



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](#).

April 8 From the Field

Recently, the Salem Police's **Homelessness Services Team (HST) and Community Action Unit (CAU)** helped a woman who was living in an unmanaged camp. She told the team she lost her job, resulting in the loss of her dwelling. She had limited English speaking skills and was unaware of Salem's outreach resources. HST and CAU collaborated with ARCHES and were able to provide a spot in the Navigation Center.

Salem Outreach and Livability Services (SoS) Program

The SoS Team focused significant attention around Wallace Marine Park and McKay Park last week. This week, residents should see a focused response to conditions in the following areas:

- Wallace Marine Park
- Hawthorne & Market SE
- Commercial Street SE near Walmart
- Kuebler Boulevard

The SoS Team provides 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. Each month, the SoS Team removes on average 23 tons of trash around the community.

Expanding Housing and Shelter

- **COMING SOON:** Salem Housing Authority will be accepting applications for multiple waiting lists. Lists open on April 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. and close on May 19, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

- Salem Housing Authority's Sequoia Crossings leasing efforts continue. Referrals for the property come from the local Coordinated Entry system.
- 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 Outreach & Advocacy Project) at 694 Church Street NE is open during the day 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

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