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## SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER OPENS IN NOVEMBER

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – Beaverton’s Severe Weather Shelter will open for the season on Thursday, Nov. 1. The shelter, a collaboration between the city and Just Compassion of East Washington County, will provide a warm and safe space for adults experiencing homelessness to stay.

The shelter is open on Thursday nights through Mar. 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Additional open hours will occur on any evening when temperatures are at or below freezing and there is sufficient volunteer capacity to support operations. The shelter is located at the Beaverton Community Center at 12350 SW 5th St and has capacity for up to 30 adults (age 18 or older) on a first come, first served basis.

The public can find out when the shelter will be open by visiting [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/shelter](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/shelter). Open hours also will be posted at the Beaverton City Library.

A shelter coordinator and volunteer staff will assist with operations including greeting guests, serving meals provided by Meals on Wheels, overnight monitoring and closing the shelter. A volunteer training will be held on Thursday, Oct. 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. for new volunteers and from 6 to 8 p.m. for returning volunteers at the Beaverton Community Center. Volunteers must be 18 or older and pass a background check.

For more information or to volunteer at the shelter, contact 503-526-2584 or [mcohen@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:mcohen@BeavertonOregon.gov).

Beaverton’s Severe Weather Shelter is part of the Washington County Coordinated Response Plan.

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**Caption:** Volunteers are needed to assist with shelter operations. Learn more about volunteer opportunities at [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/shelter](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/shelter).