



Safe Sleep site at 2243 Roosevelt Blvd. prepares to open

What is the latest information on the Rosa Safe Sleep site?

Local service provider Carry It Forward has been named the operator for the Rosa Safe Sleep site at 2243 Roosevelt Blvd, which was approved for establishment in September 2021 by the Eugene City Council. The property has been operating as a microsite for the last 14 months, providing six units of non-congregate shelter to people experiencing homelessness in the community. The City Council on September 29 approved this site, which is owned by SquareOne Villages, to become a Safe Sleep site and host up to 40 sleeping structures—a mix of Pallet Shelters, Conestoga huts, and other micro-shelters.



What are Safe Sleep sites?

Safe Sleep sites provide additional locations where people experiencing homelessness can safely and legally stay and receive connections to services. They are managed by social service providers with whom the City enters into a contract, and have basic on-site amenities such as restrooms, trash service, and potable water. Three other Safe Sleep sites currently operate in Eugene, at 310 and 410 Garfield St., and Everyone Village at 3825 Janisse St. Two other locations, including Rosa, have been approved and will open in the weeks ahead.

Who will operate and manage the site?

Local service provider Carry It Forward will operate and manage the site. Carry It Forward provides a range of shelter, outreach, and case management services in Lane County for people experiencing homelessness. More information about Carry It Forward can be found at www.carryitforward.net.



Who will stay at the Safe Sleep site?

Individuals 18 or older who are experiencing homelessness and lack shelter will occupy spaces at the Rosa Safe Sleep site. Prospective residents will go through a screening and orientation process before being permitted to stay at the site. Supportive services will be provided to assist residents in improving their stability and moving towards permanent housing.



How are the sites kept healthy and safe?

Carry It Forward will provide daily supervision and oversight. The site will be fenced to control access. Restrooms, hand washing stations, shower facilities, clean water, and connection to electricity will be provided. Wastewater disposal will be connected to the sewer. Violent or threatening behavior will not be tolerated. Weapons, illegal drugs, and overnight visitors will not be allowed. Smoking will only be allowed in a designated smoking area on the site. Residents will be expected to follow rules for preparing and storing food, fire safety, heating, storage, waste management and illness prevention.

How will the site be prevented from becoming unsightly?

Upon acceptance into the program, residents will be required to sign guest agreements to comply with the rules and procedures of the site. Carry It Forward will ensure residents keep their personal items inside of their sleeping units, and the site will have regular trash service. As part of their agreement with the City, Carry It Forward will be expected to ensure the site stays tidy, that residents refrain from disruptive behavior, and that the program is a good neighbor.

Why are Safe Sleep sites being established?

The number of people who are unsheltered in our community greatly exceeds the number of shelter beds and low-income housing units currently available—a situation that has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Managed sites of this kind can reduce the impacts of unsanctioned camping in our community, as well help people stabilize, make it easier for them to get needed services, and support their transition into better situations.

Why was this site chosen?

The City makes its best effort to find workable sites that minimize impacts to neighbors and sensitive areas. The land must be suitable for the type of use (large enough, flat and relatively dry) and have road access. Locations that are in proximity to public transportation and services are important. Providing space at 2243 Roosevelt Blvd for this expanded Safe Sleep site also aligns with the mission of the property owner, SquareOne Villages.

When will the Rosa Safe Sleep site open and how long will it operate?

The site is expected to open in the coming weeks. It will operate for a year, with an extension contingent upon its success and Council's extension of the Safe Sleep site ordinance.

Will unsanctioned camping be allowed near the Safe Sleep site?

City departments will prioritize enforcement response to any unsanctioned camping near the Rosa Safe Sleep site, just as it does for other Safe Sleep sites and Rest Stops.

Who do I contact if I have a concern or question, or want to provide input or get involved?

An online survey to provide input and feedback regarding the Rosa Safe Sleep site is available at <https://forms.office.com/g/MM5KNQvjxF>. It is also accessible via the QR code to the right. Neighborhood open house opportunities with representatives from the City of Eugene, Carry It Forward, and SquareOne Villages will also be held Saturday, May 7, 10 – 11 am, and Tuesday, May 10, 5 – 6 pm, at the site, 2243 Roosevelt Blvd. Limited parking is available on-site, with access from Bethel Drive.



If you have general questions or concerns about this City-approved program, you can contact Regan Watjus at the City of Eugene at RWatjus@eugene-or.gov or 541-682-8442. If you have questions or concerns more specifically related to program policies or management, or activities at the Safe Sleep site once it is operating, you may contact Carry It Forward's site operations staff directly at 541-636-4497.

Learn more about the Safe Sleep sites and other City efforts to address homelessness at www.eugene-or.gov/homelessness.