

Gladstone Parks & Recreation

GLADSTONE 50+NEWS

July - September 2026

DAY TRIPS

KC PARADE OF HEARTS & BBQ - WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 - Join us for a bus tour to view a variety of the 2026 collection. The Parade of hearts is a public art experience that celebrates our diversity, unites communities and supports nonprofits by placing beautifully designed hearts by local artists throughout the Kansas City region. Lunch will be included at Jack Stack Barbecue. Cost is \$52 and includes bus tour and lunch. Bus will depart at 9:30 am and return at approximately 2:30pm. Deadline: July 6.

COCKRELL MERCANTILE & GREENWOOD ANTIQUES & TEA ROOM - FRIDAY, AUGUST 14-

The main street strip of Greenwood, Missouri is home to seven antique and resale stores. The stores make up the "Greenwood Missouri Antique & Vintage District". Stores are in walking distance of each other and each store has its own style and ambiance, from very primitive to very vintage and everything in between. You will enjoy lunch at the Greenwood Country Tearoom located in the heart of the Greenwood Antique District. You will also have an opportunity to shop at Cockrell Mercantile with shops featuring colorful textiles and decor, delicious gourmet and old-recipe foods, tasteful gifts, baking mixes, and kitchen gadgets galore! Cost: \$45.00 includes transportation and lunch. Bus departs at 9:30 a.m. and will return at 4p.m. Registration deadline: July 21.

LYCEUM THEATRE - "STEEL MAGNOLIAS" - TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

- Laughter and tears intertwine in a heartwarming celebration of friendship, resilience, and the strength of Southern Women. Set in a small-town beauty salon, Steel Magnolias invites you into the lives of six unforgettable women whose humor, warmth, and unshakable bond remind us that even in life's most difficult seasons, love and laughter will get us through. Before the show we will enjoy a fried chicken meal and dessert at J Houston Tavern. Cost: \$185 includes rented transportation, ticket to show and lunch. Bus departs at 9:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 6:00 p.m. Registration deadline: July 16.

JAMESPORT - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3- Your journey to Jamesport Missouri will include a stop at Grabbers Greenhouse as well as H&M Country Store where you will stock up on everything you might need: spices, noodles, variety of baking items, nuts, candies, cheeses, and much more, and there is also a bakery right next door! You will enjoy an Amish lunch at Gingerich Dutch Pantry and be given plenty of time to shop Jamesport's wonderful gift shops. Cost: \$95 includes rented transportation and lunch. Bus departs at 8:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:30 p.m. Registration deadline: August 3.

NEW THEATRE - "THE HALLELUJAH GIRLS" - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, OCTOBER 28, NOVEMBER 11 - When a circle of friends turn an abandoned church into a day spa, they discover that sometimes, laughter is the best medicine. This razor-sharp comedy is about second chances, bold choices, and refusing to fade quietly into the background. Richard Karn and his real-life wife, Tudi Roche, star in this delightful comedy. Cost: \$55 and includes lunch, show and transportation. Bus departs at 11:00am and will return at approximately 4:00pm. Registration deadline: September 13, September 27 and October 10.

TRIP PARKING

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

*Bus departs promptly at listed departure time.
Do not be late.*

2026 EXTENDED TOURS

MONTREAL & QUEBEC CITY CHRISTMAS - NOVEMBER 30—DECEMBER 5, 2026 - Highlights from this trip include a Montreal City tour, Via Rail Train (Montreal to Quebec), Quebec City Tour, Montmorency Falls, Old Quebec Christmas Market, Gilles Copper Museum, St Anne de Beaupre Shrine, and a Sugar Shake Demonstration. Cost \$4,205 and includes round trip airfare, 7 meals, admissions per itinerary, comprehensive sightseeing, and accommodations at two first class hotels. Single occupancy add \$1,100. \$400 deposit will hold your spot. *Activity Level 3*

2026 OVERNIGHT TOURS

BRANSON COUNTRY CHRISTMAS - NOVEMBER 17-19, 2026 - Join us for our annual Christmas visit to Branson! Shows that we will be seeing include: Rick McEwen Presents: The Gambler with songs and memories of Kenny Rogers, Texas Tenors featuring a unique blend of country, gospel and classical music to the Christmas season, Christmas Wonderland a show full of festive cheer with all your favorite holiday songs, Clay Coopers Country Express - Bransons King of Country and we will end the trip with a meet and greet lunch and a show with Cassandre ~ Voice of an Angel. Cost: \$820 includes motorcoach transportation, hotel accommodation at the new Element Hotel, show admissions, 5 meals and drivers gratuity. Single occupancy add \$170. \$50 deposit due to hold a spot. Registration deadline and final payment due: October 2.

