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## City of Spokane Economic Development eNEWS

### Mission Statement

To Stimulate a Diversified,  
Vibrant and Growing  
Local Economy

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### A Note from the Director

**Focus on Stimulus:** Spring has sprung and with it a burst of energy and new ideas. Not surprisingly, much of our focus has been on **stimulus**. City departments are working hard to optimize stimulus investments in many areas including Housing, Workforce Development, Human Services, Transportation and many more. One key component of the stimulus package is related to energy investments. While there are many opportunities that will receive attention, we in Economic Development are very much focused on Spokane's Waste-to-Energy plant as a key asset for driving business growth related to both energy and waste stream reuse. You could say the region's garbage is one of our greatest assets!



The strength of our region's economy in energy related business and the strength of leadership at local, state and federal levels present unprecedented partnership opportunities. Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to engage in this important dialog.

**Theresa Sanders, Division Director**

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### Arts

**Call for Artists:** The Spokane Arts Commission announces a call for artists for its annual All-Media Juried Show that will be held at the Chase Gallery, City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane Washington, July 7<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup>. For a prospectus visit [www.spokanearts.org/hottopics.aspx](http://www.spokanearts.org/hottopics.aspx) or e-mail [kmobley@spokanecity.org](mailto:kmobley@spokanecity.org). The completed entry form, a CD (with up to three images), a self addressed stamped envelope, and \$25 entry fee (made out to Spokane Arts Fund) are due by 5pm on Friday, April 10.



**Karen Mobley, Director, Arts**

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### Building Services

**Joe Alibi's Facelift:** A Grading Permit for the long awaited Recreation Facilities at Albi Stadium was issued to Bouten Construction on April 4. The site grading for this exciting project will commence immediately. When completed, the recreational facilities provided will be varied and first class. The Softball Complex will feature 5 new softball fields as well as new concessions, dugouts, restrooms, offices and even a pre-school play facility. The Soccer Complex will consist of 8 new soccer fields. A BMX Bike Track will be added on the west end and a Skate Court to the east. A Neighborhood Park will provide additional restrooms, basketball court, picnic shelters and play facilities for children of all ages.



The time line is to have the site graded and the grass established by this fall and the structures completed and ready to use by fall of 2010. The Landscape Plan provides for extensive plantings and trees and a trail system will provide easy access to all of the new recreational facilities.

**Joe Wizner, Director, Building**

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### Business & Development Services

B&D Links to Infrastructure: We are continuing to link economic development to infrastructure investment with a goal to position the City to better serve our market when the economy improves. As an example, we are working with the Mayor's office and Public Works to submit appropriation and stimulus funding requests in our target areas and Centers and Corridors, and submitted appropriation requests for the U District Railroad Safety Overpass and Division Street gateways, a total of \$5.15M. The 2009 U District Railroad Safety Overpass request for conceptual design work was successful and was funded at \$475K. In the Market Street revitalization we are working with the business district on programs to reduce negative impact to sales during the upcoming streetscape construction which will begin this summer.



### ONS/Code Enforcement

Register for NUSA Today: Online registration is now open for the 2009 *Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA)* conference May 20-23 at the Spokane Convention Center. Join 1,000 leaders from 68 cities and get inspired to build stronger, healthier communities.



*Neighborhoods, USA* is a national non-profit organization that seeks to build stronger communities by facilitating the development of partnerships between neighborhood organizations, government, and the private sector. The *NUSA* conference will feature workshops on such topics as community resources and partnerships, green initiatives, neighborhood planning, and creating safe and clean communities.

Conference attendees will have access to over 40 neighborhood oriented workshops; 15 neighborhood pride tours; Mayor Verner's Reception that will feature performances that represents Spokane's diverse culture and much more! Additionally, registrants or non-registrants may sign up to participate in the NUSA 5k fun run and walk which will take place Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

General three-day conference registration is \$225 when completed by April 20. One-day registration is available at a discounted rate, and specialized tours are available for additional cost. NUSA 5k Fun Run and Walk registration cost is \$15 and includes a t-shirt.

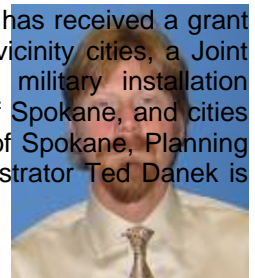
Visit [www.nusaspokane.org](http://www.nusaspokane.org) to register for the conference, the NUSA 5k Fun Run and Walk and access more information on tours and workshops. Please contact Katrina Miller at 509-625-6733 or [kmiller@spokanecity.org](mailto:kmiller@spokanecity.org) with any additional questions.

**Jonathan Mallahan, Director, ONS/Code Enforcement**

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### Planning Services

Fairchild Air Force Base Joint Land Use Study (JLUS): Spokane County has received a grant from the Department of Defense to undertake, in collaboration with FAFB vicinity cities, a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). The JLUS is bringing together civilian and military installation representatives as well as representatives from Spokane County, the City of Spokane, and cities located in the vicinity of FAFB in a collaborative planning partnership. City of Spokane, Planning Services is participating on the Technical Advisory Committee. City Administrator Ted Danek is serving on the JLUS Policy Steering Committee.



The goal of the study is to mitigate future incompatible land uses that may encroach upon the installations, helping to safeguard the future viability of both Fairchild Air Force Base and Spokane International Airport. FAFB and the SIA are extremely important to the economy, security, and social fabric of the Spokane area.

**Leroy Eadie, Director, Planning**

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### **Workforce Development**

**Grant Received for WorkSource Center:** The Spokane Area Workforce Development Council has been awarded a \$250,000 grant by the Washington State Employment Security Department. These funds will be used to improve integration and service delivery in the Spokane WorkSource Center. Over the next 9 months enhancements will be made to the physical infrastructure as well as to the design of job seeker and business services. The result will be functional center where staff work in functional teams to deliver seamless career development and recruiting services and a wider range of resources are available to meet our community's workforce needs



***Mark Mattke, Director, Workforce Development***

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