

Clackamas County & City of Gladstone Advance New Library



Clackamas County and the City of Gladstone are committed to enhancing public spaces by moving forward with the new Gladstone library. “Investing in social infrastructure provides a sense of place where everyone belongs,” states Gladstone City Administrator Jacque Betz, “and this library is a valuable shared public space for the Gladstone community.” In 2018, after a lengthy litigation settlement process, which resulted in Clackamas County agreeing to construct a 6,000 square foot library at the old Gladstone City Hall site, and the City of Gladstone agreeing to contribute financially to the annual operations, both entities celebrated the preparation of the site of the new Gladstone Library. “The strength in the community is strong,” says Betz, “and good news is on the horizon for Gladstone residents and library users.”

During the pandemic cost escalation for the project went from \$7 million in November, 2021 to \$9.4 million in April, 2022. As stewards of public funds, the Board of county Commissioners and the Gladstone City Council felt it is in the public’s best interest to delay construction of the new library for a year until construction industry costs stabilize and decrease. Yet, Clackamas County and the City of Gladstone remain committed to advancing the project, as evidenced by:

- Proceeding with demolition of the existing structure with signage indicating it is the future site of the library.
- Completion of the construction drawings and land use design approvals.
- Recently, the Board of Commissioners allocated \$6 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the new Gladstone Library.

The library is the most important place in town as it is where individuals gather to explore, interact, and imagine. The construction of the new library will help revitalize Gladstone’s downtown by offering an attractive, functional and community-based place, creating a livable friendly city, and it comes on the heels of completing the Gladstone Downtown Revitalization Plan. “We recognize that this timeline is not what the community was expecting,” states Gladstone Mayor Tammy Stempel. “We want to finish this important community project as soon as possible and will do so while also protecting and valuing limited public dollars. It is amazing what governments can achieve when we work together as a community.” Thank you Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, the Gladstone City Council, and the Gladstone Library Task Force.



Volunteers – Gladstone Needs You!



Are you looking for a new opportunity to serve in your community? If so, consider applying to serve on a City board, commission or committee. The City has six (6) active boards, commissions and committees that are composed of volunteers. Recruitment is underway for 9 open positions to be filled January 2023.

At the January 10, 2023 meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointments and re-appointments to the following boards, commissions and committees:

- One (1) term on the Planning Commission;
- Two (2) terms on the Budget Committee;
- Three (3) terms on the Traffic Safety Advisory Board;
- One (1) term on the Park & Recreation Advisory Board;
- Two (2) terms on the Senior Center Advisory Board.

Upcoming City Meetings

The City of Gladstone is abiding by guidelines set forth in House Bill 2560, requiring the City to make all meetings accessible remotely for members of general public. Upcoming meetings are as follows:

- City Council- Tues., November 8th at 6:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board- Mon., November 14th at 6:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
- Senior Center Advisory Board- Tues., November 15th at 3:30 pm, Gladstone Senior Center.
- Clackamas County Library Advisory Board- Thurs. November 17th at 5:30 pm via Zoom: clackamas.us/lib/clackamas-county-library-advisory-board/#meetings

Visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us for more information.

Gladstone Planning Commission Meeting

On Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 p.m. The Planning Commission agenda will include a Public Hearing on C-2 Zoning District code amendments & a new Downtown Overlay Zone. Proposed changes to the C2 zone allow a greater range of housing types in addition to other uses that are already permitted. The City is also proposing a new Downtown Overlay Zone, which would allow for increased building heights to encourage upper floor housing and mixed-use development. If approved, this will be presented to the City Council on December 13, 2022 for their final approval. Go to <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/administration/project/downtown-revitalization-plan-code-amendments> for details.

City Closures

City offices will be closed Friday, November 11th for Veteran’s Day and Thursday, November 24th for Thanksgiving.

Recruiting for Ad Hoc Committee

In May 2022, the City Council provided staff guidance to create an Ad Hoc Committee to review Gladstone City Council Rules for conformity to the new Gladstone City Charter, and to review the 2013 Gladstone City Council Guidebook and make recommendations. The City is now in search of individuals to join this Ad Hoc Committee. The City Council will appoint members at the January 10, 2023 Council Meeting. To obtain an application and information about serving on a committee, board or commission, visit the city’s website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/bc, email bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2769 or stop by City Hall at 18505 Portland Avenue. Applications must be returned by 4:00 pm on December 12, 2022.

Boards, commissions and committees review new and existing operations in specific areas and suggest an appropriate course of action to City department heads and the City Council. Members of boards, commissions and committees provide an invaluable service to the City by advising the City Council on a wide variety of subjects and making recommendations on important policy matters.

