



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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State of the City By Mayor Tammy Stempel

Hello everyone! Staff and elected officials sat down last month and reviewed what we have done, what we are doing now, and what the future looks like. I know we have been busy, but seeing it on paper made me realize that we have actually been working at warp speed! The first step was to look at the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, which can be found on the city's website. Out of 32 objectives, ranging from Downtown Revitalization, to employee recognition and our civic buildings, we completed almost everything! The only holes were our communications strategy, which will always be a fluid work-in-progress; researching the feasibility of a Gladstone Fiber Network, which we have removed from our strategic plan because it just doesn't make sense; revising our employee performance evaluation and handbook, which staff will be addressing in the next strategic plan; and looking into annexation strategies.

So, what is the state of Gladstone? Busy, busy and busy. Our staff are all wearing multiple hats and putting in a lot of blood sweat and tears to implement and move forward all of the great projects we have on our plate. As I've said many times, I think we are still absorbing the reality of how far behind we have been in so many ways. But, instead of kicking things further down the road, we are tackling them head on.

A few of our major projects are: Our Water, Stormwater, Sewer, Parks and Transportation Master Plans are in place. We are thoughtfully approaching the capital improvement projects identified, and looking at efficiencies. Our incredible staff is looking at the big picture, and checking off the low hanging fruit when we think it may help mitigate the larger projects. We've invested in equipment desperately needed to keep our systems working the best way they can. If you have any questions about the urgency of the infrastructure improvements, Public Works Director Jim Whynter submits a very colorful report every month to city council showing just how bad it is!

We entered into an agreement with the county to end the library lawsuit. We are now partnering on a two-library solution, being built and managed by the county, that is truly a win-win for everybody in our district. Holding a library hostage is a ridiculous way to enrich and support our communities! The new Gladstone library will be located on the corner of Portland Avenue and Dartmouth, where our City Hall and Police Station currently sit. It will be the centerpiece of our main street. The library project will start as soon as the Civic Center is done.

We have broken ground on our new Civic Center, which is our combined City Hall - Police Station located next to Public Works on Portland Avenue. The thought and design put into this project have been inspiring, and I hope you all have had the opportunity to look at the conceptual drawings and floor plans. This building will be the

bookend to our downtown core and give us a place to do business that we can be proud of. We expect to have substantial completion in May of 2020.

Our main street, Portland Avenue, has gone through an extensive redevelopment plan. We are now working with a consultant to strategize how we can encourage developers to invest in our core.

The replacement of the Trolley Bridge connecting Gladstone and Oregon City is now in the feasibility study phase. The contract has been awarded and we are off and running. This is such a great project for our region connecting us in wonderful ways!

Our Police Dept. is running smoothly, though in a holding pattern while we look for a new Police Chief. Kim Yamashita has graciously agreed to step in and manage the department while we go through the recruiting process. Our K9 program is in place, and we are looking into codes and ordinances that have been a little vague. It amazes me how passionate people get over something! I had no idea the type of concerns people would have.

The very first time I participated in a State of the Cities event was with our Fire Department. My question from the audience was about the rating of our fire department and how it negatively affected their business property insurance. I am so pleased to report that since that time, our department has done a 180! We are now a 24/7 staffed fire department with shifts lead by full time captains. We have a strategic plan and a standard of coverage that rivals anyone's in the region! We have expanded our technical training to include not only dive rescue, but added swift water and rope rescue which makes sense since we are surrounded by rivers. In answer to that very first question, our insurance rating is evaluated every 10 years, we are mid-cycle now. When it is completed, I'm confident our rating will significantly improve and a cost savings will be realized. We are also in the process of recruiting for a new Fire Chief. Thank you to Jeff Smith for stepping up and helping with the transition.

