Neighborhood Council Updates | November 2026

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Fun and Free:

November Riverfront Park Activities:

- **11/11 (Veteran's Day):** Complimentary Looff Carrousel rides for all active and former military members, including one companion admission.
- **11/21:** The Numerica Skate Ribbon will open to the public for the ice-skating season. Opening day hours are 11 am – 9 pm. Admission Costs: Adult (ages 13+): $10.95, Youth (ages 3-12): $7.95, Skate Rental: $7.95. Helmets are free upon request.
- **11/28:** The Numerica Tree Lighting Celebration is a must attend holiday event! Festivities will kick off at 4 p.m. at the plaza adjacent to the Skate Ribbon with food trucks and live entertainment. Grab your ice skates, a cup of hot cocoa and join us as we count down to light our community tree at 6 p.m.
- **11/28 – 11/29:** Enjoy a free, horse-drawn carriage ride through the scenic beauty of Riverfront Park. Available from 12-5 p.m. both days.

Veteran's Community Day at Spokane City Hall:

- Just us in the Chase Gallery for a special Community Days event to honor our veterans. Light refreshments and a the Wounded Warrior Project will accept a salutation from City Council. Event is: Wednesday, November 11th 5:00-6:30 at Spokane City Hall at 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

Need to Know:

Upcoming Holiday Closures:

- In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Spokane City Hall and other City facilities will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27. Additional closures and cancellations include:
    - **Garbage, recycling, and food & yard waste** for customers who have Thursday and Friday collection days, will be a day late due to the holiday. Crews will complete Thursday routes on Friday, Nov. 27, and Friday routes on Saturday, Nov. 28.
    - **On-street parking meters and kiosks** will not require payment on Thanksgiving Day. However, remember that all parking rules, including time limits, still apply even when parking is free on holidays.
    - All **Spokane Public Library** locations will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27.
    - The **Spokane Municipal Court** and Community Justice Services will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27.
    - **Spokane 311** employees will not be available on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27 for in-person, phone, or online customer service inquiries. The public can access Spokane311.org 24 hours a day, and messages will be responded to the next business day.
    - **Development Services Center** employees will not be available on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27.
    - The **Waste-to-Energy Facility** recycling and disposal site will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, and open during regular operating hours for the rest of the week.

Snow is Right Around the Corner!

- Look for the City's snow response plan in your November utility bill and use the winter prep checklist to get ready! Let's get those RVs, trailers, boats, and basketball hoops moved off the streets. Make sure your shovels are out of storage, snow blower is working, and ice melt and sand are on hand. Make a plan for neighbors and family that need help now. Working together, we can make winter conditions better for everyone! 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/.

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311 is Now Your One-Stop Shop for City Services and Non-Emergency Reports:

- Non-emergency related calls, which were previously routed through Crime Check should now be routed to 311.
- Whether it's suspicious activity, and abandoned vehicle, a pothole, or another city concern, Spokane 311 will connect you to the help you need. Remember, 311 is for non-emergency help. If there is an emergency or a crime in progress, always call 911. Visit my.spokanecity.org to learn more.

Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy:

- Applications are open through Dec 31 to be a part of the 2027 Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy 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. Learn more and apply at gonzaga.edu/SNLA.

County and City off Adopt-A-Drain program:

- City of Spokane and Spokane County are combining efforts to educate the region about the importance of preventing stormwater pollution and keeping drains clear. Residents, businesses, and organizations can "adopt" stormwater drains in their community and taking care of it by sweeping away leaves and debris, making a pathway for water during snow melt, and reporting illicit discharges if seen.
    - Go to WA.adopt-a-drain.org and sign up. We'll help you find a storm drain near you!
    - Name your drain
    - Volunteer 15 minutes twice a month to keep your adopted drain clear of leaves, trash, and other debris. Help us measure success by tracking the debris you've cleared.
    - Have fun with us as we highlight fun names and bring creative events to the community!

Community Feedback:

CA Awards are Back:

- Community Assembly (CA) Awards recognize community members' outstanding efforts to help improve the community through their neighborhood council and CA! **Award nomination are due Friday, November 13.** Nominate your neighbors today at: https://tinyurl.com/NeighborhoodAwards26
    - Award categories include: Good Neighbor (Individual), Good Neighbor (Organization), Spirit of CA, Jeanette Harras, and Lifetime Achievement Award.