Let your voice be heard by sharing your experience, expertise and time. You can provide valuable insight from the citizen’s point of view to the operations of the City and the City Council’s decision-making process.

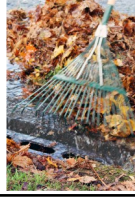
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Clear Storm Drains to Protect Your Property and Our Water



Regularly clearing your storm drains of leaves and debris helps reduce flooding and property damage while protecting watershed health and the quality of our drinking water. Follow these tips:

- Find the storm drain grates in the street by your home or business and clear them of leaves and debris.
- Use a rake or pitchfork to clear leaves, limbs, and debris from the storm drain. Do not try to remove the grate, only the debris on top of it.
- When leaves fall into the street, rake them at least one foot away from the curb so they won't block the path of rainwater. Please do not rake or blow leaves from your yard into the street.
- Never dump anything into a storm drain.



Learn more at clackamas.us/wes/education

Pedestrian Safety



With Daylight Savings right around the corner, it is crucial for every motorist and pedestrian to know pedestrian safety. It is best to follow these walking safety tips:

1. While jogging, walking, or biking wear reflective and/or light-colored clothing during the hours of darkness. Bicycles should have ample reflectors and light on when it is dark.
2. Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
3. Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
4. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
5. Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
6. Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
7. If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
8. Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
9. Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.
10. Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
11. Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and your judgment.

Cooking Safety Tips

Clackamas Fire reminds residents to be safe while cooking and gathering this holiday season. Thanksgiving is the number one day of the year for home cooking fires in the U.S., and unattended cooking is by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths. Other holiday-related home fires involve heating and electrical sources.



How to be safe in the kitchen:

- Check on food regularly while cooking and set timers. Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- Keep your cooking area clean. Remove items, such as towels, oven mitts, and food packaging away from the stove. Keep handles for pots and pans turned toward the back of the stove.
- Don't wear loose fitting sleeves or clothing while cooking.
- If a fire starts on the stove top, cover it with a lid or metal cookie sheet and turn the stove off. Do not throw water on a grease fire.
- If there is an oven fire, keep the door closed and turn off the oven.
- If you experience a fire beyond the pan that has spread, get outside, and call 9-1-1 immediately.

As a reminder, make sure that you have working smoke alarms in your home. Test the alarms once a month to ensure they are functioning properly.

Keep your holiday season happy and safe by preventing fires in the kitchen!

Meldrum Bar Parking Kiosk

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

	FY 21/22	FY 22/23
Revenues:		
July	27,682.00	15,747.00
August	16,611.00	14,525.00
September	9,736.00	8,383.00
October	5,894.00	
November	2,179.00	
December	1,799.00	
January	6,018.00	
February	5,359.00	
March	7,373.00	
April	11,072.00	
May	11,380.00	
June	9,909.00	
	115,012.00	38,655.00
Expenditures:		
Contractual Services	3,488.38	1,312.70
Credit card fees	4,998.08	1,289.43
Operations & Maintenance	9,656.14	622.60
Purchase & install kiosk	5,422.50	—
Year to date	23,565.10	3,224.73
Net Profit (Loss)	91,446.90	35,430.27
Cumulative Balance	20,895.82	56,326.09

Winterizing Your Water Pipes Inside & Out



Fall is the time of year to start thinking about winterizing your water pipes inside & out. Here

are some precautionary measures you can take now to help avoid the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes later.

- Disconnect and drain all outdoor hoses, and protect outside pipes and faucets.
- In some homes, the outside faucet has a separate "shut-off" in the basement or crawl space. If you do have a separate valve for outside faucets, shut it off. Then go outside, disconnect the garden hose and turn on the faucets to drain water from the line. Even if you do not have a separate "shut off valve" for outside faucets, wrap and/or cover ALL outside faucets and hose bibs. Disconnect garden hoses, otherwise, a single hard freeze can burst the faucet or the pipe it connects to.
- If you have water pipes in unheated areas such as the garage or crawl space, wrap the water pipes with pipe insulation or wrapping materials.
- Turn off the water to the irrigation system at the main shut-off valve.
- Open all drain valves and drain water from system.
- Wrap insulating material around ground valves and backflow prevention devices. For complete details call Clackamas River Water Providers at 503-723-3511 or email Christine@clackamasproviders.org.

Shop with a Cop!

The 16th Annual Shop with a Cop! will be held on Saturday, December 3th, 2022. This year we will be helping 200 kids from Clackamas County. Many uniformed police officers, deputy sheriffs, and other law enforcement personnel will be paired up with the kids, who each is given a \$100 gift card. Interestingly, almost all the kids shop for their family members first, then themselves! The entire event is funded with donations, most come from the public and businesses. If you'd like to contribute, you can donate via the Clackamas County Peace Officer's Benevolent Foundation at www.ccpobf.org or drop off a donation at the GPD. All donors will receive a tax receipt by mail. 100% of your donation will be used for Shop with a Cop!



