

GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Monthly Utility Rate Increase



Water Rates have increased 10% and Sewer Collection rates have increased 5% as of January 1, 2019. Residents who use 600 cubic feet of water (4,488 gallons) or less will see an increase on their January statement that will be received in February. For those accounts served by Tri-City Service District the minimum bill will increase from \$63.67 to \$66.14, those served by Oak Lodge Sanitary District will increase from \$92.33 to \$94.80. Water usage over 600 cubic feet will be billed at \$2.42 per 100 cubic foot (748 gallons).

Employment Opportunities

The City of Gladstone has job openings for Police Chief and Fire Chief. For details, visit the employment page at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/jobs>

Liquor License Renewals

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) advises the City each year of 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 by February 4, 2019 to banick@ci.gladstone.or.us.

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.

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Gratitude By Mayor Tammy Stempel

At the beginning of each year I like to pick a word or phrase that sums up how I want to approach life over the next twelve months. This year I chose Gratitude (grat i tude): The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and return kindness. 2019 is here, and with it come the New Year's Resolutions. I'm sure many, like myself, have completed a cursory review of where we are and where we want to be. What we need to change and how we are going to do it. My resolution, actually my determination, is to carry the kindness and generosity I witnessed over the holidays forward in every way I can! This starts with my gratitude for being re-elected as your mayor. I love this city and am so thankful for the opportunity to work with incredible people every day that want nothing more than to make our home the best possible place to live. I am thankful for the friends I have made and appreciate absolutely everything they do, even if we disagree on the process or path forward. It is my belief that disagreement does not equal hate...only an expansion of possibilities! I promise to listen more and judge less. Why? Because my involvement with the Gladstone Food Pantry has fundamentally changed me. I can no longer dismiss the tremendous need some in our community have for shelter, food, medical help and basic human connection. It's so easy to make judgment calls solely based on social media hype and prejudice, but to become informed takes courage, to accept the fact that maybe we were wrong. For 2019 I challenge everyone to reach out and help in any way you can! It certainly takes a village to make change. Kindness matters and I truly believe you get more than you give. Celebrate all that we have, appreciate every good thing in our lives, practice generosity, kindness and gratitude. I've heard that if you repeat something twenty-one (21) times it becomes a habit, so let's be the examples and create good habits!

Have a Wonderful 2019! Tammy Stempel Mayor | City of Gladstone

PS If anyone would like to volunteer, or have ideas on how we can celebrate our city...my email address is TStempel@ci.gladstone.or.us!

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Gladstone Fire Department (GFD) — From Fire Marshal Mike Funk

HAPPY NEW YEAR, Can you believe it? It's already 2019.

When we look at our Fire Department through the eyes of this firefighter, you gotta just know that there is a smile on my face. 2018 was a year of accomplishments for our members in the areas of training, fire prevention, and emergency response.



Training of our Firefighters is one of the very best ways to keep us strong and moving forward. During our monthly safety and business meeting we start the meeting recognizing those persons that have reached their next certification level; anytime someone gets certified in a new field like Swift Water Rescue or Rope Rescue Technical skills, and Fire Service Instructor -just to name a few. This was a year where it seemed as if every meeting started with someone getting a certification and making this dept. better.

Fire Prevention is working in Gladstone. This has been a year of involvement with our community. From our most recent Christmas events involvement to our summer Community Festival hosted by Rotary, Gladstone Firefighters have been there. Sometimes they are working in the background just making sure folks are safe and other times they are out front talking to your kids, giving them a fire sticker or teaching them Stop, Drop and Roll.

Emergency Response. Quick and qualified Fire and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) to calls for help. About 75 to 80 percent of the calls that firefighters respond to on a monthly basis are calls for medical help. While Gladstone does not provide transport services to the hospital, we do provide quick emergency medical response with State certified Emergency Medical Technicians. AMR ambulance service has the Clackamas County contract to provide emergency transport to the Hospital. This combination of firefighters and private transport service (AMR) is a positive program that provides the appropriate number of medical providers to you in your time of

emergency medical need.

Your fire department served the Gladstone community by quickly responding to 1,496 alarms in 2018.

Gladstone has year around recruiting for new qualified members and a training academy about once a year for training new members. If you have interest in becoming a Firefighter for the City of Gladstone please contact Tighe Vroman (Gladstone Training Officer) at 503-557-2774.



