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St. Johns Community Celebrates Rehabilitated Historic Bridge

Sunday, September 18, 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m., the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the people of St. Johns invite you to a celebration commemorating the completion of a 2½-year, \$42 million project to rehabilitate the historic St. Johns Bridge, including the complete removal and replacement of the concrete bridge deck and sidewalks, paint removal and repainting, upgraded lighting systems and improvements to the Bridge Avenue ramps. As part of a weekend-long celebration, the community will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony, a bridge stroll and a street fair in downtown St. Johns.

- ◆ **Street Fair** 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m., downtown St. Johns
- ◆ **Ribbon Cutting** 1:00 p.m., Our Daily Bread Restaurant Park Lot, 8680 N. Ivanhoe
- ◆ **Bridge Stroll** 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
Bridge closed to vehicular traffic 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.



"If you asked me which of the bridges I love best, I believe I would say the St. Johns Bridge."

—David B. Steinman
Designer of the St. Johns Bridge

The St. Johns Bridge was built in 1931, replacing the last ferry linking the communities of Linnton and St. Johns. The bridge is named for the community of St. Johns, which in turn honors James Johns, the man who started the ferry system in 1852 with one rowboat. Designed by internationally renowned engineer David B. Steinman, the St. Johns Bridge is the only major highway suspension bridge in the Willamette Valley and one of only three major highway suspension bridges in Oregon.

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