

Gladstone Parks & Recreation

GLADSTONE 50+NEWS

April - May 2023

DAY TRIPS

KC HISTORY MYSTERY - FRIDAY, MAY 5 OR FRIDAY, MAY 12 - Due the popularity of the History Mystery Tour in March, it's back with all new historical sites! **The KC History Mystery tours are limited to 18 people.** Cost: \$110.00 includes transportation, lunch and tours. Bus departs at 9:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 3:30 p.m. Registration deadline: April 21.

ABILENE - IKE'S HOMETOWN - FRIDAY, MAY 19 - Visit the all-new exhibits at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum and experience Ike and Mamie's story in their own words. Be sure and take a selfie with the 11-foot bronze statue of General Eisenhower! Seeley Mansion is like a time capsule. Most of the home's furnishings were purchased at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. The home features the original Edison light fixtures and Tiffany-style mantel. You can even bowl on the 1904 Box Ball alley, which was purchased at the World's Fair. You will enjoy a Skillet Fried Chicken lunch at the Brookville Hotel, who's history dates back to 1870. Before heading home you will shop at the Russell Stover's Factory and Outlet Store. Cost: \$150.00 includes motorcoach transportation, tours, and lunch. Bus departs at 7:15 a.m. and will return at approximately 7:00 p.m. Deadline: April 19.

NAISMITH & QUANTRILL IN LAWRENCE - THURSDAY, MAY 25 - Join local historian Bill Nicks as he portrays basketball inventor and 1st KU Basketball Coach, Dr. James Naismith on a bus tour to Lawrence KS. On the tour you will learn of Naismith's childhood, education as an ordained minister and medical doctor, his military service, see the various homes where he lived, passed away, and where KU played their first home game. Among other stops, you will visit his Original Rules of Basketball, the KU Hall of Fame, Naismith's Memorial, his grave and Phog Allen's Grave. After lunch (on your own) on Lawrence's Famed Massachusetts Street, the tour will retrace the route and destruction of William Quantrill's Civil War Raid on Lawrence. You will learn why the raid took place, why there was no defense, why a Governor and Senator survived and why the Mayor and 180 men did not. Cost: \$40.00 includes transportation and tour. Bus departs at 8:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 3:30 p.m. Registration deadline: May 5.

HISTORIC MANSIONS OF INDEPENDENCE - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 - The Bingham Waggoner Mansion sits on a beautiful 19+ acre estate in the heart of Independence, Missouri. Enter into the 1800s in this 26-room mansion where history and romance come to life among the original furniture, paintings and decor. Perched on the beginning of the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California Trails and occupied by George Caleb Bingham and by the William Waggoner family for 97 years, the Bingham-Waggoner Mansion and Estate is a lesson in history and the Victorian Era in all its finery. You will have lunch in the Carriage House before departing. Vaile Mansion Built in 1881, was "the most princely house and the most comfortable home in the entire west," the Kansas City Times reported in 1882. The 31 room mansion includes 9 marble fireplaces, spectacular painted ceilings, flushing toilets, a built-in 6,000 gallon water tank, and a 48,000 gallon wine cellar. Cost: \$60.00 includes transportation, tours and lunch. Bus departs at 10:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 3:30 p.m. Registration deadline: May 19.

GARDENS & SHOPPING - FRIDAY, JUNE 9 - At the 300-acre Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens you'll experience gardens with more than 1,700 species of plants, a variety of landscapes, including meticulous gardens, hiking trails, and open prairie. The international sculpture garden is a series of sculptures along a nearly half-mile loop through a dry oak savanna ecosystem. Downtown Overland Park is a great place to shop, especially if you like gifts of the edible variety. Penzeys Spices is a favorite destination for fragrant spices, herbs, seasoning blends and more culinary staples. The Tasteful Olive offers more than 65 varieties of olive oils and vinegars—complete with samples! The General Store & Co. is a modern take on an old-fashioned general store. Ten Thousand Villages is stocked with merchandise created by artisans from emerging countries around the world. The Culinary Center's Kitchen Shop offers a variety kitchen equipment, utensils and gadgets, gift items, plus goods from local makers including Bee Nice Gardens, Savory Addictions, Boozy Botanicals and Just Enough Heat, just to name a few. Lunch is on your own in downtown OP. Cost: \$25.00 includes transportation and garden admission. Bus departs at 8:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 2:15 p.m. Deadline: May 26th.

TRIP PARKING

All day trips depart from the parking lot on Campbell Street between 69th & 70th Street (next to the Community Center parking lot).

PRAIRIE BAND CASINO - TUESDAY, JUNE 13 - Whether you want to play high limits, chase a big progressive, hit some bonus rounds, or try for a royal flush on video poker, your chance to win awaits on one of the 1,200 slot machines and a variety of table games. You will receive \$10.00 cash and a \$10.00 food voucher when you arrive to the casino. Cost: \$20.00 includes transportation. Bus departs at 8:00 a.m. and will return at 4:00 p.m. Deadline: June 2nd.

