

# Office of Neighborhood Services Newsletter

March 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.
  - [Mobile Speed Feedback Trailer applications](#) are due by April 8.
  - [Asphalt Art applications](#) are being accepted for Neighborhood Intersections.
  - “Neighbors Drive 25” yard signs are available at [C.O.P.S. Shops](#).
  - **Speeding complaints**, please call the Spokane Police Traffic Line at 509.625.4150.
- [Clean-up](#) | Amber Groe | [agroe@spokanecity.org](mailto:agroe@spokanecity.org)
  - Disposal passes are available:
    - Online on the [Clean-up Program webpage](#) or
    - The first floor of City Hall at the MySpokane desk or the [C.O.P.S. Shops](#).
  - Clean-up Event applications are due by Monday, March 11, to [agroe@spokanecity.org](mailto:agroe@spokanecity.org).
  - Beautification Project applications are open.
  - Clean-up training materials and applications can be found [online](#).
- [Community Engagement Grant](#) | Gabby Ryan | [gryan@spokanecity.org](mailto:gryan@spokanecity.org)
  - [Applications](#) are due by June 14.

## Neighborhood Updates

- [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](#)
- Earlier this month, Spokane voters renewed the levy that funds 18% of Spokane Public Library operations. If you haven’t been to a Library lately, you should visit! There are seven neighborhood libraries located in around the city offering free activities, events, and resources for residents of all ages. Many neighborhood councils and the community assembly use free Library event rooms to hold meetings. It’s a great place to connect with your community. One of the FREE activities hosted at the library are the weekly [Water Wise](#) Workshops so you can learn sustainable landscaping principles to ensure the future availability of one of our most precious resources. Water Wise



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Workshops are a collaboration with the City of Spokane Water Department and held *every Wednesday* in March and April at 6 p.m. at Shadle Park Library (with the exception the last workshop on April 24 that will be held at the Liberty Park Library):

- March 6: Intro to SpokaneScape Design
- March 13: Mulching, Edging & Laying Hardscape
- March 20: Firewise for City Dwellers
- March 27: DIY Drip Irrigation
- April 3: All About Composting
- April 10: Integrated Pest Management
- April 17: Pesticide & Herbicide Application
- April 24: Native Plants, Keystone Species & More (*Liberty Park Library*)
- The City has resumed [curbside yard and food waste pickup](#). Please have carts at the curb no later than 6 a.m. Learn how to turn yard waste into compost through the free [Master Composter/Recycler 6-Week Program](#) that starts on Wednesday, March 19. Classes are:
  - Monday, March 18, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
  - Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. - noon (pile building)
  - Monday, March 25, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
  - Monday, April 8, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
  - Monday, April 15, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
  - Monday, April 22, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
  - Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Spring compost fair)
  - Optional continuous education bonus class (with potluck) Monday, May 6, 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- The Spokane Fire Department is offering a free smoke alarm installation program to residents with prioritization with owner-occupied homes. [Apply here](#).
- 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.
- The City of Spokane is moving forward with its previously arranged plans to ramp down emergency warming shelter spaces and launch an audit process to properly assess shelter capacity among regional providers. [Read the press release](#).
- Looking for something fun to do?
  - [2024 Summer concerts](#) at Riverfront Park's Pavilion are on sale.
  - Check out the City's Parks and Recreation Department's [Winter and Spring Activity Guide!](#)
- 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.
- **Getting Around:**
  - [Report potholes](#) at [myspokane311.org](http://myspokane311.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.

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- **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:** Meets on the third Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. hybrid (in-person at the Hive, Events C – Door code: 516082# or Zoom)
- **CA Communications Committee:** Meets the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Hive, 2904 E. Sprague Ave.
- **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:** Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. hybrid (in-person West Central Community Center, Newton Room 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.

## Contact Us

### Office of Neighborhood Services Director:

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



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## Community Engagement Programs Manager:

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  - ONS Liaison to: Audubon-Downriver, Five Mile Prairie, Peaceful Valley, Riverside, and North Indian Trail.

## Community Programs Coordinators:

- Annie Deasy, [adeasy@spokanecity.org](mailto:adeasy@spokanecity.org), 509.625.6343
  - Traffic Calming program, staff representative to Communications, Community Development (CA/CD), Liaison, and Pedestrian, Traffic and Transportation (PeTT) committees.
  - ONS liaison to: Chief Garry Park, East Central, Lincoln Heights, Logan, Rockwood, Southgate, 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, Cliff-Cannon, Five Mile Prairie, Hillyard, Latah-Hangman, Minnehaha, North Hill, Shiloh Hills, West Central, 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, Browne's Addition, Emerson-Garfield, Grandview-Thorpe, North Hill, and Northwest.