Our food pantry is up and running! It closed temporarily last summer, but with the help of some guerilla volunteers, we were able to open it again. We are looking for a solid funding source to help pay for a part time coordinator, in the amount of approximately \$25,000 per year. The food pantry is so critical to our county! We are a regional resource, serving people from all over the metro area. The pantry doesn't just feed the people, for many it's a personal connection they don't get anywhere else. I'm so proud to be a volunteer and encourage others to help in any way they can.

Gladstone is still that small town, with the police officers that wave when they drive by and the community celebrations and high school football games that everyone turns out for! We don't want to lose that, it's who we are. All of these amazing projects will only strengthen our community, and support the needs of our people. Stay tuned there is a lot more to come!

Questions About Comcast Internet Access Fee Franchise Fee?

The City of Gladstone imposed a right-of-way usage fee upon Comcast and all telecommunication companies using the right of way. This fee was enacted in 2016. The City does not require that Comcast, or any telecommunications company pass this, or any other cost of doing business fee, to the consumer. Nor does the City of Gladstone require Comcast to itemize their costs on consumer invoices. Many companies absorb the costs of doing business such as, taxes, capital, electricity, rent of storefronts, employee salaries, etc., as a cost of doing business. The City of Gladstone has no control over the choices that Comcast makes. The City's budget is available to the public at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/finance/page/budget-documents>. For questions, please contact the City's ROW manager, Reba Crocker at 503-786-7516.

Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting

At the March 19, 2019 Meeting, the Planning Commission will be discussing Design Review for construction of the new City of Gladstone Civic Center at 18505 Portland Avenue, to include a one-story 22,177 sq. ft. building and associated site improvements such as landscaping, parking and site drainage. A Variance land use application is also proposed to allow for reduced landscaping strip widths along Duniway Avenue and new 4 unit office building, two-story 9,940 sq. ft. on currently vacant land, on E. Clarendon at 82nd Drive. For more information regarding the meeting, please visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/bc-pc/page/planning-commission-meeting-55>.

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Gladstone Police Department (GPD) Chief's Corner- Kim Yamashita

Did you know that Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ), Consumer Protection Division has a Scam Alert Network? You can locate their website at: <https://www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection/scam-alert-network/> On the website you will find the ability to sign up for the network, report scams and frauds, and even request free fraud prevention training.

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum has a warning for people looking for love online – if an online love interest asks you for money, it's probably a scam.

Every year, the Oregon DOJ receives heartbreaking reports about “romance scammers” who create fake profiles and eventually convince people to send money in the name of love. Some even make wedding plans with their victim before disappearing with the money. Several victims in Oregon have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

An online love interest who asks for money is almost certainly a scam artist, especially if the person: ♦ Wants to leave the dating site immediately and use personal email or Instant Messenger ♦ Claims to be in love very quickly. ♦Claims to be from the U.S., but is traveling or working overseas ♦Plans to visit, but is prevented by a traumatic event or a business deal gone sour ♦Say they are out of the country for business or military service.

To stay safe from these online fakers, don't wire money, buy a prepaid card or send cash to cover: travel, medical emergencies, hotel or hospital bills for a child or other relative, visas or other official documents or losses from a temporary financial setback. Don't send money to “tide someone over” after an alleged mugging or robbery, and don't do anyone a favor by making an online purchase or forwarding a package to another country. One request leads to another, and delays and disappointments will follow. In the end, the money will be gone – along with the person you thought was in love with you and would do anything for you.

Do you use social media? Have you made an online purchase? Have you clicked the “I agree” button without reading the fine print of a website's Terms of Service? If so, there is a good chance that your personal information has been compromised. To stay safe, follow these simple tips from NCSA:

1. Own Your Online Presence. ♦ **PERSONAL INFORMATION IS LIKE MONEY:** Information about you, such as your purchase history or location, has value – just like money. Be thoughtful about who gets that information and how it's collected through apps and websites. ♦ **BE AWARE OF WHAT IS BEING SHARED:** Set the privacy and security settings on web services and devices to your comfort level for information sharing. ♦ **SHARE WITH CARE:** Think before posting about yourself and others online. Consider what a post reveals, who might see it and how it could be perceived now and in the future.

