



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](#).

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Indian School Road Sees Major Clean-up

Privately funded cleaners removed more than 800 yards of trash from private property on Indian School road last week. Salem Police's Homeless Support Team (HST) had success in placing some people at the Navigation Center who were interested in ending their homelessness.

Opioid Funds Will Help in Homeless Response

Recognizing the connection between substance use and homelessness, a portion of Salem's settlement money from opioid legal cases will help fund homelessness response. Efforts will start with the hiring of two special projects outreach coordinators for a year to substance-impacted people experiencing homelessness. Additional funding will focus on wellness efforts for first responders who work with substance-impacted people

In addition, City staff recommend that additional opioid settlement funding be used to continue two Homeless Services Team police officer positions through Fiscal Year 2030.

Salem Outreach and Livability Services (SoS)

The SoS Team addressed areas this past week next to Pringle Creek and Fire Station 1, as well as cleared sidewalks and other rights-of-way. This week's efforts will focus on:

- Coral/Lancaster/Sunnyview area of NE Salem
- Cascades Gateway Park
- Wallace Marine Park
- Downtown

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.

Needs

Local food banks report more than a 20% reduction in donations while inflation is driving up the costs of food. You can be part of a solution in our community by donating to Marion and Polk County Food Share. Your donations will help our neighbors transitioning from shelters to their new, permanent, affordable homes. For some, leaving shelter also means they are leaving two or more prepared meals a day. Your donations to help build food security in our community will help our neighbors as they settle into their new homes.

Interested in volunteering? Here's a list of [organizations working on homelessness](#) who may need volunteers.

[Learn how to give to Marion Polk Food Share](#)

Expanding Housing and Shelter

- The **Navigation Center** sheltered 82 people during the past three months, according to their quarterly report. In addition, 13 people were able to exit to positive destinations during the quarter, most with the help of Rapid Rehousing funding provided through the governor's Emergency Order. This experience shows the effectiveness of pairing the Navigation Center with Rapid Rehousing funds to help people who will have an ongoing need for rent assistance. Another four people who were unemployed obtained employment.
- **Sequoia Crossings** permanent supportive housing in NE Salem is now full and home to 60 households, many of them with two or more residents.
- 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 peer support, resource navigation, Oregon Health Plan assistance, group activities, soup, coffee, computers, transportation to and from showers on Wednesday, and outreach. 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. <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.