



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Join us for the: Gladstone Civic Center Open House!



When: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 6:00pm

Where: Gladstone City Hall, Council Chambers 525 Portland Avenue

The agenda will include:

- Major Milestones
- Project Update—Plans, Perspectives, Schedule
- Q&A and Community Comments

City Office Closures

Gladstone City offices will be closed on February 18, 2019 in observance of President's Day.

Coffee With A Councilor



Coffee with a Councilor has moved to quarterly meetings beginning in March. More information will come in the next newsletter.

Planning & Permits

The City contracts with Clackamas County for administration of the City's land use planning and building permits, including plumbing, electrical, grading, etc. For more information, visit the county's website at clackamas.us/building or call 503-742-4519.

Portable Storage Containers

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>

Upcoming City Council Meeting

The February 26, 2019 City Council work session meeting beginning at 6:30 pm will include Utility Rates/Infrastructure. The March 12, 2019 regular City Council meeting will include: State of the Cities Address, 2019-2021 Strategic Plan, and Gladstone Police Department Public Policy on Policing. Council packets can be viewed online at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>.

2019 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 businesses being operated out of a home. For rental properties, the fee is \$100 + \$25 for one rental unit, \$100 + \$50 for 2-5 rental units, \$100 + \$75 for 6-12 rental units and \$100 + \$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.

Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting

At the February 19, 2019 Meeting, the Planning Commission will be discussing Conditional Use/Design Review for a triplex on E. Exeter, file Z0597-18-D. For more information regarding the meeting, please visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/bc-pc/page/planning-commission-meeting-55>

Should you be Collecting and Remitting a Transient Lodging Tax?

Are you renting your property for less than 30 days at a time? Is your property located in the Gladstone City limits? If so, as a homeowner you are responsible for collecting and remitting a Transient Lodging Tax. Please visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/gladstone-implements-transient-lodging-tax> for the remittance form along with more information regarding the Transient Lodging Tax.

Clackamas County Public Alerts

Clackamas County has upgraded how it communicates with residents during times of disaster by replacing its emergency notification software system. All residents are urged to enroll, or re enroll, at www.clackamas.us/publicalerts.

By providing contact information, county residents can receive critical emergency messaging via email, phone call, and text during times of disasters. Important messages that could be relayed include notices to evacuate, shelter-in-place, shelter locations, etc. **Residents enrolled in the previous system – the Clackamas County Emergency Notification System, or CCENS – must re-enroll themselves in the new system in order to receive future messages.** For more information, members of the media and public may contact Outreach and Technology Coordinator Jamie Poole via jpoole@clackamas.us or 503-655-8838.

Disclaimer: This Newsletter contains information provided by various community individuals/groups which are not affiliated with the City of Gladstone. The City does not necessarily endorse such information and provides it simply as an informational service to our community.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD)



Chief's Corner – Kim Yamashita

This is my first installment of the Chief's Corner. I thought I would share a little bit about myself as a "get to know you" and provide you with some safety tips too!

I started in Gladstone as the Interim Police Chief January 1, 2019. I will be holding down the fort until a new permanent chief is hired. I anticipate being here through June of 2019. I started my law enforcement career in 1993. I was Chief of Police for the City of Sandy for 7 years and come to you with a varied set of skills and experience that I am sure will serve Gladstone well.

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the City of Gladstone. Even though this is a temporary assignment, make no mistake. I fully intend to be a participatory, involved Chief and will do my best to meet the community's needs.

I have spent my first month, evaluating current programs, staffing and policies. I have also been responding to calls for service, attending meetings with the community and getting to know you.

I am happy to take a meeting with anyone, about any topic and promise I will listen to your concerns. Please feel free to email me at kyamashita@gladstoneoregon.us or call me direct at 503-557-2764 for an appointment.

Some tips from the National Crime Prevention organization to help keep our kids safe:

- Know where your children are. Have your children tell you or ask permission before leaving the house and give them a time to check in or be home. When possible, have them leave a phone

number of where they will be.

