

Gladstone Parks & Recreation
GLADSTONE 50+NEWS

December 2015 & January 2016

Questions? 816-423-4086

DAY TRIPS

All day trips depart from the west side of Happy Rock Park, 76th & old Antioch Road.

HOLIDAY HARMONY SPECTACULAR – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 - This popular annual event features two internationally ranked choruses in a joint concert, the Heart of America Chorus and the Kansas City Chorus of Sweet Adelines. The show will be held at Unity Village in Lees Summit. Cost: \$29.00 includes transportation and show. Bus departs at 1:45 p.m. and will return at approximately 6:00 p.m. Reservation deadline: November 18th.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR WITH DINNER - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 - Join us for our always popular Holiday Lights Tour. You will begin your evening with a wonderful dinner at Buca di Beppo on the Country Club Plaza. After dinner you will view the holiday lights on the Plaza, "Christmas in the Park" at Longview Lake and Crown Center where you'll see the Mayor's Christmas Tree, and Union Station. Cost: \$47.00 includes transportation, dinner and lights donation at Longview Farm. Bus departs at 4:30 p.m. and will return at approximately 9:30 p.m. Reservation deadline: November 20th.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT OAK PARK MALL - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 - This is one of the last remaining indoor malls in the KC area. You will find everything you're looking for with 200 stores, anchored by JC Penney, Dillard's, Nordstrom and Macy's. Cost: \$10.00 includes transportation. Bus departs at 9:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 2:00 p.m. Reservation deadline: December 2nd.

THE NUTCRACKER - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 - Kansas City Ballet Artistic Director Devon Carney presents an all new production of this favorite holiday classic with grand new sets and new choreography. Cost: \$65.00 includes transportation and orchestra seats. Bus departs at 4:00 p.m. and will return at approximately 8:00 p.m. Reservation deadline: November 12th.

ST. JO FRONTIER CASINO - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 - You'll enjoy famous name slots and video poker machines plus many table games. Lunch is free for our group in the buffet. Cost: \$12.00 includes transportation. Bus departs at 8:45 a.m. and will return at approximately 3:30 p.m. Reservation deadline: December 4th.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL" AT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 - "Christmas Festival" is an annual holiday concert. The Symphony and Chorus present stunning musical arrangements of cherished Christmas carols and songs of the season, and welcome exciting guest singers and musicians including pianist Rich Ridenour performing the Peanuts "Christmas Time Is Here." Join us for a healthy dose of Christmas cheer...plus, an early visit from Santa. Cost: \$65.00 includes transportation and center Mezzanine seats. Bus departs at 7:00 p.m. and will return at approximately 10:30 p.m. Reservation deadline: November 16th.

THE NEW THEATRE "OUT OF ORDER" - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 OR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - This show will star Gary Sandy from WRKP in Cincinnati. A dead body is found on the balcony at the Watergate Hotel by a less than ethical US Senator who has booked the room for nefarious purposes. If the body is discovered, the Senator's career will tank, so he has his assistant remove it only to find that it keeps reappearing every time. This crazy shell game involves a conniving waiter, an alert private detective, a suspicious hotel manager, an angry wife, a furious husband, a bungling secretary and an unconscious nurse, creating one of the cleverest and funniest hide-and-seek farces ever written. Cost: \$45.00 includes transportation and dinner theatre. Bus departs at 11:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:30 p.m. Reservation deadline: December 4th and January 14th.

LUNCH OUT AT CALIFORNOS - THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 - This popular restaurant is located in Westport. Everyone will find something they like on the menu, and it sits right next to a popular ice cream store, Murray's Ice Cream & Cookies. The bus will not be able to pull up to the restaurant. Expect to do a little walking here. Lunch is on your own. Cost: \$8.00 includes transportation. Bus departs at 10:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 1:30 p.m. Reservation deadline: January 6th.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

On-line Registration is now available for day trips and activities! Register any time day or night. It's easy! **Go to www.activityreg.com and click on Missouri then Gladstone Parks & Recreation.** You will still call or come in for extended trip registration. If you have existing credits, you must call or come in to use them.

