

Gladstone Parks & Recreation

GLADSTONE 50+NEWS

December & January

What you need to know:

- We are operating trips with a full bus.
- Face masks will be required on the bus at all times.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on the bus.
- Do not go on a trip or attend an event if you are sick or if you have been in contact with someone with Covid 19.

DAY TRIPS

All day trips depart from the parking lot on Campbell between 69th & 70th Street.

PRAIRIE BAND CASINO - THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 - Your chance to win awaits on one of the 1,200 slot machines and a variety of table games. When you arrive to the casino you will receive \$10.00 on your players club card to be used in the casino, and \$10.00 on your players club card to be used for lunch. You must have a valid government issued ID to get a players club card. Cost: \$18.00 includes transportation. The Gladstone bus will be used for this trip. Bus departs at 8:30 a.m. and will return at 3:30 p.m. Deadline: January 14th.

QUALITY HILL PLAYHOUSE "SOUL SISTERS - ARETHA, BILLIE, ELLA" - FEBRUARY 2 - Aretha Franklin, Billie Holiday, and Ella Fitzgerald earned their R-E-S-P-E-C-T through their powerhouse voices and dynamic personalities. With hits such as *God Bless the Child*, *Natural Woman* and *At Last*, these passionate voices became the epitome of R&B and Soul. This thrilling tribute to the sisters of soul features local voices that are sure to keep you on the edge of your seat with their powerful song stylings. Lunch is on your own at Parlor KC where you'll choose from seven food vendors. **Masks and proof of full vaccination are required for all patrons at Quality Hill Playhouse.** Cost: \$39.00 includes transportation and show. Bus departs at 11:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:00 p.m. Deadline: January 5th.

THE NEW THEATRE "DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER" - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 , WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 - This show stars Morgan Fairchild. Bernard is planning a romantic weekend with his chic mistress in his charming country farmhouse on Martha's Vineyard, while his wife, Jacqueline, is away. He has arranged for a Cordon Bleu cook to prepare gourmet delights, and has invited his best friend, Robert, along too to provide the alibi. What could possibly go wrong? Well.... suppose Robert turns up not realizing quite why he has been invited. Suppose Robert and Jacqueline are secret lovers, and consequently determined that Jacqueline will NOT leave for the weekend. Suppose the cook has to pretend to be the mistress and the mistress is unable to cook. Suppose everyone's alibi gets confused with everyone else's. Cost: \$49.00 includes transportation and dinner show. Bus departs at 11:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 5:00 p.m. Deadlines: January 7th, January 28th, and March 4th.

AUSCHWITZ NOT LONG AGO. NOT FAR AWAY. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - Union Station's "Auschwitz" exhibit is breaking records in Kansas City. With all the demand, Union Station said the exhibit is extending its stay through March 20, 2022. For the first time, 75 years after the liberation of Auschwitz, a touring exhibition dedicated to the historical significance of the camp is being presented to a U.S. audience. This groundbreaking exhibition brings together more than 700 original objects and 400 photographs from over 20 institutions and museums around the world. Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away. is the most comprehensive exhibition dedicated to the history of Auschwitz and its role in the Holocaust ever presented in North America. Cost: \$30.00 includes transportation and exhibit. Lunch is on your own at Union Station. Bus departs at 9:15 a.m. and will return at approximately 2:00 p.m. Registration deadline: January 13th.

GUITARS, STRINGS & OTHER THINGS - THURSDAY, MARCH 10 - Merriam, Kansas is filled with one of a kind attractions. You will visit Guitar Lamp where owner Dan will guide you on a tour of his shop where he crafts the famous "guitar lamp" featured on HGTV's I Want That, and found in celebrity rocker homes. K.C. Strings Violin Shop is nationally known for making beautiful stringed instruments sold worldwide and played in symphonies across the globe. Experience the magic that goes into making the world-famous Strawberry Hill Povitica while sampling various flavors of this delectable swirled dessert bread. Lunch is included at IKEA. Cost: \$35.00 includes transportation, tours and lunch. Bus departs at 8:30 a.m. and will return at 2:00 p.m. Registration deadline: February 18th.