- Help children learn important phone numbers. Have your children practice reciting their home phone number and address, and your work and cell phone numbers. If they have trouble memorizing these, write them down on a card and have them carry it at all times. Tell your children where you will be and the best way to reach you.
 - Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood. Do you want them crossing busy roads? Playing in alleys or abandoned buildings? Are there certain homes in your neighborhood that you don't want your children to go to?
 - Get to know your children's friends. Meet their parents before letting your children to go to their home and keep a list of their phone numbers. If you can't meet their parents, call and talk to them. Ask what your children might do at their house and if they will be supervised.
 - Choose a safe house in your neighborhood. Pick a neighbor's house where your children can go if they need help. Point out other places they can go for help, like stores, libraries, and police stations.
 - Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists. Role-play talking out problems, walking away from fist fights, and what to do when confronted with bullies. Remind them that taunting and teasing can hurt friends and make enemies.
- Work together with your neighbors. Watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their children so you can look out for one another.

Address Numbers on Your Home



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

Utility Bills

Monthly utility bills can be viewed, paid or set up for auto pay with a credit card without a processing fee by visiting www.municipalonlinepayments.com/gladstoneor. You may also pay your bill by calling 866-721-1072. Residents may also sign up for auto pay by completing the form located on the city's website at: www.ci.gladstone.or.us/finance/page/utility-billing.

Gladstone Food Pantry

Who we serve: The Gladstone Food Pantry welcomes any person in need of food. Customers are welcome to visit once a week. Please bring your own reusable grocery bags. **Regular Hours:** Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. **Location:** the north side of the Gladstone High School [18800 Portland Avenue] campus off Nelson Lane. Follow the signs to the food pantry, near the school garden & greenhouse. For more information or to volunteer, contact Pantry Managers Ruthan Aurentz or Alex Van Pelt at 503-496-3947. Donations are appreciated, including garden produce! Please deliver to the pantry during open hours or to the Gladstone High office on school days, Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Become a Gladstone Firefighter!



DO YOU QUALIFY?? Gladstone Fire Department is always looking for qualified men and women that would like to be a local firefighter. If you are interested in serving your community at the highest level and are able to meet the requirements to become a firefighter, please consider filling out an application. For information and qualifications, please contact Gladstone Training Officer: Tighe Vroman, at Vroman@ci.gladstone.or.us or 503-557-2774

New Gladstone Library Hours

Monday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

For more information contact Mitzi Olson at MOlson@co.clackamas.or.us or 503-655-8570.



Sidewalks and Clear Vision

A couple of residents recently expressed concern about sidewalks and clear vision. The Gladstone Municipal Code states that property owners are responsible for maintaining sidewalks abutting their property and are liable to any person suffering injury due to a defective sidewalk. The City's general standard for sidewalk maintenance states "not to exceed 1/2" vertical lift." This is similar to property owners being responsible for maintaining landscaping for clear vision of motorists at street intersections. Both the property owner and the City can be held liable for accidents when they are notified but fail to remove clear vision obstructions. Please check the condition of sidewalks along your property and check for adequate clear vision if your property is located at a street intersection.

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 <http://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/>.

In your Garbage Container

Frozen food containers

Glassware, ceramics and incandescent light bulbs

Plastic film and bags

To-go cups and containers (paper or plastic cups and clamshells)

Also in your garbage: Styrofoam, food-soiled paper, pizza boxes, carpet, fabric, containers labeled "compostable," pet waste, diapers and lumber. Some items can be taken to a **drop-off center** to be recycled.

In your Recycling Container

Plastic bottles, jugs, buckets and tubs 6 ounces or larger

Mixed paper and cardboard

Metal

Recycling reminder: Empty and rinse, clean recyclables only. When in doubt, toss it in the garbage.

In your Glass Container

Glass bottles and jars Empty and rinse containers

In your Yard Debris Cart

Leaves and flowers

Grass clippings

Plants and weeds

Tree and shrub trimmings (wood less than four inches in diameter and 36 inches in length. No lumber.)

Available in urban areas. * Lake Oswego and Milwaukie residents may include food scraps.

On the Side

MOTOR OIL

Set used motor oil in a marked, see-through container with screw-top cap. Residential only.

Find information and drop-off locations for donation, recycling or disposal at oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler or call Metro's Recycling Information Hotline 503-234-3000 from 8:30 AM to 5 PM Monday - Saturday. Sustainability & Solid Waste 503-557-6363 • clackamas.us/recycling



Street Light Out

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

Hanging Tree Branches

Public Works is asking residents to trim tree branches by cutting branches seven feet (7') above sidewalks and fourteen feet (14') above streets. Please cut your branches and place them in your yard debris cart. If Public Works determines there is a risk of damage or injury, they may cut your tree branches without notice. During winter months, please remove portable basketball hoops from city streets to reduce interference with street sweeping.

