

Rockwood Neighborhood Council
2025 Year in Review
Submitted by Bill Doley – January 6, 2026

- ***Rockwood Neighborhood Council (NC) Monthly Meetings***

- Rockwood NC held nine monthly meetings in 2025.
- Monthly attendance varied from 10-20 with an average of 15 residents, and an additional 3-5 visitors at each meeting.
- City Council Member Paul Dillon attended six meetings and City Council Member Lili Navarette attended one meeting.
- Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) Micah Prim attended every meeting starting in March.

- ***Annual Neighborhood Cleanup Day***

- Rockwood Clean-Up Coordinator Elizabeth Szombathy organized the annual Rockwood clean-up held on May 17th.
- We filled several roll-away dumpsters, and dump passes were distributed.

- ***Neighborhood Block Party***

- The Rockwood Events Committee organized the annual Rockwood Block Party held on September 18th in front of the Hutton School.
- We had a DJ, a taco truck, shaved ice and lots of kids' activities.
- Many Rockwood residents attended and ate free tacos.
- Thanks to committee members Tanya Starkel, Toni Depasquale-Sharkey, Traci Bemis, Barb Bingham and Dana Komberec for organizing an excellent event.

- ***Community Engagement (CE) Grant***

- Bill Doley served as CE Grant Coordinator in 2025.
 - The coordinator attends the annual CE Grant Training and submits the CE Grant application.
- The 2025 CE Grant was used to support the neighborhood block party as well as to pay for the annual Zoom license.

- ***Development Issues***

- 1121 East 27th Avenue
 - Rockwood residents voiced their concerns during the public comment period of a Spokane City Council meeting.
 - Rockwood NC forwarded extensive public comments on behalf of Rockwood residents on the short plat permit application.
 - The parcel has since been subdivided into four smaller lots.
- 1810 South Rockwood Blvd
 - The applicant requested an easement from the Park Board for a driveway.
 - On December 3, 2025, Rockwood NC submitted a letter to the Park Board expressing opposition to the proposed easement request.
 - The Park Board delayed the vote.

- **Traffic Calming**

- Mobile Speed Feedback Trailers
 - Trailers were placed at two locations on Southeast Blvd, one at East 13th in August and one at East 14th Avenue in September.
 - Feedback classed both locations as **UNSAFE**.
- Two Cycle 12 Traffic Calming projects were completed:
 - Rockwood @ Sumner – Intersection visibility \$693,000
 - 13th & Grand – Rapid flash \$150,000
- Rockwood did not receive any projects in Traffic Calming Cycle 13.
- The Spokane Transportation Commission requested feedback on the projects proposed for Traffic Calming Cycle 14.
 - On October 2, 2025, Rockwood NC submitted a three page letter to the Spokane Transportation Committee outlining traffic calming needs for the Rockwood neighborhood.
 - The letter was a summary of feedback collected from Rockwood residents.

- **Rockwood Historic District**

- The Historic Preservation Committee is in the exploratory stages of listing the Rockwood neighborhood on the Spokane Register of Historic Places.
- The Rockwood Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1997, includes 279 homes.
- The committee held several meetings and elected officers.

- **Community Assembly (CA)**

- Rockwood was represented at 10 of the 12 CA meetings in 2025.
- Rockwood residents were also active on several CA committees: the Administration Committee, the Land Use Committee and the Building Stronger Neighborhoods Committee.
- Bill Doley and Dave Lucas represented Rockwood at the annual Spokane Neighborhood Summit held on October 25th.

- **Rockwood NC Website and Facebook Page**

- The city provided Rockwood NC Website has been reactivated and updated.
 - All Rockwood NC meeting agendas and minutes can be found there.
- Monthly meeting notices have been posted on the Rockwood NC Facebook page.

