



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council Meeting Agenda

Date: September 9, 2020 **Time:** 6:00 pm

Location: Online - Zoom

Time		Facilitator
6:00 pm 10 min	Meeting begins at 6pm Quorum verification Introductions Approval of Previous Months Minutes Additions or changes to agenda	Jena Leddon

Time	Discussion Items	Facilitator
6:10 pm 10 min	Traffic Island Clean-Up	Jena Leddon
6:20pm 10 min	COVID-19 Concerns in the Neighborhood	Jena Leddon

Time	Action Items	Facilitator
6:30 pm 5 min	Land Use Representative	Jena Leddon

Time	Guest Speakers	Facilitator
6:35 pm 20 min	West Quadrant Tax Increment Finance District	Councilmember Beggs

Time	Reports	Facilitator
6:55 pm 2 min	Spokane Public Library	Jeff Benefield
6:57 pm 8 min	Emerson Garfield Farmers Market	Taylor Phillips
7:05 pm 2 min	Clean Up Program	Karl Bolt
7:07 pm 2 min	Building Stronger Neighborhoods	Anne Luttrull
7:09 pm 2 min	Neighborhood Safety	Vacant
7:11 pm 2 min	Land Use	
7:13 pm 2 min	Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation	Carlie Hoffman
7:15 pm 4 min	North Monroe Business District	
7:19 pm 2 min	Corbin Senior Center	Heidi Wehr
7:21 pm 4 min	Community Assembly	Brenda Martinson
7:25 pm 3 min	Treasury Report	Gene Brake



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Announcements:

Emerson Garfield Farmers Market season opening event on Friday **June 5th**, 3pm-7pm in the parking lot of the IEL Adult Education Center (2310 N Monroe St). Please bring your face covering/mask, and reusable grocery bags if you have them. The market will run every Friday from June 5 through September 25 of 2020. **Contact Brenda bdalynn@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.** We are looking for 3-4 people each Friday to volunteer.

Shift A: Set Up, 2p-3p

Shift B: Info Booth, 3p-5p

Shift C: Info Booth 5p-7p

Shift D: Pack Down, 7p-8p

EGFM Banner Sponsors:

Blue Ribbon: Gene Brake - EXP Realty & Heath Kays - All State Insurance

Grower: Rogue Heart Media & Spokane City Credit Union & Armitage For Congress

Sower: North Spokane Apothecary & Sunbeam Artistic and Spatial Design & Fat Girl Yoga & United Healthcare

Special thank you to Elliot's an Urban Kitchen for being our continued partner and allowing our vendors and volunteers to use their restrooms during market hours.

For those who use the app Nextdoor, please review the Emerson Garfield Farmers Market so we can attract more neighbors to our market. We currently have 78 neighbor recommendations with a total of 61,391 who can search for our page. Our goal should be to reach 100 neighbor recommendations by the end of the season.

For those who use Facebook, please review the Emerson Garfield Farmers Market so we can attract more neighbors to our market. We currently have 20 reviews with a 5 star/ 5 star rating. Our goal should be to reach 40 Facebook reviews by the end of the season.

Lastly, please take two minutes to post an additional review on Google. Right now we have a 4.5 Star/ 5 Star rating with 78 Google reviews. Fairwood FM and South Perry FM have a similar rating and number of reviews; Kendall Yards and Liberty Lake have 260 reviews. Our goal should be to break 150 google reviews by the end of the season.

AT THE MARKET

EBT can be redeemed from Quest Cards at the Info Booth in \$1 increments in the form of an "EBT Token". EBT Tokens can be spent on breads, fruits, vegetables, cheese, milk & other dairy products, honey, eggs, seeds, plants that produce food and most other food items that are **not sold as prepared hot foods**. No change permitted and can not be split between vendors. *This year our EBT Match program has increased by*



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80%!! Those who use their EBT at EGFM also get SNAP Market Match Dollars. For each dollar distributed as an EBT Token, the purchaser will receive a matched amount in SNAP Market Match \$1 bills. which can be spent on Fruits, Vegetables, Mushrooms, Herbs, and edible plants. (NOTE: SMM can not purchase the following: Honey, Eggs, Breads, Dairy, hot prepared foods.)

WIC Checks are orange and can be used for produce. Senior Checks are gray/green and can be used for produce or honey. Vendors who accept WIC & Senior Checks must have a blue sign posted at their booth. WIC & Senior Checks are valid starting June 1, 2020 and are issued in \$4.00 increments. They can not be split between vendors and change is not permitted.

Senior FMNP is available to low-income seniors. To qualify, you must be 60 or older and have an annual income below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. You can use your Senior FMNP checks to buy fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, and honey at farmers markets. If you are interested in applying for Senior FMNP, please call Senior Information and Services at (206) 448-3110.

Please wear a face covering or mask to the market, bring your reusable grocery bags and keep your pets at home.

Emerson Garfield Neighborhood Council events cancelled in 2020:

- **Tree Planting and Care Workshop** that was scheduled on Saturday **April 18th**, 11am-2pm.
- **Traffic Island Clean Up** event at Emerson Garfield at Northwest Blvd and Madison and across from Drumheller Springs Park that was scheduled on Saturday **May 2nd**, 9am-12pm.
- Annual **Spring Clean Up** even in Emerson Garfield on Saturday **May 16th**, 9am-12pm in the parking lot of Faith Bible Church (600 W Cora Ave).
- Annual **Free Concert in the Park** Saturday **September 12th**, 4:30pm-6:30pm in Emerson Park (1116 W Alice Ave, 99205).