



**Please welcome our recent hires:**

Filipe Bernardino – Project Engineer (PEX Vulcano), Greg Bohn – Project Engineer (PEX Duraes), Ken Brouwer – Chief Operating Officer (PJS Electric, Inc.), John Bua – Superintendent (PEX Toscano), Joseph Gibson – Project Manager (PEX Toscano), Trevor Johnson – Project Manager (PEX Toscano), Luke Papazian – Jr. Project Manager (PEX Toscano), Stuart Propper – Superintendent (PEX Toscano), Steve Queirolo- Vice President (Project Executive, Design Build), Daniel Renovales – Assistant Estimator (Acquisitions), Fred Scaffidi-Fonti – Superintendent (PEX DeBonis)

**Project Team Updates:**

**Toscano’s PEX Team**

- We have commenced work at both of our new MTA ADA Projects, Bedford Park Station and Greenpoint Ave Station.
- At Bedford Park, we have isolated most of the work areas with temporary enclosures and removed the concrete slabs for the installation of the elevators at the platform elevations. We have also begun the MPT at the street level to allow for the elevator installation.
- At Greenpoint Ave, we have installed all of the temporary enclosures. Two ADA platform ramps and two platform edges have been completed and walls have been demolished to allow for the installation of the new stairs and elevators.
- The Louis Armstrong Museum is coming out of the ground as the foundation is nearing completion. We were slowed down by tight confines and overhead utilities. The 3D modeling is nearing completion following a complete mechanical redesign which was issued by the owner. We plan to have the superstructure complete by the beginning of January.
- The four contracts at Coler Hospital (B1, B2, B3 and B5) have been completed.
- At Roy Wilkins, we have completed all of the underground work as well as the African Garden. The MEP work is nearing completion and the roof restoration

is commencing shortly. We plan to have the project completed by the end of December.

- At the World Trade Center Flood Resiliency Project, we have installed eleven of forty flood barriers and we are scheduled to complete the project by the end of January 2019.
- At the World Trade Center Bath Tub Project, we have been delayed by numerous scope changes and we plan to commence contract work by the end of 2018. We have completed additional work orders for the Performing Arts Center in preparation of the work changed by the Owner.
- We were the low bidder and are awaiting award on the following three projects:
  1. MTA: Platform repairs at various stations on Canarsie line in the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn.
  2. MTA: Circulation improvement at Union Square Station on the Canarsie line in the borough of Manhattan.
  3. WTC: Flood mitigation and resiliency improvement program- Water intrusion protection systems – for below grade facilities.

**NEW PROJECTS**

WTC Flood Mitigation - \$4.2M  
 MTA Union Square - \$9.4M  
 1095 Ave of Americas - \$2.4  
 MTA Platform Repairs - \$8.3M  
 TxDOT Construction Multi-Use Path - \$5.6M

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Training**

PM System I Training 10-24-2018  
 PM System II Training 11-28-2018

**Social**

Think Pink Bingo Night 10-4-2018  
 Breast Cancer Walk 10-21-2018  
 PJS Holiday Party 12-7-2018

**Fall Intern**

Jason Cruz - Acquisitions

**Vulcano’s PEX Team**

- The Ferry Terminal contract is substantially complete. The 11th and final landing went operational as of 8/31/18. Minor punch list items and fall plantings remain.
- Major demolition activities have resumed for Project RK-75 and it is in the final stages of completion with a substantial completion date of 11/30/18.



**OPEN POSITIONS: Sr. Cost Engineer, Construction Scheduler, Project Manager – Electrical, Project Manager - Civil, Superintendent, Project Engineer**  
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- The 5 comfort stations are progressing with interior finishes. The park portion of the Saw Mill Playground is nearly complete with portions being turned over to DPR next week.
- With the exception of the pool, the Jesse Owens park will have been turned over for use to the community by the end of September.
- We have mobilized the installation of pedestrian ramps adjacent to TA facilities.
- Mobilization of the Idlewild Nature Center Project is scheduled for 9/20/18.
- Mobilization of the simple pedestrian ramp project is scheduled for early to mid October.

#### **Duraes' PEX Team**

- JFK/ Spring Creek Bus Depots: Work is progressing as planned. Cables and cameras are being installed in time for our expected December completion date.
- 59 Stations: We received our award letter and are in the process of preparing shop drawings and submitting all catalog cuts. We expect to mobilize in two months.
- Fire Alarm at 3 Bus Depots: Our project team has mobilized at Gunhill Bus Depot and have started installing conduits for the new fire alarm system.
- Idlewild Nature Center: We received our award letter and are in the process of preparing shop drawings and submitting all catalog cuts. We expect to mobilize in one month.
- Louis Armstrong Museum: Waiting for the structural steel to be erected so we can mobilize and start installing conduits.
- Verizon – 1095 Ave of Americas: We received our award letter and are in the process of preparing shop drawings and submitting all catalog cuts. With a fast paced schedule, we've mobilized and expect to be complete within 8 months.

#### **Debonis' PEX Team**

- Project SEQNS001 has \$8M in contract work remaining and is ahead of schedule.
- A Notice to Proceed for July 30, 2018 was issued for DDC Project SEQ200490 (Storm sewer in 95th Street).
- A Notice to Proceed for September 4, 2018 was issued for DDC Project QED1047 (Distribution Water Mains Extension).
- A Notice to Proceed for September 24, 2018 was issued for DDC Project SEQ002539 (Storm and Sanitary sewers in 204th Street and vicinity, Queens).



#### **EVENT NEWS**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

PJS will be a corporate sponsor this year for the “**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**” walk which will be taking place on Sunday, October 21st, 2018 at Orchard Beach in the Bronx. Anyone who is interested in participating on the PJS Team can contact Nat Adams ([nadams@ipjs.com](mailto:nadams@ipjs.com)), our team captain. For more information, please visit [www.makingstrideswalk.org](http://www.makingstrideswalk.org).

#### **Staff Contribution:**

**Stay Strong**  
**by Laura Eisenhardt**

In August of 2004, I was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in my left breast. The doctor told me I must be operated on immediately. I told him I needed 2 weeks before I could go to the surgeon. You see, my first grandchild was going to be born in a week and I wanted another week to treasure the moment. I told no one because I was not going to ruin a very exciting time for my family. My grandson, Aidan, was born on the 13th.

A week later, the whole family was together at my daughter's house. I had to figure out a way to get my X-rays from one doctor for my appointment that night with the surgeon without anyone knowing. Secret car rides, hiding them under the back seat, some white lies - mission accomplished. But now the hard part, I had to tell my husband because I needed him to come with me. I was scheduled for surgery in 3 days. I then had to tell my mother and children. It broke my heart to see everyone upset right after the joy of the birth of my grandson but I kept assuring them I would be fine.

It was hard keeping it to myself but I knew God would watch over me and the joy of that little boy is all I needed. There was no way I was going to let cancer beat me. I had too much to live for and I was determined to get through the chemo and radiation. I never felt sorry for myself and got through all my treatments because I had so much to look forward to.

You have to be fighter, think positive, stay strong and you can get through anything with the right mindset. My family's love and support was with me all the way.

Here we are in 2018; I am cancer free, have 3 more grandchildren, and Aidan just started high school. Time flies, treasure every moment. Be strong.

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