

Office of Neighborhood Services Newsletter

November 2023

ONS Program Updates

- [Neighborhood News You Can Use](#) video.
- [Traffic Calming](#) | Annie Deasy | adeasy@spokanecity.org
 - Cycle 10 Traffic Calming projects have been postponed until 2024. We apologize and thank for the neighborhoods who have been anxiously awaiting for the 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
 - 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
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- [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 Updates

- [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), with questions.
 - 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, 2023.
 - Learn more on our website and nominate someone today! <https://tinyurl.com/5n79t7f6>



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- **Nominate a Neighbor or Community Assembly Volunteer for one of the following awards!** Award nomination information can be found at: my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods
 - **"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.
 - Eligibility: Only CA Reps and Alt Reps are eligible for nominations in this category.
 - **"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.
 - Eligibility: Neighborhood Council members & officers, CA Reps & Alt Reps, and CA Liaisons are eligible for nominations in this category.
 - **"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 community 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.
 - **"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.
- **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, 12/16 from 9 – 11 a.m. at The Hive. Neighborhood council leaders encouraged to attend to connect with others.
- **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](#)
- The Planning is excited to share some opportunities this week for you to help us plan for the future of [Centers and Corridors](#) in Spokane.
 - Watch [this video](#) to learn about the project.
 - **[Take the Survey!](#)** The survey is open through Sunday, Nov. 12. or you are welcome to email your comments to centersandcorridors@spokanecity.org.
- Curbside yard and food waste service runs through November. Residents are reminded that carts should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. and cart lids must be closed completely.

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- **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 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. The [Maple Street Bridge project](#) is progressing expected to be completed in mid-November.
- 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 or 509.960.7281 to join “Adopt A Neighbor” and create a warmer winter for those in need.
- Looking for something fun to do? Check out the City’s Parks and Recreation Department [Fall Activity Guide!](#)
- 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 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): Thursday, Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m., in-person at The Hive, Events A, 2904 E. Sprague Ave.
- CA Admin Committee: Tuesday, Nov. 28, 4:30 p.m., hybrid (in-person at City Hall 1st Floor, Tribal Conference Room or Zoom)
- CA Budget Committee: Monday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m., hybrid (in-person at West Central Community Center, Don Kelly Room, 1603 N Belt St. or Zoom)



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- CA Building Stronger Neighborhoods (BSN) Committee: Saturday, Nov. 18 , 9 a.m., hybrid (in-person Finch Arboretum Woodland Center, S F St, Spokane, WA 99224 or Zoom)
- CA Land Use Committee: Wednesday, Nov. 1, 6 p.m. (in-person Shadle Park Library, 2111 W Wellesley Ave, or Zoom)
- CA Liaison Committee: Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2 p.m., hybrid (in-person Liberty Park Library, 402 S. Pittsburg or Zoom)
- CA Pedestrian, Traffic and Transportation (PeTT) Committee: Tuesday, Oct. 24, 6 p.m., virtual

Contact Us

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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:

- Annie Deasy, adeasy@spokanecity.org, 509.625.6343
 - 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.
- Gabby Ryan, 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, 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.

