

From: "Madeline Turnock (Office of Mayor Wilson)" <mayor@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Re: RE: NW NAITO OVERNIGHT SHELTER PLAN.
Date: June 30, 2026 at 2:36:12 PM PDT
Reply-To: Office of Mayor Wilson <mayor@portlandoregon.gov>

Hello ,

Thank you for your email. Your experience is important, and improvements to the challenges you've experienced are a priority. Mayor Wilson shares your commitment to safe and livable neighborhoods, and he recognizes there is still progress needed.

Beginning July 1, Transition Projects, a trusted local service provider, will be managing shelter operations at the site. Community members may stay informed on the progress of the River District Navigation Center, as well as other City shelter sites, by signing up for the [City's shelter services newsletter](#).

Overall, the City of Portland has responded to the homelessness crisis by building more than a thousand shelter beds, including other efforts, and we have also created a Shelter Operations team to manage these policies and efforts. As you know, one key product of this effort is the Good Neighbor Agreement, which you can access [here](#). You can also report any issues to shelterservices@portlandoregon.gov.

Again, thank you for reaching out and sharing your perspective and input – it is important.

Sincerely,
Madeline Turnock
Support Specialist
Mayor Keith Wilson
City of Portland

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On June 26, 2026 at 3:16:52 AM UTC, wrote:
Mayor Wilson

Mr Wilson:

We ask you to close the NW Naito Homeless Shelter (aka River District Navigation Center) as called for in the recently adopted city budget.

The no-barrier shelter has continually caused untold health and safety problems, especially under the Broadway Bridge, on the embankments behind Albers Mill, McCormick Pier, and Waterfront Pearl condo buildings, the Yards, and in and all around the Centennial Mills property.

Police Chief Robert Day announced the Pearl's crime rate has risen 53% and there is a reasonable expectation of safety and security which is not being met.

Our neighborhood and the area continues to be plagued by squatters, encampments, open air drugs, fires, assaults, car break-ins, prostitution, garbage, human feces, and used needles/drug paraphernalia.

While closing the Navigation Center in August is an important step, any city plans to leave the temporary, portable big green tent in place would be an absolute public safety disaster - an open invitation for more squatters, crime and other ongoing illegal activities in the Pearl.

We respectfully ask that you:

Close as announced (for August, 2026) the big green temporary hut-like shelter.
Make sure it is properly and completely disbanded and relocated to a more suitable site with the services and resources the residents desperately require.

Only when the area is clean and safe will we be able to embark on a vision to turn the lots into better use for the neighborhood and repair the years of damage and destruction in the community.