Gladstone Public Works Department - Why We Do What We Do: Leaf Pick-up

Gladstone Public Works serves the community with our Annual Leaf Pick-Up Program which began in the 1970's. You may be surprised to know that the leaf pickup program is a function of the stormwater Department, this service is not about keeping our streets "pretty". Ultimately the goal of the program is to remove leaves from catch basins, grates and gutters which allows storm water to run off and prevents flooding of streets and private property. It is far more cost effective to pick up leaves before flooding causes serious damage. Additionally, decaying leaves that pass through storm drains pollute waterways by absorbing oxygen needed by fish, plants and other aquatic habitat. Reducing the amount of pollution that enters our waterways is a priority of the Public Works Department.

The Annual Leaf Pick-Up Program sends Public Works crew members into every neighborhood throughout the City to pick up leaves from October through December based on the leaf pick up schedule. Public Works crews utilize heavy equipment which includes a front end loader and dump trucks to perform leaf pickup. Residents will see the street sweeper following behind crews to ensure that the drainage system remains free of small debris and to remove any remaining debris that was not able to be picked up with the heavy equipment.

What Can You Do to Make Leaf Pick-Up Successful?

Have your leaf pile ready for pick-up by the first day of your area's designated pick-up schedule. While it is important to have your leaves ready for pick-up by the first day on your schedule, please

remember that leaves placed in the street too far in advance of leaf pick-up will cause the leaves to wash into our storm drains, increasing the risk of flooding in your neighborhood. Best practice is to put your leaves out for pick-up the day before your area's first scheduled day.

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

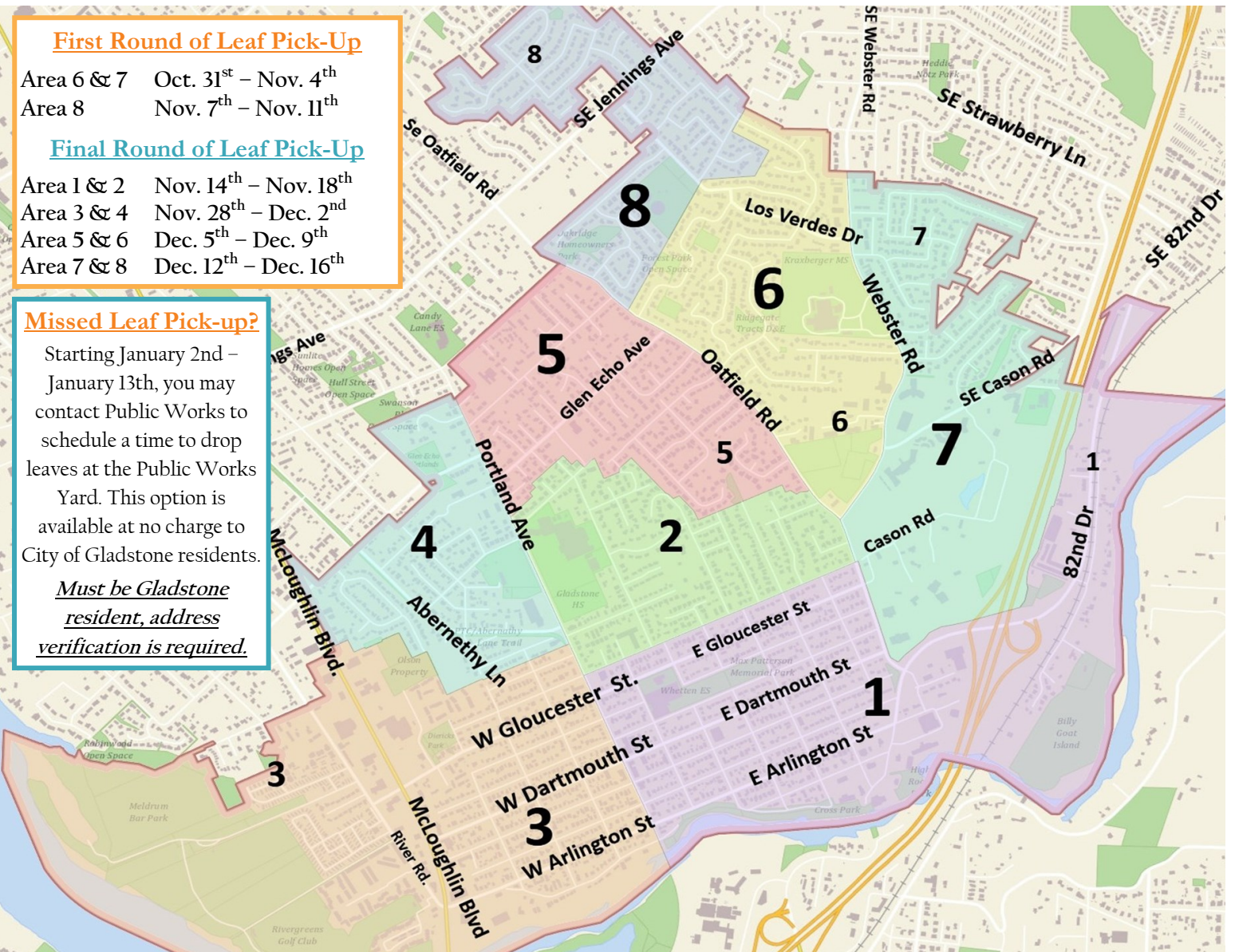
Move your vehicles off the street during your leaf pick up week!