Help Develop Reading Skills at John Wetten Elementary School

Volunteer at John Wetten Elementary during the week to read with children in our community to:

- 📖 Inspire a love of reading and books
- 📖 Read one-on-one with PreK – third-graders
- 📖 SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) students receive books for their home collection

Training and support is provided. Programs run during school hours—October 2018 - May 2019. Time commitment varies—minimum one hour a week Apply online at: getsmartoregon.org/volunteer Applications accepted year-round. Apply today!

A Message from Gladstone Fire Department - Fire Marshal Mike Funk



Gladstone Fire Department Training:

A big thanks to all the Gladstone residents that saw the smoke on West Arlington St, on January 19th. It was not the tragedy of a resident losing their home but rather a scheduled training

exercise for your local firefighters. It was great to meet those of you that were present, and a real honor to discuss our training and fire safety information with you. Attendees now have a better understanding of what firefighters do, why we do it, and how long it takes. On this particular Saturday morning, about 21 Gladstone firefighters attended these training scenarios. They included fire extinguishment, roof ventilation, searching for occupants, and fire hose advancement techniques- that ended with extinguishment of four burning fire scenarios.

Thank you to Tim, the new property owner, who let us use the property for about a month of training prior to its total destruction. Gladstone Fire Department greatly appreciates this valuable training opportunity. Being able to use a house to cut, tear apart, and set practice fires in, we are able to give our firefighters the most lifelike training that can be achieved. Twenty plus of Gladstone's firefighters just spent a full day learning how to better serve you, in the unfortunate event that your home should ever catch on fire.

If you missed the big plume of smoke that's okay, here are some of the things I discussed with those who did attend. Smoke alarms were discussed as the best way to keep your home safe. Be certain to have working smoke alarms in your home to detect smoke or a small fire before it becomes a big one. If a fire does occur in your home, have you trained all family members to wake up to the sound of the smoke alarm? Try it tonight as a home fire drill. You may be surprised how long it takes your toddler or your teenager to wake-up and respond to the sound of your

smoke alarm. Now that they are awake, have you trained them what to do and where to go? If there is smoke in the home, you need to crawl low under the smoke. Which way is the closest door or window to use for exiting? You also need to train your family about a family meeting spot. After exiting the home all family members need to be accounted for and should meet at a predestinated meeting spot. The meeting spot may be at the mailbox, under the tree in the side yard, or perhaps in the neighbor's yard (be sure to discuss with your neighbor first).

While we watched the fire and firefighters, we talked about the color of the smoke and ways to guess what was burning. We also reviewed general "fire safe" practices, as well as safe handling of smoking materials and fireplace ashes. I educated children about the proper use of 911 and a few of the adults even learned a thing or two. It was a great day of training and education for both your firefighters and Gladstone residents. I look forward to any opportunity to share a bookmark, pen or pencil with a fire safety message on it. There were even a few kids (of all ages) that received a new shiny red fire hat to go home with.

Thanks again to Tim, who followed all the stringent rules from both DEQ and the fire department to remove all plastics, asbestos, and hazardous materials before the home could be used and burned for firefighter training.

As a longtime member of Gladstone Fire Department it is an honor to serve the citizens of Gladstone. I truly enjoy teaching and talking with you and your children about fire safety and all that your firefighters do to keep you safe from fire. In addition to fire incidents, our firefighters also respond to about three or more medical emergencies each day with state certified, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's).

Remember: Dial 911 for all emergencies! Do not call the fire station directly, as crews may be out on another emergency and will not be present to answer the station phone.

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.



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A monthly publication of the Senior Center

1050 Portland Ave. Gladstone, Or. 97027 (503) 655-7701



Important Dates

Feb. 8- AARP Tax Assistance begins. Friday's only by appointment. Call to schedule.

Feb. 9- AARP Safe Driving Class 9-4 pm. Call to register.

Feb 12th - Foot Clinic /Blood pressure clinic.

Feb 18th -CLOSED for Presidents Day .