2. Keep a Clean Machine ♦**KEEP SECURITY SOFTWARE CURRENT:** Having the latest security software, web browser and operating system is the best defense against viruses, malware and other online threats. ♦**AUTOMATE SOFTWARE UPDATES:** Many software programs will automatically connect and update to defend against known risks. Turn on automatic updates if that is an available option. ♦**PROTECT ALL DEVICES THAT CONNECT TO THE INTERNET:** Along with computers, smartphones, gaming systems and other web-enabled devices also need protection from viruses and malware. ♦**PLUG & SCAN:** viruses and malware can infect USBs and other external devices. Use your security software to scan them.

3. Protect Your Personal Information ♦**MAKE YOUR PASSWORD A SENTENCE:** A strong password is a sentence that is at least 12 characters long and uses a mix of letters and numbers. Focus on positive sentences or phrases that you like to think about and are easy to remember. ♦**UNIQUE ACCOUNT, UNIQUE PASSWORD:** Separate passwords for every account helps to thwart cybercriminals. ♦**WRITE IT DOWN AND KEEP IT SAFE:** Having separate passwords for every account helps to thwart cybercriminals. At a minimum, separate your work and personal accounts and make sure that your critical accounts have the strongest passwords.

4. Connect with Care ♦**WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT:** Links in emails, social media posts and online advertising are often how cybercriminals try to steal your personal information. Even if you know the source, if something looks suspicious, do not click on it. ♦**GET SAVVY ABOUT WI-FI HOTSPOTS:** Limit the type of business you conduct and adjust the security settings on your device to limit who can access your machine. ♦ **PROTECT YOUR \$\$:** When banking and shopping, check to be sure the site is security enabled. Look for web addresses with “https://” or “shttp://,” which means the site takes extra measures to help secure your information. “http://” is not secure.

5. Be Web Wise ♦**STAY CURRENT:** Keep pace with new ways to stay safe online: Check trusted websites for the latest information, and share with friends, family, and colleagues and encourage them to be web wise. ♦**THINK BEFORE YOU ACT:** Be wary of communications that implore you to act immediately, offer something that sounds too good to be true or ask for personal information. ♦**BACK IT UP:** Protect your valuable work, music, photos and other digital information by making an electronic copy and storing it safely.

We at the Gladstone Police Department want you to stay safe and avoid being a victim of scam artists. If you think you have fallen victim to a romance scam or been a victim of cybercrime (hacking, phishing, spamming, etc.), contact the Oregon Department of Justice online at www.oregonconsumer.gov or call 1-877-877-9392.

Easter Egg Hunt



The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 20th beginning precisely at 11:00 am at the Gladstone High School. Children of Gladstone residents between the ages of 1 and 10 are invited to hunt for over 5,000 eggs “hidden” on the high school grounds. The hunt begins once the fire siren sounds, and parents are asked to let their children “find” their own eggs. Some eggs contain coupons for special prizes that can be redeemed at the prize booth or location specified on coupon. If your child does not “find” any eggs, go to the prize booth and an organizer will ensure your child leaves with candy or a prize.

Donations of plastic eggs, prizes or wrapped candy are always welcome! Or you may provide a monetary donation to assist in purchasing such items. Anyone interested in volunteering or donating items is asked to contact Tami Bannick at bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us or 503-557-2769 or Hayley Kratz kratz@ci.gladstone.or.us or 503-557-2766. Thanks!

Max Patterson Pancake Breakfast



Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary Club invites you to join them for the annual Max Patterson Pancake Breakfast featuring Chris Cakes Northwest. At Gladstone High School on April 20, 2019 from 8:30-11:30 AM. \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids and senior citizens. All proceeds benefit Gladstone High School, Rex Putnam High School, New Urban Alternative High School. Help reach their goal of giving 3 scholarships to graduating students to help with their upcoming college fees and tuition.

