

Oregon City Homeless Population Crime Analysis and Outreach

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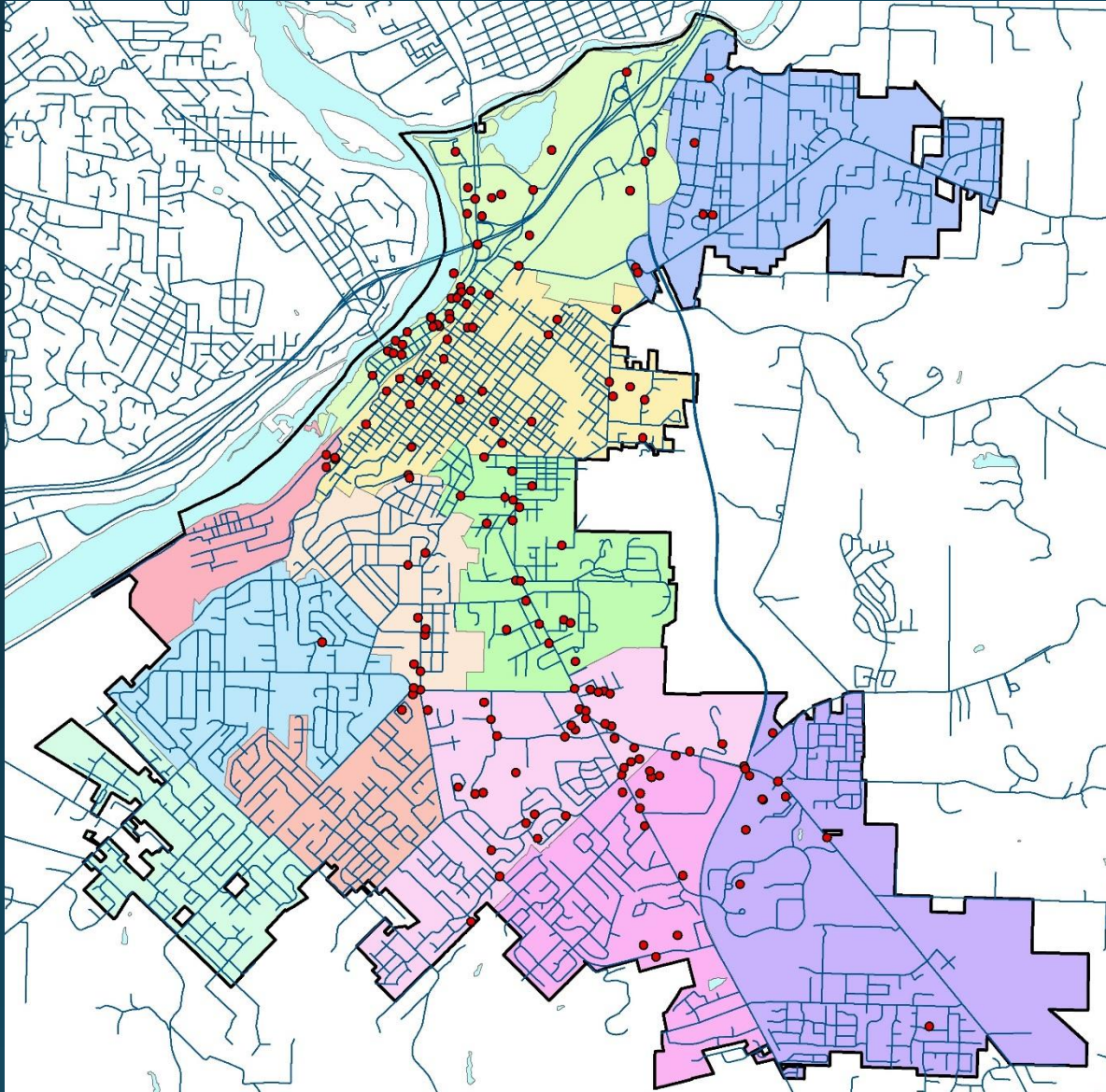


Point-in-time Homeless Count; change from 2017 to 2019:

- Oregon City: 202 increase to 306 (+51%)
- Clackamas: 171 decrease to 138
- Molalla: 153 decrease to 86
- Milwaukie: 115 decrease to 55
- Unincorporated County: 113 increase to 125



Homeless Crime Report Locations (01/01/18 – 12/31/18)



Crime Report Data

Of the 3,495 total offense/incident reports (Criminal reports) for this time period, 278 reports (8%) involved suspects that were homeless.