2027 EXTENDED TOURS

BEST OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND - FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 10, 2027 - A once in a lifetime trip! During this 17-day tour you will see the best of Australia and New Zealand. Highlights include 3 nights in Cairns, Catamaran Cruise to the Great Barrier Reef, 3 night stay in Sydney, Sydney Opera House, Harbor dinner cruise, 2 nights in Melbourne with a city tour featuring Fitzroy Gardens, The Shrine of Remembrance and the Parliament House. Next you will venture to New Zealand for 3 nights stay in Queenstown, situated on the shores of the South Island's Lake Wakatipu, set against the dramatic Southern Alps. While in Queenstown you will enjoy a Milford Sound Luncheon Cruise for breathtaking Scenery and commentary on the natural history of the Sound. The next stop on the tour is Rotorua where you will spend two nights. Here you will experience a Thermal Reserve, Maori Cultural Performance & Feast and a visit to the National Kiwi Hatchery. Your last full day will be spent in Auckland. While enroute to Auckland you will get to experience the real Middle-Earth with a visit to the Hobbiton movie set in the heart of the Waikato region. Cost: \$10,915 includes round trip airfare, 4 inner tour flights, 14 nights of hotel accommodation, 24 meals, tour director, motorcoach transportation during tours and baggage handling at hotels. Single Occupancy add \$2,000. \$600 deposit will hold your spot. Activity Level 4

HIGHLIGHTS OF ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & WALES - APRIL 21-29, 2027 - This trip begins in Edinburgh with a city tour, a visit to The famous Edinburgh Castle, a Scotch Whiskey experience and then time to explore the city on your own. The next stop is York, a destination that is rich in Roman, Saxon and Viking history. Visit the York Minister, on the finest medieval cathedrals in all of Europe. As you continue south to Bristol, you will visit Anne Hathaway's Cottage and Shakespeare's birthplace. During your two night stay in Bristol you will enjoy a Cardiff City tour to see the National Museum and Gallery, Millennium Stadium, Cardiff Bay and Cardiff Castle. On your way to London you will visit the Roman Baths Museum, as well as a stop at Stonehenge - the best known and most studied megalithic structure in the world. The final days of the trip will be spent in London. Enjoy a city tour to see famous landmarks such as Kensington Palace, the Tower of London, Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square, the Houses of Parliament 7, Big Ben beside the River Thames. Also, see Westminster Abbey and the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. Cost: \$5,308 and includes round trip flight, hotel accommodations, 10 meals, motorcoach transportation during trip, Sightseeing and admissions per itinerary and baggage handling at hotel. Single occupancy add \$1,250. \$600 deposit will hold your spot. Activity Level 4

Tour Activity Level

(Easy) 1 2 3 4 (Active)

Extended Trips have been given a tour activity level.
Please keep this in mind when registering for a trip.

NEW YORK CITY & THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY - MAY 28 - JUNE 3, 2027 - Highlights from this 7 day adventure include 3 nights in Manhattan, New York City Tour, Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island, 9/11 Memorial, Broadway Show, One World Trade Center Observation Deck, Rockefeller Center, Time Square & Central Park, West Point Tour, New Paltz & Historic Huguenot Street, Hyde Park—FDR Historic Site, Maple Syrup Farm, Boscobel House & Gardens, Hudson River Cruise, Kingston and Hudson River Valley. Cost: \$4,990 and includes round trip flight, hotel accommodations, 8 meals, motorcoach transportation during trip, sightseeing and admissions per itinerary and baggage handling at hotel. Single occupancy add \$1,700. \$400 deposit will hold your spot. Activity Level 3