OVERNIGHT & EXTENDED TOURS

All itineraries for the extended tours are available online at gladstone.mo.us

COLONIAL CITIES OF CUBA - MARCH 10-19, 2016 - Traveling to Cuba is now legal and easier than you may ever have imagined. This Cuba tour is much more than a vacation. It's an immersive people-to-people exchange with abundant chances to meet and interact with the real Cubans. In the company of expert local guides, you'll meet and engage with a remarkable cross-section of the society: school students, cigar-makers and policy-makers, naturalists and artists, farmers, historians and more. On the streets of Havana, in a mountainous eco-village, at the home of Ernest Hemingway or in the fields of a peasant farm, every moment is a revelation and a truly meaningful opportunity to absorb and grasp the island's rich culture. Featured cities on your tour includes Havana, Camaguey, Trinidad & Cienfuegos. *Cost: \$5279.00 includes air, hotels, tour guides, Cuban Travel Visa, Cuban health insurance, tours and 19 meals. Single occupancy add \$700. A \$780.00 deposit is due to hold space with final payment due on December 26th.*

TEXAS TRIANGLE - APRIL 28 - MAY 5, 2016 - Visit four of Texas's most exciting cities on this tour to the Lone Star State. Dallas: Enjoy a city tour featuring Fair-Park, JFK Memorial, World Trade Center, Sixth Floor Museum at Dealy Plaza, Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District and the George Bush Presidential Library & Museum. Houston: Enjoy a city tour featuring Rice University, Williams Tower, Reliant Stadium, and the Johnson Space Center, home to the US astronaut corps and training center for US and international astronauts. Austin: Enjoy a city tour featuring the Governor's Mansion, the University of Texas and the State Capitol. You will also visit the Bullock Texas State History Museum. San Antonio: Enjoy a city tour featuring the San Jose Mission, El Mercado Market Place, the Alamo and take a Riverwalk Cruise. You will also visit the Hill Country of Texas and visit the LBJ Ranch and Fredericksburg. *Cost: \$2499.00 includes air, hotels, tours, cancellation insurance and 11 meals. Single occupancy add \$725. A \$300.00 deposit is required to hold space no later than October 28th with final payment due on February 4th. Sign up before January 31st and save \$100.00 per person.*

THE BEST OF SPAIN - MAY 6-15, 2016 - Stay two nights in Madrid, and enjoy a welcome dinner and guided sightseeing featuring a visit to the palatial Prado Museum. Via Cordoba and an included guided visit to the Mosque of the Caliphs, arrive in vibrant, festive Seville, capital of Andalusia. Here, visits to the magnificent Plaza de Espana, the Alcazar, and the Santa Cruz quarter are included. In Granada, enjoy a guided walking tour with visits to the Alhambra complex and the Water Gardens of the Generalife. Next is Valencia, once a royal capital where Roman, Moorish, and Spanish history comes alive during your guided walking tour. Here, sample a traditional Horchata drink, and enjoy a special paella dinner with wine at a local restaurant. End in Barcelona and marvel at Gaudi's masterpiece, the Sagrada Familia Basilica, visit the gothic quarter, and enjoy a Sangria and a special farewell dinner with wine at La Fonda del Port Olimpic restaurant. *Cost: \$3899.00 includes air, hotels, tours, cancellation insurance and 12 meals. Single occupancy add \$495. A \$439.00 deposit is due no later than January 8th to hold space with final payment due on February 19th. Sign up before December 1st and save \$184.00 per person!*

CANADIAN ROCKIES & GLACIER NATIONAL PARK - AUGUST 17-23, 2016 - Icefields, rushing streams, lovely waterfalls, glacial peaks and towering summits are just a few of the scenic wonders awaiting you in the Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. Highlights include Waterton Lakes National Park, Glacier National Park, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Going-to-the-Sun Highway, Kootenay National Park, Banff Area Tour, Moraine Lake & Valley of Ten Peaks, Lake Louise & Victoria Glacier, Peyto Lake, Icefields Parkway, Athabasca Glacier Ice Explorer and Oh Canada Eh?! Dinner Show. *Cost: \$3325.00 includes air, hotels, tours, nine meals and cancellation insurance. Single occupancy add \$875. A \$540.00 deposit is due no later than February 17th to hold space with final payment due on May 31st.*

