



The City of St. Helens is 5.83 square miles.

Our population is 13,410 according to the 2019 certified population estimates.



The St. Helens Public Library has over 75,000 items available to check out, including books, movies, audiobooks, music, ukuleles, and mobile WiFi hotspots.





The City of St. Helens operates on a fiscal year. The fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

Our current fiscal year is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.



On average, our Public Works Department supplies 1.5 million gallons of water to St. Helens customers every day.





The City of St. Helens is divided into several departments and divisions. We provide the following services to the community: police, community development, municipal court, library, parks, finance, water, sewer, storm, administration, and streets.



In 2018, the St. Helens Police Department received 17,953 calls for service.





The St. Helens Building Department issued 530 building permits in 2019.



The City's total budget is \$43 million.





Last fiscal year, the Library hosted 321 programs and events for children and teens with 7,935 people attending these events.



The City of St. Helens maintains 135 acres of parks.





The St. Helens Public Works Department maintains over 56 miles of roads.



St. Helens has six citizen boards and commissions:

- Arts & Cultural Commission
- Budget Committee
- Library Board
- Parks & Trails Commission
- Planning Commission
- Youth Council





In addition to patrol services, St. Helens Police Department provides criminal detective services, school resource officers, and code enforcement services.



The St. Helens Recreation Program has over 370 sign-ups for the 2020 St. Helens Youth Basketball season.





The St. Helens Planning Department received 116 land use applications in 2019.



You can connect with many of our departments on social media.

City of St. Helens

 @cityofsthelens

 @sthelens

St. Helens Public Library

 @StHelensPublic Library

 @SHPublicLibrary

St. Helens Police

 @StHelensPD

 @SHPD

St. Helens Parks & Rec

 @StHelensPR

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In November 2019, the St. Helens Public Library launched a Library of Things. You can check out WiFi mobile hotspots, coding and circuitry learning kits, electricity usage monitors, toddler science kits, and more.



The 2020 If I Were Mayor Student Contest is now open. Students in grades 4-12 could win \$100 in 3 different categories by telling us what they would do as mayor.

Applications due Monday,
April 6.

www.ci.st-helens.or.us/news





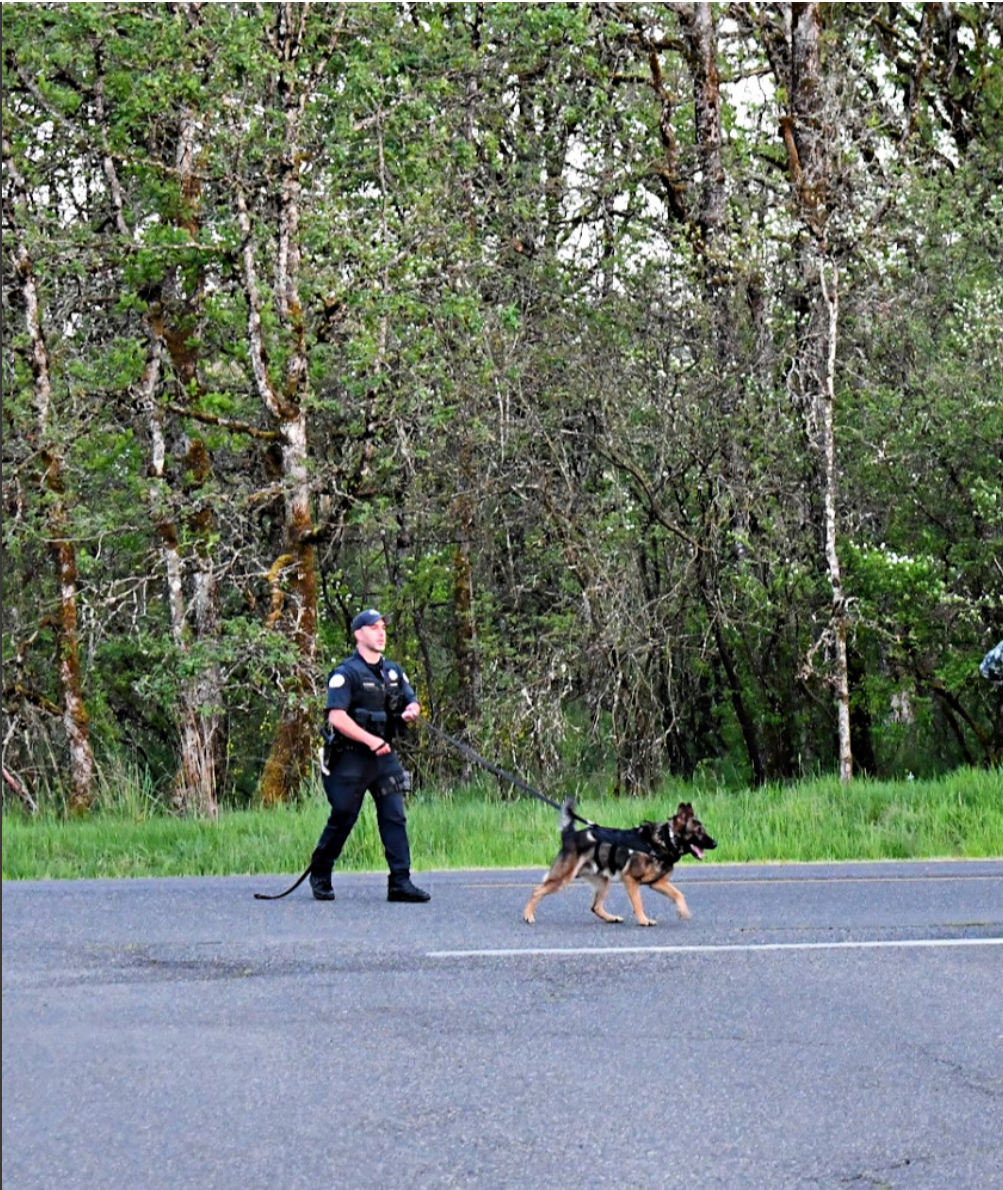
St. Helens Public Works maintains 82 miles of water pipes, 60 miles of sewer lines and 50 miles of storm drain lines.



