

The City of Spokane

Weekly News Update for Jan. 10

Stay up-to-date on City of Spokane and employee news with our weekly Employee Update.

City Switching to STA Connect Cards

The Spokane Transit Authority (STA) has moved over to Connect cards and **on Wednesday, Feb. 1 City IDs will no longer work on the bus.**

Things to know before you request Connect

- Employee's 18 and younger can get a Connect card free through the STA. The City of Spokane will not register these cards until the employee is 19 and required to pay fares.
- You have the option to download the [STA Connect app](#) to your smart phone and use your phone as the Connect card or you can request a physical Connect pass. The City of Spokane will only register one of these per employee since they are considered two different passes and have two separate fare caps.
- Volunteers can get a Connect card as well. Because we are unable to track these as easily, HR will maintain a spreadsheet of volunteers and their Connect cards will automatically expire at the end of the year unless the department extends it.
- Connect cards will be unregistered with the City of Spokane at time of separation, but can still be used by the separated employee by creating their own account with STA.

If you are a current bus rider, or are planning to ride the bus soon, please email the following information to: [Human Resources Connect Card Bus Pass](#).

- Your Legal Name
- Employee Number (located on your paystub or in PeopleSoft)
- If you have already downloaded the STA Connect app, or have a Connect card, provide the 20-digit member number so we can register you on the City of Spokane portal through STA.
- If you do not have a card yet and do not plan to use the STA Connect app, please email us that you would like a card sent to you.

Employees who do not ride the bus will not need to request the connect card and can obtain one later if they plan to start riding STA.

Human Resources does not have these cards on hand at this time, so collection of this information will be used to interoffice out cards as soon as we can. Do not stop by HR for a pass or you will be sad 😊.

New Attraction Hours At Riverfront Park

New year, new attraction hours! All attractions will be open on Monday, Jan. 16 for MLK Day. Visit our [website](#) for a complete day-by-day schedule.



More Information to Assist You

Here are some more resources from our Employee Assistance Program:

[This Is Your Year to Quit Smoking](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) knows that it may take a number of tries before you're able to quit for good, but it can be done. In fact, so many people have quit that there are now more former smokers than current smokers in the United States. Quitting can be challenging, but you can find support for your quit journey where and when you need it, to raise your chances of quitting for good.

[To Make Big Changes, Experiment with Small Ones](#)

Changes to improve your health and wellbeing, your relationships, or your career rarely happen in giant steps. Instead, they're the result of many small steps, taken over time, and the persistence that comes from changing personal habits rather than relying only on willpower.

Employee Information Portal (covid19.spokanecity.org/)

Remember, this Employee Information Portal is a great resource for employees to stay current on what's happening with the COVID-19 response. The [Employee Information Portal](#) can be accessed from work or home, using a computer or mobile device. All of the emailed information we have sent to employees is archived here.