Top 10 Report Locations by Number

- 22 – 1900 Mcloughlin Blvd. (O.C.S.C.)
- 14 – 1839 Molalla Ave. (Fred Meyer)
- 10 – 1035 Main St. (Transit Center)
- 8 – 1955 Clackamette Dr. (Clackamette Park)
- 8 – 1500 Division St. (Providence Hospital)
- 8 – 2002 Washington St. (Home Depot)
- 8 – 13434 Colton Pl. (Safeway)
- 8 – 112 11th St. (Community Solutions)
- 4 – 215 13th St. (Larsen's Creamery)
- 4 – 2206 Kaen Rd. (Clackamas County Jail)

Homeless Crime Reports (01/01/18 – 12/31/18)

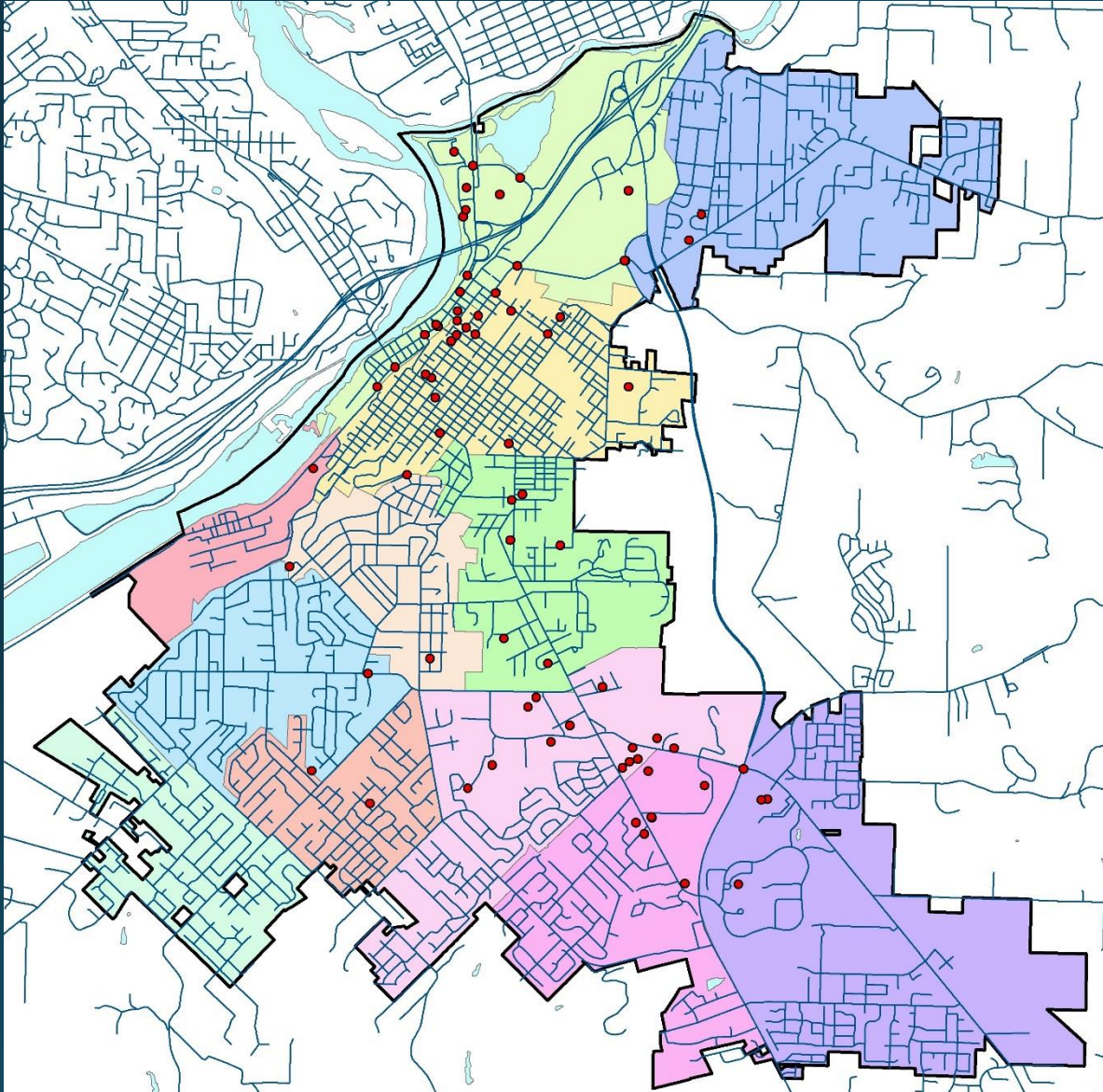
Most Common Offense/Incident Reports by Number