Again this year, the Gladstone Senior Center will be hosting free tax preparation performed by the Tax-Aide program of the AARP Foundation. This service is for tax payers with low and moderate income with special attention to those age 60 and older residing in Clackamas County. Help is by appointment only, there are no walk-in's allowed. Tax appointments start February 8th and Ends April 12th 9-2 , the Senior Center will begin taking appointments in person or by phone. To schedule, please call (503) 655-7701 or stop by the Senior Center. Thank you.



Book Club February 25, 2019

Clock Dance by Anne Tyler(2018) Willa Drake receives a startling phone call from a stranger. Without fully understanding why, she flies across the country to Baltimore to look after a young women she's never met, her 9 years old daughter, and a dog. This decision leads her into uncharted territory surrounded by eccentric neighbors and finds solace and fulfillment in unexpected places.



Join us for just one meeting
and see if you can make
TIME FOR ROTARY.



As part of a new ongoing series, **Did you know? We will highlight groups and individuals that have made or make our Senior Center great.**



This month lets say a big thank you to the FANTASTIC, AMAZING, GENEROUS, DEDICATED Home Bound Meals drivers. They are the best part of some of our seniors day. They not only bring a hot nutritious meals but they also bring joy, companionship, and conversation. We know that "NO THANK YOU'S NEEDED". We would like to say thank you for donating part of your day to a wonderful cause, the Seniors of Gladstone. We are lucky to have all of our volunteers!



HOME BOUND MEAL DELIVERY

**VOLUNTEER
AND MAKE HER DAY**

It's as easy as 1-2-3



We need drivers! We deliver home bound meals 5 days a week. There are 2 routes in Gladstone, each taking no more than an 90 minutes. If you have some free time, we'd love to hear from you. Call (503) 655-7701.

The Gladstone Senior Center is happy to announce we are officially reopen under limited operations until construction is complete. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this process. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call us at (503) 655-7701 or visit us anytime at 1050 Portland Ave. in downtown Gladstone.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Book Club Monthly* 10:30 am Gold Star Potluck Monthly* 12:00 pm <i>Bring your favorite dish to share with all your friends or meet new friends.</i> 2/4 & 3/4 <i>*Please see the latest issue of the Glad Tidings for the Book Club List and Gold Star Potluck dates.</i>	Chair Exercise 10:30 am to 11:30 am Social Hour 11:30 am to 1:00 pm Bingo 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm <u>*2nd Tuesday of each month is Foot Clinic. All activities are cancelled during this time. , 2/12/19, and 3/12/19.</u>	Social Hour 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Bunco 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Lunch Trip to the Pioneer Center in Oregon City* 11:30 am Safeway Shopping* 12:00 pm <i>*Please call to be placed on the list.</i>	Chair Exercise 10:30 am to 11:30 am Social Hour 9:00 am to 10:30 am Rotary Meeting 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Pinochle 1:15 pm to 3:00 pm	AAPR –TAX AID By Appointment only 9am –2pm Bridge* 11:00 am to 1:00 pm <i>*Starting Feb. 8th, Tax Preparation will begin and run from 9 am to 2 pm. By Appointment only.</i>

February Excursions

Here are the trips for the month of February 2019. You may sign up for 3 trips and be placed on the wait list for all others. We take reservations for Tram Excursions the first working day of each month starting at 8:30 am. To make a reservation, call (503) 655-7701.

FEBRUARY 8-LUNCH OUT AT THE CHART HOUSE-This southwest Portland restaurant has good food and killer views. We'll enjoy lunch and a brief drive. Lv. 10:30am Ret: 1:30pm Fare: \$6

FEBRUARY 15- KELLS-Yummy Irish food and check out the money on the ceiling! We will stop on the way home at the Scottish Country Shop. Lv 10:30 Ret: 1:30 Fare: \$6

FEBRUARY 28-LAKEWOOD THEATRE-TAKING STEPS- A Farce of Riotous Delight! A laugh-out-loud comedy that takes place in a haunted three-story house - a former brothel said to be haunted by its bygone inhabitants - but is played out on a one-story stage. Lv: 6:30 Ret: 10:30 Fare: \$5

MARCH 8TH-HIKE-We will hike the Tualatin Hills Wildlife Refuge, including seeing the visitors center. Bring a sack lunch, we'll bring the coffee. Lv. 9am Ret: 2pm Fare: \$7

*All trips must be paid 1 week in advance by cash or check only. There are no refunds. Any cancellations will result in a credit for a future trip (s). For our complete Senior Center Tram Trip Policy, be sure to please

visit us online at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc/page/senior-center-transportation>



William C. 2/4	Callie K. 2/24
Marilyn M. 2/8	Rosemary K. 2/25
Elaine F. 2/18	Ed B. 2/26
Lil B. 2/22	Dennis R. 2/26
Juanita A. 2/24	Happy Birthday Everyone!



Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk

Flag! Drunk driving is the ultimate form of unsportsmanlike conduct! Designate a sober driver. There's no need to consult the playbook. The winning play is to always designate a sober driver. See someone about to get behind the wheel after drinking? Intercept those keys!

A good game plan is the key to success. Get your own game plan before kickoff by designating a sober driver.

Make the greatest play of the night by designating a sober driver.

Skopos Christian School is currently enrolling

We are a non-denominational school for pre-school thru 8th grade.

We meet at Tri-City Baptist Temple on Webster Rd.

Call us at 503-908-4740 or check us out at www.skoposcs.org

Rivers East Village - COMING SOON

Rivers East Village is a non-profit organization whose goal is to help neighbors stay neighbors by building a network of volunteers to help seniors stay in their homes as they age. It is not a place, but a community right here in the Milwaukie/Gladstone area.

How Does It Work? By providing small occasional services, such as ride assistance, yard help, dog walking, ladder work, simple repairs, computer assistance and also combatting loneliness with social connections such as coffees, walks, game nights, potlucks, book clubs, movies that help us grow as friends. It is paid for by affordable fees based on the number of services needed, which then fund background checks and insurance for the volunteers.

How Can I Find Out More? We are in the process of forming our Village, and hope to be accepting members and volunteers next year; we are the 9th Village in the Portland Metro area. You can sign up now to keep up-to-date on our progress and to become a prospective volunteer or member. To find out more, check our parent website at www.vilagesnw.org, or our own site at www.riverseastvillage.org. You can also call us at 971-808-2340. We hold informational meetings every third Tuesday at 10:30 am at the Clackamas Fire District Station #4, 6600 SE Lake Road, Milwaukie in their Community Room, and also host other small meetings in various locations.

We look forward to talking with you about this exciting opportunity to help one another age in place.

Dinner and auction to help Gladstone schools

The Gladstone Education Foundation [GEF] plans the Growing Great People Dinner & Auction to raise funds for education and youth programs across Gladstone.

"Gladstone is known for supporting youth and education," said GEF President Terry Marsh. "We hope our community will turn out in force to have some fun and show kids how much we care!"

The event starts at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 at the World of Speed Motorsports Museum, 27490 SW 95th Avenue in Wilsonville. Dinner will be catered by Two Girls Catering and Barbecue. The cost is \$75 per person or \$600 for a table for 8. Table sponsorship is \$700.

To donate auction items or purchase tickets, contact Executive Director Tammy Tracy at tracyt@gladstone.k12.or.us. Thanks to generous community support, last year GEF awarded \$30,000 in grants to Gladstone schools and youth programs.



Drop Off Unwanted Prescriptions at Gladstone PD

Flushing drugs down the toilet or putting them into the garbage have damaging effects on our environment and can contaminate our surface & 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, MED RETURN receptacle, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm. No paperwork or fee required! Please note that all syringes and inhalers must be taken to Metro Recycling. Please call 503-557-2760 for any questions

Resource for Winter Travel



Travel information can save motorists the hassle of driving for miles only to find out a route is closed or congested. The Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) offers travel information on their website at www.tripcheck.com. The site offers camera images of mountain passes and other key locations throughout the state. Maps state road conditions and include information about weather, road maintenance work and traffic incidents. Travelers in Oregon may also dial 5-1-1 or call toll free at 1-888-275-ODOT (6368) to access Trip-Check road and weather information by phone.

GHS Class of 1969 50th Class Reunion

Gladstone's first graduating class will hold their 50th reunion on Aug. 9th and 10th. We are searching for some classmates that we haven't heard from in a while. If you are a parent, sibling or friend of anyone in the Class of 1969 please contact us, even if you think we should have the information. More details will be announced in the coming months. Please pass this information along.

Contact: Sandy Nimz 503.816.1382 or Sandi Campbell Thompson 503.807.0790

Volunteer at John Wetten Elementary School

If your New Year's Resolution includes volunteering, please consider being a lunch buddy for a student at John Wetten Elementary School. It's a minimal commitment with a big impact!

