

Public safety calls

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- Traffic stop, 8:13 p.m. May 31, Pacific and Lake drives. Driver cited for driving while suspended and having no insurance.
 - Two-vehicle collision, no known injuries, 8:27 p.m. May 31, four-way stop.
 - Traffic stop, 11:19 p.m. June 1, Southeast Third Street at Super Mart 10. Driver cited for driving while suspended.
 - Traffic stop, 8:43 p.m. June 2, 1200 block Ridge Road. Driver cited for driving while suspended.
 - Traffic stop, 10:26 p.m. June 2, South Main Avenue at Third Street. Driver cited for driving while suspended and having no insurance.
 - Running a stoplight, 12:09 p.m. June 3, Ensign Lane at Walmart. Driver cited for failing to obey a traffic-control device, driving while suspended and failing to renew vehicle registration.
- FIRE AND SERVICE CALLS**
- Blue smoke/fire investigation, 6:02 p.m. June 2, Southwest Third Street and Alder Avenue.
 - Tree on fire, 5:53 p.m. June 4, Dolphin Road at Perkins Lane.
 - Commercial burglar alarm, 12:39 p.m. June 5, Clatsop Animal Shelter.
 - Commercial burglar alarm, 6:57 p.m. June 6, 100 block South Main Avenue.

MEDICAL CALLS

- Medical response, 9:34 a.m. June 1, 300 block Lake Drive.
- Medical response, 12:05 p.m. June 1, Verizon Store.
- Medical response, 6:24 a.m. June 2, 700 block South Main Avenue.
- Medical response, 9:16 a.m. June 2, 33300 block Perkins Lane.
- Medical response, 1:06 a.m. June 4, 200 block Southwest Alder Avenue.
- Medical response, 8:32 a.m. June 6, 91400 block Neacoxie Road.
- Medical response, 2:04 p.m. June 6, 200 block Southwest Second Street.

Accessibility is a gift, thanks to Community Action Team

Community Action Team has created a new program designed to repurpose items that help those with mobility challenges.

The Revolving Wheelchair Ramps and Lifts Program was developed by the non-profit CAT, which serves Clatsop, Tillamook and Columbia counties.

Gwen McMartin, a St. Helens resident, was the first person to receive help through the program. She was recently diagnosed with ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

This neurodegenerative disease affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Her disease has affected her ability to walk, climb steps and live the lifestyle she had just a year ago.

Knowing that her life was rapidly changing, she started searching for a new home that was more accessible. She found a home that met some of her needs, but it lacked access to the house.

After having difficulties finding contractors, McMartin reached out to CAT and was



Gwen McMartin shows off the lift and platform that helps her get into the house from the garage.

guided through the process. Neal Jones with Community Action Team evaluated

the client's needs and constructed a plan to provide McMartin with a wheelchair

lift and material to construct a landing at no cost under the condition that she'd donate it back after use.

McMartin's son, Ian, and his father, Jim McMartin, offered to construct the wheelchair landing and mount the wheelchair lift. Their combined efforts in conjunction with Community Action Team played a key role in making the project affordable.

Materials were delivered within weeks and construction began. In two days, the wheelchair lift and platform were ready to use.

To learn more about the program or to donate money or materials, contact CAT at 503-397-3511 or cat-team.org. Checks or money orders can be mailed to Community Action Team, Attention CI Dept., 125 N 17th St., St. Helens OR 97051.

Those with wheelchair ramps or lifts should contact Neal Jones at 503-369-6922. Send checks or money orders to Community Action Team, Attention CI Dept. 125 N 17th Street, St. Helens, OR 97051.



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