

## Call for Workshop Proposals - 2026 Spokane Neighborhood Summit

The City of Spokane's Office of Neighborhood Services is proud to host the fourth annual Spokane Neighborhood Summit on November 7, 2026.

By providing participants with the tools and training to improve their neighborhoods, the Summit will focus on community identified priorities and enhance strategic planning efforts for all 29 Spokane neighborhoods. Core drivers for the Summit include:

1. Provide neighborhood council leaders with capacity building based on the needs of their neighborhood.
2. Bring together neighborhood council leaders from across the City of Spokane where they form a connected regional identity.
3. Disrupt status-quo approaches and practices that are hindering neighborhood council growth and development.

How do we get this accomplished? By reaching out to our subject matter experts like you—we need your help! The Office of Neighborhood Services is seeking proposals from neighborhood leaders to present workshops on a wide range of topics related to neighborhoods and community engagement. Please email your workshop proposal(s) and any questions you may have to the following email address: [spokaneneighborhoods@gmail.com](mailto:spokaneneighborhoods@gmail.com)

**\*\*Proposals are due no later than Sunday, July 26, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.\*\***

If you are interested in presenting a workshop, please review the information below. Priority consideration will be given to proposals that address topics related to the following conference tracks:

1. **Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive Communities** (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Youth Engagement, etc.)
2. **Technical Assistance, Technology, and Communication** (Website, Social Media, Branding and Campaigns, Bylaws, Communication, etc.)
3. **Safe, Healthy, and Beautiful Neighborhoods** (Public safety efforts, Clean-up, Transportation, Emergency preparation, etc.)
4. **Civic Engagement and Community Impact** (Advocacy, Engaging with City Council, City departments, Partnering with Local Organizations, Writing Resolutions, etc.)
5. **Empowering Neighbors and Engaging Neighborhoods** (Leadership Development, Working with Inactive Neighborhoods, Community Engagement, etc.)

## Workshop Expectations/ Information

All workshops will take place on Saturday, November 7 between 10:40 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Gonzaga John J. Hemmingson Center (702 E Desmet Ave.). Workshops can be 45 minutes or 60 minutes in length (we have more availability for 60 minute workshops). The Summit venue will be equipped with a computer, wifi, a drop down screen, and a projector. Presenters will receive more information about the venue upon approval of their workshop.

All presenters are required to provide attendees with a relevant handout or presentation that is meant to be a practical guide for participants to apply what they learned in the workshop directly to their neighborhood council.

Ideally, we would like to record workshops on video for participants to access after the event. Priority consideration will be given to presenters willing to record their workshop.

## Proposal Outline

All workshop proposals should include the following information and must be received no later than Sunday, July 26, 2026 by 11:59 p.m. to [spokaneneighborhoods@gmail.com](mailto:spokaneneighborhoods@gmail.com)

1. Session presenter(s) name, email and phone
2. Workshop title
3. Description - should be 300 words maximum.
4. Maximum amount of participants (if you don't have a capacity for participation, please include "no maximum of participants")
5. Length of time of session - 45 minutes, 60 minutes, or either length
6. Which conference track best represents your workshop (select one of the following):
  - Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive Communities
  - Technical Assistance, Technology, and Communication
  - Safe, Healthy, and Beautiful Neighborhoods
  - Civic Engagement and Community Impact
  - Empowering Neighbors and Engaging Neighborhoods
7. Which learning level would best describe your workshop (select one of the following):
  - Beginner (1-2 years as a neighborhood council member)
  - Intermediate (3-5 years as a neighborhood council member)
  - Advanced (5+ years as a neighborhood council member)
8. What style of facilitation would you use to describe your workshop?
  - Lecture, Hands-on workshop, Panel discussion, or Other (please describe)

## Questions?

Please direct all inquiries and questions to Community Programs Coordinator, Amber Groe at [agroe@spokanecity.org](mailto:agroe@spokanecity.org) or 509-209-3767.