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

Nationally, studies of students who meet regularly with a mentor show that:

- 64% develop more positive attitudes toward school
- 59% achieve higher grades
- 46% are less likely to start using illegal drugs
- 27% are less likely to start drinking
- 33% are less likely to engage in violence

There are many students waiting for a lunch buddy mentor but not enough volunteers to meet the need. You can choose to meet once weekly or twice monthly. If you are interested, please contact Theresa Schmidt, Volunteer Coordinator at John Wetten Elementary School, at 503-656-6564 or schmidt@gladstone.k12.or.us.



Tell us your story!!

The Gladstone Historical Society is gathering a collection of stories for another volume concerning the history of Gladstone. What was Gladstone like when you first moved here, when you graduated from high school, when you finished college, before you left for the military service and when you came home again? How has the city changed and how do you feel about the changes? We want to hear your stories! If you have old photos, please mail us a copy! GHS c/o Gladstone City Hall, 525 Portland, Ave, Gladstone, Or 97027. We invite you to come to our monthly meetings, the second Thursday each month at City Hall at 6:30 pm.

A Message from Our Community Cat Rescue



Hello Neighbors!

2019 has started off as a busy year for "OUR COMMUNITY CAT RESCUE" organization.

So far we have rescued and relocated 9 feral cats, 1 domestic cat in need of a new home and helped raise money for a neighbor whose cat was suffering from dental issues. We have also aided two women in locating their lost cats and paid for one to be spayed and microchipped. A huge THANK YOU to Willamette Valley Animal Hospital of Gladstone! They continue to be an amazing resource for us. They currently have a student vet teaching/training program and can spay/neutering kittens at no charge by students involved in this training process. Please contact them for restrictions to that program.

Our FUNDRAISER is still accepting bottles and cans until March 1st. All monies received are used for rescuing cats or helping people who may need a little financial assistance with medical issues for their cats. We are able to pick up any cans/bottles you would like to donate if you are unable to deliver them to us. We can be reached by the following links- Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Our-Community-Cat-Rescue-74494242897749/> the Nextdoor app to Cathy Ballensky or email us at claudiapropper@gmail.com.

Other avenues we are involved with include but are not limited to: a possible cat food donation bin located at City Hall - pending approval from council, establishing our 501c3 designation for our organization and our annual summer Garage Sale.

We greatly appreciate the support we receive from the community for our cat rescue endeavors! Thank you, Janice Saban

Volunteers Needed At Gladstone Nature Park



Save the date! Every year the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park (FOGNAP) hosts an Arbor Day celebration in the park. There will be food, coffee, vendors, music, art, a plant sale, and crafts and activities for the kids. It will be on Saturday, April 27th, from 10:00-1:00 and the plant sale will continue until late afternoon. The proceeds go to FOGNAP for maintaining the park. FOGNAP continues to upgrade.

It recently acquired a porta potty that will be installed the first of April. If you're interested, they also hold volunteer work parties on last Saturday of every month from 9:00-12:00. The work involves raking, cutting, eating donuts and having fun. FOGNAP provides the equipment and usually meets at the picnic table area or at the Kearns Market entrance.

UPCOMING SATURDAY WORK PARTY: February 23, 9:00-12:00 (Last Saturday of every month) at 18111 Webster Rd, Gladstone.

To donate by check, send to: Friends of Gladstone Nature Park, PO Box 711 Gladstone, OR 97027

To volunteer or learn more email friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com or visit protecttheparks.org

Gladstone Softball Association registration is still open!

Gladstone Softball Association registration is still open! Please register before February 28th @ www.gladstonegirlssoftball.com

We have Girls T-Ball for first timers and 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U that are registered through USA softball (same as high school and college girls) Open Gyms and practices begin in March or April and games start the end of April. Any further questions can be answered at: www.gladstonegirlssoftball.com, email gladstonegsa@yahoo.com or call 503-882-5024



Drive High – Get a DUII

If you feel different you drive different

Drug-impaired driving is a problem on America's highways. Like drunk driving, drugged driving is impaired driving which means it is dangerous and illegal. Whether the drug is legally prescribed or illegal, driving while drug-impaired poses a threat to the driver, vehicle passengers, and other road users.