Christmas 2018. This year Gladstone firefighters teamed up with Community friends, helpers, and partners to provide food and toys to 108 Gladstone area families qualifying for assistance. Gladstone Fire coordinated the giving

efforts with the assistance of numerous partners. *Without the help of the following partners this level of help would not have been possible.* Partners include but are not limited to: Portland Sunshine Division, City of Gladstone (all departments), Gladstone School district (Staff and awesome student body), Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary, Gladstone Kiwanis, Gladstone Cardroom, Black Rock Coffee, Latus Motors, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, as well as numerous personal and business donations. The cooperative efforts of many allowed us to deliver food and toys to 190 adults and more than 230 kids this year. Our 23 registered drivers delivered to 108 families in just over two and a half hours on Dec. 22nd.

Gladstone Fire Department looks forward to serving you in this coming year. Remember to check your smoke alarms, prepare for winter power outages with battery power to limit candle usage, and practice safe use of medicines during this cold and flu season. In the event of an emergency, call 911. We are trained and ready to assist you 24hrs a day/ 365 days a year. We wish you a Safe and Happy 2019.

Submitted by: Michael Funk, Asst. Chief/ Fire Marshal. 503-557-2775

Scoop the Poop! Gladstone Public Works Needs Your Help to Keep Our Water System Clean



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

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

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

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

Application for Budget Committee

At its February 12, 2019 meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointment to a vacant position on the Budget Committee, term to expire 12-31-2020. To download an application, visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/community/page/community-application-forms>. Applications must be returned to Gladstone City Hall, 525 Portland Avenue, or emailed to bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us by 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2019.

City Office Closures

Gladstone City offices will be closed on and January 21, 2019 and February 18, 2019.

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.

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/>.

Gladstone Disposal Company Rate Adjustment

Gladstone Disposal Company provides garbage, yard debris and recycling services for the City of Gladstone. The City Council has approved the following rate adjustment for the residential service in the City effective January 1, 2019.

Rates Effective January 1, 2019	
Weekly Service	Curbside (within 3ft. of Public Street)
35-Gallon Roll Cart	\$28.80 per Month
65-Gallon Roll Cart	\$39.15 per Month
95-Gallon Roll Cart	\$42.35 per Month
Monthly Service	\$6.50 per yard per pickup per Week
Yard Debris Subscription	\$4.50 per Month
On-Call Service (yard debris service not included)	\$4.00 per yard per pickup per Week

There will be additional fees for any special service provided.

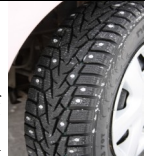
Please keep the roll carts and bins we provide for garbage, yard debris, and recycling in good condition, and remove them from the street or curb after collection. Do not overfill the roll carts; the lids must be closed and the material must fall loosely when emptied.

Please call the Gladstone Disposal office at 503-656-9426 to make changes to your garbage service, to schedule a pickup of large items (furniture, appliances, tires, etc.), or to order a large container for a clean-up project.

Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting

At the February 19, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting, the Planning Commission will be discussing Conditional Use/Design Review for a triplex on E. Exeter downtown, 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>

Studded Tire Season



Studded tire season runs through March 31, 2019. ODOT encourages drivers to consider other types of traction tires or chains. If you must travel when weather conditions present difficulties, use other types of traction tires or chains, or postpone your travel until conditions change for the better. A study completed in 2014 concluded studded tires cause about \$8.5 million in damage each year on state highways.

Alternatives to studded tires:

*Chains—link chains, cable chains or other devices that attach to the wheel, vehicle or outside of the tire that are specifically designed to increase traction on snow and ice. Drivers should note that link chains may not be recommended for use on some types of vehicles.

*Other traction tires—these traction tires meet Rubber Manufacturers Association standards for use in severe snow conditions and carry a special symbol on the tire sidewall showing a three-peaked mountain and snowflake. They work about as well as studded tires on ice, but better than studded tires or regular tires in most other winter conditions. And they cause no more damage to road surfaces than regular tires.

Winterization for the Cold Winter Months

Here are a few things you can do to get your indoor and outdoor water systems ready for winter preventing costly repairs and wasted water.

If you haven't already done so, it is time to winterize your lawn irrigation system. Completely drain all of the water out of the system including the valves and backflow assembly to prevent freezing. Insulate the valves and backflow assembly.

Shut off all outside water, disconnect hoses, open the hose bibs, and wrap or cover the hose bibs. Store hoses, spray nozzles, and sprinklers inside, this will prevent freezing and breaking during the winter.

