

Don't lose your hard-earned money; spend your FSA funds

Don't lose your hard-earned money. Make sure to spend all of the money you put into your 2022 medical flexible spending account by the end of the year.

This means you need to have your medical appointments or spend your money on medical costs like glasses by Dec. 31, 2022, to be able to use it with your 2022 flexible spending account. You have until Feb. 15, 2023, to submit the claims for your 2022 expenses.

Not sure of your FSA balance? Go to www.benefit-resource.com/participant. The website will have the balances, history of claims submitted, and the means to submit claims.

There will be two balances if you use both a flexible savings account and have earned health account money from the city for participating in certain health care plans/Healthy Saint Paul incentives.

If you have not used the site before, go to their website and click on the register an account link. Follow the instructions. You will need your social security number, company code (StPaul), name, zip code, and email or phone number.

For assistance or login or password information, contact BRI at 320-316-0521 or 800-473-9595 or participantservices@benefitresource.com.

Utility sponsors a family of five this holiday season

The water utility is sponsoring a family of five this holiday season. Members range in age from 38 years to 3 months old. Sign up sheets for gift giving are located in the warehouse, production break room, Vadnais breakroom, and the cafeteria in the admin building.

The sign up sheets note the names, ages, genders, clothing sizes, and gift ideas for the recipients.

Gifts must be purchased and dropped off with Dennis Rosemark in the admin building by the end of the day on Monday, Dec. 12. If wrapped, please enclose a gift return receipt inside with the gift. Visa gift cards are also requested along with gift cards to Walmart or Cub Foods.

Please consider giving to a family less fortunate than you this holiday season.

Food donations requested

The water utility is collecting food for Second Harvest Heartland once again this year. Please drop off non-perishable food items in the box in the lobby of the admin building by Wednesday, Dec. 21 so that the food can be delivered to Second Harvest Heartland.

Thank you for your generous support of this food drive.

Celebrate the holidays with metro area activities

Get out and celebrate the holidays this year. Here are some ideas for a variety of things to do this holiday season in the metro area.

Sledding. Free if you own a sled or even a large piece of cardboard. For sledding around Saint Paul, find a list of the best locations at <https://outdoortroop.com/13-perfect-sledding-spots-near-st-paul/>

Holiday Flower Show. Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, Como Park. Open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

through January 8. Free; donations appreciated. Reservations required (make online), as are masks.

<https://comozooconservatory.org/como/sunken-garden-2>.

Holiday lights. View the holiday lights at a multitude of locations around the Twin Cities metro area.

Find the latest at www.familyfuntwincities.com/minnesota-holiday-light-displays. Some displays are

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free, some take food donations, others charge. More specific to Saint Paul: <https://www.visitsaintpaul.com/blog/best-places-to-see-holiday-lights-in-saint-paul>.

Winter Lights 2022. Stroll through the Minnesota Arboretum gardens decked out in Winter Lights. Enjoy fresh air as you explore outdoor light displays, highlighting flowers, trees and the beauty of nature, on a .75-mile walking route. Tickets \$25, must be purchased and reserved in advance. Weekends and additional dates. <https://arb.umn.edu/winterlights>

Holidazzle. Friday through Sunday, through Dec. 18. Loring Park, Minneapolis. See Yeti, the illuminated art installation. Fireworks at 7:15 p.m. on Saturdays. Check hours for musical performances, visits with Santa Claus, and other events at www.holidazzle.com.

Holiday Music Festival. Free. Now through Dec. 23 in the Huntington Bank rotunda in the Mall of America. Thursdays - Sundays, except Dec. 9. Thursdays and Sundays, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

www.mallofamerica.com/hmf

Holiday concerts, musicals, ballets and more. For a list of holiday concerts and other holiday performances at surrounding private colleges, go to mnprivatecolleges.org/events-news/upcoming-events/holiday-concerts. Prices vary, some performances are free.

Minnesota Boys Choir. Annual Winter Concert, 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, First Lutheran Church (1555 40th Avenue NE, Columbia Heights). 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on

Jan. 8, 2023. Landmark Center. Freewill donation requested. For more information on any of these events, go to <https://boychoir.org/support/attend-a-concert.html>

European Christmas Market at the Union Depot runs Fridays - Sundays through Dec. 18. Check for hours: <https://stpaulchristmas-market.org>.

In addition to a small kiosks for shopping, the event features live music, visits from Santa, dance ensembles, and ornament making and other crafting activities.

The always-popular **North Pole Express** returns for two Hub for the Holidays weekends, Dec. 2-4 and Dec. 8 - 11. Vintage rail cars will take riders on an adventure to a North Pole village, where they'll have the opportunity to meet Santa and his elves. www.visitsaintpaul.com

com/events-calendar/the-north-pole-express-2.

GLOW Holiday Festival will run Nov. 23 through Jan.1, 2023 at CHS Field. Stroll through over a million lights, sElfie Plaza, Enchanted Forest, Bright Bikes, Tremendous Tree, and so much more! Enjoy strolling through the holiday lights, while soaking up all the amenities at the new location, CHS Field! Tickets are \$20.75 for adults, \$12.75 for children (ages 5-12), plus applicable ticketing fees. www.visitsaintpaul.com/events-calendar/glow-holiday-festival.

Santa's Workshop, Landmark Center. Dec. 11 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Free. Come for a free photo with Santa and stay for games. www.landmarkcenter.org/sundays-at-landmark/

Friendsgiving celebrated at utility



Staff from around the utility joined in a Friendsgiving potluck luncheon on Monday, Nov. 21 in the administration building cafeteria.