

= Gladstone , Oregon =

Gladstone is a city located in Clackamas County , Oregon , United States . The population was 11 @, @ 497 at the 2010 census . Gladstone is an approximately 4 @-@ square @-@ mile (10 km2) suburban community , 12 miles (19 km) south of Portland , the largest city in Oregon , and located at the confluence of the Clackamas and Willamette rivers .

Gladstone has held several important cultural and social events , hosting both the inaugural Clackamas County Fair and the Oregon State Fair , before both were moved to more spacious locations . Both Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan and presidential candidate Theodore Roosevelt have given public speeches in the city .

= = History = =

= = = Clackamas Indians = = =

Prior to European settlement , there were several Native American groups living in the area that was to become Gladstone .

In 1804 , President Thomas Jefferson commissioned the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory and beyond . Although the expedition passed only near the Gladstone ? Oregon City locality on their way to and from the Pacific Ocean , via the Columbia River , natives such as the Kalapuya and the Clackamas people told them about the area .

In the subsequent years , successive waves of explorers and traders would introduce epidemics of cholera and smallpox , which would take a heavy toll on the native peoples and contributed to a substantial reduction in population .

As Oregon City was founded and European settlers began moving to the area , they petitioned their governments to remove the local natives from the land , so that the settlers could use it for farming and housing . The government allocated a reservation for the natives and re @-@ appropriated Gladstone for redevelopment .

As of 2014 , the only extant remnant of the bygone natives is a large maple tree called the " Pow Wow Tree " , which is listed as an Oregon Heritage Tree . The tree still stands at Clackamas Boulevard , and is said to have marked the place where the different native tribes , mainly Clackamas and Multnomahs , met to make trading agreements , settle community affairs , and conduct wedding ceremonies . In 1860 , the Pow @-@ Wow Tree was the location set for the first Clackamas County Fair . The following year , it was used as a parade ring for the first Oregon State Fair and marked the entrance . In 1937 , the tree itself was celebrated with the Gladstone Pow @-@ Wow Festival .

= = = Early homesteaders = = =

The earliest homesteads in the area were recipients of the Donation Land Claim Act . The Cason and the Rinearson families were the first settlers to receive their donation land claims in Gladstone . Peter M. Rinearson and his family owned the land between Jennings Lodge and the Clackamas River , and between the Willamette River and Portland Avenue . Fendal Cason , who came to Oregon in 1843 and would go on to serve on in the Oregon Territorial Legislature , owned an area of equal in size east of Portland Avenue .

= = = Unsuccessful early townships = = =

Before Gladstone was formally founded , several small settlements were established in its vicinity . However , due to various natural disasters , such as fires and floods , few survived to become incorporated cities of today .

One such community was Linn City (originally named Robin ? s Nest) . Settled in 1843 by Robert

Moore , Robert himself built four flour and lumber mills along the banks of the Willamette . Warehouses , homes , and mills were steadily added until 1861 , when a fire destroyed several of the buildings . Efforts at rebuilding the small town entirely ceased when the Great Flood of 1862 struck , wiping out the remaining buildings .

Another such ill @-@ fated settlement was Canemah , located near the Willamette Falls . Canemah prospered until 1861 , when the same great flood swept most of the town over the falls . Even after reconstruction , much of the town 's importance to river commerce ended in 1873 with completion of the Willamette Falls Locks . Ships no longer needed to dock and unload goods and passengers for portage around the falls . The remaining town officially survived until 1929 , when it was annexed to Oregon City .

= = = Founding of Gladstone = = =

Gladstone was founded by Judge Harvey Cross in 1889 , and formally incorporated on January 10 , 1911 . It was named after the British statesman William Ewart Gladstone . Judge Cross laid out the city 's first streets . Cross ' home was built in the late 1840s by Fendal Cason , and Cross purchased it in 1862 . The Cason @-@ Cross House later became Cochran Mortuary . Currently , Mr. Rooter , a plumbing service , occupies the space . There is also a small park named after Cross , located at the same place one of the Indian tribes made its camp .

= = = Chautauqua movement = = =

In 1894 , the Chautauqua movement made its way to Gladstone . Judge Cross established a fifty @-@ year lease of Gladstone Park for this event after he was convinced by Oregon City author Eva Emery Dye that doing so would be a boon to the city and its people . Beginning on July 24 ? 26 , 1894 , the newly formed Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association held an annual summer assembly that offered performances , lectures , and concerts . This event would reoccur annually , until Gladstone 's Chautauqua Park grew to be the third @-@ largest permanent Chautauqua assembly park in the United States .

In 1896 , William Jennings Bryan drew a crowd of 6 @,@ 000 to Gladstone ? s then 78 @-@ acre Chautauqua park to hear him give his popular lecture , ? The Prince of Peace ? , which stressed that Christian theology , through both individual and group morality , was a solid foundation for peace and equality .

With the advent of radio , improved transportation and the appearance of traveling vaudeville acts in Portland , attendance at the Chautauqua began to dwindle . In 1927 , the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association went bankrupt . Judge Cross died on August 7 , 1927 , and shortly thereafter , Gladstone Park , including its buildings and Chautauqua Lake , were sold to the Western Oregon Conference of Seventh @-@ day Adventists .

= = = Geography = = =

According to the United States Census Bureau , the city has an official area of 2 @.@ 48 square miles (6 @.@ 42 km2) .

