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### Clarifiers and floc 3 to get maintenance



Clarifier II starts to drain over the New Year's holiday weekend in preparation for the annual maintenance in clarifiers I and II and floc 3 this winter. The cold snap froze the water making it hard to drain.

## Jacob Pauna earns promotion, temporary electrician hired to work through spring

Jacob Pauna was promoted to a GIS specialist II, effective as of January 1.

Jacob works in the maps section of the engineering division.

Congratulations to Jacob on his new title!

A new tempoary electrian has Jacob Pauna been hired to assist with projects throughout the utility.

David Cerney starred work on Jan. 10 and reports to Jim Burchard in the water treatment plant.

David will be on staff until the end of March.

Please welcome David if you see him around campus!

## Healthy Saint Paul offers point-earning options for 2022

Did you take part in Healthy Saint Paul in 2021? You should see your first quarterly deposit into your health reimbursement account in mid-February.

In 2022, there are plenty of options for earning points. Point levels remain 3,500 to earn the full \$900 incentive and 1,500 points are needed for \$300.

This year you can earn even more monetary rewards if you have a fitness tracker, such as a Fitbit that you can sync to your account.

This triple tracker feature will let you add up to another \$60 per year by hitting 7,000 steps a day or 15 minute

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### 2022 city calendars are now available

City calendars for 2022 are here! Electronic versions were made available right before the holiday, sent out via email.

If you want hard copies, both human resources' reps have them available.

Please contact Sandy Kimbrough at 266-6510 or Sandy. Kimbrough@ci.stpaul.mn.us or Kate Moen at 651-266-6693 or Kate.Moen@ci.stpaul.mn.us if you want a copy.



### Vinny Bader retires after 37 years

Vinny Bader retired at the end of the year after 37 years of service.

Vinny started working for the water utility in 1984 as a service worker II.

He worked as a technical trainee and as a park aide from 1987 to 1995 when he was promoted to a water meter reader.

Vinny worked the remainder of his career as a meter reader.

His last day in the office was Dec. 30, as Dec. 31, 2021, was a holiday.

Congratulations to Vinny on his retirement.









Clockwise from above, then top right: Vinny Bader, right, with Steve Schneider, at the distribution division retirement gathering and softball game in 2004 at the B-Dale Club. Vinny uploading meter reads in 2004. Vinny sandwiched between Richard Smaller (left) and Wilbert Taylor at the employee conference in 2013. Vinny in the underground tunnels to get meter reads at the Kellogg Blvd. intersection in 2005.

#### Gerry Groh passes away

Gerry Groh, retiree, passed away.

Gerry started with the water utility in 1972 as a water plant aide. In 1978, he earned a promotion to filter plant operator I, and then proceeded to filter plant operator II in 1985. The title changed in 1997 to water treatment plant operator II, the title from which he retired in 2001.

There will be a graveside service at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.



Gerry Groh

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workout or active minutes a day for 20 days in a row. This earns you \$5 a month up to the additional \$60.

The caveat being that the fitness tracker will count those steps/active minutes for you; these cannot be manually entered.

You can still earn up to \$160 on top of your HRA/VEBA monies by earning program points.

The triple tracker and program earning points add up to \$220 in additional e-gift card incentives you can earn in a year.

There are some activities that will rack up points quickly. For example, getting a flu shot will earn you 750 points.

Don't forget the program offers a separate mental health app called Sanvello for you and any family member 13 and older. The meQulibrium app also offers stress management. These apps can be used on a standalone basis.

Go to https://medica.com/wellness/healthy-saint-paul to start earning.

If you have questions, contact Nance Lee in benefits at nance.lee. mosquera@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

You can still drop off your holiday lights for recycling.

Other electrical cords, telephone cords, and appliance cords can also be recycled. Drop them off in the entrance to the administration building and in the cafeteria in the treatment plant until Jan. 22.

