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### City Manager – Darla Falcon

Earlier this month Tom White & I attended the WPPI regional meeting in Norway. With WPPI main office in Sun Prairie, WI it was nice to put a face with the people we talk to on the phone. One item discussed was the Smart Metering concept. This is advanced technology that the generation Y customers will push us to have some time in the near future. This meter will send reads to the utility and back to the customer simultaneously in real time. This technology, however, also requires a large volume of storage of information that will probably not be stored here in Gladstone.

June 9<sup>th</sup> Sherry Hall from MCTWF was in Gladstone to offer information to our benefits committee and then she addressed all employees at a lunch setting. With questions like “How will National Health Care affect us?” there are a lot of unknown’s at this time. At this point it’s just information to think about.

Our annual Crazy Daze went well this year with a moderate flow of people through out the day.

Nicole, Jon, Joe and I met with community individuals regarding shared services in regards to recreation. This is just preliminary talk at this point and a few good suggestions were made. The more budget challenges we face the more we might have to look at some of these suggestions.

Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> I spent the day at Bay College with MEDC and DNRE folks from Lansing who presented Brownfield Redevelopment funding sources. Gladstone has a few sites that Brownfield money could be used to clean up and/or demolish. There are all kinds of possibilities, however, the city would have to have staff dedicated to tackle projects that involve Brownfield funding sources.

I met with John D’Addona from ECT who is a consultant for the Delta County Brownfield Authority. ECT has completed Phase I and is completing Phase II sampling at the former Johnson Brothers Gas station at 821 Montana Ave. We should have the completed Phase II report in a few weeks. The next step ECT will help us with is the Due Care Plan. This will help the city decide what the next step will be for this site.

We are wrapping up the last bit of details for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We have a full day of events scheduled for everyone to enjoy. The day will start off with the parade at 11 am with Dorothy Nichols as the Grand Marshall, followed by food, games and music in the park. Just before noon we should see the flyover by Lt Gregg Blount and Captain Joe Shetterly. This year we have a few new food vendors, inflatables for the kids and a mechanical bull ride; dunk tank, and music by the Escanaba German Band, Remnants Barbershop Chorus, Derrel Syria and Feedback. We have the Skate Jam competition and a kid’s fishpond. The evening will end with the fireworks display at dusk.

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### **City Clerk – Kim Fudala**

July 6, 2010 is the last day to register for the August 3, 2010 Primary Election. Absent Voter Ballots are available by contacting me (428-2311) or stop by City Hall Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. I will be working Saturday, July 31, 2010 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. If you are interested in being placed on the permanent absent voter application list please contact me; this will allow me to automatically send you an application for each election.

I am in need of election workers if you are interested please contact me. Training for all new and recertification will be held in July 28, 2010, the County Clerk conducts this training. I will also be holding a training the same day for the Electronic Poll Book which will be used in both precincts of the City beginning with the August Primary.

Just a reminder with the upcoming election that political signs are allowed to be placed in the property owner's yard not in the boulevards or any other public space including highway medians and telephone poles. This is also true for garage sale signs and special events/notices. All signs must be removed immediately after the event.

### **Wastewater Department – Eric Buckman**

The North train of discs is back on line and running. Northern Machine from Escanaba repaired the old shaft and installed the new bearing. The plant smelled a little more “organic” than usual during the shutdown because of the bacteria die off. It is good to do this occasionally to lighten the load on the media and to reduce the stress on the shafts. Rob Wolfe our new DNRE Biosolids Engineer stopped in for a plant visit earlier this month. He went through our hauling logs, yearly reports, lab analysis results, and our existing Residuals Management Program (RMP). We will need to renew our RMP in the near future as part of our NPDES Discharge Permit renewal.

I finally completed our National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit renewal and the paperwork has been sent to Lansing.

The Harbor Point Lift Station installation is complete and the station is up and running. WWTP Operators Rodney Monroe and Jason Swanson completed the pump and float installation last week. It should be good to go for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

We have been hauling and spraying Biosolids at our Perkins Property as time permits.

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### **Water Department – Eric Buckman**

We officially received notification that we are receiving \$18,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Community Health for updating our fluoride feed equipment. Rob Spreitzer has been busy sending out material bids and working with DNRE on a construction permit.

The EPA/DNRE Stage 2 Initial Distribution System Evaluation Report was completed this morning and sent down to Lansing. The next round of sampling will begin in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2013 so we have three years to make any needed changes at the plant.

The 2009 Consumer Confidence Report was in the Action News Saturday 5/29/10. Copies of the report and the annual certification were sent in to DNRE and the County Health Department.

The water service to the Harbor Point Building has been pressure tested and flushed out. We have been busy this month turning on irrigation accounts and changing out meters.

### **Public Safety – Director Paul Geyer**

The Public Safety Department responded to 263 calls for service since the last newsletter in May. Five arrests and 31 citations were issued.