Insulate all exposed and vulnerable water pipes and cover the foundation vents to keep out the cold winter air.

Make sure everyone in the home knows where the main water shut off valve is and how to use it. If a pipe breaks during the winter the water will be shut off much quicker and could prevent costly damage.

And last but not least, make sure the emergency phone numbers to your local water provider and a plumbing specialist are posted where everyone can see it. In an emergency this will save time and possibly prevent damage to your home.

For more water conservation tips visit the Clackamas River Water Providers conservation page on our website at www.clackamasproviders.org/water-conservation/.

Prepare an Emergency Kit



Buy flashlights and fresh batteries for use during a power outage. Find the phone numbers for your utility companies and put them in the Contacts section of your cell phone. Buy a battery backup to protect your computer and sensitive electronic equipment. Store extra bottled water and nonperishable food supplies (including pet food, if you have a pet), blankets, and a first-aid kit in a dry and easy-to-access location. Often overlooked, it's smart to prepare an evacuation plan in the event of an emergency.

Street Parking Regulations

Gladstone Code Enforcement would like to remind its citizens that there are city ordinances regulating on-street parking and these ordinances are very specific as to the type of vehicles that can be parked on city streets. Chapter 10.04.230 of the Gladstone Municipal Code (available online on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us) describes parking issues. Please be mindful of neighbors and use alternative parking, such as RV pads or local RV storage facilities, etc. By following these guidelines we can all enhance city services, improve public safety and help make our neighborhoods more "neighbor friendly" for Gladstone residents.

Clean Water Tips

Protecting our groundwater is important, especially since 70% of the state relies, at least partially, on it for drinking water. This is why we must keep our groundwater clean by: *preventing oil & fluid leaks with proper vehicle maintenance; *picking up pet waste; *never dumping any type of waste into gutters, catch basins or into the street. Cleaning catch basins also helps maintain good flow through the stormwater system preventing flooding. Residents are asked to help keep catch basins clear of debris. If a catch basin is full or is not draining after a rain event and residents have removed any road debris from the catch basin, please contact Public Works at 503-656-7957.

Informed Delivery by USPS

Digitally preview your mail and manage your packages scheduled to arrive soon! Informed Delivery allows you to view grayscale images of the exterior, address side of letter-sized mail pieces and track packages in one convenient location. (Images are only provided for letter-sized mail pieces that are processed through USPS' automated equipment). Visit <https://informeddelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action> for more information





Glad Tidings

January 2019

A monthly publication of the Senior Center

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Important Dates

Jan. 21— SC Closed in observance of MLK Jr. Holiday.

Jan. 22— AARP Tax Assistance Appointments open.

Feb. 8— AARP Tax Assistance begins. By appointment only.

Feb. 9— AARP Safe Driving Class. 9-4 pm. Please call to register.

Feb. 14— Annual Valentine's Day Lunch. 11:30 am.*

**Dependent on opening of the Gladstone Senior Center.*

The staff of the Senior Center wish all of you a very happy new year. In 2019, we challenge you to break a bad habit, learn a new skill, do a good deed, visit a new place, read a difficult book, write something important, try a new food, take an important risk, and most importantly do something good for someone who can't thank you. There are 365 days in this year, that means that there are 365 new chances, be sure to take some. Gladstone is on the way to greatness, so hang on, because here we go! Happy New Year!

Yes, it is that time of year once again. The good news is that 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. Starting January 22, 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.



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.

There have been many people over the years that have made significant contributions to the Senior Center. This month, we will take a moment to focus on two of them, Ruth and Stan Planton. The Planton's were early supporters of the development of the Senior Center in Gladstone. When the Senior Center opened in 1981, it was common to see either Ruth or Stan at the Senior Center almost every day. Having no children, the Senior Center became their second home. Both Stan and Ruth loved to participate in all of the activities and programs of the Center. In the early 1990's, Ruth was a driving force behind the purchase of the first tram of the Senior Center, even paying for it herself. After both had passed, they left a large sum of their estate to the Senior Center. Over the years, this money has been spent on helping to ensure that the Senior Center is a fixture of the City for generations to come. The newest addition of the Senior Center was named in their honor. The Senior Center was created as a place for all and thanks to the generosity of locals such as Stan and Ruth Planton, the Center will continue to be a place for all to enjoy.