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

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

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

Have a small piles of leaves? Use your yard debris bin, not the street! Let's keep small piles out of the street, just use your yard debris bin. Your yard debris bin can be used year round and is of no cost with regular garbage service.



Gladstone Public Works Leaf Drop Off

Missed Leaf Pick-up? Too many leaves?

The Gladstone Public Works Department will be holding a Leaf Drop Off at the Public Works Yard on Saturday November 12th from 8 am – 12 pm and Saturday, December 17th from 8 am – 12 pm .

Fill up your truck and bring your leaves down to the Public Works yard where you can dump them free of charge. We suggest placing them on a tarp for easy and quick removal from the back of your truck.

GLADSTONE RESIDENTS ONLY – NO CONTRACTORS – NO LANDSCAPERS



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

**Intergenerational Partnership begins between
 John Wetten Elementary School + Gladstone Senior Center!**

We're excited to have John Wetten Elementary school grade classes be matched with seniors for a wonderful service project at Gladstone Senior Center, starting November. A few hours every other Tuesday, a group of school age kids will be coming to the center, have lunch with us, and share quality time with you in games, and creative organized projects of your choosing.

We are honestly, pretty excited!!! We have been wanting to create a space here, that is welcoming to all community members. We are interested in learning, gathering, and sharing resources, tools + skills + creativity —and this positive intergenerational program is a lovely part of widening our net in the community.

The intention of an intergenerational-exchange of community members is to help destigmatize what it means to age with dignity and empower. We feel our participants of the center have a lot to share, as well as our children —having much to give back and learn from one another.

Some of our activities will be creating/sharing recipes and making pen pals with some of our meals on wheels homebound elders; sharing and capturing narratives, and history together; gardening; creating art; trivia and many other projects.

We are hoping you will please sign up to come in and participate in this program. Please call the center to sign up: 503-655-7701.

Programming starts on Nov. 29th

November Activities and Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	11/1 Lunch 11:30-Beef W/Peppers Music History (Lunch N Learn) Bingo 1:00 Medicare Open Enrollment—11:00a	11/2 Lunch 11:30-Chicken Paprika Pinochle 12:45pm	11/3 Lunch 11:30 (Turkey Pot Pie) Rummikub 1:00pm An Evening at Lakewood Theatre: 6:30p "Elf the Musical" (pay/sign-up at center)	11/4 Bus Trip-No FRIDAY Trip Pinochle 12:45pm 11/5 Saturday Bus Trip--Verboort Sausage dinner festival (leaves at 9:30a)
11/7 Tai Chi-9-10 Advanced Tai Chi 10-11 Beginners Arts & Crafts 10 am Pinochle 12:45pm	11/8 Lunch 11:30-Meatloaf Movie Field Trip- "A Ticket to Paradise" Medicare Open Enrollment info -11:00a Bingo 1:00p	11/9 Lunch 11:30-Shoyu Chicken Lunch n Learn --Canning Pinochle 12:45pm	11/10 Lunch 11:30- Dave's B-Day Party Lunch (RSVP) Live Music Rummikub 1:00pm	11/11 Veteran's Day CLOSED  THANK YOU VETS!!
11/14 Tai Chi-9-10 Advanced Tai Chi 10-11 Beginners Arts & Crafts 10 am Pinochle 12:45pm Foot Clinic- By Appt.	11/15 Lunch 11:30- Meatloaf Sandwich Music History (Lunch N Learn) Medicare Open Enrollment info -11:00a Bingo 1:00p Foot Clinic- By Appt.	11/16 Lunch 11:30-Garlic Chicken Pinochle 12:45pm	11/17 Lunch 11:30- Thanksgiving Dinner Friendsgiving Rummikub 1:00pm	11/18 Bus Trip-Spirit Mt.Casino Pinochle 12:45pm
11/21 Tai Chi-9-10 Advanced Tai Chi 10-11 Beginners Arts & Crafts 10 am Pinochle 12:45pm	11/22 Lunch 11:30-Chicken Pastini Medicare Open Enrollment info -11:00a Bingo 1:00p	11/23 Lunch 11:30- Thanksgiving Lunch Pinochle 12:45pm	11/24 CLOSED  Thanksgiving DAY	11/25 CLOSED STILL EATING TURKEY LEFTOVERS.
11/28 Tai Chi-9-10 Advanced Tai Chi 10-11 Beginners Arts & Crafts 10 am Pinochle 12:45pm	11/29 Lunch 11:30-Salisbury Steak Medicare Open Enrollment info -11:00a Bingo 1:00p John Wetten Kids Activity @ 11:30a-1p	11/30 Lunch 11:30-Breaded Fish Pinochle 12:45pm **Training on Emergency Prep Food/Storage-contact center		Community Classes are for a fee: Yoga Water Color Acrylics Zumba

