

Chaple named new field supervisor

Staff change roles, earn promotions

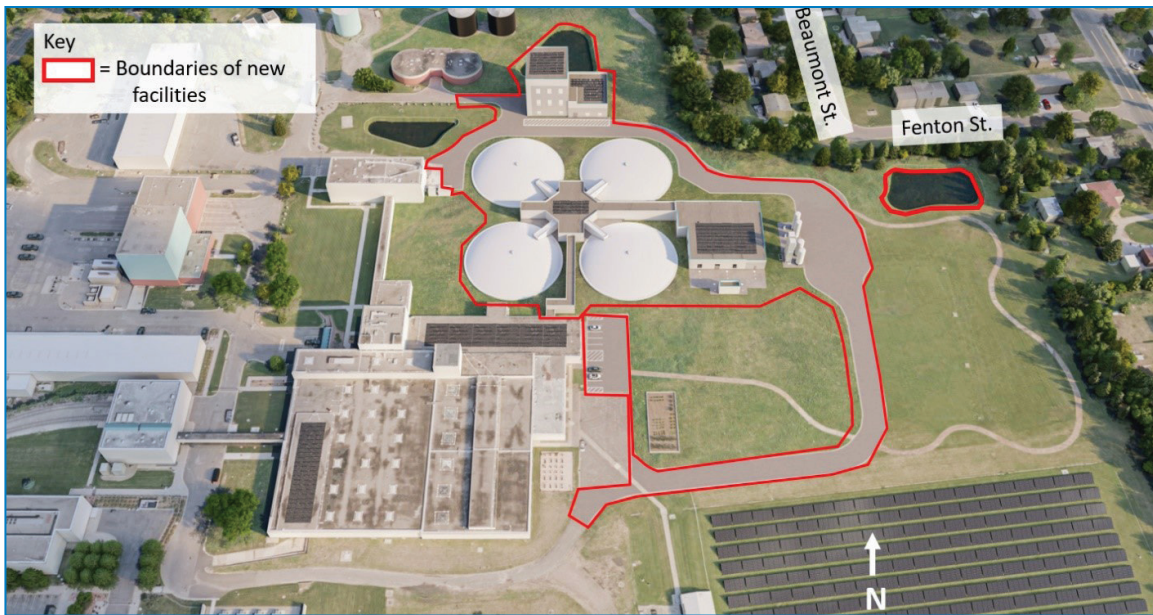
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Our mission is to provide reliable, quality water and services at a reasonable cost.

Major improvement upgrades to McCarrons to start this spring



This is a rendering of what the new treatment plant will look like. The bounds of construction are indicated by the red outline. Notably, much of the work involved on the project will occur below-ground and is not visible in 3D renderings of the completed facility. Preparing and setting up the site will likely begin in March/April.

We are preparing to begin construction on major improvements to the McCarrons water treatment plant. The existing facility continues to produce excellent water quality. At nearly 100-years old, the reliability of the facility will be increased by these improvements.

Affected Areas

All the pre-filtration portions of the treatment process will be replaced. This includes the processes responsible for removing water hardness, increasing the clarity of the water, adjusting the pH to an appropriate range, and removing many contaminants. Most of the technologies included in the scope of the project are more modern, efficient variations of the same technologies and processes that have been used to successfully treat drinking water at SPRWS for decades.

Ozonation to be Added

Ozonation is a new technology that will be added to the treatment process. It is used at many water treat-

ment facilities around the world.

Among its benefits are reducing the likelihood of unpleasant taste and odor in the water and removing contaminants of emerging concern. These are water pollutants that are not known to cause negative health impacts and that are still being studied.

Demo Areas and Future Improvements

The project scope includes a significant amount of demolition work to remove older, obsolete infrastructure.

The facility will be set up to accommodate future solar panel installation. These panels can be seen in the artist's rendering above and are not part of the project.

Costs

Design and construction of the new facility is expected to cost approximately \$220M. Thanks to SPRWS's excellent fiscal management and a favorable economic environment for investment, the improvements can be completed in a way that will provide customers with tremendous value.

Graeme Chaple named as new distribution field supervisor



Graeme Chaple

Graeme Chaple has been named the next distribution field supervisor to replace Pete Davis upon his retirement later this year.

Graeme has led the damage prevention unit for the past several years and a replacement for that role has not yet been named.

Graeme's ability and experience in networking and communicating with other city departments, contractors, and other agencies in his role in DPU will serve him well in his new role as field supervisor.

Congratulations to Graeme.

Biometric screening openings still available via Virgin Pulse

There are still openings for the free biometric screenings at the water utility on March 2 and 9.

Sign up now to reserve your appointment time.

To sign up:

1. Log in to Virgin Pulse
2. Click on the "Benefits" tab
3. Type "LabCorp" in the search bar
4. Click "Start Now"
5. Schedule your onsite appointment

Get Biometric Screening From Your Doctor

Can't get to an onsite appointment? You can download a biometric screening form from Virgin Pulse and bring it to your physician's office.

Log into Virgin Pulse. Go to Benefits, and look for "Biometric screenings via physician form."

Download the form, print it out, and bring it to your doctor's office. The doctor will fill it out and fax it to the number listed at the top of the form.

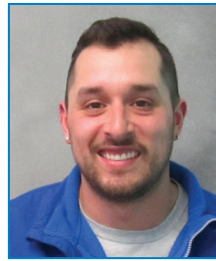
Biometric screening offers employee the opportunity to earn 1,000 points toward their health reimbursement account via Healthy Saint Paul.

You only need 1,500 points to earn \$300, so biometric screening gets you two-thirds of the way there.

To earn the full \$900 possible in HRA money, you need 3,500 points.

For more information, go to healthy.stpaul.gov.

Salinas, Scott earn promotions; Worm joins business improvement



Alex Salinas



Tim Scott



Adam Worm

Alex Salinas has been promoted to a water plant worker as of Feb. 12. He had been working in distribution as a water utility worker. He will now be working in the plant and reports to Tom Blanchard.

Tim Scott has been promoted to toolmaker, taking over the position vacated by Matt Bailey upon his retirement. Tim was working as a water treatment plant operator II. He now reports to Steve Evanson.

Adam Worm, GIS analyst, joined the Business Improvement Unit as of Feb. 14. Adam will be working on analytics and community engagement.

He now reports to Martha Burckhardt.

Congratulations to everyone on their new roles.

Tuition reimbursement available



Looking for a way to pay for schooling?

The city provides up to \$600 of tuition reimbursement per year for full-time employees and up to \$300 for part-time staff.

The utility will provide up to \$2,500 per year for full-time employees and up to \$600 for part-time staff.

With city and SPRWS benefits combined, a full-time employee could be reimbursed up to \$3,100 for coursework taken as part of an accredited program.

Forms are available in Documentum under employee documents.

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