

The City of Spokane

Weekly News Update for April 11

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

City of Spokane Employee Awards Tomorrow!

The 2022 City of Spokane Employee Awards are tomorrow, **Wednesday, April 12, 4 – 5:30 p.m. at the Pavilion** in Riverfront Park. Celebrate your coworkers and enjoy Beacon Hill Catering!

City Hall Construction

New Card Reader at Loading Dock Hallway

On Thursday, April 13, a new card reader will be installed on the interior door at the west loading dock hallway entrance. This new equipment will be on the interior door that separates the mailroom/loading dock hall from the elevator lobby and will be a swipe access only.

Roof Replacement Project

Post Street is closed and no on-street parking is available between Spokane Falls Boulevard and the Post Street Bridge as construction crews replace the roof of City Hall. The Spokane Falls Boulevard and Post Street public and employee entrances are open!

As work on the roof proceeds, there will be slight disruptions on the 7th floor during the relocation of the roof drains, which will require drilling through the concrete roof structure and alterations to the drain lines above the 7th floor drop ceiling. Facilities will make every attempt to provide notice in advance of that work to allow for any adjustments to staff working locations and hours.

Please feel free to [contact the Facilities Department](#) with any question about the card reader or roof replacement projects.



Photo by James Richman

2022 City of Spokane
Annual Employee Awards Ceremony
April 12, 2023
4PM-5:30PM

Volunteers Needed for the Spokane Bike Swap!

The Spokane Bike Swap, presented by Spokane County, is right around the corner on Saturday, April 22. This is a great opportunity to get you pedaling this spring and checking out hundreds of new and used bikes all in one place, plus you can learn how to put your bike on a STA bus and much more!

With a big event like this, the Spokane Bike Swap Team needs to fill over 110 volunteer positions to ensure the success of this great community event. Currently, the most critical need is for Saturday afternoon. If you can volunteer, please [click here](#). There is a summary of the volunteer positions and a sign-up form. Volunteers will receive an official one-of-a-kind Spokane Bike Swap t-shirt when they arrive for their first shift.



Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions or need additional information, please go to www.spokanebikeswap.com.

Free Say Yes! COVID Tests Ending May 11

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) is announcing its free at-home testing program Say Yes! COVID Test (SYCT) is ending Thursday, May 11. That means you only have two more months to get free, rapid, at-home test kits delivered to your home. [Click here](#) and enter your zip code to see if test kits are available in your area.



More Information to Assist You

Here are some more resources from our Employee Assistance Program:

[Everyday Exercise](#)

The easiest part of exercising is coming up with excuses not to do it. Sure, the goal is to exercise every day, but only 30 minutes of exercise three times a week can make an enormous difference in your physical and mental health. So, for those of you who put all of your effort into, "I don't have enough time," or "It'll be too hard," or "I'm just not the exercise type!" —[click here](#) for some ways to get started!

[Effective Communication With Children](#)

Kids won't listen? Learn techniques that help you to communicate more effectively and to avoid communication styles that hamper conversation and increase conflict.

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.