November 2022

We are Open
Monday through Friday
8:00am to 4:00 pm

CLOSED 3days in November:

Veterans Day is Friday, Nov 11th,

Nov. 24th and Nov. 25th, 2022

(503) 655-7701 www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc



The Gladstone Seniors Foundation is the non-profit fundraising arm of the Gladstone Senior Center

FUNDRAISING DRIVE to CONTINUE:

*This year our major fundraising drive is for **Beautification of the Portland Ave. side of the Center.** We have enlarged the patio with beautiful decorative pavers. The new patio includes cedar fencing, landscaping, better lighting and picnic tables accessible to any ability. This has greatly improved the curb appeal, and encouraged better use of the space ie: family gatherings, birthday parties.*

*For any \$100 donations, you may have your **family name engraved on a paver on the new patio!***

To donate please contact the Senior Center: 503.655.7701

FRIENDSGIVING LUNCHEON

Come down to the center for **Turkey and all the trimmings.** We'll have a head-count sign up list starting **Nov. 1st**



NEW MEMIORS Group Starts in January 2023 at the center!

"Come and join our **memoirs group** and share the stories of our lives. We all have stories we were going to write down and this is the time."

— **Linda Cosgrove**

There are no requirements and everyone is welcome."

We continue to provide available meeting, event, special occasion rental space at the center. Please contact the center to reserve your meeting space. Ask for Deanna; 503-655-7701

RENT THIS SPACE

1st Annual Winter Holiday Marketplace Dec. 10th



GLADSTONE SENIOR CENTER'S

WINTER HOLIDAY MARKET 2022

EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OF ALL
AGES & ENTRY IS FREE

DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED AND GO TO THE SENIOR
FOUNDATION TO KEEP US RUNNING!

*FOOD *ART *JEWELRY *DÉCOR *FASHION
*GIFTS *CRAFTS *TRINKETS *BAKED GOODS
*UNIQUE ITEMS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH 9AM-4PM

1050 PORTLAND AVE. GLADSTONE OR 97027

FOR INFO CALL 503-655-7701



AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE

Call in to sign up at the center.

8hr course/ back a sack lunch/\$20
-\$25 for the day, depending on
your AARP membership.

NOV. 19th

503-655-7701

Lunch + Learn series

SAFE + STRONG—a Lunch n Learn
presentation by Clackamas County
Behavioral Health dept.

Topic: "Friendship and the Pandemic
of 217" , a bit of history and how to
cope by Jesse Chapman, QMHA—R

(Come have lunch and learn)

FREE Training by

Gladstone Emergency Management
Team

November 30th will be on how to
can and prep for food/food safe-
ty/food storage

**Training on Emergency Prep Food/Storage-
contact center

Please sign up! 503-655-7701

NOV 3rd—a night out to the
Lakewood Theatre to see "Elf, the
Musical" - Lake Oswego, OR

Cost is \$8

Call Michelle McIntire to sign up
for Tram pickup at the center

Leave center at 6:30pm

EVERY TUESDAY at 11am until the
end of December is **OPEN ENROLL-
MENT** at the center we have Unit-
ed Health in the community room,
here to go over all your questions
regarding Medicare. Please stop by!

Nov 18th—Spirit Mountain Casi-
no trip

Cost \$13

Leave at 8:30a from the center

Must sign-up/pay at center

Fall Water Conservation Tips from Clackamas River Water Providers

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

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

Install Water Efficient Faucets Aerators-While not running water needlessly, such as letting the faucet flow when brushing your teeth, or scrubbing dishes after a large holiday celebration many households

can further decrease their water use by installing high efficiency (1 - 1.5 GPM) faucet aerators in the kitchen and in the bathroom.