BUILDSpokane Community Survey:

- Community members are encouraged to weigh in on Spokane's code modernization efforts via the BUILDSpokane Community Survey, **open until Sunday, Nov. 15, 2026.** Results from this survey will influence future amendments to the Development Code, impacting the City of Spokane's future built environment. Once development regulations are adopted, projects that meet those standards are approved to be built. **Take the survey today: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WBFNFXS**
    - Additional Feedback opportunities:
        - Share your vision for neighborhood serving commercial near you. Add photos of the uses and buildings that you envision in our neighborhoods to support local residents at: **https://tinyurl.com/NeighborhoodServingCommercial**
        - What housing design elements are most important to you? Add photos of your favorite residential designs at: **https://tinyurl.com/SpokaneHousingDesign**
        - How do we activate our public spaces? Add photos of the design and other elements that make public at: **https://tinyurl.com/SpokanePublicSpaces**

Plan Spokane – Comprehensive Plan Feedback Opportunity:

- The PlanSpokane 2036 periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan has reached another significant milestone. The Spokane Plan Commission is holding a public hearing for the draft Comprehensive Plan, including the Future Land Use Map, and Final Environmental Impact Statement. The special meeting will be held on **Monday, November 9, 2026 at 4 p.m.** in the Council Chambers on the lower level of City Hall, where Plan Commission will make a recommendation to City Council on the draft Comprehensive Plan and 20-year planning horizon. Draft documents that will be discussed at this meeting:
  - **Comprehensive Plan Chapters**
  - **Future Land Use Map**
  - **Final Environmental Impact Statement**
- **Provide Comments:**
  - Submit written comments to PlanSpokane@spokanecity.org by 10 a.m. on November 9, 2026, to ensure commissioners have enough time to review. Comments should be as descriptive as possible to help the Plan Commission understand how your comments relate to the proposal.
  - Those wishing to speak at the hearing may sign up using the directions and link in the Plan Commission agenda packet, which will be available on the Plan Commission webpage. Directions on how to sign up are on page four of the agenda packet. The Plan Commission hearing will be held in a hybrid in-person/virtual format. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person at City Hall or online using the link in the agenda.
- More information is available at: PlanSpokane.org

The CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Application is Live:

- The City of Spokane, through the Housing and Homeless Services (HHS) Department is seeking Public Facilities and Improvements, Neighborhood Improvements, Multi-Unit Rental Housing Acquisition/Rehabilitation, and Single-Family Rehabilitation proposals for Program Year 2027. Only capital projects will be funded. HHS staff can assist Neighborhood Councils in determining if a project meets the qualifications of a capital project. Request for Proposal (RFP) outline can be found: https://my.spokanecity.org/chhs/funding-opportunities/chhs/
- An estimated $4,100,000 in federal funds will be available through this Request for Proposals (RFP). Of this amount, an estimated $400,000 is allocated to Neighborhood Improvements projects proposed by non-profits on behalf of Neighborhood Councils.
  - **Important Dates:**
    - **Neighborhood Allocation Virtual TA (technical assistance) Workshop:** Nov. 9 at 12:00 PM
    - **Ongoing Individual TA Sessions:** Nov. 11 – Dec. 30, 2026
    - **RFP Applications Due:** Friday, Jan. 8, 2027
    - **Notify Applicants of Funding Decisions:** Friday, April 9, 2027
  - Contact Carlos Plascencia at cplascencia@spokanecity.org or Heather Page at hpage@spokanecity.org with any questions.

Spokane Parks Foundation Community Grants

- The 2027 grant cycle is open. Grant applications are **due by 5:00 PM on Friday, November 20, 2026**. Late applications will NOT be accepted. Grant awards will be announced on March 1, 2027. The maximum grant amount is $6,000 per project/program. More information can be found online: https://spokaneparksfoundation.org/grants/

BUILDSpokane

Community Survey

CLOSES Nov. 15, 2026

BUILD SPOKANE

The Spokane Development Code is a set of regulations that govern development within the community, outlining rules for allowed uses, building standards, subdivision of land, and other elements of the built environment. It affects both the what can be built within the city and how its built, including building setbacks, height limitations, lot coverage, and landscaping requirements.

Take the linked survey, now through November 15, 2026, to provide input on the Spokane Development Code update (a.k.a BUILDSpokane).



https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WBFNFXS

Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy



Free to participate!

Develop essential leadership skills including effective communication, facilitating meetings, resolving conflict, and positively impacting neighborhood priorities.

Learn to create inclusive spaces to collaborate effectively with people of diverse viewpoints, identities, and abilities.

Become familiar with Spokane's municipal structures, processes, and resources to better serve your neighborhood.

Build relationships with other committed neighborhood leaders and volunteers!

Each in-person class includes expert speakers, food, beverages.

Apply by December 31, 2026!