Book Club January 28, 2019

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker By Jennifer Chiaverini – Elizabeth Hobbs Keckley was born a slave, but later purchased her freedom. She was a talented seamstress in Washington D.C. and chosen by First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln as her personal dress-maker. They developed a close friendship during her time at the White House.



Join us for just one meeting and see if you can make

TIME FOR ROTARY.



The Gladstone/ Oak Grove Rotary Club meets every Thursday at 12 pm at the Senior Center. Visitors are always welcome to attend. Our usual meeting format includes discussion of club business, sharing by the members, and educational presentations by local advocates. Our Rotary Club is deeply involved in the community we serve. We currently support programs such as Shop with a Cop, Back Pack Buddies, Gladstone and Rex Putnam High School Scholarships, and much more. Come by sometime and see what we are about!

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<i>*Please see the latest issue of the Glad Tidings for the Book Club List and Gold Star Potluck dates.</i>	<i>*2nd Tuesday of each month is Foot Clinic. All activities are cancelled during this time. 1/8/19, 2/12/19, and 3/12/19.</i>		Pinochle 1:15 pm to 3:00 pm	<i>*Starting Feb. 8th, Tax Preparation will begin and run from 9 am to 4 pm. Please feel free to stop by for coffee or tea!</i>

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January Senior Center Tram Trips. For more trip information or inquiries about the Senior Center Trip Policy, please call, please visit: www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc/page/senior-center-transportation

January 18-ALBERTINAS- Albertina's has a thrift, antique, and gift shops. We will also enjoy a delicious lunch. A stop at Trader Joes will complete our day. Lv: 9am Ret: 2pm Fare: \$7

January 25-BOB'S RED MILL TOUR AND LUNCH-We will take a very informative tour of Bob's Red Mill and then go to the store to shop and have lunch. We'll also stop at the Killer Bread outlet store. Lv: 9am Ret: 2pm Fare: \$5



Char K.	1/2	Cheryl F.	
1/14			
Mac W.	1/2	Berna W.	1/14
Huda W.	1/2	Donna B.	1/18
Louise D.	1/8	Maryanna M.	1/23
Kay L.	1/11	Larry K.	1/24

Happy Birthday!





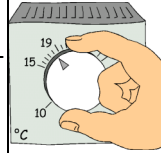
Distracted Driving Tool Kit

The Oregon Department of Transportation is actively working to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving. This is being done through public service ads, education and agency partnerships. The Transportation Safety Division offers free booklets, brochures, posters, stickers, and other materials designed to promote safe driving, biking and walking. Visit the Transportation Safety at <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Safety/Pages/Print-Materials.aspx> to see a full listing of available transportation safety materials.

Sports, Arts, Dance & Driver Education Classes!

Gladstone's community schools program offers low-cost classes and recreation programs for children, teens, and adults. Youth classes range from hip-hop and ballet to martial arts, sports, and driver education. Adult courses include watercolor and oil painting, yoga, first aid, investing, and Spanish. To register, call 503.650.2570 or visit the website at <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/district-departments/community-education/>.

Energy Assistance



Clackamas County Social Services facilitates the Energy Assistance Program, which may be able to assist low-income households with a payment toward heating bills. There is assistance available for a variety of energy needs, including electric, natural gas, oil, propane, wood and pellets. Eligibility is based on the total gross household income received by all adults age 18 and older living in the home at the time of application. For information, visit <https://www.clackamas.us/socialservices/energy.html> or call the Social Services office 503-650-5640.

A Message from Our Community Cat Rescue

Hello neighbors, we are doing our annual can and bottle drive now through March. You can deliver to us or we can pick up. We are also accepting donations for our annual yard sale for June/July. Date to be announced. All proceeds go to the rescue of stray, abandoned, or feral cats. Thank you. <https://www.facebook.com/Our-Community-Cat-Rescue-374494242897749/>

Prep Your Pipes



A 1/8-inch crack in a pipe can spew up to 250 gallons of water a day, causing flooding, serious structural damage, and the immediate potential for mold (State Farm). Protecting your water pipes is a preventative measure you don't want to risk skipping. Exposed pipes, usually found in your attic or crawl space, are the most vulnerable to freezing. You can insulate these with foam sleeves or heat tape — be sure to include pipes between the hot-water tank and wall. We'd also recommend insulating cold-water pipes for the first 3 feet after they enter the house. Many newer homes have pipes specially created to prevent freezing, but if the worst does happen and your pipes burst, does everyone in your home know how to turn the water off at the source? It's a good idea to walk everyone through this process and have a plan (just in case).