Officers and Volunteers responded to a vehicle fire on May 24<sup>th</sup> at the National Guard Armory. The pickup truck involved in the fire was heavily damaged but no other vehicles were involved. A minor injury was sustained by one of the responding officers but no work time was lost. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, our department was able to assist in escorting several tour buses of National Guard Troops returning home through town on their way to Camp Grayling. It was an honor to be able to assist them in their return home. A group of children from Camp Harstad was able to come to the Public Safety Facility on May 10<sup>th</sup> and was given a tour of the building and got to see the fire trucks and patrol cars.

On June 21, our department responded to a fatal traffic accident that occurred off of Tipperary Road near the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. West. A 16 year old Gladstone resident was killed in the single vehicle crash that took place at apx. 3:30am. The investigation is continuing into the accident. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of the young man.

Summer seems to be in full swing which is great to see. Public Safety would like to remind everyone to drive safely as more and more children are out and about in various areas of town.

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### Parks & Recreation – Nicole Sanderson

#### Events

The City of Gladstone is happy to announce that we will be having our Summer Concerts in the Park once again this year. Concerts will be held on Thursday's beginning on June 17. Concerts are from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Concerts are held in front of the beach house in Van Cleve Park. Concerts are free to the public, so bring down those lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the music.

June 17	Derrell Syria	Rearranged cover tunes & Reggae music
June 24	Dan Flesher	Celctic, Western Swing, Blues and Classic Country
July 1	Hozz	Variety of acoustic music from the 60's through the 90's
July 8	John Roman	Country and Classic Rock
July 15	Manic	Classic Rock 70's, 80's & 90's
July 22	Jam Band	Classic Rock
July 29	Jeff Nelson Trio	Accoustic 60's Folk, Blue Grass and old show tunes



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### **Gladstone 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade to be supported by a Heritage Flight Brought to You by the Gladstone Lions**

The U.S. Air Force Heritage Flight (HF) Program presents the evolution of USAF air power by flying today's state-of-the-art fighter aircraft in close formation with vintage fighter aircraft. An HF performance involves a current USAF fighter piloted by an Air Combat Command single-ship demonstration team pilot and flown with a historical war bird piloted by a trained and certified civilian HF pilot. The program includes eight active duty pilots (six demo team pilots and two QF-4 pilots) along with nine civilians. The HF formations of modern fighters flying with World War II, Korean and Vietnam era fighters such as the P-51 Mustang and F-86 Sabre, dramatically display our U.S. Air Force air power history and proudly support our Air Force's recruiting and retention efforts.



The Heritage Flight will showcase the F4 Phantom alongside the A10 Thunderbolt. Lt. Colonel Gregory D. Blount "Bluto" will pilot the F4 Phantom. Lt. Colonel Blount is the Director of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Aerial Targets Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, FL. The unit is a squadron in the 53d Weapons Evaluation Group, located at Tyndall Air Force Base, FL. Which is a subordinate unit of the 53d Wing located at Elgin Air Force Base, FL. Colonel Blount is responsible for providing safe, effective and efficient aerial target support for DoD and FMS weapons test and evaluation programs. Lt. Colonel Blount was born in Three Rivers, Michigan in 1969 and was raised near Munising, MI. until graduating from Big Bay de Noc High School in 1987. Lt. Colonel Blount arrived at Tyndall in 2008. He is a QF-4 Instructor Pilot and Standardization and Evaluation Flight Examiner. He deployed in 2009 in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Lt. Colonel Blount is a Senior Pilot with over 2000 hours in the T-37, T-38, F-16 and F-4. His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Lt.

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Colonel Blount is married to the former Donna Marchese of Broomall, PA and has two daughters, Emily and Molly.



Captain Joe Shetterly will pilot the A10. Capt. Shetterly is Air Combat Command's A-10 West Coast Demonstration Team Pilot and Officer in Charge of the A-10 Demonstration Team. As the Demonstration pilot, he is responsible for showcasing America's A-10 to over seven million people at over 65 shows around the world. He is currently assigned as an A-10c Multi-Ship Flight Lead with the 354<sup>th</sup> FS, 355<sup>th</sup> Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona. Capt. Shetterly was born December 20, 1978 in Lansing, MI. He graduated from Olathe North High School in Olathe, Kansas in 1997. In 2002 he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Kansas, Lawrence Kansas and in 2009 he earned his Master of Aeronautical Science Degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. His major awards and decorations include, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, AF Outstanding Unit Award with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, AF Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border, AF Longevity Service, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol), Army Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Badge (Rifle) and Air Force and Army Training Ribbons.

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### Campground

Surveys are going out with all campers. It is interesting to see where people are visiting from and how they feel about the facility. I cannot say enough good things about Jay, Roger and Bob. They really do create a great atmosphere. My family and I are looking forward to our camping weekend there.

### Harbor

WEEDS! WEEDS! WEEDS go away... We typically treat the harbor two weeks before the 4th of July; however this year the early spring caused rapid weed growth. We tried to get the treatment done earlier however a snag in the permit process is holding us up. We are told a permit will be granted on the 29th of June and we intend to treat on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Until then we will be pulling the weeds out by the truck load.

