



GOOD NEIGHBOR CELEBRATION

The Spokane Good Neighbor Celebration is a gathering meant to **recognize community members' outstanding efforts** to help improve the community through their neighborhood council.

SAVE THE DATE

December 16, 2023

9 - 11 am

The Hive - 2904 E
Sprague Ave

Find information about how to nominate
a neighbor below



AWARD INFO

The Community Assembly (CA) Building Stronger Neighborhoods Committee, chaired by Tina Luerssen (Grandview-Thorpe), is organizing our 2023 annual awards. This Committee is **asking you to nominate deserving individuals for the following four categories:**

1. **"Spirit of the CA Award":** This is an acknowledgement of exceptional service to the Community Assembly and commitment to uphold the Community Assembly's purpose and values.
 - a. **Eligibility:** Only CA Reps and Alt Reps are eligible for nominations in this category.
2. **"Good Neighbor Award":** This is an acknowledgement of exceptional service to the Spokane Neighborhoods and commitment to uphold the Community Assembly's purpose and values.
 - a. **Eligibility:** Anyone who Does Good in Your Neighborhood is eligible for nomination in this category. Think of those who serve their neighbors in ways big or small and recognize them for being a Good Neighbor!

What the above award winners receive: a certificate in a heavy paper certificate holder

3. **"Jeanette Harras Award":** Jeanette exemplified what a lifelong commitment to community organizing and meaningful community work looks like. As an instrumental member of the earliest days of Community Assembly, in addition to being a part of the Logan Neighborhood Council, she advocated for the needs of the entire Spokane community. Jeanette served on CA's committees, worked with the City on CDBG/NCDP funding, and worked with fellow neighborhood leaders to inspire projects, cultivate enthusiasm, and engage in strategic thinking. Nominees of this award should exemplify a commitment to community organizing, community involvement, selflessness, and a desire to see meaningful and positive impacts in the broader Spokane community.

Previous recipients: Tina Luerssen, Fran Papenleur, Kathryn Alexander, Colleen Gardner, Charles Hansen, Carol Tomsic

What the Jeanette Harras award winner receives: a crystal award

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4. **“Lifetime Achievement Award”**: This award is presented to an individual who has devoted an extraordinary period of time to the CA and/or their neighborhood council over many years, marked by consistent high-quality work. It is generally presented at or near the end of the term of service.

Previous recipients: Colleen Gardner, Jay Cousins, Rod Minarik, Kathryn Alexander

What the Lifetime Achievement Award award winner receives: a crystal award

HOW TO NOMINATE A NEIGHBOR

Below, you will find the CA’s Core Values and Purpose for your reference as well as a fillable pdf form to use for nominations.

The deadline for submission is December 1, 2023.

To submit nominations, email them to Tina Luerssen, BSN Chair (macluerssen@gmail.com) Amber Groe, ONS Liaison to BSN (agroe@spokanecity.org).

Alternatively, printed forms may be handed directly to Tina and the November 2 CA meeting (5:30–7:30PM at The Hive) or at the November 18 BSN meeting, 9–10:30AM at The Hive.

CA CORE VALUES AND PUPOSE

Developed and approved by CA in 2013

- **CORE PURPOSE:** Provide a vehicle to empower neighborhood councils' participation in government.
- **BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal):** Become an equal partner in local government. (This vision is expanded upon in the Vivid Description below.)
- **CORE VALUES:**
 - Common Good: Working towards mutual solutions based on diverse and unique perspectives.
 - Alignment: Bringing together the independent neighborhood councils to act collectively.
 - Initiative: Being proactive in taking timely, practical action.
 - Balance of Power: Being a transparent, representative body giving power to citizens' voices.

VIVID DESCRIPTION: The Community Assembly fulfils its purpose, achieves its goals, and stays true to its core values by its members engaging each other and the community with honest communication and having transparent actions in all of its dealings. Community Assembly representatives are knowledgeable and committed to serving their neighborhood and their city as liaisons and leaders. The Community Assembly initiates and is actively involved early and often in the conception, adoption and implementation of local policy changes and projects. The administration and elected officials bring ideas to the Community Assembly in the forming stages for vetting, input and participation. The Community Assembly is a valuable partner to these officials and neighborhoods in creating quality policy & legislation for the common good. The Community Assembly stimulates participation in civic life among our residents. Citizens that run for political office will believe in the importance of partnering with the Community Assembly and neighborhood councils. Those candidates' active participation and history with neighborhoods contributes to their success, enhancing successful partnerships between the Community Assembly and local government.

LET'S PARTY

Good Neighbor Award winners will be announced and celebrated at the December 16th Good Neighbor Celebration from 9-11AM at The Hive (see included flyer).

We invite and encourage NC leadership to attend this celebration and meet folks from other neighborhoods who are Doing Good in the Neighborhoods! CA Award winners will be announced and celebrated at the 1/4/24 CA meeting.

*Thank you for this opportunity to
**recognize hard-working volunteers
and good citizens** that make our
neighborhoods and communities a
better place to live!*





2023 Community Assembly and Good Neighbor Awards



NOMINATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2023

Your Name and Neighborhood Council:

Phone:

Email:

Award Categories:

Jeanette Harras Award

Lifetime Achievement

Spirit of CA

Good Neighbor

Indicate award category of your nomination:

Name of Nominee (please print):

Neighborhood:

Please describe why this person deserves the award:

Return form via e-mail or in-person to Tina Luerssen (MacLuerssen@gmail.com), CA Building Stronger Neighborhoods Committee Chair and Amber Groe (Agroe@spokanecity.org), ONS Liaison.