

**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 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> in August and one at East 14<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **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.