ALASKA: CALL OF THE WILD - JULY 15 - 21, 2027 - A 7 day land journey featuring Anchorage, Denali National Park, Kenai Fjords National Park & Seward. Highlights of this trip includes overnights in Anchorage, Denali and Seward. On your first full day in Alaska you will board a deluxe dome rail-car for a full day of scenic rail journey to Denali National Park. While in Denali you will travel deep into Denali National Park on a tundra wilderness tour. On your journey to Seward you will visit a local farm in the Matanuska Susitna Valley. While in Seward you will also enjoy a Glacier and Wildlife Cruise and travel through the majestic Kenai Fjords National Park. Whether you are traveling by train, boat or bus you will get to view some of the most breathtaking sites Alaska has to offer. Cost: \$6,651 and includes round trip flight, hotel accommodations, 10 meals, motorcoach transportation during trip. Domed Raily Journey from Anchorage to Denali, Sightseeing and admissions per itinerary and baggage handling at hotel. Single occupancy add \$1,500. \$600 deposit will hold your spot. Activity Level 3

WEST VIRGINIA RAILS & TRAILS - SEPTEMBER 23-30, 2027 - Begin your 8 day trip with a Washington D.C. Twilight Illumination Tour of the famous monuments including those dedicated to Lincoln, Jefferson & Washington. Other highlights include 2 train experiences (Potomac Scenic Eagle Railroad and New Tygart Flyer Train) West Virginia Rail Museum, The Greenbrier Resort, Bunker Tour at the Greenbrier, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, Jamestown Settlement, Yorktown Battlefield, American Revolution Museum at Yorktown and Colonial Williamsburg. Cost: \$4,624 and includes round trip flight, hotel accommodations, 12 meals, motorcoach transportation during trip. Sightseeing and admissions per itinerary and baggage handling at hotel. Single occupancy add \$1,050. \$400 deposit will hold your spot. Activity Level 3

For more information on any program, contact:

Liz Soria
Coordinator 50+ Program
816-423-4086

VIENNA & CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF THE DANUBE - DECEMBER 4-12, 2027 - This 9 day trip includes 1 night in a hotel and 6 nights aboard the Amadeus Imperial. Highlights of this river cruise include 6 included excursions, Vienna Christmas Markets, Vienna city tour and leisure time, Nuremberg City tour and Christmas Market, Bratislava walking tour and Christmas Market, Regensburg walking tour and Christmas Market, Melk Abby and Gluehwein tasting. Cost starts at \$5,444 and goes up depending on room level you choose. See full brochure for room options and cost of single occupancy. Trip cost includes round trip airfare, 18 meals, baggage handling at hotel and ship, international air taxes, fuel and port charges. \$600 deposit will hold your spot. *Activity Level 3.*

Drawing Classes

Thursdays, September 3-24

Cost: \$80

Drawing for Beginners (9:30am-12:00pm) Join us as you learn how to draw in vivid Color and Graphite Pencil! Learn how to manipulate drawing tools along with a variety of techniques, terminology and great tips! In this class we draw from photographs of your choice and still life's.

Drawing in Watercolor Pencil (1:00-3:30pm) Watercolor pencils are a versatile medium which combines Color Pencil and Watercolor! In this course learn how to manipulate these pencils with techniques like shading, blending, wet on wet, dry on wet, highlights, water reflections, clouds and much more! Students should have some knowledge of drawing or some type of art from the past.

Supply lists will be emailed from the instructor.

Parks Recreation & Cultural Arts

Freedom Fest

4th of July at Happy Rock Park
Full day of Live Music & Entertainment
for more information visit:
www.gladstonefreedomfest.com

Atkins Johnson Farm

Upcoming Events at the Farm:

Sunflower Field Festival 7/15
Pickin' On The Front Porch 9/5
Big Shoal Country Fair 9/26

Next Exhibit Runs July 8- October 3

Lace, Laugh, Love: Wedding History in Missouri

For additional information:

www.atkinsjohnsonfarm.com or 816-453-3276

RED, WHITE & BINGO!

Wednesday, July 1
2:00-3:30 p.m.

Gladstone Community Center

\$10.00 (3 cards per person)

Bingo cards must be purchased in advance and will be given to you on Bingo day.

Prizes will be provided!

Registration Deadline: June 23




Summer Extravaganza


Wednesday, August 12
11:30am
\$15
Registration Deadline: August 3
Come enjoy lunch & entertainment!
Doors open at 11:20am

LINE DANCE CLASS

Join us for Line Dance!
Fun, good exercise and no experience or dance partner needed!

Gladstone Community Center
1:00 - 2:00 pm
\$5.00 per class

July 6	August 3	September 14
July 13	August 10	September 21
July 20	August 17	September 28
July 27	August 24	
	August 31	

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 816-423-4086 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.

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.

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 Captain D's, 4th Wed-Olive Garden, 5th Wed-Captain D's..

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**