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

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

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

Adult Mentors needed for Lunch Buddy Program

The Lunch Buddy program at John Wetten Elementary School matches adult volunteers with elementary students to provide friendship, support and positive role modeling by having lunch and spending special time together at recess.

Our students need your help. There are many students waiting for a lunch buddy mentor but there are currently not enough volunteers to meet the need. Spend lunch with a child and make a difference for life.

If you are interested and could take the time for one of our students, please contact Theresa Schmidt, Volunteer Coordinator at John Wetten Elementary School, at 503-656-6564 or schmidt@gladstone.k12.or.us



2023 Business License Renewals

Business Owners and Operators: Be on the look out for Business License renewal applications! For a general business license the fee is \$100, plus \$5 per employee over 3 full time equivalent employees.

Rental property owners are required to pay the base fee of \$100 plus \$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.

2023 Grad Party Can and Bottle Drive



Happy Holidays Gladstone! Thank you everyone for your support by donating bottles & cans for the drug and alcohol free Gladstone

Class of 2023 Grad Party! We will not have a can drive during the month of November but we will be there Sunday, December 4th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. So save those returnables from your holiday gatherings and join us in the GHS parking lot!



Gladstone Junior Baseball

Gladstone Junior Baseball Association will be holding its annual open meeting on Sunday November 13th @ 7:00pm at Round Table Pizza on McLoughlin. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend, we will be discussing our plans for the 2023 baseball season as well as voting on board positions that are open or coming up for re-election.

Open board positions are: Vice President, Rookie Coordinator, Equipment Coordinator Fundraising Coordinator and Tournament Coordinator. If you want more information about joining our board, check our website at www.GladstoneJuniorBaseball.com click "about" and "contact" to email any of our current Board Members.

We look forward to seeing everyone for this year's annual meeting!

Fall Arrives in the Nature Park

Visit the Nature Park in fall and discover all the changes as Mother Nature prepares for winter. Leaves are turning bright colors and dancing to the ground, squirrels are busy burying acorns, and birds are gleaning the last of the wildflower seeds.

In October 2021, the Nature Park received a ginkgo tree, grown from the seed of a tree that survived the bombing of Hiroshima in 1945. Ginkgo trees were once Oregon natives. The Gladstone Hiroshima Ginkgo tree was planted to commemorate 75 years

of peace with Japan and reminds us to work for peace for all nations. The tree is located near the parking lot and has a welded enclosure. It stands six feet tall and has heart-shaped leaves. Oregon has one of the largest collections of Hiroshima Peace Trees of any state or nation outside of Japan. Visit the Oregon Department of Forestry website to see a map of Oregon's Peace Trees: oregon.gov/ODF/ForestBenefits/Pages/Hiroshima-peace-trees.aspx



FOGNAP will not be holding work days in November or December. If you would like to schedule a work day for a group at another time, please contact us. To learn more about the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park, email friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com, call 503-804-0314, or visit GladstoneNaturePark.org.

Studded Tire Season



Studded tires are legal in Oregon from November 1 through March 31. Because of the damage caused by studded tires, the Department of Transportation encourages motorists to use studded tires only when necessary. Delaying putting on studded tires or using other traction tires is helpful to the condition of the highways.

Drop Off Unwanted Prescriptions at the Gladstone Civic Center

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 Civic Center, located at 18505 Portland Ave., MED RETURN receptacle, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm*. No paperwork or fee required! *Excluding holidays.



Gladstone School Food Pantry Provides Free Groceries

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



SERVING FAMILIES FROM GLADSTONE SCHOOLS & RESIDENTS OF GLADSTONE, JENNINGS LODGE, AND OAK GROVE

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

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

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

Kiwanis Christmas Breakfast

Kiwanis 23rd annual Christmas Breakfast will be held on December 3, 2022 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the Gladstone Senior Center. Come have a pancake while meeting Santa himself!

Donations will be accepted. All proceeds benefit the Gladstone High School Scholarship Fund.

Veterans Day Assembly

Veterans or enlisted personnel from any branch of military service are invited to attend a special event in their honor. Gladstone High School (GHS) is hosting it's annual Veterans' Assembly on Thursday, Nov. 10th.



Veterans, active duty members, and their guests, please plan to arrive between 9:40 AM – 9:55 AM to sign in and visit with students and other guests. The assembly will begin at 10:15 AM and conclude by 11:15 AM. Enjoy a guest speaker, plus music and melodies from the GHS band and choir. Each branch of the service will be honored.

RSVP to Stefanie Bell at 503-655-2544 or email bells@gladstone.k12.or.us.

