



## Please welcome our recent hires

**Chomicki, James** - Doc Control Specialist- ACQ. Department  
**Edwards, Romar** - Asst. IT Analyst- IS Department  
**Howe, Kaleigh** - Asst. Project Manager- PEX Team Vulcano  
**Jacobson, Max** - Superintendent- PEX Team Toscano  
**Klimathianos, Anthony** - Project Manager- PEX Team Duraes  
**Waters, Eric** - Sr. Project Manager- PEX Team Vulcano

### Project Team Updates:

**Toscano's PEX Team** is in the completion stages of the following jobs: the WTC BPS Project, Brooklyn Bridge Park, Battery Park Police Memorial, Lincoln Tunnel, and Holland Tunnel. They are in the beginning stages of Coler Hospital Fire Pump Relocation, Roy Wilkins Recreation Center, and Louis Armstrong Museum. The team will be working on a new transit project; Shoreline Upgrades at Kingsbridge Bus Depot.

**Vulcano's PEX Team** completed 7 of 11 ferry landings on the Upland Ferry Terminal project for Skanska. At Lehman College, the roofing replacement is wrapping up on schedule and structural steel is currently underway and scheduled to finish in November as the project team moves forward to start the metal panel system installation.

**Duraes' PEX Team** is currently working on the new Nature Center at Idlewild Park, Manhattan Ave. Verizon Local Law 26, and the new MTA Bus Security Upgrade projects. They did a great job completing the Fire Alarm Local Law 26 project at E 37th/38th Streets. The team is getting ready to complete the lighting and power upgrade at Coler Hospital and starting up the new Louis Armstrong Museum Education Center.

**Debonis' PEX Team** is aggressively completing several locations through out the Bronx for the NYC DDC Sewer When and Where Contract.

**Event News:** The 2017 PJS Fishing trip was fun! - please check our Facebook page for pictures.

**\$50.00 Gift Cards** for having the highest Training Quiz scores were recently awarded as follows: Ethics/COMMTACT Quiz: N.Adams, V.Bajramoski, L.Brandt, S.Chimata, V.Cornelio, G. Delgado, L.DeBonis, J.Duraes, R.Edwards, G.Griffen, M.Guski, M. Jacobson, H. Mehta, M.Min, J. Novalle, N. Searlesbay, K. Vartabedian, J. Vulcano.

### NEW PROJECTS

DDC Pedestrian Ramps- 4.2M  
 Nature Center Idlewild Park- 5.9M  
 Nature Center Idlewild Park- (E) 571K  
 WTC VSC Water Intrusion- 11.5M  
 WFC Bldg. 4 Brookfield Office - 1.8M

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Training

PM Systems II 11-29-17

#### Social

Holiday Party 12-1-17



### PJS first Boston Project



**OPEN POSITIONS: Civil Superintendent, Sr. Estimator - Heavy Const. & Bldg., Project Manager, Jr., & Admin. Assistant**  
 Please contact **Lisa Brandt** at [lbrandt@ipjs.com](mailto:lbrandt@ipjs.com) or (914) 623-9200 x 510 with any referrals

**In the works:**

**DeBoe** - PJS Group recently welcomed and began integrating DeBoe Construction, Inc. into our group. We welcome all of the DeBoe folks, lead by Chris Debonis, Vice President & Project Executive, and Lisa DeBonis, A. Vice President - Finance. DeBoe will be our 4th PEX Team and will focus on Underground Utility Work.

**ViewPoint** - Viewpoint is a software package that will take the place of our existing accounting and reporting systems. It will better integrate with our estimating and project management software and will streamline everything we do. We have spent the last few months setting up and customizing the system so that we can get the reports and functionality that we need. We are about to start testing, inputting data, and training our users. Viewpoint will come online on January 1st, 2018. It will eventually be great for us but, before it is great, it will likely be annoying; like anything new and unknown tends to be. Please commit, be patient, help work through problems and this will be a success in just a few months.

**WeDeBuBett, LLC.** - This is a design build partnership between PJS and AI Engineering, Inc. Design Build Projects will be an increasing method of project delivery in NY and we are not only ready, we have already submitted our first expression of interest on a TBTA project. The goal of the partnership is to create an organization where design and construction teams work together to design better so we can build better, with each having a say and being invested in the other. Don't like the name? You are not alone. Please send suggestions up the chain. There is a nice lunch for anyone who comes up with something better.

**COMMTACT** - Tactful communication to get this done. This is a PJS developed system of guidelines to help drive how we communicate with each other, how we schedule ourselves and others, and how we keep track of things we need to get done. Many companies fall into ruts where communication does not happen, people worry more about covering their butt or being offended more than about getting things done... that is ineffective and also gets annoying. The idea is to set a standard and affect the culture of how we do things. Please make COMMTACT the backbone of how you operate and work with others. All can be found on i5PJS or by asking.

**PJS South** - The busy Hurricane season and its effect on various communities has created a need for good contractors in other states. PJS has been in the preliminary stages of setting up an operation in Texas. Shortly we will be traveling down there to look at office and yard space, begin regulatory and corporate planning, begin putting together management and field crews, and start bidding on projects. We hope to have a foothold by mid 2018.

**Staff Contributions:**

**Strike while the Iron is Hot** by Paul Scariano

My mother has said this to me many times in my life. I really get it now. You work to heat up the metal or maybe you just get lucky and the metal gets hot somehow. The opportunity to shape the metal and make something greater is there... it does not last long. Strike quickly and get it done. PJS worked for 21 years to heat the metal. We finally got it hot enough to make it into something even greater. Greater opportunities in financing, bonding, people, and projects have presented themselves this year. We are using this time to take this awesome, already well shaped piece of metal and shape it into something greater. We are growing our staff, expanding our existing operations, starting up new operations, looking to expand our HQ, and generally getting us to the next level. It will be exciting, fun, tough, and a little scary at times; but it will be worth it. In 2 years, we will be a different shape, but just as strong and awesome. I look forward to it and I hope you all do too!



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