

# Office of Neighborhood Services Newsletter

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## ONS Program Updates

- [Neighborhood News You Can Use](#) video.
- [Traffic Calming](#) | Annie Deasy | [adeasy@spokanecity.org](mailto:adeasy@spokanecity.org)
  - Cycle 10 Traffic Calming projects have been postponed until 2024 and will be installed with Cycle 11. We apologize and thank the neighborhoods who have been anxiously awaiting to have their projects to be installed for their patience.
  - **Asphalt Art** applications are open for *Neighborhood Councils* and *Artists* 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**, please call the Traffic Line at 509.625.4150.
- [Clean-Up](#) | Amber Groe | [agroe@spokanecity.org](mailto:agroe@spokanecity.org)
  - The 2023 program has ended. Please look for training and application materials in the spring of 2024.
- [Community Engagement Grant](#) | Gabby Ryan | [gryan@spokanecity.org](mailto:gryan@spokanecity.org)
  - The 2023 program has ended. Please look for training and application materials in the spring of 2024.
- [Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy](#) | We are now recruiting for the 2024 cohort! The Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy (SNLA) is a five-month program designed to equip new and emerging neighborhood council leaders with knowledge, skills, and resources to increase engagement and effectively address their priorities. Applications are due Friday, Jan. 5, 2024. Find qualifications, application and information [here](#).
- [Neighborhood Summit](#) | The inaugural Summit provided resources on many topics, including Diversifying Funding Streams, Working with City Government, Communicating with Courage, Leveraging Community Partnerships, Creating “In Spokane We Belong” and Social Media. Those resources, including videos, handouts and presentations, are available on the [Summit webpage](#). And the Neighborhood Resource Guide is available here: [Resource Guide](#).

## Neighborhood Updates

- [Neighborhood Calendar](#)
  - Check the calendar and your neighborhood council’s webpage for upcoming meetings and events.
- [Nominate a Volunteer for the WA State Volunteer Service Awards!](#) Serve Washington is accepting nominations for its first ever Washington State Volunteer Service Awards. The awards honor and celebrate the many acts of kindness individuals, families, service groups, and organizations perform in communities across our state.

Contact our Serve WA Commissioner, Gabby Ryan ([gryan@spokanecity.org](mailto:gryan@spokanecity.org)), with questions.



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- All types of volunteerism—formal or not—are eligible to be nominated. Neighbors helping neighbors. Helping people prepare for emergencies. Supporting food banks. Volunteering at schools. National service. Anyone who has given time, care or assistance can be nominated!
- Awards will be given to individuals and groups. Nominations are due Friday, Dec. 22.
- Learn more on our website and nominate someone today! <https://tinyurl.com/5n79t7f6>
- **Good Neighbor Celebration**
  - Celebrate the good work of neighborhood volunteers. All CA award winners will be announced and celebrated at the Good Neighbor Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 9-11 a.m. at The Hive (2904 E. Sprague Ave). Neighborhood council leaders are encouraged to attend to connect with others.

## City Updates

- [Sign up for the City's Community Update](#)
- [Sign up for the Spokane Public Library Newsletter](#)
- Protect yourself from **Cyber Security** this holiday by securing your technology, internet connections and social media. It can be as easy as clicking on a link to an email that said that you have won a vacation or there has been a breach in your bank account. When you click the link, malware is installed. For tips, watch this short video: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=789031239694253>
- Looking for something fun to do? Check out the City's Parks and Recreation Department's [Winter and Spring Activity Guide!](#)
- The City of Spokane's new [online rental registry](#) is open, an outcome of the City Council passing the [Regulation of Residential Rental Housing](#) ordinance in March 2023. Landlords, property managers should register properties by Dec. 31. Read [blog post](#) for more information.



- The **Point-in Time-Count** of Spokane County's homeless population will be Monday, Jan. 22, through Saturday, Jan. 27. Volunteers are needed. Go to <https://my.spokanecity.org/endinghomelessness/point-in-time-count> to sign up and for more information.
- The City will start **short-term rental monitoring** in January 2024. Hosts operating without a permit will receive a letter that they've been identified as having a non-compliant short-term rental. The City Council passed amendments to the short-term rental regulations on July 10, 2023. The regulations then went into effect on Sept. 1. [Read our blog post](#) for more information.
- 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.
- **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.](#)
- [Report potholes](#) at [mispokane311.org](http://mispokane311.org), through our mobile app My Spokane 311, or by calling 3-1-1 (509.755.2489).

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- 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.
- 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.
- City of Spokane Parks & Recreation received a \$100,000 grant to repair broken **play equipment** at 16 parks, awarded by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) through its first Local Parks Maintenance grant program. Repairs will include about 43 broken and damaged equipment pieces like slides and swings and are anticipated to be done in 2024. Thanks to the RCO grant, these playgrounds are scheduled to receive repaired components:
  - A.M. Cannon
  - B.A. Clark
  - Corbin
  - Dutch Jake’s
  - Emerson
  - Fairview
  - Franklin
  - Friendship
  - Hill n’ Dale
  - Kehoe
  - Loma Vista
  - Loren Kondo
  - Minnehaha
  - Mission
  - Thornton Murphy
  - Underhill
- City Council [approved](#) the proposed [Building Opportunity for Housing](#) text amendments. The new housing regulations will make **Middle Housing** more feasible through Spokane, providing for greater housing diversity and increasing opportunities for homeownership. You can [watch a recording of the City Council hearing](#).
- 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 [blog post](#) for more information.
- The City of Spokane has been selected to participate in the inaugural Community Connectors program of Smart Growth America that will offer technical support and a grant of up to \$130,000 to assist in addressing the **impacts of Interstate 90** through the East Central neighborhood. Read more on the [City website](#).
- 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.
- **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.



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## 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, Tribal Conference Room or Zoom) *\*Mtg time may change with new Admin Committee members.*
- 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). *Does not meet in December.*
- CA Building Stronger Neighborhoods (BSN) Committee: *Good Neighbor Celebration, Saturday, Dec. 16, 9 a.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 first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. hybrid (in-person Shadle Park Library, 2111 W Wellesley Ave, or Zoom). *Does not meet in January.*
- 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. *Does not meet in December.*
- CA Safety Committee: Meets the fourth 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
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  - ONS Liaison to: Comstock, Manito-Cannon Hill, Nevada-Heights, and Southgate.

### Community Engagement Programs Manager:

- Pollyanne Birge, [pbirge@spokanecity.org](mailto:pbirge@spokanecity.org), 509.625.6147
  - ONS Liaison to: Audubon-Downriver, Peaceful Valley 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 Liaison and Pedestrian, Traffic and Transportation (PeTT) committees.



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- ONS liaison to: Cliff-Cannon, East Central, Lincoln Heights, Logan, Riverside, Rockwood, and West Hills.
  
- 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.
  
- 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.