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>

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/>.

A Message from Gladstone Fire Department Fire Marshal Mike Funk

Stay Safe by operating heat sources safely. Always be sure to have a working smoke alarm in your home as a first step to being safe in a warm home.



Space Heater -Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing and curtains, at least 3 feet away from the heater. -Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off. -Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room. -Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip. -Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.

Fireplace -Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks jumping out. -Do not burn paper in your fireplace. -Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home. -Put ashes in a metal container with a lid, outside, at least 3 feet from your home.



Wood Stove -Make sure your wood stove is 3 feet from anything that can burn. -Do not burn paper in your wood stove. -Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home. -Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.

Furnace -Have your furnace inspected each year. -Keep anything that can burn away from the furnace.



Kerosene Heater -Only use kerosene heaters from a recognized testing laboratory. -Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off. -Refuel your cooled heater outside.

For more information and free resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach. Remember to call 911 for emergencies. Contact Michael Funk, Gladstone Fire Marshal, at 503-557-2775 for any fire safety questions or concerns.

Fix a Leak Week March 18th-24th, 2019



Leaks Can Run, but They Can't Hide

During National Fix a Leak Week the Clackamas River Water Providers want you to be ready to chase down household leaks. Nearly 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, is wasted due to undetected leaks so each year we hunt down the drips during Fix a Leak Week. Mark your calendars for EPA's annual Fix a Leak Week, March 18 through 24, 2019—but remember that you can find and fix

leaks inside and outside your home to save valuable water and money all year long.

Checking for Leaks

The average household's leaks can account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year and ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. Common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easy to fix, requiring only a few tools and hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings. Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills.

To check for leaks in your home, you first need to determine whether you're wasting water and then identify the source of the leak. Here are some tips for finding leaks:

Take a look at your water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there are serious leaks.

Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.

Ask the CRWP for leak detection tablets to identify toilet leaks. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak.

Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.

Visit the Clackamas River Water Providers website [Conservation page](#) for more water conservation tools and information.

Visit the Regional Water Providers Consortium to see a [video on detecting household leaks](#).



Drug take back, E-Recycling and Shred Day

Gladstone Police Department, Kraxberger Gearheads Robotic Club and Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary will be working together to host a Drug Take Back, E-Recycling and Shred day again this year at Gladstone City Hall (525 Portland Ave) Saturday May 4, 2019 from 10:00am-2:00pm. Visit www.gearheadsrobotics.com/programs/e-recycling.htm for a full list of items that will be accepted for e-recycling.

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


Address Numbers on Your Home

The Gladstone Fire Dept. requests residents to check address numbers placed on the front of their homes. Address numbers need to be 4 inches or larger, have a light for night 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!

Coffee With A Councilor

 Coffee with a Council member assists the Council to better communicate with the residents and businesses of our community. Bring ideas, concerns and solutions to make Gladstone a better community! Coffee with a Councilor is now meeting quarterly. The next meeting will be March 20, 2019 at 6:30pm at Gladstone Senior Center (1050 Portland Avenue, Gladstone)

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.

Kindergarten Registration for school year 2019-2020

April 2, 2019 from 5:30-7:30 pm or April 4, 2019 from 9:00-11:00 am. Parents will choose which date works better for their schedule.

For questions, contact Heidi Smith at 503-496-3939

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



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to have
you!



Important Dates

March 4th—Potluck bring your favorite dish to share.

March 5th— Law Clinic by appointment only.

March 9th—AARP Safe Driving Class. 9am to 4pm.

March 10th— Daylight Savings Time Begins.

March 12th— Foot Clinic by appointment only.

Book Club Meeting March 18, 2019 -Transcription by Kate Atkinson

Innocent 18 year old Juliet Armstrong is pulled into the intriguing world of World War II espionage as a transcriber for MI5's secret surveillance of British Fascist allies. Ten years after the war, when she is creating radio shows for BBC her past life comes back to haunt her .