- 38 – Criminal Trespass II
- 19 – Possession of Controlled Substance – Methamphetamine
- 18 – Theft II (Shoplift)
- 15 – Theft III (Shoplift)
- 11 – Drinking Public Place

Serious Offense/Incident Report Examples

- 1 – Attempted Murder
- 1 – Burglary I
- 1 – Homicide
- 1 – Rape I
- 1 – Robbery II

Homeless Crime Report Locations (01/01/19 – 06/30/19)



Crime Report Data

Of the 1,632 total offense/incident reports (Criminal reports) for this time period, 121 reports (7%) involved suspects that were homeless.

Top 10 Report Locations by Number

- 11 – 1900 Mcloughlin Blvd. (O.C.S.C.)
- 4 – 13434 Colton Pl. (Safeway)
- 4 – 1801 Clackamette Dr. (Jon Storm Park)
- 3 – 1656 Beaver Creek Rd. (Southridge Center)
- 3 – 2002 Washington St. (Home Depot)
- 3 – 1321 Main St. (76 Gas Station)
- 3 – 1035 Main St. (Transit Center)
- 2 – 1659 Jackson St. (Atkinson Park)
- 2 – 705 Washington St. (7-11)
- 2 – 543 C St (Residence)

Homeless Crime Reports (01/01/19 – 06/30/19)

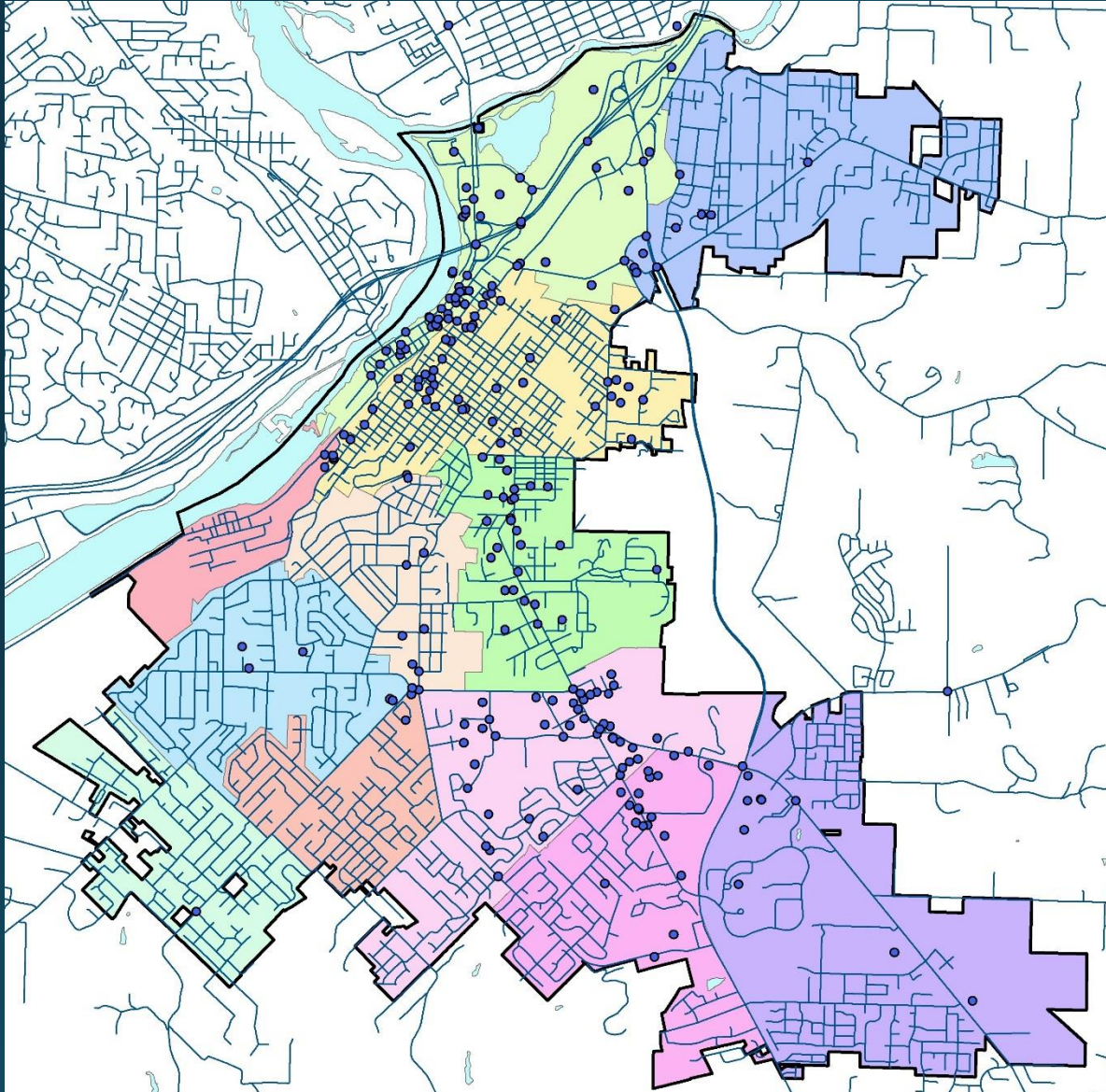
Most Common Offense/Incident Reports by Number