In March 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau will send every household in the U.S. a questionnaire.

Why take the 2020 Census? It determines how \$675 billion in federal funds are distributed across the U.S. Help shape the future of St. Helens.





The St. Helens Police Department employs 20 sworn officers.

In 2018, our officers were responsible for working 17,953 calls for service, 1,125 newly opened cases, 743 adult arrests, and 2,658 traffic stops.



St. Helens is young and growing. Almost 30% of our population is under 18 years of age.





In 2019, there were 250 new housing units under construction in St. Helens.



St. Helens City Hall issued
1,201 business licenses in
2019.





The City maintains 13 public parks in St. Helens.

McCormick Park is the largest park, at 70.7 acres. Walnut Tree Park is the smallest park, at 0.15 acres.



The City of St. Helens held over 125 public meetings in 2019. These meetings included City Council meetings, public forums, public hearings, and boards and commissions meetings.





The St. Helens Recreation Program had over 80 youth participate in the 2019 St. Helens After School Recreation Program (SHARP).



Last year, people walked through the front doors of the St. Helens Public Library 67,477 times. That's an average of almost 30 people per hour.





The City of St. Helens facilitates a number of free community events each year, including the 13 Nights on the River summer concert series, Independence Day celebration, community Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony, Citizens Day in the Park, and numerous Spirit of Halloweentown events.



On average, the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant receives 1.92 million gallons of primary influent (general community sewage) every day.





The City of St. Helens operates based on a municipal code. New laws and regulations are made by the City Council and are called ordinances.



The St. Helens Planning Department assists with grant administration for the City. In December 2019, they were working on grants for:

- DLCD 2019-2021 Technical Assistance Program
- OPRD Local Government Grant for Campbell Park
- Oregon Community Foundation Nike Impact Fund 5th Street Trail Project
- Travel Oregon Medium Grants Program
- EPA CWA Grant Program
- Community Development Block Grant for Columbia Pacific Food Bank Project
- Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Grant Program
- Safe Routes to School Columbia Boulevard Sidewalk Project





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State of the City Meeting



St. Helens

You can receive City of St. Helens updates through a monthly newsletter that we email.

Sign up at www.ci.st-helens.or.us/community/page/newsletters



The City of St. Helens only receives a small portion of the property taxes that you pay to Columbia County each year.

A home valued at around \$195,000 pays approximately \$2,250 in property taxes. The City of St. Helens receives about \$300 of those taxes.





Out of 2,658 traffic stops made by St. Helens officers in 2018, only 633 citations were issued.

The most common citations were for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.



The median household income in St. Helens is \$45,789.





Last year, 71,517 items were checked out from St. Helens Public Library.

That's an average of 230 items checked out every day that the Library is open.



The median home price in St. Helens is \$272,500.





St. Helens Public Works crews maintain 2,662 public storm water structures in the city. This includes storm drains and catch basins that collect rain water and direct it off the roads.



Over the next 20 years, St. Helens is forecasted to increase in population by 3,617 people. This will require 1,621 new housing units to be built in the city.





The Friends of Nob Hill Nature Park, a volunteer group that helps maintain the park, donated 173 hours of time in 2019. They remove invasive plant species, plant native species, and perform general park maintenance.



The City of St. Helens has a large amount of land for future growth. The City is currently 5.83 square miles large. We have 2.4 square miles of land in our urban growth boundary for future expansion.





Since 2018, the St. Helens Recreation Program has offered over 90 community programs for youth and adults.



There are 241 incorporated cities in Oregon. St. Helens is the 40th largest city in Oregon based on population.





Last year, St. Helens Municipal Court received 1,269 filed cases.



The St. Helens School District and Columbia River Fire and Rescue are not managed by the City of St. Helens. While we work closely with these agencies, the School District and Fire Department are independent agencies with their own budgets, boards, and employees.





The St. Helens Public Works Department accounts for 60% of the City's operating expenses, followed by the Police Department at 14% and Community Development at 12%.



St. Helens Public Library is part of the Oregon Library Passport Program. Your St. Helens library card gives you borrowing privileges at other participating Passport libraries across Oregon, including Scappoose, Washington County, and Multnomah County libraries.





Your St. Helens property taxes account for approximately 7% of the City's revenue that we receive to pay for expenses.



The City of St. Helens has 87 employees that work full-time and part-time.

Public Works is the largest department with 27.3 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees, then Police with 22 FTE, Library with 6 FTE, and the Recreation Program with 4.5 FTE.





St. Helens Police Department's Code Enforcement Division received 670 animal complaints and responded to 175 city code violations in 2018.