QUALITY HILL PLAYHOUSE "YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME" - THURSDAY, JUNE 15 - This show is a celebration of Carol King and James Taylor. Lunch is included before the show at Garozos. Cost: \$75.00 includes transportation, lunch and show. Bus departs at 10:45 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:00 p.m. Deadline: May 17th.

WESTON'S SILK & WHISKEY - FRIDAY, JUNE 23 - Weston, Missouri is home to the National Silk art Museum. On exhibit on a rotating basis are over 500 masterworks of French and English silk tapestries from the 15th through the 20th century. This is the most extensive exhibition of woven silk tapestry in the world! You will enjoy a tour at Holiday Distillery. The Holladay Distillery offers the unique opportunity to explore over 160 years of history and witness Real Missouri Bourbon being made. You'll peer into the limestone spring first discovered by Lewis and Clark in 1804. You'll step inside the stillhouse that dates back to the mid-1800s when Ben Holladay first started using limestone water to make bourbon and you'll walk among the aging barrels that are stacked in our bonded rickhouses. Missouri Whiskey tastings included! You can't leave Weston without some shopping time, we'll include it! Lunch is included in Weston! Cost: \$95.00 includes transportation, tours and lunch. Bus departs at 9:15 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:30 p.m. Deadline: June 9th.

ARROW ROCK LYCEUM THEATRE "BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROL KING MUSICAL" - FRIDAY, JULY 7 - This is one woman's remarkable journey from teenage songwriter to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. From the string of pop classics she wrote for the biggest acts in music to her own life-changing, chart-busting success, *Beautiful* takes you back to where it all began. Featuring over two dozen pop classics, including "You've Got a Friend," "One Fine Day," "Up on the Roof," "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling," "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," and "Natural Woman," this crowd-pleasing international phenomenon is filled with the songs you remember. You will enjoy lunch before the show at J. Huston Tavern. Cost: \$155.00 includes motorcoach transportation, lunch and show. Motorcoach departs at 9:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 6:30 p.m. Registration deadline: June 7th.

STARLIGHT THEATRE "LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL" - TUESDAY, JULY 11 - A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, *Legally Blonde The Musical* follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances - this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal! Starlight Theatre is Kansas City's premier outdoor theatre and is one of two self-producing outdoor theatres in the U.S. Cost: \$84.00 includes transportation and plaza seating. Bus departs at 6:30 p.m. and will return at approximately 11:00 p.m. Registration deadline: June 16th.

OVERNIGHT & EXTENDED TOURS

MISSOURI MYSTERY TRIP - JUNE 1-3, 2023 - You will travel on five different modes of transportation, learn some interesting history and go to the only one of its kind in the world! There are walking tours and stairs on this trip. Cost: \$695 includes motorcoach transportation, hotel, tours and driver gratuity. Single occupancy add \$160. Registration deadline: April 21st.

ADVENTURES IN KANSAS - AUGUST 2-4 - The experiences on this exciting trip are historical, ethnic, interesting and adventurous! In Hutchinson, Kansas you will visit the The Kansas Underground Salt Museum which is located 650 feet below Hutchinson in a working salt mine. The museum is located within one of the world's largest deposits of rock salt. Also in Hutchinson is the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center where you will take a journey through the history of space travel. You will visit Lindsborg, Kansas, where Swedes of the community preserve the Swedish ancestry and culture. Concordia, Kansas is home to the Orphan Train Museum, and Camp Concordia, a WWII POW internment camp for German POWs from May 1, 1943 through November 8, 1945. At its height, the camp held over 4,000 Germans. Cost: \$615 includes motorcoach transportation, hotel accommodations, tours, 7 meals, and driver's gratuity. Reservation deadline: May 25.

YELLOWSTONE AND THE WILD WEST - AUGUST 11-17, 2023 - On this exciting trip you will explore the world's first national park established in 1872. You will embark on a Wildlife Safari and Yellowstone National Park Tour for the best opportunity to view some of the park's array of wildlife, hot springs, waterfalls, geysers and forests.

Yellowstone - Old Faithful will be a highlight on this day. Other highlights include a tour of Salt Lake City, the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, Jackson, Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park a Snake River Float, Park City, Utah, and much more! *Cost: \$3625 includes roundtrip air, hotel accommodations, tours and nine meals. Single occupancy add \$1175. A \$300 deposit is due to hold space Final payment is due May 28th.*

DISCOVER SCOTLAND – SEPTEMBER 10-19, 2023 - From the vibrant, bustling cities to the rolling hills and sparkling lochs of the jaw-dropping scenic landscapes, there's plenty of treasures to discover in Scotland. Highlights include the Victorian city of Glasgow, Loch Lomond, whisky distilleries, Isle of Skye, Armadale Castle, Loch Ness, Orkney Islands, Dunrobin Castle, Sheepdog Demonstration, Edinburgh Castle, and a Scottish Cooking Experience. *Cost: \$4915 includes roundtrip air, hotel accommodations, tours and 14 meals. Single occupancy adds \$1200.*