- 14 – Criminal Trespass II
- 8 – Theft II (Other)
- 7 – Theft III (Shoplift)
- 6 – Theft II (Shoplift)
- 6 – Possession of Controlled Substance – Methamphetamine

Serious Offense/Incident Report Examples

- 1 – Burglary I
- 4 – Menacing – Weapon
- 1 – Rape I
- 1 – Robbery III
- 3 – Strangulation (Domestic Violence – Felony)

Homeless Arrest Locations (01/01/18 – 12/31/18)



Arrest Data

- Of the 1,487 total arrests for this time period, 473 arrests (32%) involve homeless suspects.
- Most homeless suspects had only 1 arrest, but about 25% had 2 to 11 arrests for this time period.

Top 10 Arrest Locations by Number

- 26 – 1900 Mcloughlin Blvd. (O.C.S.C.)
- 23 – 1035 Main St. (Transit Center)
- 21 – 320 Warner Milne Rd. (O.C.P.D.)
- 15 – 1500 Division St. (Providence Hospital)
- 14 – 603 12th St. (Father's Heart)
- 14 – 1839 Molalla Ave. (Fred Meyer)
- 11 – 112 11th St. (Community Solutions)
- 10 – 1955 Clackamette Dr. (Clackamette Park)
- 9 – 13434 Colton Pl. (Safeway)
- 7 – 2002 Washington St. (Home Depot)

Homeless Arrests (01/01/18 – 12/31/18)

