



We work as a community to safely shelter and empower our neighbors on their path to stable housing.

April 9, 2025

Dear Neighbor,

Central Oregon Villages has received approval for a "Safe Parking" permit from the City of Bend for the property located at 505 NE Franklin Avenue, Bend.

The "Safe Parking" program is one that provides a safe, stable place for our community members who have been living houseless to be sheltered. We have been operating Safe Parking locations since 2021, the largest of which is a village located near 27th and Bear Creek Road.

Our participants all agree to live sober and drug free and to participate in weekly case management sessions with the goal for obtaining stable housing within an 18 month period. Each participant must pass a background check with no physical or sexual violence listed.

At this location, we will have four professionally-built shelter structures that can shelter up to three people (four if small children are included). Trash, toilet, and hand washing facilities are provided as well. In addition, we provide a fence, a light pole, and a panning safety camera trained on the units.

We hope to have these units at 505 NE Franklin filled by June 30, 2025.

I am proud to state that we have had no neighbor complaints since opening our first location in 2021. In fact, a number of neighbors have stopped by our offices to thank us for offering the services we do and for being such good neighbors.

At this point, however, before we go any further, I want to be sure that you have your questions and concerns heard and answered. Please reach out to me at 541-649-2618 or at donna@centraloregonvillages.org.

Sincerely,

Donna Burklo, Executive Director

Jim Porter, Board President
Chief of Police City of Bend, Retired