QUALITY HILL PLAYHOUSE "BROADWAY BELTERS ETHEL, BERNADETTE, PATTI" - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 - These leading ladies of the Great White Way have captivated audiences for decades and are still doing so today. Join us as Quality Hill pays tribute to the best belters Broadway has ever boasted with *Everything's Coming up Roses*, *Wherever He Ain't* and *Before the Parade Passes By*. Lunch is on your own before the show at Crown Center. **Masks and proof of full vaccination are required for all patrons at Quality Hill Playhouse.** Cost: \$39.00 includes transportation and show. Bus departs at 10:45 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:00 p.m. Deadline: February 11th.

CHESTNUT FINE ARTS "THE WILD WOMEN OF WINEDALE" - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 - This comedy focuses on three women at crossroads in their lives—Virginia—Fanny and Willa and their frustratingly quirky sister-in-law Johnnie Faye. This feisty and fun-loving trio has supported and cheered one another through life's highs and lows through the years, including the early demise of two of their husbands, and they really need each other now. With equal doses of hilarity and heart, these extraordinary women come up with delightful and surprisingly unorthodox ways to clear the clutter from their lives, their homes and their relationships so they can move their lives forward. You will enjoy a delicious lunch at Stroud's in Overland Park before the show. Cost: \$65.00 includes transportation, show and lunch. Bus departs at 11:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 5:30 p.m. Registration deadline: February 18th.

ST JOSEPH'S HISTORIC HOMES - THURSDAY, MARCH 31 - St. Joseph is known for an extensive collection of beautiful mansions and historic buildings. You will visit the Albrecht Kemper Museum of Art which is the former home of Mr. and Mrs William Albrecht of the Big Chief tablets. The majestic Shakespeare Chateau was built in 1855 high atop a bluff looking down across the city and the Missouri River. It features 47 stained glass windows and is one of several mansions on what is known as "Millionaires Row". Tour historic Missouri Theatre, opened in 1927 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. You will have lunch at the JC Wyatt House, a unique 1891 historic home. Cost: \$67.00 includes transportation, lunch and tours. Bus departs at 9:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 5:00 p.m. Registration deadline: February 25th.

ARROW ROCK LYCEUM THEATRE "ELVIS THE MUSICAL" - FRIDAY, APRIL 1 - This musical follows the tender story of Elvis Presley in the early years of his career as he and Sam Phillips create the music that will forever change their lives. This new musical explores these pivotal moments through the perspectives of those who knew him best, spanning from his impoverished childhood in Tupelo, Mississippi to his triumphant 1968 "Comeback Special," and his ascent to be "The King." Elvis the Musical features over 40 Elvis hits and iconic songs including "That's All Right," "Blue Suede Shoes," "That's All Right Momma," "Shake, Rattle, and Roll," and "Heartbreak Hotel." This production contains adult language and situations. You will enjoy lunch before the show at J. Huston Tavern. Cost: \$130.00 includes motorcoach transportation, lunch and show. Bus departs at 9:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 6:30 p.m. Registration deadline: February 25th.

OVERNIGHT & EXTENDED TOURS

MUSIC CITIES - MARCH 21-26, 2022 - This Nashville and Memphis tour is the perfect vacation for music fans who want to see and experience America's musical heritage. You'll enjoy a 3-night stay in Memphis at the Guest House at Graceland, just steps away from the Graceland mansion, the private retreat of the King of Rock 'n Roll. At Graceland walk among some of Elvis' favorite automobiles, including his iconic Pink Cadillac, and step aboard Elvis' customized airplanes to see how he traveled in luxury. Memphis is the Home Of Blues, Soul And Rock 'n' Roll. You will visit Sun Studio, known worldwide as "The Birthplace of Rock'n'roll". It is the discovery location of musical legends and genres of the 50's from B.B. King and Elvis Presley to Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis. You will also enjoy visits to the National Civil Rights Museum, Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum, and Stax Records Museum and experience a guided tour of Memphis, the famed Peabody Duck March, and the original BB King's Blues Club. In Nashville you'll visit the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Ryman Auditorium, see Nashville on a guided tour, experience a dinner cruise on the General Jackson Showboat and enjoy reserved seats for a show at the Grand Ole Opry. Cost: \$1575 includes motorcoach transportation, hotels, tours, nine meals, and driver's gratuity. Single occupancy add \$450. A \$100 deposit will hold space.