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.



Gladstone Park Seventh-day Adventist Church

Attend the Widows & Women Alone Valentine Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Gladstone Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 8378 Cason Rd, Gladstone, OR. For all widowed, divorced, alone, hurting – or those willing to come in support of those who are. For more information and to register, visit www.TakeHeartMinistry.info.

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.

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.

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.

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

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 Commission 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 on to a sober driver. 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.

Public Works Sanding

During inclement snow and ice conditions, the cCity’s Public Works Dept. will sand Oatfield & Webster roads and sometimes just the STOP intersections along Portland Ave. Depending on road conditions, Los Verdes Dr & Springhill Dr may also be sanded for use by residents in the Sherwood Forest, Los Verdes, Forest Park, Springhill & Charolais Heights neighborhoods. In addition, Caldwell Rd & Park Way to Oatfield Rd are often closed to through traffic during ice & snow conditions. Other streets may be sanded or closed to through traffic depending on weather and driving conditions. Please note that sanding of City streets is generally not effective unless done after snowfall ends. City residents are also requested to keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow. Thank you!

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.

Clackamas County Public Alerts

On Sept. 1 2018, Clackamas County 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.

Spring Soccer Registration is Open!



Registration for spring soccer is now open! Early bird discount if you pay before January 18th, 2019. Registration will close on February 22 2019. Spring season games will run from April 6th to May 18th. Games will be on Saturdays only.

Early bird price is \$65.00 from now to January 18th. Regular price will be \$75.00 from January 19th to February 22, 2019. School free/reduced lunch discount price \$45, with proof of program (not available on online registration).

To register or find more information, visit <https://www.gladstonesoccer.com/>.

Gladstone High School Sports Events



Come support Gladstone High School at one of these upcoming home games!

Girls Varsity Basketball: January 25th at 7:00pm –North Marion, January 29th at 7:00pm –Molalla, February 1st at 7:00pm – Estacada, February 8th –Corbett, February 12th – Madras

Boys Varsity Basketball: January 16th at 7:00pm – Estacada, January 22nd at 7:00pm –Madras, January 25th at 5:30 –North Marion, February 5th at 7:00pm –Corbett, February 19th at 7:00pm –Molalla

Gladstone Wrestling Invitational – January 21st at 3:00pm



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.

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 5th of each month to appear in the upcoming Newsletter.



The Library will be closed on 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 through the end of March for prizes! We will also give 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 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.

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 9:30am* 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 9:30am* 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 9:30am* 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 through 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 Game Day *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 for those who are interested, and snacks for everyone to enjoy! For teens in the 6th through 12th grades.

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates

Happy New Year 2019. New officers were elected in December. Beverly Chase accepted the presidency for a second term. Others officers for the coming year are, Dru Welland, vice-president, and, Mary Accettura, treasurer. The secretary position will be shared by Katie Lewis and Shelley Reynolds. Congratulations to all.

The Foundation will have a strategic meeting this month to explore several fundraising ideas for future events in the coming months. We look for your support. Together, we will have a new library.

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. All proceeds from all our events go to support the library's many programs.

Interested in learning more about our foundation? You can like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram, or go to www.gpl-foundation.org

Gladstone High School Bottle Drive

Please help the GLADSTONE High School senior parents with a bottle drive for their drug and alcohol free grad party. We are collecting cans and bottles on Saturday Feb 9 from 9am-3pm. For pickups prior to this date please text or call the number below. Please either put at your curb or drop off at Kraxberger the 9th. If you have lots call for a special pickup. [503 701-0453](tel:5037010453) Thank you!!



Hanging Tree Branches

Public Works is asking residents to trim low hanging tree branches by cutting branches seven feet (7') above sidewalks and fourteen feet (14') above streets. Please cut up 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.

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A-Frame Signs

Gladstone businesses located in commercial or industrial zoning districts that want to display a portable A-frame sign need to complete a short application and return it to City Hall. There's no cost for the application, which will renew automatically with your annual business license. Please be advised that non-conforming signs or signs that don't have a permit could be subject to enforcement. The form can be found at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/community/page/community-application-forms>. Not sure if you have an application on file? Contact Sean Boyle at 503-557-2763.

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

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.
- ◆ The Gladstone Historical

Society is looking for new members! They 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!