendar for the last Saturday of the month, 9am to noon, or contact us for more information. We follow all Covid safety protocols. We are happy to work with groups at other times, so let us know if you are interested in arranging something.

Save the date: Arbor Day and Butterfly/Pollinator Hill dedication, April 30, 2022.

For more information, visit GladstoneNaturePark.org, email friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com or call 503-804-0314

Energy Assistance

Clackamas County Energy Assistance has received LIHEAP American Rescue Plan Act funding to assist households with energy needs. If you are currently facing disconnection, please request an application and let your utility provider know that you have contacted Energy Assistance.

Applications can be submitted by visiting <https://www.clackamas.us/socialservices/energyassistance> or

calling 503-650-5640.

All requests are tracked in our database and addressed in the order received, please make **only one request** either online or by phone.

If you call, please listen to the menu options and choose the one that is most appropriate for you. Be sure to leave all requested information.

We respond as quickly as we can, but do ask for your patience.

Free Clothes for Babies, Kids, and Teens

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 Gladstone High School.

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.

Due to an abundance of community generosity, the Clothes Closet is closed to donations right now. For more information, contact Clothes Closet Coordinator Becky Speulda at bbspeulda@yahoo.com or call 503.997.8503.



Free Pizza Night at Rivergate Adventist Elementary School Gym

Parents and Children are invited to Free pizza & Open gym night.

When: Saturday, February 12, 2022. 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Rivergate Adventist Elementary School Gym, 1505 Rivergate School Rd. Gladstone OR 97027

Gladstone Food Pantry Provides Free Groceries



Families who need nutritious food are invited to choose free groceries at the Gladstone Food Pantry each Thursday from 3 to

5:30 p.m. The facility is located at 6460 Glen Echo behind Hillside Fellowship. All residents of Gladstone, Jennings Lodge, and Oak Grove are welcome.

The pantry provides meat, fresh produce, bread, frozen foods, canned foods, and more.

For information, contact Food Pantry Manager Alex Van Pelt at 503.737.5283 or email avanpelt@nwfs.org.

Gladstone Softball

Registration is now open for Spring 2022 Gladstone Softball for ages 5-14 years old.

To register or for more information, please visit www.gladstonegirlsoftball.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
John 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)	

Thanks for your continued patience and cooperation with safety measures posted at the library when you visit. Hours continue as usual:

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

- **CLOSED** Monday, February 21st for Presidents' Day.
- Our *Seeds for Sharing* seed library is stocked and open! The seed catalog has been updated and posted online. Visit clackamas.us/lib/seeds-for-sharing to review the catalog and start planning your garden, then stop by the Library to check out your seeds (up to six varieties per day)!
- *Take & Make Craft Kits* for kids appear on the 2nd Sunday of each month and are available at the library while supplies last. This month's 'snow globe' kit will shake things up on February 13th.
- *StoryWalk*® at the Gladstone Nature Park! Follow the signs through the park to read the English/Spanish "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats, 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).

- *Twice Sold Tales* bookstore within the Library is open! Shop a great selection of books and DVDs for all ages. The bookstore is run by the Gladstone Public Library Foundation, who is also accepting donations of books and DVDs at the Library (limit two bags or boxes).
- *Clackamas County Library Advisory Board* meets virtually at 5:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month and meetings are open to the public. This month's meeting will be held on February 17th. For meeting details and instructions, visit clackamas.us/lib/clackamas-county-library-advisory-board/#meetings.
- *Gladstone Task Force!* No meeting in February; for future meeting schedules and links, visit clackamas.us/meetings/communityproject/oakgladproj. The Gladstone building project was delayed for four months to allow for more accurate cost projections after a pandemic-related spike in material prices. Here is the updated timeline:
 - * Design Completed: Spring 2022
 - * Permit Approved: Summer 2022
 - * Construction Starts: Fall 2022
 - * Construction Completed: Fall 2023 (assuming 12-month duration)

Please contact us by phone: 503-655-8540, or email: gladstone@lincc.org if you have questions.

Do you feel a little movement underground? No, it's not an earthquake, but if all goes well, it's the beginning of the first timeline updated to the building of our library. The design completion is to be completed this spring.

You'll love browsing our books and DVDs through our Twice Sold Tales section at the library. Prices are the same as at the book sale and a list is posted next to the shelves. We even have a few new releases.

This month we're having an online sale. Order \$10 worth of books and get 25% off. Log on to: <https://www.gplf-foundation.org>, and use promotion code FEBRUARY AF.

Here's two ways to help build our library. Sign up or link onto Fred Meyer's Rewards program at: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>, and do the same for Amazon. Link onto AmazonSmile, fill out the form and you're all set. And best of all It doesn't cost you a penny. Donations to Gladstone Public Library Foundation can be sent to: PO Box 146, Gladstone, OR 97027-0145, or to our website. Every penny goes to support our library.

"I declare there is no enjoyment like reading." – Jane Austin Stay safe, stay healthy, and read.

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Library—135 E. Dartmouth St.

Get Social



Connect with the City of Gladstone on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Nextdoor Gladstone. Stay up-to-date with all the latest news and events happening around you.

The City supports the use of social media technology to enhance communication and provide information on objectives and goals related to city business. It is a platform to ensure appropriate, consistent messaging from the organization and intended for informational purposes only, not for exchanges or comments.

Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk

Super Bowl has become synonymous with drinking and celebrating, making roads on Super Bowl weekend dangerous. Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've had only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely. The decision to not drink and drive should never be a tough one. Drunk driving is illegal and can be deadly — to the driver, to his or her passengers, and to other road users. Alcohol consumption lowers inhibitions, causing you to make bad decisions you would not otherwise make. Do not trust yourself to make good decisions once you begin drinking. Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely. To help keep people safe on the streets and put an end to drunk driving, Gladstone Police Department, along with other agencies, will be out in full force in support of the 2022 Super Bowl Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign.



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 3:30 pm at the Gladstone Senior Center., 1050 Portland Avenue.

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