

Office of Neighborhood Services Report

Report made for: Comstock Neighborhood Council

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ONS Program Updates

- **Community Engagement Grant** | Gabby Ryan | gryan@spokanecity.org | *previously Annie Deasy*
 - Training will be held at 7pm on Monday, February 28, and application materials will be available soon on the website.
- **Traffic Calming** | Annie Deasy | 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.
 - **Mobile Speed Feedback Trailer** applications are being accepted through Friday, April 1.
 - Traffic Calming issue-identification workshops: contact Shauna Harshman of City Council's office for latest updates: 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)
- **Clean-Up** | Annica Eagle | aeagle@spokanecity.org | *previously Gabby Ryan*
 - Clean Up Coordinator Training: Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30 pm
 - Updates for 2022 coming soon.
- **Volunteer Opportunities**: Cendy Ortiz | cortiz@spokanecity.org
 - Check out [current volunteer opportunities](#) like our graffiti cleanup, Meals on Wheels, and April Spokane Gives opportunities.

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 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
 - 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.

City Updates



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- **Compost Giveaway from February 1 through June 30.** Current and new City of Spokane “Clean Green” yard and food waste collection program can receive a free half-yard of finished compost from participating vendors as an incentive to divert more organics from the waste stream by using the green cart. To take advantage of this offer, go to gogreenspokane.com and submit a request for the free compost.
- **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. 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.
 - **Citizens Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB)**- Open until filled. Send application directly to City Council office, cc: sharshman@spokanecity.org
 - **Spokane Park Board (City Charter, Article V)**- Interested citizens may submit completed applications to Parks and Recreation at spokaneparks@spokanecity.org.
 - **Plan Commission** - (Due Feb. 28)
 - **Parking Advisory Committee**- Open until filled.
- **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/>.
- **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](#)
- **Weatherizing for the cold:** Here are some [tips](#) on how to avoid frozen pipes.
- **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 many locations around Spokane. Please visit <https://covid.srhd.org/topics/covid-19-testing/community-testing-site> to find a site near you.



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- The Spokane Police Department has [released a report](#) about recruiting and hiring. The report includes information about:
 - the increase in applicants
 - the increase in the diversity of applicants
 - the high retention rate of officers hired
 - the comparison of SPD officer demographics with the City of Spokane demographics
 - details of the recruiting efforts in 2021
 - upcoming recruiting efforts

Projects/Programs of Interest

- **Point-in-Time Count:** the annual Point-In-Time Count helps to develop a snapshot estimate of the homeless population in Spokane County. The count was originally scheduled for Jan. 27-Feb. 1. The sheltered count is now set for Feb. 24, followed by the unsheltered count Feb. 25-March 1. This change is based on strong recommendations from the Spokane Regional Health District and partner organizations in the community that have expressed concerns about public health and staff safety related to the expected peak of the Omicron variant over the next few weeks. 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 or 509-435-8609. [Sign up to be a volunteer](#)
- **AARP Community Challenge grant program** now is accepting applications through **2pm PST on Tuesday, March 22**, and they must be submitted through www.AARP.org/CommunityChallenge. The program is open to 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6) nonprofits and government entities. Challenge grants support community projects that spark change and lead to improvements across several areas, including: public places; housing; transportation; civic engagement; diversity, equity and inclusion; other innovative projects; and, new this year, federal funding implementation.

Upcoming Meetings

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

- CA Admin Committee: Tuesday, February 22, 12:00pm
- CA Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (PeTT) Committee: Tuesday, February 22, 6:00pm
- **Comprehensive Plan Amendment Training: Wednesday, February 23rd, 5:30pm**
- CA Building Stronger Neighborhoods (BSN) Committee: Monday, February 28, 12:00pm
- **Community Engagement Grant Training: Monday, February 28, 7:00pm**
- **Clean Up Coordinator Training: Wednesday, March 2, 6:30pm**
- CA Land Use Committee: Thursday, March 17, 5:30pm
- Community Assembly (CA): Thursday, March 3, 5:30pm via WebEx (meeting number/access code: 146 138 6032; Meeting password: neighborhoods)
- CA Liaison Committee: Tuesday, March 8, 2:00 pm



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Contact Us

Director of Community Programs: Carly Cortright, ccortright@spokanecity.org, 509.625.6263

- o ONS liaison to: Comstock, Nevada Heights, North Hill and Southgate.

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

- o ONS liaison to: Grandview-Thorpe and Latah-Hangman.

Community Programs Coordinators:

- Annie Deasy, adeasy@spokanecity.org, 509.625.6343
 - o New Traffic Calming program, staff representative to Liaison and PeTT committees
 - o ONS liaison to: Audubon-Downriver, Bemiss, Browne's Addition, Five Mile Prairie, Hillyard, Manito-Cannon Hill, Minnehaha, and Shiloh Hills.
- Annica Eagle, aeagle@spokanecity.org, 509.625.6156
 - o Clean Up program, Traffic Calming (through Cycle 10), and Town Hall contact
 - o ONS liaison to: Cliff-Cannon, East Central, Lincoln Heights, Logan, North Indian Trail, Riverside, Rockwood, and West Hills.
- Gabby Ryan, gryan@spokanecity.org, 509.625.6858
 - o Community Engagement Grant program, staff representative to Admin, Budget, Building Stronger Neighborhoods (BSN), and Community Assembly/City Council committees
 - o ONS liaison to: Balboa-South Indian Trail, Chief Garry Park, Emerson-Garfield, Peaceful Valley, Northwest, West Central, and Whitman.