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND - OCTOBER 25--NOVEMBER 10, 2016 - Highlights of this 17-day tour include Cairns, a Catamaran Cruise to the Great Barrier Reef, a city tour of Sydney, a Sydney Harbor dinner cruise, a visit to the Sydney Opera House, Sydney Wildlife World featuring a Koala sanctuary, Canberra and Melbourne. At Phillip Island you'll see the world's largest colony of Little Penguins. Highlights in New Zealand include Queenstown and Christchurch and a lunch cruise on the spectacular fjord of Milford Sound. While in Rotorua you will visit Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve and Maori Village plus Rainbow Springs Nature Park to see Kiwi. *Cost: \$7,899.00 includes air, accommodations, tours, 29 meals, cancellation insurance and gratuities. Single occupancy add \$1350. A \$850.00 deposit is due as soon as possible to hold space with final payment due on August 4th. Sign up before May 31, 2016 and save \$200.00 per person!*

GLADSTONE COMMUNITY CENTER

Attention Clay County Residents who are 60+ years of age. Clay County Senior Services will provide class scholarships to Clay County residents age 60 and older for exercise classes through the City of Gladstone Parks & Recreation Department. This includes both land and water classes. Clay County Senior Services will pay up to \$30 per person, each quarter, not to exceed \$120.00 per year. Funds will be available until the max amount is met per quarter. This is a first come, first serve basis.

Gladstone Community Center—Walking Club Punch Pass Program - Punch Pass costs \$12.00 for 12 punches. The Clay County Senior Services Subsidy program can be used toward punch card. Buy your pass at the Gladstone Community Center.

Silver Sneakers at Gladstone Community Center

Gladstone Community Center offers the signature Silver Sneakers® Muscular Strength & Range of movement plus additional signature Silver Sneakers classes. Call the Community Center for more information 816-423-4200.



Jingle Bell "White Elephant" BINGO!

**Wednesday, December 2nd,
2:00 p.m.**

Gladstone Community Center
(69th & N. Holmes)
Cost: \$5.00 (3 cards each)
Reservation Deadline:
November 24th

Bingo cards must be purchased in advance and will be given to you on Bingo day. Bring one prize either wrapped or in a gift bag. *A special holiday treat will be served!*



MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH 6:00 P.M.

**LINDEN SQUARE
(70TH & N. CHERRY)**

JOIN THE GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL FOR THIS HOLIDAY TRADITION. THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING EVENT WILL SERVE AS A VISUAL SYMBOL OF GLADSTONE'S EFFORT TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE GET KIDS CONNECTED SCHOLARSHIP FUND, THE GLADSTONE ANIMAL SHELTER AND FEED NORTHLAND KIDS. MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AT GLADSTONE CITY HALL.

LINE DANCING

No partner needed! You will enjoy easy, fun-to-learn and fun-to-do dances. Line Dance is loved by all. When people start dancing, laughter bubbles, hearts are joyful and smiles are found all around. Line dancing is doubly rewarding, offering a chance for social interaction and gentle exercise. Classes are held at the Gladstone Community Center.

Session 1

Mondays, January 4-25

1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Cost: \$16.00

Registration deadline: December 23rd

Session 2

Mondays, February 8-29

1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Cost: \$16.00

Registration deadline: January 27th

WINTER BOOK CLUB

Join Luaun Gavin for the Winter book club featuring "More Amazing Women in History!" There will be a meeting at the end of each month for some fun and engaging discussion about each book. The Antioch Public Library has some copies of each book in hard copy, e-books and audio. *At the Library, tell them you need a book for the Gladstone Parks & Recreation book club.* If they are out of books, they can also be purchased at local book stores or Walmart or Target. There is a \$5.00 Book Club fee per month to cover refreshments and room fees.

