

# Office of Neighborhood Services Newsletter

February 2024

## ONS Program Updates

- [Neighborhood News You Can Use](#) video.
- [Traffic Calming](#) | Annie Deasy | [adeasy@spokanecity.org](mailto:adeasy@spokanecity.org)
  - Cycle 10 and Cycle 11 Traffic Calming projects are in the design phase and will be constructed this season.
  - **Asphalt Art** applications are open for *Neighborhood Intersection Application* and *Artist Roster Application* wanting to be on the *Artist Roster*! Learn more and apply here: <https://spokanearts.org/programs/asphalt-art/>.
  - “**Neighbors Drive 25**” yard signs are available at [C.O.P.S. Shops](#).
  - **Speeding complaints**, call the Traffic Line at 509.625.4150.
- [Clean-Up](#) | Amber Groe | [agroe@spokanecity.org](mailto:agroe@spokanecity.org)
  - The 2024 Clean-up Coordinator training is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. at the Shadle Park Library, Events Room (2111 W. Wellesley Ave.) and Zoom. RSVP to Amber ([agroe@spokanecity.org](mailto:agroe@spokanecity.org)) by Monday, Feb. 12.
- [Community Engagement Grant](#) | Gabby Ryan | [gryan@spokanecity.org](mailto:gryan@spokanecity.org)
  - The 2024 CE Grant Coordinator trainings have been scheduled. Select one to attend.
    - **Training 1:** Wednesday, Feb. 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in-person at Shadle Park Library, Studio Room (2111 W. Wellesley Ave.)
    - **Training 2:** Monday, Feb. 12, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in-person at West Central Community Center, Newton Lounge (1603 N. Belt St.)
    - **Training 3:** Friday, Feb. 23, 5:30-7:00 p.m. virtual via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85930888799?pwd=RTV3Mkdnb1BuYjA4eklWaGdMVE0yQT09> Meeting ID: 859 3088 8799, Passcode: 99201)
    - **Training 4:** Saturday, Feb. 24, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in-person at Liberty Park Library, Events Room (402 S. Pittsburg St.)

## Neighborhood Updates

- A community-wide **Land Use Town Hall** is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 22 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the West Central Community Center, Newton Room (1603 N. Belt St.) and Zoom. Join two City Council representatives to discuss the future of Spokane. Topics include development, open spaces, growth management, and more.
- **Firewise USA** is hosting a workshop to learn about preparing your home and neighborhood to be more resilient to wildfires. This free workshop is being held on:
  - Thursday, Feb. 22, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. or
  - Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon.



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Both workshops will be held at the Spokane Conservation District, 4422 E. Eighth Ave. Be sure to register by Feb. 16, to [spokanecd.org](http://spokanecd.org) or by calling 509.535.7274.

- The [C.A.R.E.S.](#) Community Assistance Response team is a great resource that connects residents with social service needs to community resources, often reducing Fire Department and EMS responses needed.
- [Neighborhood Calendar](#)
  - Check the calendar and your neighborhood council's webpage for upcoming meetings and events.

## City Updates

- [Sign up for the City's Community Update](#)
- [Sign up for the Spokane Public Library Newsletter](#)
- Looking for something fun to do? Check out the City's Parks and Recreation Department's [Winter and Spring Activity Guide!](#)
- The City is honored to have received the [Governor's Smart Communities Award](#) for the Smart Housing Strategies category for its Building Opportunity and Choices for All (BOCA) interim ordinance. Approved in 2022, BOCA modified residential zoning to accelerate construction of more housing types. Gov. Jay Inslee presented the award to the City on Jan. 31. Learn more at <https://my.spokanecity.org/news/releases/2023/11/01/city-housing-initiative-earns-governors-smart-communities-award/>.
- The team behind **Expo '74's 50th anniversary** celebration is excited to announce the launch of [Club '74](#), a group of supporters dedicated to showcasing our community, bringing people together, and creating positive change.
- The City's Planning Department [went to Rogers High School](#) to speak with students about the Hillyard Subarea Plan and seek their input about the community's future.
- The City is working on a Bicycle Priority Network map to guide a fully connected, safe, comfortable, all-ages bicycle network and we need your input on the proposed routes. Check out the [project page](#) for more information and be sure to click on "view the map" to leave your comments on the map.
- Get an [inside panoramic tour](#) of how we clean wastewater without having to go anywhere!
- **Getting Around:**
  - [Report potholes](#) at [mispokane311.org](http://mispokane311.org), through our mobile app My Spokane 311, or by calling 3-1-1 (509.755.2489).
  - For **obstruction notices and detours**, read the [weekly obstruction notice](#). Allow more time and patience. Slow down and stay alert. Follow designated detours and obey speed limits.
  - **Snow season is upon us.** When snow falls, please remember to park on the **odd** side of the street until plows have passed. The City of Spokane snow response information, including a live map of plow progress across the City, can be found at: <https://my.spokanecity.org/streets/maintenance/snow-removal/>. Watch the snow season video: [Getting Ready for Snow Season News Conference on Vimeo](#).



