

Office of Neighborhood Services Report

May 2023

ONS Program Updates

- **Traffic Calming** | Annie Deasy | adeasy@spokanecity.org
 - **Traffic Calming Workshops** to select preferred project solutions for the issues identified at the fall workshop will be held, *please refer to the [flyer](#) or [calendar](#) for your neighborhood councils time as each session is 50 minutes:*
 - District 1: May 16, Spokane Central Library, Events Room A, 906 W. Main Ave.
 - District 2: May 17, Spokane Central Library, Events Room A, 906 W. Main Ave.
 - District 3: May 18, Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley Ave., Events RoomPlease see website for specific time for your neighborhood council and *arrive on time* as each workshop will have a presentation.
 - The **2023 Mobile Speed Feedback** trailers, reminding motorists of the posted speed and if they are speeding, will be deployed throughout the City of Spokane from May 1 through the end of September.
 - Neighbors Drive 25 yard signs available at COPS shops or City Hall at the MySpokane counter.
 - Speeding: call the Traffic Line at 509.625.4150.
- **Clean-Up** | Amber Groe | agroe@spokanecity.org
 - Digital disposal passes are available on the [City Clean-up Program webpage](#).
 - Physical passes are available at the My Spokane Customer Service desk on the first floor of City Hall and disposal pass request forms will be available at C.O.P.S. Shop locations.
- **Community Engagement Grant** | Gabby Ryan | gryan@spokanecity.org
 - 2023 Community Engagement Grant Applications are due on **Friday, June 16**, to Gabby Ryan at gryan@spokanecity.org.
- ONS has added a Community Engagement Programs Manager member to the team! A born-and-bred Spokaneite, Pollyanne Birge comes to ONS most recently from Code Enforcement and has vast experience in community development work with the City of Portland. Pollyanne's first day will be May 1, and she will be liaising Audubon-Downriver, Peaceful Valley and North Indian Trail.

Neighborhood Events

- **Walking Tours of Historic Browne's Addition**. Walk through the neighborhood and hear tales of great success, great ingenuity, and great divorce. This is a fund-raising event for Coeur d'Alene Park and tickets are \$20.
- A **Flea Market** will be held in the parking lot at Grocery Outlet, 1617 W. Third Ave., the last Sunday of the month from May through Sept. There will be 20 vendor booths available for \$20. Stop by and see what is for sale or if you're interested in selling your wares, contact Pia Hallenberg, piahallenberg@gmail.com or 509.280.0075, to reserve your booth. Funds raised benefit the Riverside Neighborhood Council.



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City Updates

- Mayor Woodward will host a series of town hall meetings in May to discuss the City's finances and priorities for the 2024 budget and collect feedback on City services.
 - Town hall meetings will be held from 5-7pm at the:
 - South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry St., on May 2
 - Hillyard Library, 4111 N. Cook St., on May 9
 - Shadle Park Library, 2111 W Wellesley Ave, on May 11
- [Highlights of the Point-in-Time Count](#), a federally required annual snapshot estimate of Spokane County's homeless population that relies on volunteers and helps regional planners determine programs, have been released.
- From 2016 to 2021, the [City worked with Washington State Department of Ecology](#) to clean up and redevelop areas of Riverfront Park. The [partnership](#) leveraged public and private funds to increase the park's diversity and accessibility, making it Spokane's No. 1 gathering space. The cleanup earned the City and Ecology a [Phoenix Award for brownfields excellence](#) at the national Brownfields Conference in Oklahoma City.
- The City's Community, Housing, and Human Services Department is requesting public feedback through Friday, May 5, on priorities for its next award cycle through a short [survey](#). The federal, state and local funds for the annual cycle will result in an annual investment of \$7.4 million for homeless services, housing and public service projects. [Take the survey](#).
- [Take the North Spokane Corridor Connection to I-90 survey](#) and attend the upcoming community workshop on May 10th at the Hive (Sprague Ave.) from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.
- [Ordinance proposal would make public drug use illegal](#). The ordinance was announced on March 21, by Mayor Nadine Woodward and Council Members Jonathan Bingle and Michael Cathcart. Additionally, 28 Mayors, including Woodward, voice concern about drug laws, [read the letter](#).
- Curbside [yard and food waste service](#) runs through November. Residents are reminded that cart lids must be closed completely when placed at the curb.
- Spokane Transit Authority (STA) is planning to introduce its new Bus Rapid Transit line, the City Line, July 2023. To better align growth with projected resources, **STA is proposing to revise previously approved service plans**. Take the [survey](#) to provide feedback to STA on proposed changes.
- The Gonzaga Climate Center is hosting [Beat the Heat](#) data walks:
 - Thursday, May 11, at West Central Community Center, 1603 N. Belt St.
 - Thursday, May 18, at Northeast Community Center, 4001 N. Cook St.
 - Thursday, May 26, at the Carl Maxey Center, 3114 E. 5th Ave.
- **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.
- [Golf courses are open!](#) Click the link for tee times, rates and other information.



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- The City's Parks and Recreation [Spring Activity Guide](#) has many great spring adventures and a special summer camp section!
- **Potholes:** If you see a pothole, report it to the City's **Pothole Hotline** at **311**, or for **outside city limits, 509.755.CITY (2489)**. Street Maintenance Crews are also proactive in looking for potholes and getting them repaired.

Upcoming Community Assembly (CA) Meetings

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

- Community Assembly (CA): Thursday, June 1, 5:30 p.m., in-person at The Hive, Studio E, 2904 E. Sprague Ave. and online via Zoom.
- CA Admin Committee: Tuesday, May 23, 4:30 p.m., hybrid (in-person at City Hall 1st Floor, Tribal Conference Room or Zoom)
- CA Budget Committee: Monday, May 22, 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: Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m., hybrid (in-person at Peaceful Valley Community Center or Zoom)
- CA Land Use Committee: Wednesday, May 3, 5:30 p.m., hybrid (in-person Shadle Park Library and Zoom)
- CA Liaison Committee: Tuesday, May 9, 2 p.m., virtual
- CA Pedestrian, Traffic and Transportation (PeTT) Committee: Tuesday, May 23, 6 p.m., virtual

Contact Us

Office of Neighborhood Services Director:

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

Community Engagement Programs Manager:

- Pollyanne Birge, 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, 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.



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- 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.

