



Audubon-Downriver Newsletter



September 2020

A Monthly Newsletter from the Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council

Welcome to the first edition of the Audubon-Downriver Newsletter! Until we are able to resume monthly membership meetings, the neighborhood council board will keep you informed of neighborhood council issues and activities through this newsletter. The newsletter will be distributed monthly to everyone on our e-mail list. It will also be posted to our Facebook page and our website at audubondownriver.spokaneneighborhoods.org. We welcome any comments or suggestions you have regarding the newsletter. Please contact us at audubondownriver@gmail.com.

current topics >>>

Dump Passes Still Available – Apply Online

A limited number of dump passes are still available to city residents. Requests are filled on a first come - first served basis. To apply, click on <https://tinyurl.com/COSdumppass> and complete all information. If available, a confirmation will be sent and the pass will be mailed to your address.

The dump passes are issued every other week thru October 19th and are only valid for the dates printed on the pass. The passes have a value of \$20 at the city's Waste-to-Energy plant on Geiger Boulevard. **The last date to submit a request for a dump pass is October 7th. A request does not guarantee a dump pass.**

The remaining valid dates for dump passes are:
October 5 - October 17
October 19 – October 31

Shred Day at COPS NW September 25, 11AM – 2 PM

Bring your unwanted papers or documents to COPS NW office on September 25th for shredding and disposal. Donations and volunteers for this free service are welcome and appreciated.

My Spokane 311 Call for City Services

Contacting city government can be confusing. It's not always clear which department can fix a problem. This may result in frustration and wasted time. My Spokane 311 seeks to address this problem.

My Spokane 311 is now the face and voice of Customer Service for the City of Spokane. Citizens within city limits should use this quick dial number to receive non-emergency help on a variety of requests, including questions about utility billing, solid waste collection, parks and recreation, and most other city departments or services. It is also the resource for reporting potholes or road hazards, parking complaints and other code violations, such as illegal dumping, graffiti, fire vegetation, transient camps and junk vehicles. All customer service reps are cross-trained to handle your questions or needs. If they can't help you directly, they can get you to the right person or department in a timely manner. Most City of Spokane departments are currently operating under COVID-19 restrictions. Due to reduced staffing, you should expect longer response times to requests for some city services.

Dial 311 to reach a customer service representative. Hours of operation are 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday thru Friday. 311 services are also available online at my.spokanecity.org or download the MySpokane 311 app. *If you have an out-of-area phone number, call 509-755-2489 (City).*

The Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council (ADNC) works to improve the quality of life for everyone that lives and works in the neighborhood by providing a forum for discussion, an opportunity for participation, and an organized approach to communicating with local government and other decision-making bodies. For more information, please visit our website at audubondownriver.org.

Neighborhood Council Updates

Fairmount Memorial Park – A Neighborhood Treasure

Located at the northwest border of Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood, Fairmount Memorial Park is an interesting place for peaceful contemplation, scenic views and a connection to history. Situated on the bluff above Riverside State Park, it is possible to view the Bowl & Pitcher Rocks peeking out of the trees to the southwest. Gardens scattered throughout the park are full of fall color. As the sun sets over the river valley, you may observe deer grazing and colorful birds singing along the bluff. History buffs may enjoy the historical grave markers and Victorian mausoleums of several Spokane luminaries, including Patsy Clark, Louis Davenport and Joe Albi.

If you choose to visit Fairmount Memorial Park, please be respectful and stay on the paths. If interested in further exploration of the bluff, hiking paths are accessible from the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex next door. For more information, please visit <https://www.fairmountmemorial.com>.

Andrea Kilgore, Secretary, ADNC

Photo: Fairmount Memorial Park gardens at sunset



Neighborhood Parks

You probably have noticed the grass and trees in Audubon Park were drier than usual this summer. The COVID-19 pandemic took a heavy toll on the operating budget for our City's Parks Department. Cancelled activities and recreation programs reduced revenue for the operating budget by 30 percent. To handle the budget shortfall, the Parks Department did not hire any of the approximately 100 seasonal employees that typically help with maintenance during the summer.

According to Carl Strong, Park Operations Assistant Director, Parks avoided layoffs to regular staff and kept park properties operational by pulling people from all departments to do tasks they wouldn't otherwise be asked to do. Administrative and events staff helped with planting, rototilling, cleaning, mowing and weeding throughout the park system. In July, when some recreation activities resumed, the additional funds were used to hire a small number of seasonal employees. One of these employees was assigned to Audubon park to handle watering and maintenance needs for the rest of the summer.

Kirsten Angell, Parks Coordinator, ADNC

Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council Board Members:

Jeff Stevens, Chair and Traffic Coordinator; Chris Wright, Vice-chair; Andrea Kilgore, Secretary and Social Media; Charles Robeson, Treasurer and Membership Chair; Fran Papenleur, Community Assembly Representative; Victor Frazier, COPS NW Liaison; Kirsten Angell, Parks Coordinator

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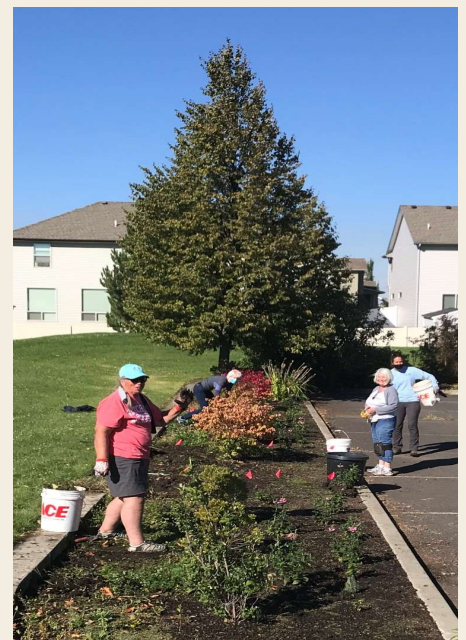
Volunteers Needed

C.O.P.S. Northwest

The COPS NW office is located in Shadle Center next door to Laundryland on the south side of the building. The nearest cross streets are Wellesley and Belt. With COVID-19 restrictions in place, the shop is not open to the public, but volunteers are in the office Monday thru Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm to take phone calls. If interested, please call 625-3336 or e-mail the office at copsnw@spokanecops.org.

Pollinator Gardens

Due to the Parks Department budget shortfall, some pollinator gardens in our local parks have been left to grow a healthy crop of weeds. A small, COVID-sensitive group of volunteers is helping these gardens get back on track. If you're interested in helping out, please email Kirsten Angell at kirstkrane@yahoo.com for more information.



Volunteer weeding party at Sky Park pollinator garden.