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- Join “**Adopt A Neighbor**” and Make Winter Brighter for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities!” Winter can be challenging, especially for older adults and individuals with disabilities who need help with snow removal. [Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern Washington](#) is launching “Adopt A Neighbor”, a community initiative seeking groups such as clubs, organizations, businesses, churches, community centers, and schools. By adopting a neighbor, you’ll provide vital snow removal assistance during the 2023-2024 season. It’s easy to get involved! Contact [Aging & Long Term Care](#) at [action@altcew.org](mailto:action@altcew.org) or 509.960.7281 to join “Adopt A Neighbor” and create a warmer winter for those in need.
- Planning Services has begun studying the effectiveness of the [Centers and Corridors Growth Strategy](#) to develop recommendations for modifications as it enters a [Periodic Update](#) phase for the [Comprehensive Plan](#). Read a [blog post](#) on how Planning used Artificial Intelligence technology at an open house.
- **Boards & Commissions:** Give back to the Spokane community by joining a volunteer board, commission, or committee! Submit completed [applications](#) to the Mayor's Office by emailing them to [mayor@spokanecity.org](mailto:mayor@spokanecity.org) unless otherwise noted below. You may also mail applications or turn them in at the MySpokane Customer Service counter at City Hall; 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201.

## Upcoming Community Assembly (CA) Meetings

Links to the virtual meetings listed below can all be found on the [Neighborhood Calendar](#)

- **Community Assembly (CA):** Meets the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m., in-person at The Hive, Events A, 2904 E. Sprague Ave.
- **CA Admin Committee:** Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m., hybrid (in-person at City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Sister City Conference Room or Zoom).
- **CA Budget Committee:** Meets the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m., hybrid (in-person at West Central Community Center, Don Kelly Room, 1603 N Belt St. or Zoom).
- **CA Building Stronger Neighborhoods (BSN) Committee:** (date/location change for Feb.) Virtual only meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m., on [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 892 7326 4817).
- **CA Community Development Committee:** *Does not have a regular meeting date and time, so please check the calendar for meeting information.*
- **CA Land Use Committee:** February meeting will include an abbreviated (hybrid) business meeting from 5-5:30 p.m. with a (hybrid) Land Use Town Hall, featuring two City Council members at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. The meeting/ town hall will take place on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024. (in-person at West Central Community Center, Newton Room, 1603 N Belt St. or Zoom).
- **CA Liaison Committee:** Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m., hybrid (in-person South Hill Library, 3424 S. Perry St. or Zoom).
- **CA Pedestrian, Traffic and Transportation (PeTT) Committee:** Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. virtually on Zoom.
- **CA Safety Committee:** Meets in-person on the last Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Hive, 2904 E. Sprague Ave.

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## Contact Us

### Office of Neighborhood Services Director:

- Patrick Striker, [pstriker@spokanecity.org](mailto:pstriker@spokanecity.org), 509.625.6263
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  - ONS Liaison to: Comstock, Manito-Cannon Hill, Nevada-Heights, and Southgate.

### Community Engagement Programs Manager:

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  - ONS Liaison to: Audubon-Downriver, Peaceful Valley and North Indian Trail.

### Community Programs Coordinators:

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  - Traffic Calming program, staff representative to Liaison and Pedestrian, Traffic and Transportation (PeTT) committees.
  - ONS liaison to: Cliff-Cannon, East Central, Lincoln Heights, Logan, Riverside, Rockwood, and West Hills.
- Amber Groe, [agroe@spokanecity.org](mailto:agroe@spokanecity.org), 509.625.6156
  - Neighborhood Clean-up program, staff representative to Land Use, Building Stronger Neighborhoods (BSN) and City Council/Neighborhood Town Halls.
  - ONS liaison to: Bemiss, Browne's Addition, Five Mile Prairie, Hillyard, Latah-Hangman, Minnehaha, North Hill, Shiloh Hills, and Whitman.
- Gabby Ryan, [gryan@spokanecity.org](mailto:gryan@spokanecity.org), 509.625.6858
  - Community Engagement Grant program, staff representative to Admin, Budget and Community Assembly/City Council committees.
  - ONS liaison to: Balboa-South Indian Trail, Chief Garry Park, Emerson-Garfield, Grandview-Thorpe, Northwest, and West Central.