

The City of Spokane

Weekly News Update for May 30

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

Washington Cares Act (Long-Term Care Tax) Update

The Washington Cares Fund is the mandatory long-term care insurance benefit for workers in Washington state which will help pay for eligible long-term care related expenses. The program will be funded by a mandatory payroll tax by workers in Washington state beginning July 1, 2023.

Unless you have purchased a qualified plan that enables you to “opt out” of this tax or you meet an alternate exemption, you will be required to participate in withholding of the tax. [Click here](#) to learn more.

City Hall Construction

The contractor is removing and replacing the lower roof over the Chase Gallery. Once the Chase Gallery roof is replaced the crane and scaffolding will be removed from the site and the obstruction of Post Street will end. It is anticipated this will occur next week.

The Spokane Falls Boulevard and Post Street public and employee entrances are open. Please feel free to [contact the Facilities Department](#) with any questions.

Margaret Redd’s Retirement Party

Celebrate Margaret Redd’s retirement from The Taxes & Licenses Department. Join Margaret tomorrow, May 31, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Tribal Conference Room at City Hall. There will be cake!

More Information to Assist You

Here are some more resources from our Employee Assistance Program:

[Investing in Your Family](#)

Families are busier than ever, so make an extra effort to let your spouse or partner, children, parents, and other notable people know how important they are to you. There are lots of ways to do this; here are some to get you started:

- Make time to listen thoughtfully to your loved ones. Be careful not to jump in with your opinion too quickly.
- Schedule time alone with each of your children. Let them decide how they want to spend this particular time with you.
- Make a date with your spouse. Plan something special like you did when you were dating.
- Take your kids for a walk after dark. Look for stars in the sky and listen for the night noises. Children remember these out-of-the-ordinary times spent with their parents.

- Watch the sunset. Better yet, get up early and watch it rise.
- Read books together every day. Don't stop just because your children are learning to read.
- Give lots of realistic, specific praise to your children.
- Tuck love letters under pillows.

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.