BOOK CLUB



Things are moving right along, if you have not been in for a while and are excited to see new things happening please just stop by for a visit. We are trying our best to have as many regular activities with the limited space we have available. We have new ceilings, walls, and new paint and things are really moving along. The billiards room will be open in March, stop by!

I thought that we just did this but, its time to set those clocks again. We are going to set all of those clocks that we have around the house one hour ahead. I know it will take some of us all day just to set clocks. This will be happening *Sunday March 10th*.



503-200-1633 SeniorLonelinessLine
www.SeniorLonelinessLine.com A SERVICE OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY lines+life

Feeling lonely? You are not alone. If you need someone to talk to, there is the Senior Loneliness Line. It's free, so give it a try. Why? We care.

Appointments are limited, call today to schedule your appointment(503) 655-7701.



Social Hour

We are hosting social hour, come in and have coffee or tea and visit. You can come together and talk ,catch up, or maybe even meet someone new. We are generously getting new books and puzzles arriving weekly and they are here for exchange or to borrow.

Do you have 2 hours a weeks to help out in your community. We are in real need of drivers for our Home Bound Meals program. We deliver Monday through Friday midday, for more information or call and we would be more than happy to answer any questions you have about any of our volunteer opportunities. (503) 655-7701.



ADRC

Aging and Disability
Resource Connection
— of OREGON —

Get connected to local information that can help older adults, veterans, persons with disabilities, caregivers and family members live independently, access benefits, get support for memory loss and dementia, and find community resources and services. ADRC is a State of Oregon program that is county specific. For Clackamas County, the offices are open Monday through Thursday 8 am to 5 pm. For more information on ADRC, Email: clackamsadrc@clackamas.us, call 503-650-5622, or visit them online at www.adrcforegon.org

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. If you would like stop by and see how things are coming along we would like to see you. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call us at (503) 655-7701 or visit us anytime at 1050 Portland Ave.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Book Club Monthly* 10:30 am</p> <p>Gold Star Potluck Monthly* 12:00 pm <i>Bring your favorite dish to share with all your friends or meet new friends.</i> 3/4 & 4/1</p> <p><i>*Please see the latest issue of the Glad Tidings for the Book Club List and Gold Star Potluck dates.</i></p>	<p>Chair Exercise 10:30 am to 11:30 am</p> <p>Social Hour 11:30 am to 1:00 pm</p> <p>Bingo 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm</p> <p><i>*2nd Tuesday of each month is Foot Clinic. All activities are cancelled during this time.</i> <i>3/12/19, 4/9/2019</i></p>	<p>Social Hour 9:00 am to 1:00 pm</p> <p>Bunco 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm</p> <p>Lunch Trip to the Pioneer Center in Oregon City* 11:30 am</p> <p>Safeway Shopping* 12:00 pm</p> <p><i>*Please call to be placed on the list.</i></p>	<p>Chair Exercise 10:30 am to 11:30 am</p> <p>Social Hour 9:00 am to 10:30 am</p> <p>Rotary Meeting 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm</p> <p>Pinochle 1:15 pm to 3:00 pm</p>	<p>AAPR –TAX AID By Appointment only 9am –2pm</p> <p>Bridge* 11:00 am to 1:00 pm</p> <p><i>*Starting Feb. 8th, Tax Preparation will begin and run from 9 am to 2 pm. By Appointment only.</i></p>

March Excursions

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

MARCH 15--ROSE VILLA TREASURE HOUSE AND LUNCH AT HARVEST GRILLE-There is a gem in our own neighborhood-Rose Villa's Treasure House shop and The Harvest Grille restaurant. Please bring cash for lunch. Lv. 9:30am Ret: 2:30pm Fare: \$5