JANUARY

Cleopatra's Daughter by Michelle Moran

Michelle Moran spins a captivating tale of the daughter of Egypt's most famous queen. Moran's story takes the reader from the fall of Alexandria to the hills of imperial Rome. Ten year old Selene and her twin brother survive the journey, but the two are buffeted by the personal ambitions of Octavian's court. *Discussion meeting: Thursday, January 21st at 9:30 a.m. Gladstone Community Center. Registration deadline: January 15th.*

FEBRUARY

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini

Chiaverini's book draws a beautiful portrait of a gifted and complex woman, Elizabeth Hobbs Keckley. Elizabeth, born a slave earns her freedom through her skills as a seamstress. Experience the most private affairs of Mary Todd Lincoln through the eyes of this unlikely confidante. *Discussion meeting: Wednesday, February 24th at 9:30 a.m. Gladstone Community Center. Registration deadline: February 19th.*

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Holiday Lights Tour - depart at 5:30 p.m. Bridge and Games of Choice 12:30 p.m. Community Center	2 \$1-\$2 Bingo - Pizza Street 11:30 a.m.	3 Quality Hill Playhouse - depart at 10:45 a.m.	4	5 Holiday Harmony Spectacular - depart at 1:45 p.m.
6	7 Duplicate Bridge 9:00 a.m. Community Center Pinochle and Hand & Foot 12:30	8 Christmas in Topeka - depart at 8:45 Cancer Action Workshop 9:00 a.m. Bridge and Games of Choice 12:30 p.m.	9 Holiday Lights with Dinner - depart at 4:30 Lunch Bunch - Red Lobster 11:15 \$1-\$2 Bingo Perkins N. Oak 11:30 a.m.	10 Holiday Shopping at Oak Park Mall - depart at 9:00 a.m.	11 Lunch Out at Vivilore - depart at 10:30 a.m.	12
13 The Nutcracker - depart at 4:00 p.m.	14 Gladstone Seniors Meeting 10:30 Community Center Duplicate Bridge 9:00 a.m. Pinochle and Hand & Foot 12:30	15 St. Jo Frontier Casino - depart at 8:45 a.m. Bridge and Games of Choice 12:30 p.m. Community Center	16 19th Century Christmas - depart at 9:45 a.m. \$1-\$2 Bingo Captain Døø 11:30 a.m.	17	18 Christmas Festival - depart at 7:00 p.m.	19
20	21 Duplicate Bridge 9:00 a.m. Community Center Pinochle and Hand & Foot 12:30	22 Cancer Action Workshop 9:00 a.m. Bridge and Games of Choice 12:30 p.m.	23 \$1-\$2 Bingo Olive Garden 11:30 a.m.	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26
27	28	29 Bridge and Games of Choice 12:30 p.m. Community Center	30 \$1-\$2 Bingo - Pizza Street 11:30 a.m.	31		

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REGISTRATION

All programs must be paid at the time of registration unless otherwise noted.

By Phone (816) 423-4086 or (816) 423-4200 with Visa, MasterCard Or Discover.

By Mail make checks to Gladstone Parks & Recreation, 6901 N. Holmes, Gladstone, MO 64118.

In person at the Gladstone Community Center, 6901 N. Holmes

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Cancellation Policy: A full refund will be issued in the event of a trip cancellation due to insufficient enrollment. Refunds or future trip credits are available up to the registration deadline. After registration deadline, a refund or future trip credit will be issued only if the participant can be replaced. If a refund check is required, a \$5 processing fee will be deducted.

50+ ACTIVITIES

These activities are held at the Gladstone Community Center, 6901 N. Holmes

Gladstone Seniors: Fourth Monday of each month, 10:30 a.m. business meeting followed by entertainment and pot-luck luncheon.

Cancer Action Workshop: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month, 9:00 a.m. - Noon - *Volunteers are needed!*

Pinochle Club: Mondays at 12:30 p.m. (no partner needed)

Bridge: Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. (no partner needed)

Gladstone Duplicate Bridge Club: Mondays at 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hand & Foot: Mondays at 12:30 p.m.

Card Games of Choice: Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.

\$1.00-\$2.00 White Elephant Bingo: Wednesdays - meet at a different restaurant each week to enjoy lunch and BINGO! Check the calendar inside for upcoming dates and locations.
