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**Boards and Commissions:** 

# WHERE DO WE REPRESENT YOU?

#### **Council Member Klitzke:**

- Public Infrastructure, Environment, and Sustainability Committee (Chair)
- Plan Commission (Liaison)
- GMA Steering Committee of **Elected Officials**
- <u>Library Board</u> (Liaison)
- **Spokane Transit Authority**
- Spokane Regional Transportation Commission
- Spokane Regional Solid Waste
- Salmon Restoration Lead Entity
- <u>City Transportation Commission</u> (Liaison)
- Veterans' Advisory Board

#### **Council Member Zappone:**

- Public Safety and Community Health Committee (Chair)
- Regional Homeless Authority
- Legislative Committee
- Association of Washington **Cities**
- Spokane Transit Authority
- Fiscal Impact Workgroup
- City Transportation Commission (Liaison)
- Tourism and Cultural **Investment Committee** (Chair)
- TPA Commission
- Visit Spokane Board

#### WELCOME!

Thanks for joining us on our new weekly newsletter adventure. We will keep you updated on "all the things" happening and ways to get involved!

# UPCOMING COOS **EVENTS**

April 13 - 19

#### <u>Urban Experience</u> Committee

Monday, April 14 at 12:00 p.m. City Council Chambers 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

Public testimony will be taken on the committee's agenda.

Use this link to sign up to speak for 2 min on any and all items on this month's agenda.

#### <u>Agenda Review</u>

Monday, April 14 at 3:30 p.m. City Council Chambers 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

Council approves amendments and agendas for upcoming legislative meetings.

#### <u>Legislative Session</u>

Monday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. City Council Chambers 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

Sign-up opens beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2025, and ending at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025, via the online testimony sign-up form link here or in person outside council chambers beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 14, 2025. You must sign up by 6:00 p.m. to be called on to testify.



**Neighborhood Councils:** 

## WHO DO WE REPRESENT?

- Audubon-Downriver
- Balboa/South Indian Trail North Indian Trail
- Browne's Addition
- Emerson/Garfield
- Five Mile Prairie

- North Hill
- Northwest
- Peaceful Valley
- West Central

Neighborhood councils are important to us and we attend them regularly. This is a good opportunity to meet us and share with us what is important to you!

Any council member can bring their own OR citizeninitiated legislation forward; more voices = more impact!

# **EARTH DAY 2025**

The city has several workshops and community events to celebrate all month long. Check out the whole list here. 👸 Round up your neighbors and participate in whatever way you can!

In District 3, Spokane Riverkeeper is hosting a familyfriendly cleanup on **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at High Bridge** Park (212 S. A St.) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our offices hear many concerns about litter and refuse in our neighborhoods. We've seen many folks show initiative and clean up on their own. This action, with City Code Enforcement work, helps to keep our city clean. It is a joint effort. Small actions have **BIG** impact!

# **STUFF TO ATTEND**



## **Comprehensive** <u>Plan Update</u>

Plan Spokane 2046 is a state-required update to Spokane's comprehensive plan that has community input opportunities.

#### **Lilac City Live! ONS Zine Launch**

The Office of Neighborhood Services received a grant from Avista to develop a civic education zine! Join us at the Central Library on Thursday 4/17 from 7-9p.m.

#### **Spokane Disability Town Hall**

The Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment hosts an opportunity to discuss issues affecting people who experience disabilities, their families, and advocates on **April 17 from 5:30-**7:30 in Council Chambers.

Make sure you call 311 with concerns. You may feel fatigued or frustrated calling multiple times, but the data collected from calls helps our decision makers!



## City Government:

# **HOW DO WE REPRESENT YOU?**

The City of Spokane uses the Three Branches of Government, similar to our state and federal government. The three branches are: the **Executive**, the **Legislative**, and the **Judicial**.

At the local level. the Legislative branch is the **City Council**.

The City Council has three powers:

#### • Pass legislation

 Local laws are called ordinances. There are many avenues for an ordinance to make it to the Council agenda. Council members sponsor ordinances that come from their office, neighborhood councils, or the many boards and commissions in the City.

#### Set policy

 Policy usually comes in the form of resolutions.
 A resolution is not a law, but signals an idea or plan that Council approves of.

## Approve the budget

 Every two years, the Council approves a biennial budget. They work with the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, and the Council Budget Director to forecast and prioritize how tax dollars will be spent.

# **CONTACT US!**

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# WSDOT Eastern Region Connects

This is your chance to view the latest designs for the NSC art and help select the final eight, shaping an aesthetic that reflects the East Central Neighborhood's history, diversity, and identity.

Wednesday, April 16 starting at 5:15 at Nuestras Raíces, 1214 E.

Sprague Ave.

# Joint City Council/Mayor/ County Commissioner Meeting

Discussion will be limited to the appropriate officials and staff. No legislative action will be taken. No public testimony will be taken.

As of publication there is no official agenda.

Spokane Arena, Champions Room 720 W. Mallon Ave. Friday, April 18, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