MARCH 22-STONECLIFF IN FOR LUNCH-With views of the Clackamas River, this restaurant aims to please. We will take a drive around the area before and after lunch. Lv. 10:30am Ret:2pm Fare: \$5

MARCH 29-BONNEVILLE DAM VISITOR CENTER-A meal at the Charburger will be first, followed by visiting the fascinating Bonneville Dam. Weather permitting, a stop at East Wind Diner for ice cream will complete our day. Lv: 9:30am Return: 3pm Fare: \$15

APRIL 5- HIKE TO CHAMPOEG PARK-We will hike this beautiful historic park. We'll include a stop at the visitor's center on the way back. Bring a lunch, we'll bring the coffee. Lv 9am Ret: 2pm Fare: \$7



Happy Birthday to all of you born in March !!!!

Beverly W	3/5	Joyce H	3/6
Gail M	3/8	Cathie K	3/10
Dena G	3/17	Patricia P	3/17
Rebecca W	3/23		

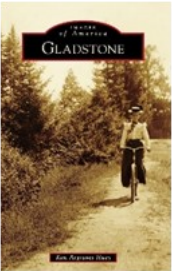


A Message from Our Community Cat Rescue



Hello neighbors, as kitten season is approaching, we are pleased to announce that we have been granted permission to have a cat food donation bin inside Gladstone City Hall for the month of March, 2019. We would love to know who donated, so please feel free to add a note with your first name. We also have an edit for February's newsletter, Willamette Valley Animal Hospital does not have a free spay and neuter program, that was only a one time event to help vet students and a member of our community in Gladstone. You may reach out to Cathy Ballensky on nextdoor.com or you may contact us on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Our-Community-Cat-Rescue-374494242897749/ Thank you, Janice.

Images of America - Gladstone



The Gladstone Historical Society is proud to announce their newest book, "Images of America - Gladstone" Written by Kim Argraves Huey. Published by Arcadia Publishing and the History Press, the book will be released to a nation-wide audience in April 2019. This new book traces Gladstone's history from the earliest fur trappers to the founding of the town and features over 200 old and never-before-seen photos dating from 1861 to 1955. The book will be available from the Gladstone Historical Society, as well as area bookstores and online. For more information on the book's release, sales and to reserve your copy, visit the "Events" section of our website: www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org. The historic society would like you to attend their monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at City Hall at 6:30pm.

Your City Council

The Gladstone City Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The fourth Tuesday of each month is reserved for additional Council meetings if needed. With the exception of any scheduled Executive Session, the meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. Complete City Council agenda packets are available to view on the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

The Council consists of an elected Mayor and six City Councilors who exercise the city's vested legal powers. Each City Councilor serves a four year term. The City Council is committed to providing optimum level of services for Gladstone residents while minimizing costs imposed on taxpayers. Your current City Councilors are: Mayor Tammy Stempel, Randy Ripley, Linda Neace, Matt Tracy, Neal Reisner, Tracy Todd & Tom Mersereau.

Gardening, Pesticides and Fertilizers

Spring is right around the corner and many residents are starting to think about gardening. Lawn and garden care products can help your lawn and garden look great, but if used and disposed of improperly, these products can also harm beneficial bugs, plants, soil microbes and ultimately, our streams and rivers. Remember to follow these three steps to help protect our waterways from the harmful effects of pesticides and fertilizers: 1) BUY—think before you buy; 2) USE—Use only what you need and 3) DISPOSE—Not down the drain. For additional information on gardening, visit oregonmetro.gov/growsmart.

2019 Business License Renewals

Business license renewals are due. For businesses located within Gladstone the fee is \$100, plus \$5 per employee over 3 full-time equivalent employees. 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.

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!

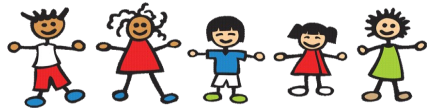
The Lunch Buddy program at John Wetten Elementary School and GCCF matches adult volunteers with elementary students to provide friendship, support and positive role modeling by having lunch and spending special time together at recess.