SWITZERLAND & CHRISTMAS MARKETS ON THE RHINE - NOVEMBER 29, 2023 - *This trip is full. Call to be placed on the waitlist. We do get cancellations!* Enjoy this magical time of year as Europe's countries hold on to Old World holiday tradition and transform into fairy-tale Christmas settings. Locals and guests savor the tastes of chocolate covered Lebkuchen (gingerbread), sizzling grilled sausages and spiced hot "Gluehwein" (milled wine). People also delight in the festively decorated markets and shopping for ornaments, crafts, candles, nut-crackers, winter hats, roasted nuts and other traditional items. Cruise from Lucerne, Switzerland to Cologne, Germany on the Rhine River aboard the Amadeus Imperial. This 168-passenger ship launched in 2020 and features all the amenities of a floating 5-star hotel. *Cost starts at \$4195 and includes air, hotel accommodations, River Cruise, tours, and 18 meals. A deposit of \$500 will hold space. Optional travel insurance is an additional \$495 and is due with deposit.*

BRANSON COUNTRY CHRISTMAS – NOVEMBER 14-16, 2023 - Our annual trip to Branson features the Showboat Branson Belle, Queen Esther at the Sight and Sound Theatre, The Dutton's, the Doug Gabriel Christmas Show, and a Christmas light show at The Top of the Rock. *Cost: \$655 includes motorcoach transportation, hotel accommodations, tours, 4 meals, and driver's gratuity. Single occupancy add \$115, Reservation deadline: October 6th.*

NORMANDY, PARIS & THE SEINE RIVER CRUISE – APRIL 16, 2024 – This exciting 9-day trip features 7 nights aboard the Amadeus Diamond. Highlights include a Paris City Tour, full day historic Normandy Tour with WWII D-day landing beaches included, Omaha, Colleville Cemetery and WWII Museum, Auvers-sur-Oise tour with Chateau D-Auvers Museum, Rouen Walking Tour, Etretat Tour (Normandy Coast and Village), Paris extended Port stay. Cost starts at \$5515.00. Book early to get the cabin category that you want! *Join us for a trip presentation on Thursday, April 6th at 4:30 p.m. at the Gladstone Community Center. Please RSVP at 816-423-4086.*

50+ ACTIVITIES

LINE DANCE CLASS

Join us for Line Dance! Fun, good exercise and you don't need a partner!

Gladstone Community Center
1:00—1:45 pm
\$5.00 per class

April 3	May 1	June 5
April 10	May 8	June 12
April 17	May 15	June 19
April 24	May 22	June 26

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

These classes take place at the Gladstone Community Center. Clay County Residents over the age of 60 are eligible for up to \$30 per quarter to use towards classes.

ESTATE PLANNING

Tuesday, April 25 **or**
Wednesday, April 26
6:30pm-8:30pm
\$25.00

Deadline: April 21

MEDICARE MAYHEM

Tuesday, May 16
6:30pm-8:00pm
\$25.00

Deadline: May 12

BEGINNER QUILTING CLASS

Tuesdays, May 16 - May 10
6:00pm-8:30pm
\$75.00 (member)
\$80.00 (non-member)

Deadline: May 10

Participants must provide their own sewing machine and extension cord.

You may register on line for all the day trips and activities. Go to gladstonemo.activityreg.com.

CANCER ACTION WORKSHOP - This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 9 - noon at the Gladstone Community Center. Their main goal is to make bed pads for cancer patients. There are many jobs to do and they don't all involve sewing. Call 423-4086 for more information. Donations of clean cotton sheets are appreciated.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB - Do you play Bridge? If you're interested, have experience in playing, and enjoy making new friends, they would love to have you join them. They play at the Community Center on Monday mornings and there is no cost to you. If interested, Call Ron Guglielmino at 816-507-6165.

GLADSTONE SENIOR MEETINGS

Enjoy great entertainment and a pot luck lunch at the Gladstone Senior Meetings. This is a great way to socialize and meet new people and make new friends! 4th Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Register for day trips and activities on line at
www.gladstonemo.activityreg.com.

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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 lunch.

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

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

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

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

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

White Elephant Bingo: Meet at a different restaurant each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Bring 2 prizes worth \$1-\$2. 1st Wed-Pizza Street, 2nd Wed-Perkins, 3rd Wed-Pizza Ranch, 4th Wed-Olive Garden, 5th Wed-Perkins.

REGISTRATION

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

On-line - Go to www.gladstonemo.activityreg.com. **By Phone** - (816) 423-4086 or 423-4200 with Visa, MasterCard Or Discover. **In person** - at the Gladstone Community Center, 6901 N. Holmes. **By Mail** - Make checks payable to City of Gladstone and mail to 6901 N Holmes, Gladstone, MO 64118. **Cancellation Policy:** A full refund will be issued in the event of a trip cancellation due to insufficient enrollment. Refunds are available up to the registration deadline. If a refund check is required, a \$5 processing fee will be deducted. If participant desires, a credit will be issued for the entire amount for use in future programs. After registration deadline, a refund will be issued only if the participant can be replaced. Extended tour cancellation policy's may vary and are explained on the tour brochures. **Questions?? Call 816-423-4086 or 816-423-4200**