

Center History

The City of Spokane began developing its first application for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant funding in January 1975. A neighborhood-based citizen participation program was instituted to involve citizens in determining the City's funding priorities. At the neighborhood and community meetings and later when planning was underway for the 1976 application, the single most often voiced need was for a multi-purpose community center.

The Spokane City Planning Commission appointed a special Technical Committee on Community Centers and hired SPA/REDCO, Inc. Of Chicago (a firm experienced in assessing community center needs) to conduct a study. This study concluded that there was a need for community centers in Spokane - particularly in the East Central, West Central and Northeast neighborhoods.

Based on these findings, the City Council authorized an analysis for development and construction of a community center in the East Central neighborhood. Through the Spring, Summer and Fall of 1976, a citizen's committee worked with Planning Commission Staff to develop this first community center. Based on the needs voiced originally by citizens, and assessed by the committee and consultant mentioned above, this analysis reviewed sites, determined needed services, identified agencies to provide these services, and developed working schematics, cost analysis, and other materials. In 1977, the City Council authorized a contract with Tan/Brookie/Kundig for construction of the Center. In the Fall of 1979, Spokane's first multi-purpose community center (East Central) was opened.

East Central Neighborhood Boundaries

South of Trent Avenue
East of Division Street
North of 14th Avenue
West of Havana

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ADULT DAY CARE—Provides recreation, nutrition, education, and support to Seniors.” Routine health monitoring, both by certified nursing assistants and a nurse practitioner. Assistance with locomotion and personal care, if needed. Social service referrals. Great therapeutic recreation opportunities! Special Service for ADC Clients. *Weekly pampering (hand massage, nail painting for ladies, and foot care).* **Hot Nutritional Meal** included and we have an ice cream social every Friday!

COMMUNITY COMPUTER CENTER—A neighborhood based computer learning center providing computer instruction, Internet Access, and open time for community use of computer equipment for a nominal charge. Contact 625-6699

BATES MEDICAL CLINIC— Medical care at affordable prices for area residents. Staff is composed of certified nurse practitioners and medical assistants who provide primary medical care. Patients whose medical conditions require more comprehensive care are referred to other sources. Clinic Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00—5:00. Contact: 474-0259

ECCO FOOD BANK— Established on April 1, 2008, the East Central Community Organization (ECCO) Food Bank provides emergency food and basic necessities to families in need.

Food Bank Hours: Monday—Friday 8:30am—4:30pm. Contact: 625-6699 to make an appointment. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Fill out a volunteer application today!!!!

Mission Statement

To provide support services, leadership, outreach, and be an advocate for issues affecting the East Central neighborhood.

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED RECREATION & SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAM—Recreational opportunities, excursions, classes and other social integration services designed to develop & improve independent living skills for developmentally disabled clients. M-TH 9am—2pm Contact: 625-6693

EFFECTIVE BLACK PARENTING—A program aimed at decreasing dysfunctional families in the community by providing a parenting class sensitive to the unique history, values and life circumstances of Black Americans. Classes are open to EVERYONE. Contact: 625-6699

HEADSTART—A life enrichment program offering classroom learning for preschool children of low-income families. Parents work with staff to provide a positive experience for the entire family. Contact: 533-7195

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE OFFICER—Spokane Police Department liaison with the community, working out of East Central COPS. Contact: Officer Sherilyn Redmon 625-4104

ODYSSEY WORLD EDUCATIONAL SERVICES—A non-profit organization dedicated to providing educational opportunities to orphaned, disabled, destitute and under represented children all over the world.

ONYX THEATRE TROUPE—Community based theatrical troupe nurturing the artistic segment of neighborhood residents. Contact: Florence or Irish 922-1156

SENIOR CENTER—Provides recreation services, limited transportation, hot meals (at nominal cost), excursions, shopping and fitness classes to area senior citizens. Monday—Friday 10:00am—2:00 pm. Contact: 625-6693

SPOKANE BASKETBALL (Spokane's Premier Year-Round Adult Sports League). For more information call 487-3644 or visit www.spokanebasketball.com

SPOKANE NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PROGRAMS—Provides a coordinated approach to opportunities and services for low-income and highly vulnerable persons in the community. Programs include Housing Opportunities, Housing Improvements and Community Services. Call: 456-7106

SUMMER TEEN CAREER CAMP. Provide area youth an opportunity for career development, personal development, recreational and community service.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES—The Center has many volunteer opportunities available for anyone interested in being a part of the Community Center. Contact: 625-6699

WOMEN INFANTS & CHILDREN (WIC) - A supplemental food program that provides nutritious foods and health information to pregnant/nursing women, infants and young children. Monday—Friday 8:00 am—5:00 pm Contact: 323-2830

YOUTH DANCE INTERPRETATION GROUP (Y-DIG) - A youth performance dance troupe where members are given an opportunity to express their feelings and insights into numerous obstacles facing society today. Contact: 625-6699

CAMP ALOTTA FUN—Provides a Summer and Fall Youth Program that provides organized, safe, fun, educational and recreation activities for youth ages 6-12. Contact: 625-6696 for Sponsored by the East Central Community Center Organization.