### Harbor Point Project

The final touches are being done at the "point" and the restroom/fish cleaning station will be open by next weekend if everything goes as planned. The light at the lighthouse is temporarily working; however this light will be changed when the specific part arrives from back order.

### Administration

The Recreation Board has been working hard on prioritizing and evaluating all programs, facilities and events that are run through the Parks & Recreation Department. It has been past practice to go through this process to a certain extent every five years. With

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economic times being strongly felt we are being specific and hope to have a document that will outline each area. We feel this document will be helpful to both the Commission and general public.



### **Department of Public Works – Barry Lund**

The Harbor Point Project is almost complete for the DPW crew. Dave and James did the painting of the stalls, lines and stenciled the parking lot. The parking lot really looks finished now. It is amazing how a few painted lines can really make the parking lot seem so different. Hopefully we don't get too many people driving over the yellow line and trying to drive out to the Fishing Pier. We have to add a bit more topsoil, seed and then replace a few of the posts to finish up the Harbor Point Project. With the Lighthouse and the Fishing Pier, once the grass comes in it will be one of the more scenic views on Little Bay De Noc.

We are finishing off our traffic line painting on the bluff, as weather permits. We are scheduled to start painting lines, curbs and parking stalls downtown on Monday June 28th.

We have about 80% of the sidewalk done on the Minneapolis Ave. to Lowrie St. Sidewalk Project. There are two segments left to install, one is in front of Lamar Inc. and the other segment is from the BP gas station to Happy Rock Shell. Once these segments are done the sidewalk will reach all the way from the Gladstone Field House (on Minneapolis Ave and 18<sup>th</sup>) all the way to the intersection at South Hill Road and US2/41. This new sidewalk is a much safer than walking in the street on Minneapolis Ave. and Lowrie St. This project is being funded by the Gladstone DDA (\$20,000) and a grant from the Delta Menominee District Health Department (\$20,000).

The DPW Crew has finished cutting grass alongside the Major and Local streets and should be starting on cutting grass along US2/41 and M35 highways on June 23rd.

### **Electric Department – Tom White**

The linemen have been quite busy trimming trees both in the boulevards and in utility easements. Major cleaning of utility easements was done in the Westridge and Grand View Estates Subdivisions. Well over a half mile was cleared.

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Darla and I attended an annual regional meeting in Norway with WPPI members. Main items discussed were Smart Metering and Customers Information Systems. These are new issues currently on the horizon in the electric utility business.

Patti has been very busy working with delinquent customers and setting up payment plans. We are now being much more consistent and more proactive with our delinquent customers. Overall, the results are positive. Cash flow is improving and many customers are appreciative of having the ability to have a payment plan.

WPPI has taken the initial steps to get the wholesale revenue metering at the North Bluff Substation transferred to WPPI. UPPCO presently owns and operates the metering equipment. I am currently working with WPPI on the issues of metering asset transfer. This is in preparation for the City going totally to the WPPI system and eliminating the pass-through UPPCO/WPS contract.

For years, I've been trying to get ATC to pay for the electric utilities needed to operate the substation control building and other devices in the substation. I disagreed with ATC's position that the utilities need to be absorbed by the City and considered as system losses. As it turns out, several other larger utilities have also pushed the same issue. Apparently, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission is agreeing with the utilities that ATC should be paying the cost of electricity for their substation operations. It looks as though we may be able to start invoicing ATC for the utilities rather than us paying for them. Related to this, the City has a common facility agreement with ATC. ATC reimburses us for their share of O&M and depreciated capital costs. This annual agreement update was recently completed.

## Meeting Schedule

### JULY

DATE	TIME	MEETING	LOCATION
7/6/2010	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting	City Hall Commission Chambers
7/7/2010	6:00 PM	Recreation Board Meeting	City Hall Commission Chambers
7/8/2010	7:00 PM	Community Development Mtg.	Gladstone Public Safety Conference Room
7/12/2010	7:00 PM	City Commission Meeting	City Hall Commission Chambers
7/13/2010	7:30 AM	DDA Regular Meeting	Electric Department Conference Room
	NOON	EDC Regular Meeting	Gladstone Public Safety Conference Room
7/26/2010	7:00 PM	City Commission Meeting	City Hall Commission Chambers

### AUGUST

DATE	TIME	MEETING	LOCATION
8/3/2010	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting	City Hall Commission Chambers

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8/4/2010	6:00 PM	Recreation Board Meeting	City Hall Commission Chambers
8/5/2010	7:00 PM	Community Development Mtg.	Gladstone Public Safety Conference Room
8/9/2010	7:00 PM	City Commission Meeting	City Hall Commission Chambers
8/10/2010	7:30 AM	DDA Regular Meeting	Electric Department Conference Room
	NOON	EDC Regular Meeting	Gladstone Public Safety Conference Room
8/23/2010	7:00 PM	City Commission Meeting	City Hall Commission Chambers