Gladstone Traffic Safety Advisory Board wants to spread the word about drug-impaired driving and to remind all drivers: If you are impaired by drugs and thinking about driving, pass your keys to a sober driver. Remember, it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've had one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or ride service to get home safely.

Otherside Art Gallery

Otherside Art Gallery, located at 785 Portland Avenue Gladstone OR 97027, is now open and has open studio hours where people can bring in their artwork and work in the studio free of charge. Contact Jeromy Pendergraft at 503-267-0662 for hours or questions.

"March into Kindergarten" Night for School Year 2019-2020

All incoming Kindergarteners and their parents are invited to attend "March into Kindergarten", Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Gladstone Center for Children and Families, 18905 Portland Avenue. Registration information, a bus ride and a classroom visit will be included. For questions, contact Heidi Smith at 503-496-3939

Gladstone Seventh-day Adventist Church

Gladstone Seventh-day Adventist Church would like to invite you to come listen to speaker Nate Hellman. Located at the Gladstone Fellowship Center, 8378 Cason Rd., Gladstone. Begins 6:30 pm, Sat., Feb. 23 and continues several nights. For more info visit www.RelevantSeminars.org/Gladstone. All are welcome to this free event.

PlayGroup- Gladstone Christian Church

Join us at Gladstone Christian Church in our large Community Center from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. each Thursday. All children ages 0 - 4 are invited to burn off their endless energy and make new friends while their parents/caregivers have a chance to meet other parents in our community. Come for all or part of the time. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact Valerie (503-656-3394) or email office@gladstonecc.org.

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	503-656-2411
*Senior Center	503-655-7701
*Recreation/Business License	503-557-2766
*Planning	503-742-4520
*Building/Electrical/Plumbing Permits	503-742-4400
*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



Get Social

Connect with the City of Gladstone on Social Media and stay up-to-date with all the latest news.



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.



Did you know that we have a spot in the Reading Room at the Library aptly named, **Twice Sold Tales**? We offer newer books at the same price that we do at our annual book sale in August. Hardbacks: \$2, paperbacks: \$1, Children's hardbacks \$1, paperbacks \$.50, and coffee table books from \$3-\$5. Good News! Our veggie plant sale is back on schedule for May. Dates and times will be announced at a later date. If you garden and need a place for plants that you've divided, you can donate them to us. As a result of our strategic planning session, we've come up with some great activities for the coming months. Proceeds from these events will go to furnishing our new library. The money we make from the annual August book sale will go to support the library's many programs throughout the school year. Don't forget, if you have a Fred Meyer Rewards Card or thinking of getting one, you can link it to us. And, you don't lose any points or gas points. If you'd like to make a donation to the Foundation, you can send it to: GPLF, PO Box 146, Gladstone, OR 97027-0146, or go to our website below and press the donate button. Interested in learning more about our foundation? You can like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram, or go to www.gpl-foundation.org

The Library will be closed Monday, February 18th

Adult Winter Reading *Through the end of March* Gear up for the library's annual Adult Winter Reading program! Pick up a BINGO card at the Information desk and read until March for prizes! We are giving away gift baskets to three grand prize winners in a drawing at the end of March. To enter the drawing, complete one BINGO. Complete a blackout BINGO and get three entries in the drawing! Everyone age 18+ is encouraged to participate. **Needle Felted Cakes** *Thursday February 7th at 6 PM* Learn the art of needle felting and make felted cakes with local artist LeBrie Rich! It's a sure to be a perfect Valentine's gift for your sweethearts, children, and very deserving mothers. Limited to 25 participants and registration is required. Please contact the library to sign up. **Dungeons & Dragons** *Saturday, February 16th at 3 PM* Whether you're brand new to D&D or a longtime player, join us for an afternoon of the classic tabletop adventure game! Come early to learn how to make your own character, or jump right in with a pre-generated one. **Rock Readers Book Club** *Tuesday, February 19th at 6:30 PM* A mystery book club for adults! February's book is *Proof of Life* by J.A. Jance. Copies can be picked up at the Information Desk any time before the next meeting. Newcomers welcome! **Doctor Who Club** *Thursday, February 21st at 6 PM* Are you a fan of Doctor Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode, and share any show related news. All ages are welcome.

