

The City of Spokane

Weekly News Update for Jan. 31

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

United Way Giving Campaign

We are halfway through our United Way Giving Campaign! We have raised \$3,481 which is well on our way to our goal of raising \$12,000. Thank you so much to those of you who have generously donated so far. Your donation will provide lasting change and create life altering opportunities for those in the Greater Spokane Area.

Thanks to our incredible community partners, we will have a raffle drawing every single day of the two-week campaign. Donations can be accepted through cash, check, card, or payroll deduction. Materials explaining the Spokane County United Way's work, online pledge form, and a full list of raffle prizes can be found [online](#).



Congratulations to those of you who have already won raffle prizes! As a reminder, you get 1 raffle ticket for every \$5 donated. Prizes that are still available include:

- \$20 Atticus Gift Card
- \$20 Panda Express Gift Card
- \$20 AMC Gift Card
- \$20 Mod Pizza Gift Card
- \$20 River Park Square Gift Card
- Spokane Chiefs Tickets
- \$15 Indaba Gift Card, Coffee, And Tumbler
- Donuts Delivered to You by City Administrator Johnnie Perkins

Thank you again for considering donating to this year's Spokane County United Way Campaign!

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 😞.

City of Spokane Employee Discounts

City of Spokane employees are eligible for discounts on the following products and services:

- **Audio Net** - Hearing Aid Program with fixed Out-of-Pocket cost
- **Carhartt** - 15% off merchandise *In-Story ONLY
- **Dell Computers** - Discount Varies* Check out Share Point

- **Discounted Entertainment and Sporting event tickets** - Discounts are posted on Share Point when events provide ticket information.
 - Spokane Chiefs, Spokane Indians, Spokane Empire, and WSU sporting events
 - Field Entertainment Events (Ex. Monster Jam, Motocross)
- **Fitness Center Memberships** - Not all gyms are listed. Please contact your gym directly to see if they offer corporate discounts.
 - MUV Fitness
 - YMCA
 - The Academy
 - Catalyst Fitness
 - Anytime Fitness
- **Home Street Bank** - Mortgage assistance and Financial classes
- **Nationwide Pet Insurance** - 5% Discount Pet Insurance
- **AT&T Wireless** - 15% off monthly services *See carrier for details
- **Verizon Wireless** - 18% off monthly services *See carrier for details
- **Riverfront Park Fountain Café** - 10% off (must show employee badge)

More Information to Assist You

Here are some more resources from our Employee Assistance Program:

[The Power of SMART Goals](#)

For goals to be powerful, they should be SMART. Many people have heard of SMART goals, but how do they work? SMART can mean many things, but SMART goals should be specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound.

[Stress and Your Health](#)

Stress is a feeling of emotional or physical tension. It can come from any event or thought that makes you feel frustrated, angry, or nervous. Stress is your body's reaction to a challenge or demand. In short bursts, stress can be positive, such as when it helps you avoid danger or meet a deadline. But when stress lasts for a long time, it may harm your health.

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.