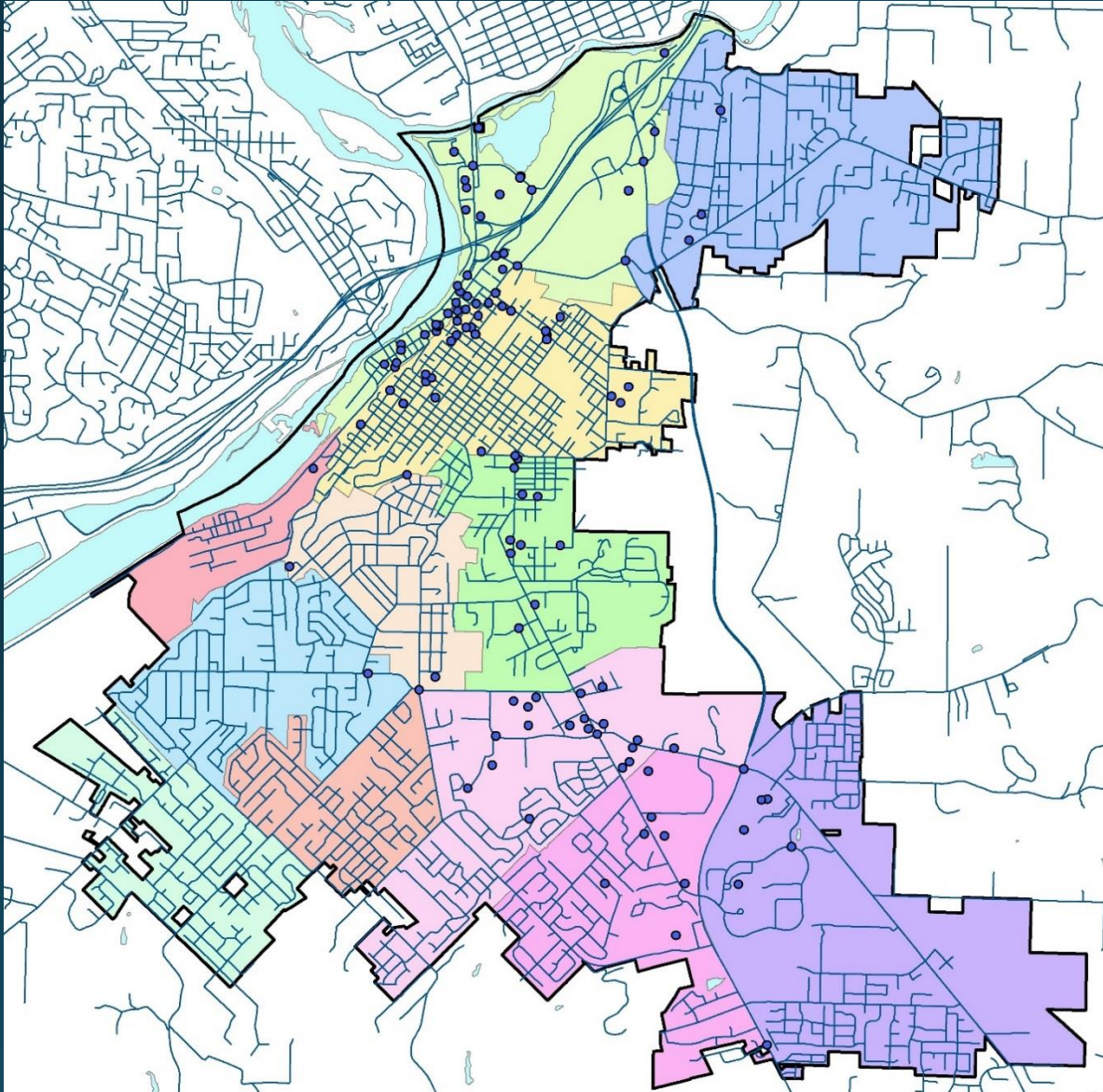
Most Common Arrests by Number

244 – Arrest Warrant
31 – Criminal Trespass II
14 – Parole Violation
13 – Police Officer Hold (Mental Hold)
13 – Theft III (Shoplift)

Serious Arrest Examples

1 – Attempt Murder
1 – Burglary I
1 – Murder
1 – Robbery II
2 – Unlawful Use of Weapon – Attempt Assault

Homeless Arrest Locations (01/01/19 – 06/30/19)



Arrest Data

- Of the 827 total arrests for this time period, 230 arrests (28%) involve homeless suspects.
- Most homeless suspects had only 1 arrest, but about 20% had 2 to 10 arrests for this time period.

Top 10 Arrest Locations by Number

- 17 – 1035 Main St. (Transit Center)
- 14 – 1900 Mcloughlin Blvd. (O.C.S.C.)
- 13 – 320 Warner Milne Rd. (O.C.P.D.)
- 7 – 1500 Division St. (Providence Hospital)
- 6 – 1024 Main St. (Parole and Probation)
- 6 – 13434 Colton Pl. (Safeway)
- 5 – 1801 Clackamette Dr. (Jon Storm Park)
- 5 – 1926 Mcloughlin Blvd. (Shari's Restaurant)
- 4 – 1321 Main St. (76 Gas Station)
- 4 – 1414 Jackson St. (Residence)

Homeless Arrests (01/01/19 – 06/30/19)

Most Common Arrests by Number

- 123 – Arrest Warrant
- 16 – Criminal Trespass II
- 8 – Civil Detox Hold
- 6 – Sentencing (Municipal Court Sentences)
- 5 – Theft III (Shoplift)

Serious Arrest Examples

- 1 – Assault Public Safety Officer – Simple Assault
- 1 – Carrying a Concealed Weapon
- 2 – Menacing – Weapon
- 1 – Robbery III
- 1 – Strangulation (Domestic Violence – Felony)

Calls for Service.

- 2010: 139
- 2011: 142
- 2012: 104
- 2013: 309
- 2014: 357
- 2015: 544
- 2016: 570



Homeless Camps Removed

Number of Homeless Camps in Oregon City
Removed Each Year by Code Enforcement

2010 – 4

2011 – 5

2012 – 11

2013 – 25

2014 – 32

2015 – 56

2016 – 83

2017 – 80

2018 – 92

2019 – 53 (Through 06/30/19)



Clackamas County Warming Shelters:

- 2018-2019: 221 total; 98 in Oregon City (44%)
- 2017-2018: 381 total; 100+ in Oregon City
- 2016-2017: 99 total; 49 in Oregon City (50%)