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.



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.

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.

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 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 thanks you for helping to keep our City clean and green!

This St. Paddy's Day, Don't Rely on the Luck o' the Irish: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving

For decades, Americans across the country have come together to celebrate their Irish heritage (Irish or not) over a pint of green beer and community festivities. Sadly, all this merry-making can lead to dangerous driving conditions as partygoers head home. In 2017 alone, 59 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes over the St. Paddy's Day holiday. The selfish act of drinking and driving can rip people from their friends and loved ones forever. For this reason, Gladstone is working to spread the message about the dangers of drunk driving. Even one drink can be one too many. If you're heading out for the Irish festivities, plan ahead.

St. Patrick's Day should be a fun holiday for our community members, but we expect everyone to take responsibility for their actions. Whether you're driving yourself or your friends, make sure you stay sober or plan for a sober ride home. Remember: It's not just about you. There are other people on the roads who want to get where they are going safely. Don't let alcohol cause you to be a risk to yourself and others on the road. Drinking and driving is an act of selfishness. Before you put your keys in the ignition, remind yourself: *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving*. If you feel a buzz, you are in no shape to drive.

Come to ARBOR DAY in Gladstone Nature Park — April 27th!



Now is the time to mark your calendar so you don't miss the 4th annual Arbor Day Celebration at Gladstone Nature Park on **Saturday, April 27th, from 10:00am-2:00pm**. You may want to bring a shopping bag or wagon if you're interested in buying plants as there will be a big plant sale, also from 10:00am-2:00pm. Come for the food, coffee, music, vendors, and art. Kids will have fun with crafts and activities especially for them. The event takes place in the open grassy area next to the paved path that runs from Webster to Oatfield roads. This event is put on by the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park (FOGNAP) to raise money to maintain and upgrade the park. With the proceeds from this year's event it will help to purchase more tables, benches, signs and other needed items. So bring your friends and family and have some fun in the park. Pets welcomed. **UPCOMING SATURDAY WORK PARTY DATES** from 9:00am-12:00pm: March 30, April 11 and May 9

To donate by check, send to: Friends of Gladstone Nature Park, PO Box 711 Gladstone, OR 97027 To volunteer or learn more email or visit: Email: friendsofglastonenature@gmail.com Website: protecttheparks.org

Play Group at 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 at office@gladstonecc.org or by phone 503-656-3394.

Pedestrian Safety



With the Daylight Savings time quickly approaching, residents are reminded while jogging, walking or biking to wear reflective and/or light colored clothing during the hours of darkness. Bicycles should have ample reflectors and a light on when it is dark.

"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

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.

The Library will be closed Thursday, March 7th for a staff training event.

Adult Winter Reading *Through the end of March* You can begin turning in completed bingo cards on March 1st, and they must be in by March 31st to be eligible for prizes! We are giving away fun, themed gift baskets to three grand prize winners in a drawing at the end of the month. To enter the drawing, complete at least one bingo. Complete a blackout bingo and get three entries in the drawing! Everyone age 18+ is encouraged to participate. **Quilled Card Class** *Thursday, March 14th at 5 PM* Instructor Heidi Bishop will be introducing the age-old art of quilling, also known as paper filigree. The class will make a springtime fun folding card with quilled embellishments. Everything you need is supplied and you will get to take home your finished project, instructions, and a resource list with basic shapes. Space is extremely limited and advance registration is required! Please contact the Library to register. **Dungeons & Dragons** *Saturday March 16th at 3 PM* Join us for a D&D adventure for all ages! We will be playing 5th edition. New players are always welcome. **Rock Readers Book Club** *Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30 PM* A mystery book club for adults! March's book is Song of the Lion by Anne Hillerman. Copies can be picked up at the Information Desk any time before the next meeting. Newcomers welcome! **Master Gardeners: Edible Landscaping** *Wednesday, March 20th at 6 PM* In March and April we will be bringing in a number of experts with Master Gardeners to teach on a variety of gardening topics! This

