

Housing remains a pressing concern for both the state and for Spokane. When I wrote about this topic in our May 2022 newsletter, nationwide housing gaps were estimated at 5.5 million to 6.8 million and remain at those levels. According to the Washington State Department of Commerce, the state will need to build one million new homes by 2044 to meet demand and half of these will need to be subsidized, affordable housing units.

The UD recently completed a [real estate analysis](#) for the south sub-area of the district, which indicates a need for 4,200 new housing units in just this sub-area for the next 15 to 20 years; that is about two to three multi-family projects a year. Housing remains a critical piece in solving the healthy urbanism puzzle.

This past year, I have been co-developing with AIA Spokane and the Inland Chapter of the American Planning Associates, an [Innovative Urbanism Symposium \(IUS\)](#) for Spokane. We aim to showcase what's happening around innovative urban design and development in our region. Rather than seeing design and economic development in isolation, we aim to bring innovators together who are addressing urban development in a thoughtful and integrated manner. This year the focus is on housing and I am thrilled with the lineup of expert speakers and panelists that we have assembled.

Each speaker will share how his/her work addresses the housing crisis. Attendees will hear unique perspectives and case studies on topics ranging from the economics of developing housing in transit-oriented neighborhoods, to cooperatively-owned housing in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood, to culturally-informed housing design.

Please join us on November 8 and 9. We would love to have you there! [Click Here](#) for more information and to register.

Juliet Sinisterra, CEO





Eco THRIVE is a resident-owned affordable housing village in Burien, WA that responds to both community needs and a changing climate. Learn more by attending the Innovative Urbanism Symposium this November 8 and 9!



Board Focus: A Note from Daryll DeWald

Following a year-long interim appointment, all of us at WSU Health Sciences Spokane are thrilled to welcome Dr. James Record as the new dean of the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine.

Since arriving in 2021, James has provided executive-level oversight of various units and served as vice dean for Graduate Medical Education, Continuing Medical Education, and Partnerships. In this role, he was integral in developing new clinical partnerships, residency programs, continuing medical education programs, and an alumni affairs program.

He also led the college's new strategic planning process, revamped accreditation efforts, and supported the college's medical program curriculum updates. In addition, he guided the operational planning and development of the college's dedicated administrative and classroom space inside the recently opened Medicine Building.

Before arriving at WSU, Dr. Record served as provost and chief academic officer at Ross University School of Medicine and as dean of the Chicago

Medical School. He has held multiple leadership positions in undergraduate and graduate medical education at the St. Joseph's Healthcare System, New York Medical College, and the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He also holds a JD from Rutgers University School of Law. James's appointment comes after extensive and thoughtful input from students, faculty, staff, and administration as well as external stakeholders. His unwavering commitment to the college, coupled with his extensive leadership experience and dedication to building a community-centric culture, will undoubtedly continue it toward a bright future.

Noteworthy Community Events



Spokane Candidates Climate Change Forum

October 4

What do local candidates for office think about climate change? How will it affect your vote in November? Since 2019, the Spokane Climate Change Forum has hosted a non-partisan space where candidates for local office can share with local voters and citizens what they would or would not do or support if elected to office.



Start-Up Spokane Re-Launch

October 4

Join in celebrating a relaunch of a collaborative effort between the Spokane Public Library and Spokane County to make Spokane an equitable place to start, run, and grow a business.



Bike Town Hall

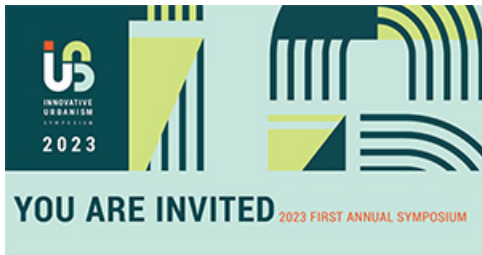
October 6



Reception: 2023 Regional Watercolor Invitational Exhibition

October 6

The Gonzaga University Art Department and the Gonzaga University Urban Arts Center are pleased to present a group exhibition curated by Tobe Harvey and featuring a variety watercolor / water media works.



Innovative Urbanism Symposium: Housing

November 8, 9

The Symposium will feature regional experts in the economics of housing, the ecology of housing, community-informed housing design, and innovations in ownership and affordability.

State Senator Andy Billig and Spokane City Council member Zack Zappone are inviting the public to participate in a Town Hall Bike Ride on Friday, Oct. 6, from noon to 1 p.m. The ride will start at the University District Gateway Bridge and end at Bennidito's BrewPub for an optional no-host lunch. The event will provide an opportunity to engage directly with local leaders and discuss transportation issues, including pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.



HSSA Quarterly Applicant Information Meeting

October 11

HSSA of Spokane County promotes bioscience based economic development and advances new therapies and procedures to promote public health and prevent disease. HSSA offers five different grant award types, with many of them available on a rolling basis throughout the year. Join us to take a closer look at the grant criteria and meet others in the life and health sciences community.

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