



**Please welcome our recent hires:**

Benjamin Bateman – Project Manager (PEX Vulcano/Queirolo), Jeremy Lancaster – Project Manager (PEX Toscano), Erin Levering – Assistant Project Manager (PEX Toscano), Mark Liubicich – Assistant Project Manager (PEX Vulcano/Queirolo), Junaid Malik – Assistant Superintendent (PEX Vulcano/Queirolo), Andrew Notice – Assistant Project Manager (PEX Duraes), Norise Perez – Executive Assistant, Michaela Rivera – Project Engineer (PEX Toscano), Jorge Rodriguez – Project Engineer (PEX Toscano), Adrian Rosally – Quality Manager (PEX Duraes), Mala Sanchez – Executive Assistant, Will Torres – Assistant Project Manager (PEX Toscano)

**Project Team Updates:**

**Toscano's PEX Team**

Team Toscano finishes out the year by ramping up two new Transit projects: Platform Repairs at various stations on the Canarsie Line and Circulation Improvement at Union Square Station. We are also beginning work on a new flood barrier project at the World Trade Center.

We have completed our General Order milestones for our Transit projects at both Greenpoint and Bedford. NYC Transit is using our Safety Protocol as a standard for safety!

Brookfield, Battery Park and Tishman/Port Authority continue to add more work to our scope including PAC #7.

Team Toscano has expanded tremendously this year and we welcome all new employees aboard!

We look forward to a productive and prosperous New Year.

**Vulcano's PEX Team**

**RFK**

Major demolition operations commenced at the end of October. Project will be substantially complete by the end of December (officially November 30th). Punch list and close out will follow in the month of January.



**NEW PROJECTS**

Construct Multi-Use Path - \$5.6M  
Integrated Service Info & Management - \$15.1M

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**Training**

CPR/First Aid/AED - 1-30-2019

**Social**

Texas Hold-Em - 3-23-2019

**Winter Interns**

Cody DeLasho - PEX Toscano  
Dante Delemos - Finance  
Peter Gerken - Acquisitions  
Paige Gilbride - Acquisitions  
Joe Iengo - PEX Vulcano

**Lehman College**

Substantial completion has been requested and should be granted for the end of December. Punch list and closeout will follow in the month of January.

**Halls Bayou**

Awaiting contract and notice to proceed.

**Queirolo's PEX Team**

**5 Comfort Stations**

Window installation has commenced at all five (5) comfort stations. The Melrose Commons comfort station is nearing completion. Following approval of the BEC electrical inspection, plumbing inspection and occupancy approval, the comfort station will be ready for turnover to the public by Spring of 2019. Multiple change orders continue to delay progress at the remaining comfort

stations. The project team continues to push through the obstacles that are in our path to project completion.

**Jesse Owens Pool**

The park area associated with the Jesse Owens Pool is complete. We have requested beneficial use of the park independent of the pool. The pool shotcrete was installed earlier this month. We will continue to progress the work associated with the pool during the winter months with a targeted final completion in late Spring of 2019.

**PED Ramps**

Six (6) pedestrian ramps have been reconstructed. The project is currently shut down for the winter with a



**OPEN POSITIONS: Sr. Cost Engineer, Construction Scheduler, Project Manager – Electrical, Superintendent, Deputy Bid Administrator**  
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targeted recommencement in March of 2019.

**Idlewild Park**

Clearing, grubbing, and field office trailer mobilization was completed in October. Pending multiple material deliveries, the PJS crew plans on commencing work on the building foundations early next month.

**Duraes' PEX Team**

JFK/ Spring Creek Bus Depots

Cameras are installed and tested. Preparing for the factory witness test in order to start commissioning the cameras.

59 Stations

29 stations have been surveyed and we are preparing to mobilize in early February.

Fire Alarm at 3 Bus Depots

Our project team is installing fire alarm cabling at Gunhill Bus Depot and terminating devices for the new fire alarm system.

Idlewild Nature Center

We've submitted shop drawings and all catalog cuts and are now waiting to mobilize.

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've core drilled the riser and are getting ready to install the MI-cable riser.

MTA Railroad Control Center

We were low bidder and are awaiting the award letter from the MTA.

**Debonis' PEX Team**

SEQNS001

Underground work to be completed by the end of March due to additional utility interference. Set one of contract is 100% complete including final restoration. Set two of contract is anticipated to be 100% complete including final restoration in August 2019.

SEQ200490 (storm sewer in 95th street)

Project is under DDC review for a change order design from timber pile to CFA pile.

QED1047 (distribution water mains)

Project will break ground 1/2/19.

DDC002539 (storm and sanitary sewers)

Project will break ground 2/1/19.

DeBoe Construction has purchased 3 new vans, 1 utility dump truck, pc360 excavator, and a payloader as it expands and grows within the PJS Group.

Have any suggestions for making this Newsletter better or want to be our next staff contributor, please email [vramsaran@ipjs.com](mailto:vramsaran@ipjs.com).

**Employee Transfers/Promotions**

**Steven Queirolo** - VP, Project Executive to Civil Operations

**John Vulcano** - VP, Project Executive - Design Build and PJS South to Acquisitions

**Hal Schlesinger** - Sr. Data Specialist to Information Systems

**Staff Contribution:**

**A Fine Brush  
by Kenneth J. DeLasho**

Not just simply an implement for writing or drawing, this sometimes yellow, hexagonal, graphite filled, wood cased stick, in the early days manufactured of recycled cedar and barn wood, commonly referred to as the "No.2 lead pencil" is the result of a 500 year process of discovery and invention.

It is the "go to" writing tool of the craftsman, carpenter, school kid, hacker, and space-explorer from marking a precise miter, length of cut, taking an SAT test to marking the elusive birdie or bogey on a score card. Did you know the pencil can make a mark underwater, upside down and in zero gravity; re-mark-able!?

A mark that is not necessarily permanent helps create and enables refinement. And 100 years before I was born, the eraser was added to the stick, before that, bread crumbs erased any sense of imperfection in the work (a baker would know bread crumbs).

So choose a pencil to express yourself, use a pocket knife for a traditional point, or a mechanical sharpener for a more progressive point, then read it over, look it over, and use bread crumbs or an eraser to make changes and improve it. Centuries of innovation went into crafting the perfect pencil - so take as much time as you need to get it "write" and express yourself... and then share it with the world!

