

Staff invited to water treatment plant project ground breaking

The water utility will be hosting a ground breaking ceremony at 10 a.m. on May 12 in front of the water treatment plant.

All employees are invited to attend the event.

Representatives from our partner organizations, from Jacobs, Magney Construction, and PCL Construction to Brown & Caldwell and Stantec have been invited. Others invited include employees from the cities of Saint Paul and Maplewood, the Minnesota Department of Health, the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority as well as members of the media.

Refreshments and networking will start at 10 a.m.

The welcome and introductions will get underway at 10:15 a.m., followed by the project overview, and end-



ing with the ceremonial ground breaking.

Seating will be in front of the water treatment plant, as will be the refreshments tables.

In the case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors to the McCarrons Room in the treatment plant.

Wearing attire with the SPRWS logo is encouraged.

Promotions noted



Solomon Alemu



Chantha Siv

Water utility employees in the business division recently earned promotions.

Solomon Alemu in finance earned a promotion to accountant II as of April 9.

Chantha Siv earned a promotion to IS information tech analyst IV as of April 9.

Please congratulate Solomon and Chantha when you see them.

Water treatment plant operator II sought

The water utility is seeking a water treatment plant operator II.

This person:

- Is responsible for water softening and purification.
- Operates filter units, including backwashes.
- Controls the flow of water through the treatment process.
- Monitors and controls the appropriate application of all chemicals used during the treatment process.
- Monitors performance of plant machinery and makes minor maintenance and emergency repairs.

Requirements

Must meet ONE of the following requirements:

- Completion of a post second-

ary water or wastewater treatment program.

- Two years of post secondary education with an emphasis in mathematics or chemistry.

- Two years of water or wastewater treatment plant experience to include monitoring and controlling appropriate application of chemicals; monitoring performance of plant equipment and machinery, and monitoring data, to ensure proper treatment of water.

NOTE: Must obtain a Minnesota Department of Health Class B operator certificate within 36 months of appointment.

Contact Nastassia Leigh at 651-266-6476 or jobs@stpaul.gov for more information. The position closes at 4:30 p.m. on May 9.

Jim Burchard retires after 36 years of service



Jim Burchard retired from the water utility after 36 years of service.

He started as a water plant aide in 1986 and was promoted to a water plant operator I and a maintenance worker in 1994.

He was promoted to a production supervisor I in 2016 and production supervisor II in 2020.

Congratulations to Jim on his retirement.

Dan Salinas and Jim Burchard work on a pump in 2003. Jim working on a pump in the 1998. Jim receives his retirement plaque from Patrick Shea at a retirement gathering in Jim's honor on April 28.



Jim Bode wishes Jim Burchard congratulations and best wishes at his retirement on April 28 in the plant break room.

Todd Hansford retires after 36 years of service



Todd Hansford at the employee conference in 2013 and trying his hand at tree climbing at the city picnic in 2008.



Todd Hansford has retired from the water utility after 36 years of service.

He started as a water plant aide in 1986 and was promoted to a maintenance worker three years later.

In 1993, he became a vehicle mechanic supervisor.

This is the position he maintained for the remainder of his career at SPRWS before retiring at the end of April.

Congratulations to Todd on his retirement.