

# Weekly Newsletter

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## 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 EVENTS



### PIES Committee

Monday, April 21 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.

### Agenda Review

Monday, April 21 at 3:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

Council approves amendments and agendas for upcoming legislative meetings.

### Legislative Session

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 18, 2025, and ending at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 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.

## 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](#)
- [Library Board \(Liaison\)](#)
- [Spokane Transit Authority](#)
- [Spokane Regional Transportation Commission](#)
- [Spokane Regional Solid Waste](#)
- [Salmon Restoration Lead Entity](#)
- [City Transportation Commission \(Liaison\)](#)
- [Veterans' Advisory Board](#)
- [Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council](#)

### 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](#)





## Neighborhood Councils: **WHO DO WE REPRESENT?**

- [Audubon-Downriver](#)
- [Balboa/South Indian Trail](#)
- [Browne's Addition](#)
- [Emerson/Garfield](#)
- [Five Mile Prairie](#)
- [North Hill](#)
- [North Indian Trail](#)
- [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 citizen-initiated legislation forward; more voices = more impact!

## **NEW TRAFFIC SAFETY INITIATIVES**

### **No Turn on Red:**

The proposal prohibits turns on red throughout downtown.

### **Neighborhood Block Party & Play Streets Program**

The proposal will establish a program to make it easier for neighbors to temporarily close non-arterial streets to provide car-free safe spaces for neighborhood play and community activities, such as block parties. This program will begin in June and run through Halloween.

### **SPD Traffic Safety Unit**

This unit will centralize four officers to traffic safety efforts, with three additional officers focused on DUI enforcement.

### **Automated Traffic Safety Cameras**

Following last year's Safe Streets Executive Order, the City of Spokane has expanded the Automated Traffic Safety Camera program with two new cameras at E Mission Ave and N Greene St. Installation will begin early this summer.

### **Traffic Fatality Review Team**

A multi-disciplinary work group will evaluate the engineering, environmental, vehicle, and behavioral factors in fatal crashes within the City of Spokane. This team will consist of staff who will review fatal crash cases. The team will use crash data to make recommendations.

## **STUFF TO ATTEND**



### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

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

### **Museum of Arts and Culture**

The Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture is currently hosting an exhibition on samurai armor, weaponry, and personal items.

You can get a free pass through [the Library here!](#)

### **Spokane River Forum Conference**

Conference to discuss river cleanup, water quality maintenance, and all things Spokane River!

### **Family Earth Day Celebrations**

Join the Spokane Public Library and local environmental organizations to celebrate planet Earth. Kids and their families will be able to learn more about our home with hands-on activities.



## City Government: **HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?**



You are an important part of how council governs. Learning how to contact your council member, participate in public meetings, and share your opinion effectively is key.

### **Contact your Council Members**

See below for ways to get in touch with your council member. Legislative assistants may answer, but you can be confident that your message will reach your council representative. Sometimes emails can fall through the cracks. If you feel like we are taking too long, feel free to follow up with a call.

### **Participate in a committee meeting**

Committee meetings are typically held every Monday at noon. Public testimony is available for topics relating to the committee or agenda items. Often times, items that boards and commissions are considering are early drafts of what might be on an upcoming committee agenda.

### **Share your opinion effectively**

Understand the process: Ask questions, learn how to follow an agenda and how to sign up to testify. When testifying, being courteous and polite goes a long way!



Be knowledgeable: Before contacting your council member about an issue, read trustworthy sources about the topic, find out who it affects, what other residents think, and how it affects the future of the city.

Work with community: Many people are part of organizations that care about the same issues as you. You're much more likely to be effective working together than by yourself. Your council member can guide you to organizations if you don't know where to start.



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