

# Emergency rental assistance now available for Marion County residents

Emergency rental assistance is now available for Marion County households financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Marion County Emergency Rental Assistance Program helps eligible low-income households with their past due rent and utilities.

The program covers up to 12 months of past due rent and utilities and may pay up to three months of forward rent at a time, not to exceed a total of 18 months of assistance.

Community members may apply online at [www.co.marion.or.us/RentalAssistance](http://www.co.marion.or.us/RentalAssistance) or by calling the customer service line toll free 1-833-227-5161.

Eligible landlords who participate in the Emergency Rental Assistance program can get reimbursed for 100 percent of an eligible tenant's unpaid rent from April 1, 2020, to present for a total of 12 months.

Eligible tenants can apply for 100 percent of the past due rent from April

1, 2020, to present for a total of 12 months, which will be paid directly to their landlord.

Eligible tenants can receive prospective (future) rental assistance equal to 100 percent of their monthly rent for up to three months at a time.

Eligible tenants may also receive assistance for unpaid utility bills accumulated from April 1, 2020, to present.

Unpaid utility bills will be paid directly to the utility company.

Federal eligibility requirements include renters whose primary household is in Marion County and are behind on their rent; one or more members of the household can demonstrate how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted their ability to pay rent or utilities; and an annual household income below 80 percent of the Area Median Income for the household size.

In addition to federal eligibility requirements, Marion County has

prioritized the following households:

- Families with children (at least one adult and one child)
- Seniors (age 58 years or older)
- Households affected by the 2020 Santiam Canyon wildfires
- Households referred by Marion County department programs

The federal Emergency Rental Assistance program is authorized through September 2025.

Marion County anticipates participating in the program as long as funding remains available.



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## obituary

### Anita Michelle Harrington

March 3, 1973 – July 29, 2021

Anita Michelle Harrington was born on March 3, 1973 to David and Elizabeth Buitron in Klamath Falls, OR. and left us to go to Heaven on July 29th, 2021, after a courageous battle with Multiple Myeloma cancer.

At just six weeks old, she got her first taste of the travel bug when she flew to Sevilla, Spain where her father was stationed in the US Air Force. In 1980, her family moved back to Klamath Falls, where she grew up. She graduated from Mazama High School in 1992 and then went on to Western Oregon University where she graduated in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. After dating since they were in the 8th grade, Anita and the love of her life, Gene Harrington Jr., were married in 1994 and celebrated their 27th wedding



ANITA MICHELLE HARRINGTON

anniversary this year.

After college, Anita and Gene returned to Klamath Falls and she began her career as an early intervention specialist. She spent their early years in marriage traveling to pow wows and becoming the greatest Aunt she could be; a job she took tremendous pride in.

In 2003, it was her turn to be a mom and she welcomed her miracle baby, Geno. In 2005, she moved to Keizer where she started her career with the State of Oregon. She spent many years

working as disability analyst, where she took great pride in her job and loved the people she worked with. She spent all her recent years doting on her son and nieces and nephews. She loved game nights, family dinners, and was an avid sports fan. You could always find her cuddling with her dogs, and watching whatever sport program was on TV, especially when her beloved Yankees, Lakers, or Raiders were playing. Anita and Geno had the greatest friendship and truly enjoyed spending their time together. Her greatest accomplishment was watching him graduate this June and be accepted to several colleges.

She is survived by her husband, Gene Harrington Jr., son, Geno Harrington, Parents David and Elizabeth Buitron, and mother-in-law Marcella Harrington. Sisters Marisa (Ryan Wyckoff), Laura (Jerry Palomo), special cousin Lela (Ricky Tavera) and all her nieces and nephews who she affectionately called "her babies;" Isaiah, Ahnna, Juana, Alivia, Maciel, Gracie and baby RJ.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. at Keizer Funeral Chapel with a celebration of life immediately following at Country Glen Park in Keizer.

# Worship DIRECTORY

These Salem-Keizer houses of worship invite you to visit. Call to list your church in our Worship Directory: 503-390-1051

**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
8:30 am • 10 am • 11:30 am • 6 pm  
**PEOPLESCHURCH**  
4500 LANCASTER DR NE | SALEM  
503.304.4000 • [www.peopleschurch.com](http://www.peopleschurch.com)

**SAINT EDWARD Catholic Church**  
393-5323  
5303 River Rd. N., Keizer  
Father Gary L. Zerr, Pastor  
Saturday Vigil Liturgy: 5:30 p.m.  
Sundays: 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
La Misa en Español: 12:30 p.m.

**LAKEPOINT Community Church**  
**OUTDOOR FAMILY CHURCH**  
10:00 AM Sundays, July 4 - September 5  
336 Bolf Terrace N., Keizer  
[www.lakepoint.net](http://www.lakepoint.net)

**KEIZER CLEAR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
a member of Open Door Churches of Salem-Keizer  
**REV. ALYSSA BAKER, Lead Pastor**  
Services are Sunday at 10 am (Nursery & Sunday School for Children)  
7920 Wheatland Rd N • 503-393-2402 • [www.kclumc.org](http://www.kclumc.org)

**Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
4505 River Road N, Keizer • 503-393-4507  
[www.FLCKeizer.org](http://www.FLCKeizer.org)  
**Pastor Linda Matz Easterling**  
Sunday School - 9:00 am  
Worship Service - 10:00 am

**Keizer Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
6945 Wheatland Rd. NE 393-6843  
[www.KeizerChristian.org](http://www.KeizerChristian.org)  
Worship and Children's Church • 10:00 a.m.  
Office Hours 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

**John Knox Presbyterian Church**  
452 Cummings Lane North • 393-0404  
**Pastor Peter Blank**  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Education Hour - 9:15 a.m.  
Nursery Care Available  
[www.JohnKnoxPresKeizer.org](http://www.JohnKnoxPresKeizer.org)

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