PELLA TULIP FESTIVAL - MAY 5-6, 2022 - Day one you will travel to the Dutch community of Elkhorn, Iowa. You will enjoy a tour of the Danish Windmill built in 1848, tour the Danish Immigrant Museum and visit the largest Danish import shop in the United States. You will also tour the Bedstemor's Hus. This authentic Danish Grandmother's house has been restored to reflect the turn of the century when it was built. You will overnight in Altoona, Iowa.

PELLA TULIP FESTIVAL— The highlight of your trip will be the annual Pella Tulip Festival. Three days each spring, Pella becomes the Netherlands to Pella residents and visitors alike. Activities during the festival include: shop in the wonderful Dutch Bakeries and Meat markets, visit the Pella Historical Village and the Scholte House Museum, shop for one of a kind items at the Art & Craft Fair, take a tour of the authentic 1850's working windmill, and much more. That afternoon you will take your reserved seats for the parade, which begins with street scrubbers with their buckets of water and brooms cleaning the streets for the street dancers and many beautiful floats. Cost: \$385 includes motorcoach transportation, hotel accommodations, tours, two meals and driver's gratuity. Add \$80 for single occupancy. A \$50 deposit will hold space with final payment due March 27th.

ALASKA LAND & CRUISE - MAY 18-29, 2022 - Highlights of your land tour include a ride on the Sternwheeler Discovery in Fairbanks, two days at Denali National Park where you'll experience a Tundra Wilderness Tour allowing plenty of opportunity to look for Dall sheep, moose, caribou, wolves and grizzly bears. Ride the luxurious domed rail cars of the McKinley Explorer from Denali to Anchorage and experience another scenic rail journey from Anchorage to Whittier. Relax for 7-nights and enjoy the epic Alaskan scenery from aboard The Holland America Noordam. Cruise itinerary includes Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, and cruising the scenic Inside Passage. Cost: *Inside cabin - \$4651, Oceanview cabin - \$5184, Balcony cabin - \$5534. Cabin space is limited! Hold cabin space with a \$850 deposit. Final payment is due January 17, 2022.*

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY - JULY 12-20, 2022 Join us for a once in a decade performance to experience the world famous Oberammergau Passion Play. In 1633, the residents of Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany, vowed that if God spared them from the bubonic plague ravaging the region, they would produce a play thereafter for all time every 10 years depicting the life and death of Jesus. The villagers believed they had been spared and they kept their part of the vow when the play was first performed in 1634. This is truly a must see event! Additional highlights include a Munich City Tour, a Salzburg Walking Tour of Old Town, Mirabell Gardens, Mozart Square & the Dom Cathedral, a leisurely Danube cruise to see the picturesque sights in the Danube Valley before arriving in Vienna, a Vienna City Tour, and much more! Cost: \$5899 includes air, hotel accommodations, Passion Play, tours, cancellation waiver and 12 meals. Single add \$1550. An Optional 2-night Prague extension is available for an additional fee.

ATHENS AND THE GREEK ISLANDS - OCTOBER 4-12, 2022 - *Join us for a trip presentation on Tuesday, February 1st at 2:00 p.m. at the Gladstone Community Center. RSVP at 816-423-4086.* On this exciting trip you will spend three nights in Athens, two nights in Mykonos, and 2 nights in Santorini. In Athens you will enjoy an Athens City Tour featuring Syntagma Square, the Temple of Zeus and the Ancient Olympic Stadium. You will visit the Acropolis with its incredible Parthenon, and the New Acropolis Museum. You will also visit Plaka, the oldest part of the city. You will take a high speed ferry to the island of Mykonos where you will find galleries, sandy beaches and iconic landmarks including a row of 16th-century windmills which sit on a hill above Mykonos town. You will also take a ferry to Delos, known as the legendary birthplace of twin gods Artemis & Apollo. You will enjoy a tour and some free time while there. You will travel to Santorini, one of the most picturesque islands in the world, famous for its white-washed buildings and hilltop villages overlooking the Aegean Sea.

ATHENS AND THE GREEK ISLANDS - You will travel to Oia Village to explore and discover why it is one of the most photographed places in all of Greece. An optional three-night Delphi & Kalambaka post tour extension will be offered. *Cost: \$4379 includes air, hotel accommodations, tours, cancellation waiver and 10 meals. Single add \$975. A \$855 deposit will hold space.*

ADDITIONAL TRIPS IN 2022/2023

The trips listed below are still in the planning stages. We should have dates and pricing soon. The information will be emailed out in January and will be included in the next 50+ Newsletter.