Community Work Party at Cross Park

Come help restore natural areas at Cross Park in Gladstone with the Clackamas River Basin Council! Bring the family and join us as we remove invasive weeds that have taken a stronghold in the park. Over 300,000 Oregonians get their drinking water from the Clackamas River. By lending a hand, you are helping improve water quality and wildlife habitat just upstream from the drinking water intake. Your help makes a real difference!

Date & Time: Saturday, November 12th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Location: Cross Park: 2 82nd Dr, Gladstone, OR 97027, meet at the picnic tables

What to bring: Please bring water and your favorite work gloves, sturdy shoes or rubber boots and dress in layers. Tools and some freebies will be provided!

Register: <https://clackamasriver.org/events/cross-park-work-party/>

Supporting Low Impact Recreation on the Clackamas River



Through a State Drinking Water Source Protection grant received by the Clackamas River Water Providers (CRWP) we have been working with our recreation partners on the development of the online/mobile and interactive Clackamas Water Trail website.

The purpose of this new website is to highlight access points along the lower river, local amenities, and known river conditions and hazards. It will also differentiate private and public property, and sensitive fish and wildlife habitat areas that are not to be disturbed, as well as include information on how to be good river stewards and the importance of protecting our drinking water source.

See how you can enjoy the Clackamas River while being a good steward by going to clackamaswatertrail.org

Follow the Star Christmas Extravaganza is Back!!

Since 2004, thousands of people have come to experience Follow the Star. Many have made this a Christmas tradition. This Christmas extravaganza is performed yearly at the Gladstone Park Conference Center at 19500 Oatfield Rd. Unfortunately, COVID closed the program down for the last two seasons but now we are back.

Our performers are eager to guide you through seven scenes and tell a story as you traverse the torch-lit paths of the Gladstone Campgrounds. In this live theater, you become part of the story.

Tickets go on sale November 3rd at followthestarevent.com. Tickets are \$2 each for online reserved spaces and a limited number of walk-ins will be available each evening. Bring your family and your friends and discover the real magic of Christmas.

Free Clothes for Babies, Kids, and Teens



The Gladstone Kids Clothes Closet is open for free clothes shopping Saturday's from 10 a.m. to noon. Located off Nelson Lane in a portable classroom on the north side of Gladstone High, the facility serves any youth from birth to age 18.

Donations of gently-used clothing and shoes for birth to age 21 and new socks and underwear for girls and boys in all youth sizes are welcome Saturdays, 10-noon. For more information or to volunteer, contact Clothes Closet Coordinator Becky Speulda at bbspeulda@yahoo.com or call 503.997.8503.

Please note: the Clothes Closet will be closed November 26th.

SafeOregon School Safety Tip Line

The goal of the SafeOregon Tip Line is to prevent school safety threats from occurring by providing schools, students and communities with a tool for anonymously reporting potential threats, including bullying, self-harm and other concerns. Tips can be submitted in a variety of ways, including phone calls and texts at 844-472-3367, the web (www.tips.safeoregon.com), email (tip@safeoregon.com), and the mobile app. Tip line technicians go through tips 24/7, 365 days a week where they are analyzed and sent to designated personnel who can provide assistance resolving reported incidents.

One tip can save a life! In 80% of school shootings, at least one person had advance information about the attack. When a potential safety threat is reported, SafeOregon has the chance to prevent violence. Remember: If you SEE something, SAY something.



Local Telephone Numbers

- City Hall General Business Line503-656-5225
- Utility Billing/Water/Sewer Acct Info ...503-557-2771
- Municipal Court/Traffic Citations503-557-2772
- Public Works503-656-7957
- Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm503-557-2797
- Fire Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm503-557-2776
- Library503-655-8540
- Senior Center503-655-7701
- Recreation/Business License503-557-2766
- Planning503-742-4510
- Electrical/Plumbing Permits503-742-4240
- Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance ..503-557-2763
- Clackamas County Dog Services503-655-8628
- Gladstone School District503-655-2777
- Gladstone High School503-655-2544
- Kraxberger Middle School503-655-3636
- John Wetten Elementary School503-656-6564
- Gladstone Disposal Company503-656-9426
- Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)503-299-9999
- Portland General Electric503-228-6322
- Northwest Natural Gas503-226-4211
- Comcast Cable1-800-934-6489
- Century Link1-866-642-0444
- Non-Emergency Dispatch503-655-8211
- (option 1 for police or fire calls)

Please respect the choices of staff and patrons wearing masks. Need help? Contact us by phone or email, or visit us online at clackamas.us/lib/:

Gladstone Public Library, 135 E. Dartmouth St., Gladstone OR 97027 (503) 655-8540 gladstone@lincc.org

Open hours: Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 10 am – 6 pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 12 noon – 8 pm

Wednesday: 10 am – 8 pm

CALENDAR ENTRIES

All-Ages Storytime — Every Wednesday: Nov. 2nd, Nov. 9th, Nov. 16th, Nov. 23rd, & Nov. 30th from 10:15-10:45 am. Enjoy your favorite storytime books, songs, and games with Teacher Heather *in person* and *onsite* every Wednesday at 10:15 am at the library! All ages welcome; masks optional. We're in the early stages of expanding our storytimes and would love to hear from you - ask for a survey at the library, or share your thoughts with us by email or phone!