= = = Adjacent communities = = =

The city of Gladstone is immediately bordered by the following communities , listed in descending order of population :

Oregon City , the county seat of Clackamas County , sits to the south , almost entirely separated by the Clackamas River

West Linn , to the west , is delineated by the Willamette River .

Oak Grove , a census @-@ designated place and unincorporated area , abuts Lake Oswego to the west , Milwaukie to the north , and Jennings lodge to the south .

Jennings Lodge , a census @-@ designated place and unincorporated area , runs between Oak Grove and Gladstone .

Oatfield , a census @-@ designated place and unincorporated area similar to Jennings Lodge , exists between Milwaukie , to the north , and Gladstone , to the south .

Clackamas , to the northeast , an unincorporated area and former census @-@ designated place , resides within greater Clackamas County .

Johnson City , a very small incorporated city of approximately 500 residents , is northeast of Gladstone . (See also the similar city of Maywood Park , Oregon .) In 1968 , the 45 @-@ acre (18 ha) city tried unsuccessfully to annex to Gladstone .

Although the above cities are generally considered part of the much larger Portland metropolitan area , Gladstone , Oregon City , West Linn , and Milwaukie each possess the population and production of a micropolis in their own right and this relatively dense sub @-@ region contains a combined population exceeding 100 @, @ 000 people .

Despite the Gladstone 's proximity to the city of Milwaukie , at no point do the two share political boundaries .

= = = Major thoroughfares and street grid = = =

Being bordered by rivers on two sides , there are only two primary thoroughfares to and from the city . Interstate 205 runs north @-@ south along the eastern edge of the city , while McLoughlin Boulevard (Oregon Route 99E) runs north @-@ south through the western side .

Taken at the suggestion of surveyor Sidney Smyth , Judge Harvey Cross decided to name a number of Gladstone streets after American colleges (e. g . University of California , Berkeley , Cornell University) and a number of United Kingdom dukes , earls , and universities (.e.g. University of Exeter , Earl of Dartmouth , Earl of Clarendon) . Portland Avenue , Gladstone ' s main street , is the only divergence from this naming convention . Named for the 1893 Interurban Electric Streetcar line that once traversed the street , it once transported passengers to and from Gladstone to Portland .

= = = Climate = = =

The annual average temperature for Gladstone is 54 @. @ 4 ° F (12 @. @ 4 ° C) , while the annual average precipitation is 46 @. @ 3 inches (1 @, @ 180 mm) . According to the Köppen Climate Classification system , Gladstone has a warm @-@ summer Mediterranean climate , abbreviated " Csb " on climate maps .

= = Demographics = =

As of the census of 2010 , there were 11 @, @ 497 people , 4 @, @ 540 households , and 3 @, @ 009 families residing in the city . The population density was 4 @, @ 790 @. @ 4 inhabitants per square mile (1 @, @ 849 @. @ 6 / km²) . There were 4 @, @ 779 housing units at an average density of 1 @, @ 991 @. @ 3 per square mile (768 @. @ 8 / km²) . The racial makeup of the city was 89 @. @ 2 % White , 0 @. @ 9 % African American , 1 @. @ 0 % Native American , 1 @. @ 6 % Asian , 0 @. @ 4 % Pacific Islander , 3 @. @ 4 % from other races , and 3 @. @ 6 % from two or more races . Hispanic or Latino of any race were 8 @. @ 7 % of the population .

= = Arts and culture = =

The annual Gladstone Cultural Festival and parade in early August commemorates Gladstone 's former status as a popular Chautauqua destination . The festival is held in Max Patterson Memorial City Park . Despite its relatively small geographic size , The city of Gladstone recognizes 17 separate parks and recreational areas .

KRYP is a Spanish language FM radio station that broadcasts from the city .

= = Public services = =

= = = Public safety and quality of life = = =

Some polling data suggests that Gladstone citizens are satisfied with city services they receive and a large majority consider Gladstone a particularly " good / excellent " place to live . Perhaps reflecting this support , the police , fire , and medical services levy renewal measures were overwhelmingly approved by voters in November 2012 .

= = = Education = = =

= = = = Schools = = = =

Gladstone is served by the Gladstone School District , which includes John Wetten Elementary School , Kraxberger Middle School , and Gladstone High School . In 2006 , a bond was passed to allow approximately \$ 40 million worth of construction on the three schools . The majority (approx . 26 million) of the money was applied towards a remodel of the high school . The district later refinanced the bond , saving taxpayers over 5 percent on its total (\$ 805 @, @ 040) , with savings to begin in the 2024 tax year .

= = = = Library = = = =

The city operates a library that is part of the Library Information Network of Clackamas County . In 2012 , the city council approved plans for a new \$ 10 million library , but ballot measures backed by the group Save Gladstone blocked the financing and construction pending specific voter approval . The city then placed a new measure on the November 2014 ballot for a \$ 6 @. @ 4 million option .

= = = = Public transit = = = =

Gladstone is within the TriMet transportation district , and transit service in the city is provided by TriMet bus routes 32 @-@ Oatfield , 33 @-@ McLoughlin / King Road , 34 @-@ Linwood / River Road , and 79 @-@ Clackamas / Oregon City , as well as rush @-@ hour express route 99 @-@ Macadam / McLoughlin .

= = Notable people = =

American labor activist Liz Shuler grew up in Gladstone . She went on to become Secretary @-@ Treasurer of the AFL @-@ CIO . She is the first woman and (as of 2009) the youngest person to hold the position of Secretary @-@ Treasurer .