SOUTH DAKOTA featuring Mount Rushmore & the Badlands - SEPTEMBER, 2022 - The Black Hills & Badlands of South Dakota from the four faces carved high on Mount Rushmore and the Cathedral Spires of Custer State Park to the otherworldly Badlands in the east to Devils Tower in the west – the Black Hills are home to many truly monumental places. Highlights include an exciting off-road Jeep Safari in Custer State Park, Badlands National Park, Devils Tower, Mount Rushmore, Deadwood, a western dinner show, Wall Drug Store, and Crazy Horse Monument.

NEW YORK CITY HOLIDAY – DECEMBER, 2022 - New York City is transformed into a winter wonderland during the holidays, from the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center to the Christmas window displays at Macy’s and Saks Fifth Avenue, there are endless Christmas sights to enjoy during the holiday season in New York City. Highlights include a guided tour offering an opportunity to see Manhattan’s many well known points of interests...Times Square, Rockefeller Center, Chinatown, Greenwich Village, Central Park, and famous landmarks like the Empire State Building and St. Patrick’s Cathedral. You will embark on a voyage to see “Lady Liberty” up close. Visit the new One World Observatory, see the 9/11 Memorial, and visit the 9/11 Memorial Museum. You will enjoy a Broadway show and a performance of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular featuring the world famous Rockettes.

HAWAIIAN ADVENTURE - FEBRUARY 2023 - Aloha! Your adventure in the sun-drenched Hawaiian Islands features three islands - Oahu: Visit Pearl Harbor and take a Navy launch out to the USS Arizona Memorial to pay tribute to the fallen heroes who lost their lives on December 7, 1941. Enjoy a Honolulu City Tour and visit Punchbowl Crater to take a drive through the National Cemetery of the Pacific, see the State Capitol, the Governor’s Mansion, China Town and view King Kamehameha’s statue. Hawaii (the Big Island): Visit Volcanoes National Park where you’ll see a real, smoking and steaming volcano as you look out across the Kilauea Caldera within which lies the Halemaumau Crater. You’ll visit the Jaggar Museum & Visitor Center to learn about the geology and history of the volcano. Walk through Thurston’s Lava Tube and see the Punaluu Black Sand Volcanic Beach. Maui: Visit majestic Mount Haleakala National Park and travel to the top of Haleakala, Maui’s massive dormant volcano. Visit Iao Valley where spectacular waterfalls and lush tropical foliage surround the Iao Needle, a rock formation rising over 2,000 feet from the valley floor. Explore the small town of Lahaina, the picturesque old whaling capital of the Pacific. You will have a free day on Maui to enjoy all of the sights. On your last night in Maui you will enjoy a Hawaiian Luau featuring traditional food, dancing and music.

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

Class is limited to 25 participants

December 13	February 7	March 7
December 20	February 14	March 14
January 10	February 21	March 28
January 17	February 28	
January 24		

Sweetheart Lunch

Thursday, February 10th
Gladstone Community Center
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.
\$15.00

Reservation deadline: February 4th

We would love for you to come to this lovely affair.

You will love the food and you will love the entertainment and you will love the company.

Your loving Gladstone Parks & Recreation Department will show you a lovely time so don't miss this sweet event!

AGING MASTERY PROGRAM

Fridays, January 21 thru March 25
10:00 - 11:30 am
Gladstone Community Center

Classes are Free for age 60+
Under 60: cost is \$39

The Aging Mastery Program (AMP) helps older adults create their own personal pathway for aging. When you participate in AMP, you will learn the importance of small, consistent changes over time that lead to mastery of healthy habits. Get out, meet new people, hear expert community speakers, and get prizes. All materials are included.

Classes will be offered both in person and virtually via zoom. A 30-minute Zoom support session will be offered before the course begins to help you navigate the virtual platform. Registration is required for either mode of attendance.

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

Registration for extended tours can only be done in person or by phone.

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 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.

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 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

Lunch will be provided at the October, November and December meetings. Everyone is welcome!

REGISTRATION

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

By Phone - (816) 423-4086 or 423-4200 with Visa, MasterCard Or Discover. **In person** - at the Gladstone Community Center, 6901 N. Holmes. **On-line** - Go to www.gladstonemo.activityreg.com. **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 be different and are explained on the tour brochures. **Questions?? Call 816-423-4086 or 816-423-4200**