class, with instructor Laura Huckaba, will cover the basics of edible landscaping. **Doctor Who Club** *Thursday, March 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. **Master Gardeners: Chickens** *Wednesday, March 27th at 6 PM* Join instructor Cindy Manselle for a class on raising chickens from day old chicks to egg laying chickens! She will cover the best practices for raising healthy chickens, housing the chickens, egg production and ways to keep your chickens safe from predators. **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 (except for March 7th)* All ages are welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build literacy and language skills. ***NEW!* Saturday Storytime** *Saturdays at 9:30 AM* If making it to the library during the workweek is tough for your family's schedule, try our all-ages Saturday Storytime! There will be books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build literacy and language skills. **Teen Programs** **Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting** *Wednesday, March 6th 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! **Hogwarts Celebration** *Sunday, March 17th at 3 PM* Calling all teen Harry Potter fans! This special event will feature a variety of magical crafts and activities. Make your own Hogwarts house patch, or play a round of Harry Potter Would-You-Rather Jenga, and much more! Plus, you can snap some photos in our themed photo booth, and enjoy some tasty treats. Costumes encouraged but not required! For teens in the 6th through 12th grades.

Library Volunteer Spotlight Name – Victoria Hometown – Gladstone, Oregon Why do you enjoy volunteering for Gladstone Library? It is a quiet environment and I like the people there. How long have you been volunteering for the library? 1 and a half years. Where is the best place you've traveled and why? Camping at La Pine because my grandma and grandpa are there. Do you have any pets? I have a kitty named Tish. What are 3 words that best describe you? Fun, witty and funny. Where would you like to go on a dream vacation? Legoland. What is your favorite food? Tacos. What is your favorite activity to do in your free time? Play computer games. What is something most people don't know about you? I run the computer program at church to display the words to the worship songs.

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates

Are you saving your books, dvds, cds, for our August Book Sale? This year, we'll be taking some specialty magazines i.e. crafts, cooking, special interests, etc. Bring all items to the library and we'll do the rest. This great event supports the many programs the Gladstone Library offer. The dates of our May Plant and Veggie sale will be Friday, May 10, noon-7pm and Saturday, May 11, 10am-5pm, Mother's Day weekend. It will be held in the Happy Rock Coffee Co. courtyard across from the library. Watch for more information on a fun event coming in June. A Fred Meyer Reward Card is great for supporting the Foundation. Proceeds help to purchase things for inside the library such as tables, chairs, lamps, etc. If you have a 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 address 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.gplf-foundation.org

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Upcoming City Council Meeting

The March 12, 2019 Regular City Council meeting beginning at 6:30 pm will include: State of the Cities Address, 2019-2021 Strategic Plan, Gladstone Police Department Public Policy on Policing, Approve an ordinance amending Gladstone Municipal Code Chapter 9.60- Camping Prohibited in Certain Places, Section 9.60.030 Violation- Penalty (to a Class "B" violation), and Approve a resolution updating public contracting rules. The March 26, 2019 Work Session City Council meeting will include: City Council/Parks and Recreation Board work plan and City council liaisons report to City Council. Packets can be viewed online at: <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>.

City Hall—525 Portland Ave
Police Department—535 Portland Ave
Fire Department—555 Portland Ave
Public Works/City Shops—18595 Portland Ave
Senior Center—1050 Portland Ave
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

Local Meetings—

- ◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers next meeting will be on March 13, 2019 at State Farm Insurance, 15 82nd Drive Gladstone 97027. Please contact Sheldon Penner at sheldon@AmicusData.com or 503-516-8618 for additional information.
- ◆ Friends of Gladstone Nature Park meet 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 friendsofgladstonenature@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.