

# Office of Neighborhood Services Report

Report made for: Comstock Neighborhood Council

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## ONS Program Updates

**\*\*The Community Program Coordinators are transitioning programs—note the changes below. If you have programmatic questions, please include both the previous and new CPC so we can answer your questions.\*\***

- **Community Engagement Grant** | Gabby Ryan | [gryan@spokanecity.org](mailto:gryan@spokanecity.org) | *previously Annie Deasy*
  - Training and application materials will be available in the spring of 2022.
- **Traffic Calming** | Annie Deasy | [adeasy@spokanecity.org](mailto:adeasy@spokanecity.org) | *previously Annica Eagle*
  - The Neighbors Drive 25 yard signs are available at City Hall and area C.O.P.S. shops on a first come-first served basis.
  - Traffic Calming issue-identification workshops: contact Shauna Harshman of City Council's office for latest updates: [sharshman@spokanecity.org](mailto:sharshman@spokanecity.org)
  - **Note:** Previous Traffic Calming cycles (up through Cycle 10) will still be under Annica Eagle, so you can follow up with her for those questions ([aeagle@spokanecity.org](mailto:aeagle@spokanecity.org))
- **Clean-Up** | Annica Eagle | [aeagle@spokanecity.org](mailto:aeagle@spokanecity.org) | *previously Gabby Ryan*
  - Updates for 2022 coming soon.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Cendy Ortiz | [cortiz@spokanecity.org](mailto:cortiz@spokanecity.org)
  - Check out [current volunteer opportunities](#) like our graffiti cleanup and Meals on Wheels.

## Neighborhood Updates

- **Free Covid Tests:** Get free at-home COVID-19 tests. Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. You can sign up here: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>
- **Neighborhood Calendar**
  - Please check this calendar and your neighborhood council's webpage
- **District Videos:** Cendy Ortiz | [cortiz@spokanecity.org](mailto:cortiz@spokanecity.org)
  - District video updates are listed on the Neighborhood Council landing page, listed under Items of Interest on the right hand side: <https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/councils/>. Please share on your social media accounts.
  - If you have an idea, event or something that you want to highlight in your neighborhood in an upcoming district video, contact Cendy Ortiz, [cortiz@spokanecity.org](mailto:cortiz@spokanecity.org).

## City Updates

- **Leadership Appointed:**
  - **Spencer Gardener:** is the new Planning Director, set to be confirmed by City Council on January 24<sup>th</sup> and to begin working in early February. [Press release](#)



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- **Eric Finch:** is the new Interim Director of N.H.H.S. [Directory info](#)
- **Boards & Commissions:** Give back to the Spokane community by joining a volunteer Board, Commission, or Committee! The following Boards and Commissions are currently accepting applications to fill current or upcoming vacancies. Please submit completed [applications](#) to the Mayor's office by emailing them directly to [mayor@spokanecity.org](mailto:mayor@spokanecity.org).
  - **Continuum of Care Board**

The mission of the community-based City of Spokane/Spokane County Regional Continuum of Care (CoC) is to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-reoccurring in our area by fostering shared responsibility among stakeholders and coordinating resources essential to the success of local plans to end homelessness. CoC Board members are responsible for approving and implementing the CoC's Plan to End Homelessness and providing leadership, oversight, and accountability for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development CoC projects in Spokane County. Time commitments for this work range between 5-10 hours a month of attending meetings, serving on subcommittees, and researching issues our community faces in addressing housing needs. Board members serve five-year terms. The CoC is looking for applicants for four new board positions. The CoC needs one individual representing each of the following: Education (K-12); Law and Justice systems; Nonprofit (Temporary Housing); and Business. Applications and instruction are at <https://my.spokanecity.org/endinghomelessness/about/coc/>. Applications are due **Feb. 7, 2022, at 5 p.m.**
  - **Council Districting Board (City Charter Article VII, Section 59)**

Based on population information from the most recent federal decennial census, it is the responsibility of each municipal government to periodically redistrict (redrawing existing district boundaries) to ensure citizens are receiving equal and accurate representation. The City of Spokane is currently accepting applications to fill three (3) at-large vacancies for the Council Districting Board. Individuals selected for these positions will fill one term, expiring November 30, 2022 after the adoption of the Districting Plan. All [Council Districting Board applications](#) must be received by the Mayor's Office no later than **January 31, 2022**.
  - **Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission (SMC 04.35)**

The Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission is currently accepting applications for one vacancy. The position is to be held by a professional Preservation Construction Specialist and will be a four-year term beginning January 1, 2022. Interested applicants may be City of Spokane or Spokane County residents, and Commission members serve without compensation. Those interested in being considered must send a letter of interest, resume and a completed [application](#) to the Mayor's Office by **January 31, 2022**.
  - **Citizens Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB)**