Children's Programs: Toddler Storytime *Tuesdays at 9:30 AM* This storytime is for ages 18 months—3 years, with songs, books, and play for early development. Older siblings are welcome to sing and dance with us. **Baby Storytime** *Wednesdays at 9:30 AM* This storytime is geared towards babies from 0-18 months and their caregivers with books, songs, lap bounces, cuddles, and play to help with early development. **All Ages Storytime** *Thursdays at 9:30 AM* All ages are welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build

literacy and language skills.

Teen Programs: Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting *Thursday, February 7th at 4 pm* Teens in the 6th-12th grades are invited to join the Teen Advisory Group. This group helps plan teen events and make the library a more inviting place for other teens. Pick up an application at the Information Desk, or come to one of our meetings!

Teen Video Gaming *Sunday, February 17th at 3 pm* Join us for games on the big screen in the Teen Room, and battle against your friends with Wii-U favorites like Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros! There will also be board games available and snacks for everyone to enjoy! For teens in the 6th-12th grades.

Library Volunteer Spotlight: Shelley Reynolds, Gladstone. **1. Why do you enjoy volunteering for the Library?** I love libraries! They are becoming cultural and community centers for towns and cities. I also wanted to give of myself to my community in some way. **2. How long have you been volunteering for the library?** One year. **3. Where is the best place you've traveled?** Mont Saint Michele, off the northwest coast of France. The history, the geography, the ramparts, the medieval streets. It is magical. **4. What is the weirdest job you have ever had?** My first job was as a groundskeeper on an area of a college campus. A sprinkler broke one day and I sunk up to my knees in mud. **5. Do you have any pets?** I have one dog, my constant companion, Scout. **6. What are 3 words that best describe you?** Positive, sincere and happy. **7. Where would you like to go on a dream vacation?** I'd like to return to Scotland to do genealogical research of our family. **8. What is your favorite food?** Mexican. **9. What is your favorite activity to do in your free time?** Reading, playing the piano, gardening, walking, watercolors. **10. What is something most people don't know about you?** I used to climb mountains, and was NAUI and PADI Scuba Certified. **11. Anything else you would like to add?** Our library is a wonderful place to be. It is so friendly and the staff are so kind and helpful.

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Library—135 E. Dartmouth St.

CITY MEETINGS:

- ***City Council**—2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary) - 6:30 pm—in the City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Planning Commission**—3rd Tuesday (as needed) - 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Library Board**—1st Tuesday—6:30 pm—City Hall Council Chamber
- ***Traffic Safety**—4th Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm—City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Park & Recreation**—2nd Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Senior Center Advisory**—held bi-monthly —3rd Tuesday—3:00 pm—Gladstone Senior Center

Copies of City Council and Planning Commission meeting packets are on our website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us

Ready for Snowy, Icy Winter Weather?



When wintery weather blows will you be ready? It's time to take action now before the bad weather sets in. Find your snow shovel and place it close to where you will need it & make sure you have a good supply of de-icing compound. Check the antifreeze level in your car, replace older batteries, check your tires for proper inflation and keep the gas tank near full to avoid freezing water in the fuel line. Things that could come in handy if you get stuck on the road: bags of sand or non-clumping cat litter, an ice scraper, jumper cables, tire chains, flares or reflective triangles, blanket, flashlight & batteries, a gallon jug of drinking water, jacket, hat, gloves, socks & sturdy shoes/boots, first aid kit and always travel with your cell phone fully charged so you can call for help if needed.

Local Meetings—

- ◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers quarterly meeting will be in March 2019. Please contact Sheldon Penner at sheldon@AmicusData.com or 503-516-8618 for additional information.
- ◆ Friends of Gladstone Nature Park work party on the last Saturday of the month from 9:00am-12:00pm at 18111

Webster Rd, Gladstone. For more information visit protecttheparks.org or email friendsofglastonenature@gmail.com

◆ The Gladstone Historical Society meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at Gladstone City Hall Conference Room (enter at E Dartmouth door), 525 Portland Ave. Gladstone, OR 97027. For info, check out their website

at, www.gladstone-historicalsociety.org. Guests always welcome! Old photos of the community and new ideas are needed.

◆ The Gladstone-Oak Grove Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at 7:00am temporarily at the Bomber Restaurant, 13515 SE McLoughlin Blvd. Milwaukie, OR 97222. Visitors are welcome to attend. See you there!