HLO Outreach 2018/19

ODVA Grant Stats:

Total Veteran Households Assisted: 8

Households assisted with homelessness prevention: 5

Households assisted with rapid re-housing: 3

Total grant funds spent: \$20,028.72

(Assistance provided between 6/5/18 - 8/8/19)

Clackamas County Grant Stats:

Total Households Assisted: 13

Households assisted with homelessness prevention: 8

Households assisted with rapid re-housing: 5

Total grant funds spent: \$38,804.83

(Assistance provided between 9/24/18 – 6/27/19)

HLO Outreach Successes

The “B” Household: I started outreach with the “B” household in November of 2018. The family was living out of their vehicles in the Rivercrest neighborhood and they’d been homeless for more than 2 years. I learned they had a decent household income as the adult son worked and the parents both received social security benefits. However, past rental debt was keeping them from being approved for housing. Using grant funds I was awarded from Clackamas County, I was able to pay their outstanding rental debt, resulting in the approval of their application for an apartment. They were able to move in prior to Christmas of 2018.

Lonnie and Linda: I started outreach with this veteran household in August of 2018. Lonnie is an honorably discharged Marine Corps. Veteran who is disabled, utilizing a motorized scooter. His wife, Linda, is disabled as well. I learned they’d been renting a room in a trailer, but were thrown out by a landlord they were having issues with. I made arrangements for Lonnie and Linda to be screened by Supportive Services for Veteran Families via Transition Projects at a motel they were staying at. Subsequently, Lonnie and Linda were able to move into the Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center in Beaverton while the search for permanent housing continued. In February of 2019, after continued work with Transition Projects and a local apartment complex, Lonnie and Linda were approved for an apartment. I used ODVA grant funds to pay their move-in costs, and Transition Projects provided continued assistance.

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Roger: In July of 2019, a Patrol Sergeant reached out to me about a homeless gentleman in town who seemed scared and worried. This gentleman's name was Roger and he seemed particularly vulnerable as he was deaf. I met with Roger and communicated with him via written word to see how I could help him. Eager to find a place for Roger to live, I gave him a ride to Clackamas County Social Services for a Coordinated Housing Access intake. A plan was made for Roger to meet with a case manager from NW Housing Alternatives the next day and I used donated funds to put Roger up in a hotel. I continued to work with Roger to identify housing. I made arrangements for Roger to have an assessment at a residential care facility and he was subsequently approved to move in a short time later.

Homeless Impacts in Parks

“I used to spend half an hour picking up Jon Storm and Sportcraft prior to homelessness increases, now I spend 2 hours.”



JON STORM PARK



OLD CANEMAH PARK



CLACKAMAS RIVER TRAIL



JON STORM PARK



McLOUGHLIN PROMENADE



JON STORM PARK

“Homeless people will bring bikes and shopping carts into restrooms. I need to wait for them to leave before I can clean up. Sometimes they won’t come out and we need to call police to clear them out before I can do my job.”



OLD CANEMAN PARK



OLD CANEMAH PARK



“People living in their cars move from park to park. I have to pick up excessive trash around the vehicles and the parking lot smells strongly of urine.”



TRANSIENT BOAT

“I was around when our staff knew all names and faces of less than a half-dozen homeless in the community. I now see the stark contrast and evolution of the crew morale, “new” job duties and daily tasks, and daily frustration about not being able to have a nice, clean, well-maintained park that they can take pride and ownership in. I know there is no easy solution or fix for this problem, I don’t see the excessive garbage and general disregard for the parks changing. I feel for our staff having to deal with monotonous daily tasks of cleaning up poop, drug paraphernalia, repairing unnecessarily damaged and broken things in parks, dealing with homeless camps.”

Library Incidents

Number of Incidents per year

	<u>Total</u>	<u># of Homeless involved</u>
2015	30	19
2016	30	21
2017	26	17
2018	43	19
2019 (to 8/31/19)	57	25

Data prior to 2015 is unreliable. Documenting Behavior problems has improved greatly since then.

Library Impacts

- 1) Most homeless patrons want to use the library, so they tend to follow library rules, which are behavior based;
- 2) Those homeless patrons who cause problems often are dealing with mental health issues. The problematic behaviors tend to fall into two categories:
 - small but repetitive violations, and
 - situations which escalate quickly, sometimes requiring police intervention;
- 3) Staff receive some training for working with homeless patrons and those with mental health issues;
- 4) The library has an area, which is well-used, that is dedicated to information about social services and other assistance.

Questions?