The Citizen's Transportation Advisory Committee is currently accepting applications for multiple positions due to a recent Board expansion. The positions will remain **open until filled**. Applicants for this Board should submit [applications](#) directly to City Council Office – Attn: TBD Administrator, Shauna Harshman ([sharshman@spokanecity.org](mailto:sharshman@spokanecity.org)).
  - **Spokane Park Board (City Charter, Article V)**

Applications are being accepted for citizens interested in serving on the Spokane Park Board. The board was created in 1910 and granted the power to layout, establish, purchase, procure, accept and have the care, management, control, and improvement of all parks grounds and parkways controlled by the city of Spokane and used for park purposes. Park Board members may serve up to two, five-year terms. Interested citizens may submit completed [applications](#) to Parks and Recreation at [spokaneparks@spokanecity.org](mailto:spokaneparks@spokanecity.org).
- **Street Construction and Maintenance:** Weather permitting, City crews are doing street sweeping, crack sealing, and construction. More information can be found at: <https://my.spokanecity.org/streets/notices/>.



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- **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.
- **Speeding:** If you have a concern about motorists speeding in your neighborhood, please report it to the **Traffic Hotline** at **509.625.4150**. If it is an emergency or in-progress, please call **911**.
- **Snow Season:** During snow season, please remember to park on the ODD side of the street when a full-City plow is announced until trucks have passed. This allows drivers to do a better job of clearing snow. Obstructions like basketball hoops should also be removed from the right-of-way. As a reminder, RVs, boats and trailers cannot exceed 24 hours of continuous on-street parking, according to [Spokane Municipal Code \(16A.05.310B\)](#). The public will see parking enforcement across the City visiting vehicles and placing courtesy notices on them. Parking enforcement also can issue tickets and initiate towing. [Press Release](#)
- **Winter Shelter Options:** Spokane has a regional network of shelter spaces available for use by those needing a safe place to spend the night or relief from the elements during emergencies. Those include shelter for single adults, families, young adults, and youths. Pandemic restrictions are followed in the shelter system. See <https://my.spokanecity.org/hazardsheltering/> for more information about what is available and where.
- **COVID-19 and City Hall:** City Hall and other City facilities have reopened to the public and masks are required within City facilities. MySpokane is open from 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm. For more information, visit <https://my.spokanecity.org/covid19/>. Drive thru testing is available at Spokane Falls Community College Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30am-6pm (no testing is done on Wednesday).

## Projects/Programs of Interest

- **Point-in-Time Count:** the annual Point-In-Time Count that helps to develop a snapshot estimate of the homeless population in Spokane County is **Thursday, Jan. 27**, for the sheltered count. The unsheltered count will be during the 4 to 5 days afterward. The count is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The data from the count also helps secure funding for future services from state and federal sources as it provides the data used to complete grant applications and reports required by state and federal homeless service funders. If you have questions, contact Point-in-Time Count Coordinator Amira Djulovic at [adjulovic@spokanecity.org](mailto:adjulovic@spokanecity.org) or 509-435-8609. [Sign up to be a volunteer](#)
- **Weatherizing for the cold:** Here are some [tips](#) on how to avoid frozen pipes.

## Upcoming Meetings

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

- CA Building Stronger Neighborhoods (BSN) Committee: Monday, January 24, 12:00pm
- CA Budget Committee: Monday, January 24, 7:00pm
- CA Admin Committee: Tuesday, January 25, 12:00pm
- CA Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (PeTT) Committee: Tuesday, January 25, 6:00pm
- Community Assembly (CA): Thursday, February 3, 5:30pm via WebEx (meeting number/access code: 146 138 6032; Meeting password: neighborhoods)
- CA Liaison Committee: Tuesday, February 8, 2:00 pm
- CA Land Use Committee: Thursday, February 17, 5:30pm



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Contact Us

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**Community Engagement Programs Manager:** Cendy Ortiz, [cortiz@spokanecity.org](mailto:cortiz@spokanecity.org), 509.625.6147 (Special events, volunteers opportunities, and bi-weekly district videos)

**Community Programs Coordinators:**

- Annie Deasy, [adeasy@spokanecity.org](mailto:adeasy@spokanecity.org), 509.625.6343, (Thursday neighborhood liaison, **new Traffic Calming**, Liaison Committee, and CA/CC Program contact)
- Annica Eagle, [aeagle@spokanecity.org](mailto:aeagle@spokanecity.org), 509.625.6156, (Tuesday neighborhood liaison, **new Clean Up**, Traffic Calming through Cycle 10, PeTT Committee, Town Hall contact)
- Gabby Ryan, [gryan@spokanecity.org](mailto:gryan@spokanecity.org), 509.625.6858, (Wednesday neighborhood liaison, **new Community Engagement Grant**, Admin, Budget, BSN Committee)