Learn more about SNLA and apply online at Gonzaga.edu/SNLA

Applicants must be age 18+ as of 1/1/2027; commit to attending all program sessions; and maintain neighborhood council involvement for at least one year after program.

Information Session

November 7 @ 9:00 am (in-person)
Neighborhood Summit at Gonzaga University

December 3 @ 5:30 pm (virtual)
Email **GonzagaLead@Gonzaga.edu** to receive the Zoom link.

2027 Program Dates

Virtual SNLA Launch Session on February 4th from 5:00p - 6:30p

In-person classes at NECC from 9:00a - 1:00p:

February 20	**March 6**
March 20	**April 3**
April 24	**May 15**

- Attend 4 Mentor meetings
- Complete light homework
- Share a Neighborhood Improvement Project

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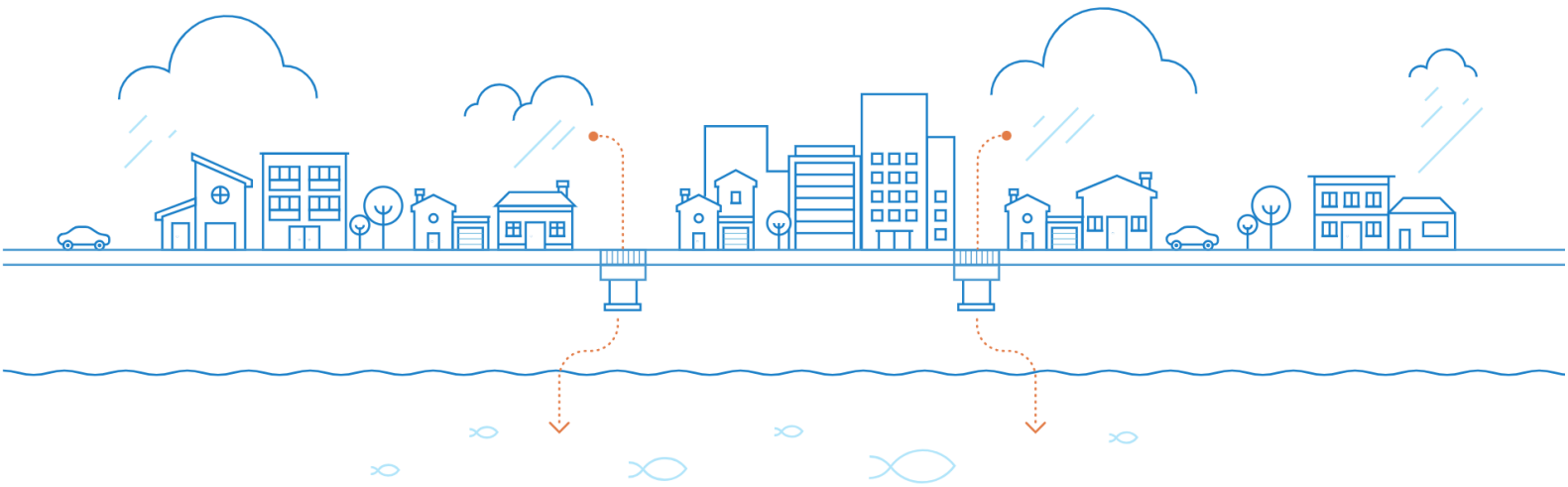
CRIME CHECK IS CHANGING

STARTING IN LATE OCTOBER, IF YOU LIVE, WORK, OR PLAY IN THE **CITY OF SPOKANE**, CONTACT **311** TO FILE A NON-EMERGENCY REPORT

ADOPT A STORM DRAIN

We protect our water

Sweep up! Rake up! Pick up!



Scan QR code to adopt a drain!

Or visit this site: wa.adopt-a-drain.org

We're making a difference! Join us!

72,429 lbs* debris collected

5,715 drains adopted

3,648 adopters



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SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS

December 12, 2026 | 9 - 10:30 am

Spokane Fire Department Training Center
(1618 N REBECCA ST.)

2026 CA Award nominations are due Friday, Nov. 13
TINYURL.COM/NEIGHBORHOODAWARDS26

Community Assembly

COMMUNITY DAYS AT SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL

CELEBRATE VETERAN'S DAY



WED, NOVEMBER 11TH, 5PM

- Meet your City Council members
- Connect with neighbors
- Celebrate Spokane's Veterans and families





CHASE GALLERY
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Inland Northwest Honor Flight

Wounded Warrior Project®

Women Veterans In The Spokane Area
Women Who Served Our Country
Are The Veterans
You Didn't See - Until Now

VETS on the FARM

Veterans for Peace
VFP 035 Spokane WA

For more info: pbirge@spokanecity.org