



Responding to Sheltering in Public Spaces

[Addressing homelessness](#) in Salem is a top priority for the community and the City Council. Here you will find updates on the efforts being made by the City, Salem Housing Authority, and our community partners. You can also explore the City's other [housing and shelter information](#).

March 25

Salem Outreach and Livability Services (SOS) Program

The **SoS Team and Salem Police Homelessness Services Team (HST)** completed a three-pronged effort at the shopping area on South Lancaster adjacent to Highway 22 last week. The first step was to work with property owners and provide outreach to the people camping in the parking lot. Some people relocated into a shelter. A family of five moved into a trailer park until more permanent housing is available through Marion County. A move-out day occurred last week after outreach measures were exhausted. HST will continue to coordinate with a private security contractor for the location to support the effort.

The SOS Team continues direct outreach to those living unsheltered, to share resources and alternative options to assist property owners with those who may be trespassing on private property, and to pick up trash where it can be easily accessed. Residents should see a focused response to conditions in the following areas:

- Pringle Creek near Commercial
- Fisher Road NE and Stortz Road NE
- Transit Center
- Lansing Park
- Private property next to Red Cross

Salem Housing Authority Outreach Navigators distributed orange garbage bags at Wallace Marine Park to promote cleanliness. The effort is a collaboration with the SoS Team, who will collect and remove the waste. Collaborative partnerships are the basis of our efforts in response to homelessness.

Expanding housing and shelter

- **Salem Housing Authority's Sequoia Crossings has leased 34 of its 60 housing units so far as the leasing effort continues.** Referrals for the property come from the local Coordinated Entry system.
- **Salem Navigation Center** continues its work to phase in more reduced-barrier shelter beds. The Salem Police Homeless Services Team is scheduled to be trained on how to use the 15 diversion beds set aside for police use.
- **Salem Housing Authority** was recognized by the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance as the first agency statewide to use resources from the Governor's Emergency Order to assist people with rapid rehousing. Their work continues to access housing for those who qualify.
- The **Safe Parking Network** partners with local communities to provide legal parking spaces on their property for those who are unsheltered to stay in their vehicle overnight. C@P's goal is to help transition those in our Safe Parking program to permanent housing as quickly as possible. Call 971-375-7491 or email safeparking@church-at-the-park.org.

Day center services

- [ARCHES](#) day center is open Wednesday through Sunday at 615 Commercial Street NE
- [HOAP](#) (Homeless Advocacy Outreach) at 694 Church Street NE is open during the day from Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed 1:00-2:00 p.m. Window Services 2:00-4:00 p.m. (**mail, hygiene items, bathrooms and other services**). Brunch: 10:30 a.m.-noon. On Mondays, brunch is only available to women and nonbinary folks. Mondays are women and nonbinary days from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- The ROCC (Recovery Outreach Community Center) offers activities and allows access to a microwave for snacks to eat there. ROCC is open Wednesday through Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Tuesday, noon to 5:00 p.m., at 1190 Broadway St. NE, and offers transportation to a church with showers on Tuesdays. <http://www.roccsalem.org/calendar>
- Kindness Closet is open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each Tuesday and offers ARCHES' shower truck, a hot meal, coffee, cold drinks, desserts, and a bag lunch to go. They are hosted by the Grace Community Church at 4105 Lancaster Dr. NE.
- The Oak Park Church of God hosts a wellness table each Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The table includes a meal, a partnership with the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency for a shower truck visit and other community partners. The location is 2990 Lancaster Dr. NE