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Safe Park Village Planned for Montavilla Neighborhood Alternative Shelter for the Houseless Community

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Under the direction of Multnomah County's Joint Office of Homeless Services, the nonprofit Straightway Services has been selected to manage a new 'safe park' for houseless people living in their cars in the Montavilla neighborhood.

The site, at 333 S.E. 82nd Ave., will be fenced and will include trash services, showers, restrooms, laundry, a kitchenette and housing services with support from county agencies.

For 22 years, Straightway Services, founded by Pastor Dwight Minnieweather, has focused on programs serving youth, workforce development and homeless services.

"It means the world to us to operate this shelter and support an alternative way of helping people who sleep in their vehicles," Minnieweather said.

The safe park, to be called The Light Community, will provide on-site services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and will give people with no roof over their heads a



Nena Enyinwa, Charles Lott, Pastor Minnieweather, Latoya Minnieweather, and Michael Martin

safe place to stay and get their cars off the street, according to Minnieweather said, and will offer much more.

"We'll make it a community with educational opportunities and connection to peer mentors," he said. "This will be more than just a place to sleep. It will be a holistic

community where people can become self-sufficient."

The village will have 29 sleeping pods for up to 40 adults (18 and over), and 33 parking spots. Details for sign-up and referrals are still being finalized, but priority will be given to unhoused residents of the

Montavilla neighborhood so they can stay connected to their neighborhood, according to the county press office. Straightway Services will collaborate with other organi-

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Creating Action Around Bringing Peace to Portland's Streets



Lisa Broderick accepted the FBI Portland 2023 Director's Community Leadership Award on behalf of the Interfaith Peace and Action Collaborative

FBI Honors the Interfaith Peace and Action Collaborative with National Award

FBI Director Christopher Wray presented the Interfaith Peace and Action Collaborative (IPAC) with the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award (DCLA) for their service to the Portland area. Lisa Broderick accepted the FBI Portland 2023 Director's Community Leadership Award on behalf of IPAC. IPAC is a united group that proactively gathers as members of faith, community, business, and law enforcement to discuss and create action around bringing peace to Portland's streets. The group researches best practices and identifies appropriate actions, technology, and street-level solutions to address violence

at a grassroots level. IPAC is also working to become a model for, and share information with, other cities that are struggling with an uptick in crime.

"IPAC is intentional about promoting restraint on the street and creating and maintaining dialogue between the community members it represents and law enforcement. This directly intersects with the FBI's national mission of protecting the American people, and FBI Portland's local mission of keeping the people of Oregon safe," said Douglas A. Olson, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Portland Field Office. "FBI Portland is proud to work with the leaders of IPAC as they devote countless hours to addressing the crisis of violence on Portland streets and are working toward solutions for a safer, shared community."

The FBI established the DCLA in 1990 to publicly acknowledge the

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