

The City of Spokane

Weekly News Update for Jan. 24

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

2023 Winter United Way Giving Campaign

We are so excited to host a two-week giving campaign to support Spokane County United Way! We choose to host this campaign year after year because we know that Spokane County's United Way is a trusted leader, partner, and steward of our community's investments and resources.

Thanks to our generous community partners, we will hold a raffle drawing every single day of the campaign! Prizes will include numerous gift cards, tickets to local sports games and Riverfront Park activities, and even donuts delivered to your office by City Administrator Johnnie Perkins!



Materials explaining the Spokane County United Way's work, online pledge form, and a full list of raffle prizes can be found [online](#).

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

- Employees 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 😞.

Voluntary Hearing Aid Benefit

The City of Spokane has partnered with [AudioNet America](http://www.audionetamerica.com) to offer a discounted Hearing Aid Program with fixed out-of-pocket costs.

**NEW VOLUNTARY
Benefit:**



VOLUNTARY HEARING AID BENEFIT
Effective Immediately




The City of Spokane has partnered with AudioNet America to offer a discounted Hearing Aid Program with fixed out-of-pocket costs*.

***FIXED OUT OF POCKET COST:**

Member (Employee with FT Benefits or Eligible Dependent) pays maximum one/two ears


Mid Level	Mid-High Level	Advanced Level	Flagship Level
• \$1,050/\$2,050	• \$1,300/\$2,550	• \$1,550/\$3,050	• \$1,700/\$3,350

Call AudioNet Customer Service for assistance

 (586) 256-5465

or

Visit the website for a participating provider today!

 www.audionetamerica.com

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.