Crepe Paper Chrysanthemum
This month's adult craft class (Vase Not Included)

Adult Craft: Crepe Paper Chrysanthemum (18+ Years) — Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022 from 2 pm – 4 pm Jenna is back with a nature-inspired paper flower project for this month's adult craft class - makes a great centerpiece for your

Thanksgiving table! No experience needed. Supplies are provided. Preregistration is required, and spaces fill quickly. Register in person or by phone at the library at 503-655-8540. Ages 18+ only, please. Masks optional.

LIBRARY CLOSED to observe Veterans Day — Friday, Nov. 11, 2022

Kid Craft: Take & Make Craft Kits - Tube Scarecrow — Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022 (and while supplies last!) Take-home craft kits for kids appear on the 2nd Sunday of each month and are available to pick up at the Gladstone Public Library while supplies last. Most supplies and instructions are included. This month's *Tube Scarecrow* kit rolls in on Nov. 13th - ask for yours at the desk!



Tube Scarecrow
This month's Take & Make kids' craft

Rock Readers Mystery Book Club — Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm Engage with other readers in a discussion of "*Lock Every Door*" by Riley Sager. Ask for a copy of the book at the Gladstone Public Library's front desk, then call or email the library at 503-655-8540 or gladstone@lincc.org for meeting information (may be in-person or virtual).

Clackamas County Library Advisory Board (Virtual Meeting) — Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022 at 5:30 pm Your Clackamas County Library Advisory Board meets at 5:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month. Meetings are open

to the public; visit clackamas.us/lib/clackamas-county-library-advisory-board/#meetings for more information.

LIBRARY CLOSED to observe Thanksgiving Day — Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022

OTHER LIBRARY UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Oregon's Battle of the Books (OBOB) is ON! Visit LINCC or the library to check out the 2022-2023 titles - we're here to support our local teams!

Fines and fees totaling at least \$1 can now be paid online using a credit card. Log into your account on lincc.org, then click **My Account**, then **Fines** to display current amounts owing. Follow the instructions to submit your payment.

Our *Seeds for Sharing* seed library is stocked and open. Visit clackamas.us/lib/seeds-for-sharing to review the seed catalog, then stop by the library to check out your seeds (up to six varieties per day)!

StoryWalk® at the Gladstone Nature Park features English/Spanish "*Flutter & Hum/Aleteo y Zumbido*" by Julie Paschkis. Take a stroll, read the pages, and perform fun activities along the way! Presented in partnership with the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park and the Gladstone Public Library Foundation.

Bookstore is open, and donations of books and media are being accepted (please limit to ONE bag/box per visit).

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City Meetings:

- ***City Council**- 2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary) - 6:30 pm—Gladstone Civic Center and Zoom
- ***Planning Commission**- 3rd Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm Gladstone Civic Center and Zoom
- ***Traffic Safety**- 4th Monday every other month (as needed) - 6:00 pm—Gladstone Civic Center and Zoom
- ***Park & Recreation**- 2nd Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm, currently being held on Zoom
- ***Senior Center Advisory**- held 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

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. Visit gladstonenaturepark.org or email friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com for more information.
- ***Gladstone Historical Society**- Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Gladstone Civic Center Community Room. For more information, visit www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org or email gladstonehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates



Autumn's golden-red and brown leaves are falling, reminding us of cool days ahead. Now's a good time to snuggle up with a good book or DVD. Check out our Twice Sold Tales section inside the library. You'll find great items that are near new and gently used. Prices are the same as our book sale events. A pricelist is posted next to the shelves.

On October 11th, demolition of the old City Hall building was completed and many attended the celebration at the site of the new library. Building will start some time in 2023.

There are two easy ways to support our library and it doesn't cost you a penny. Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card with our foundation to: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>.



And, if you're an Amazon shopper, link your account to AmazonSmile, fill out the form and you're all set.

If you have any questions about our foundation email us at GPLF.contactus@gmail.com. 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.

Libraries always remind me that there are good things in this world. – Lauren Ward
Stay safe, stay healthy, and read.