



# Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope  
for the Homeless*

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*Picture is parking lot at press time. It may be complete when newsletter is mailed.*

## Dining Room, Dayroom, Chapel Parking Lot

We are making improvements to the parking lot pictured above, because there is a City of Roseburg requirement for the Mission to have paved parking spaces. In 2011, we applied for and received a Conditional Use Permit to change the use of our old Worn Again Thrift Store into a larger Dayroom and Chapel, and change the use of our old Chapel into an expansion of our Dining Room. The permit process reviewed code requirements for the new usage of buildings for things like paved parking spaces and handicap accessibility. The agreement affected all existing parking areas on our downtown campus and a requirement to remodel our Dining Room restrooms. Specific improvements had to be done by certain due dates over the course of ten years.

In 2015, before any of the permit obligations had been done, we renegotiated with the City to have fewer paved parking spaces because many of our clients do not have vehicles. We were allowed to do a survey of actual use, and received a substantial reduction in required spaces. The Amended Permit now has three phases, each with its own completion date, still ending in 2021. Parking lot

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improvements now only apply to the area north of our Thrift Store (which is this current project) and in front of that store and our office (which is another phase). The other phase will be the restroom remodel. We also gained the designation of the lot behind that store as a future building site, which may be fenced into a courtyard. The

Mission has to meet the terms, or the improvements will be done for us and a lien placed on the affected properties, waiting payment or foreclosure.

This first phase is the most significant of them all. It is to pave and landscape the parking lot north of our Thrift Store at 738 SE Pine St. There will be 52 paved parking spaces, enough to even allow for future growth of the Mission. Two of the four driveways will be removed and the other two relocated. There will be

improved sidewalks, drainage, landscaping and irrigation. All the requirements of the Conditional Use Permit will cost more than the building remodels did six years ago. This is more about sustaining the improved services to the homeless than just doing this asphalt project. It's a part of paying for the expansion of our Dining Room, Dayroom and Chapel.



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Prior to 2012 people used to wait for a place to eat, lacked sufficient day services and had to stand in chapel. The City allowed the Mission to remodel our buildings first, then meet their requirements later. We gained very significant improvements to our services for the homeless. Our Dining Room doubled from seating 50 to serving 100 hungry and homeless men, women and children. The Dayroom and Chapel more than doubled in size. We added secure baggage storage, laundry room, restrooms, showers, telephone, a social service desk, our Operations Manager's office, New Life Program classroom and computer lab. The use we were allowed prior to meeting city requirements has been a great blessing. It was like borrowing time from the City for the benefit of the community. During that time, we were able to accomplish other projects, especially our new, larger Samaritan Inn for homeless women and children. But now, it is time to pay the delayed price of our agreement.

Local contractors will do the job. Construction drawings and project consulting are being done by i.e. Engineering. Plans were sent to four paving contractors. Guido Construction is the low bidder. Landscaping and irrigation will be done by Wintergreen Nursery, part of which they are donating.

**“Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into the house; When you see the naked, to cover him; And not to hide yourself from your own flesh?” Isaiah 58:7**

Like the whole Mission operation, most of the support for this project will come from individuals in our community. Because of the nature and size of it, foundations' policies, and the Mission's Christian basis, we will not receive more than 20% of the cost from foundations. This parking lot has produced income for years from leasing spaces to the bank across the street in the Village Station. That income has already paid for the demolition of our old Bookstore on that lot and the paving and landscaping done in its place. That same continuing income will help pay for this current project as well. However, financial donations are still needed. This project is an unusual one, because it does not provide direct social service to the homeless and required an explanation of why money is being spent on such an expense.

This parking lot is not used exclusively for Mission use or gain. Our staff, visitors, volunteers, homeless clients and Thrift Store customers use it. In addition, it is used by downtown business employees and customers, as well as those attending special events. The end result will be a more attractive and functional lot for the Mission, downtown Roseburg and the whole community.

*Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director*



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## BASIC SERVICES

For Men, Women and Children

**Food:** 3 meals every day at Men's Mission and Samaritan Inn.

**Clothing:** Available to all who are staying at either shelter.

**Housing:** 128 beds for men in Dormitory, New Life Program, and Transitional Housing Program. 104 beds for women in Dormitory, New Life Program, and Family Rooms.

**Recovery Program:** Open to men and women.

**Dayrooms:** Open all day at both shelters. Restrooms, showers, laundry, telephone, social service help. No requirement to stay here to use these services.

### ITEMS NEEDED:

- Large Cans of Fruits & Vegetables
- Oatmeal
- Corn Starch
- Elbow Macaroni
- Cold Cereal for Kids
- Salt & Pepper
- Shave Cream
- Disposable Razors
- Bath Towels
- Pajamas

### Vehicle Donations Accepted



Receipts for Tax Deduction Provided