

## Potential water utility workers take skills tests onsite



*A potential water utility worker takes a skills test in the pipe yard located off of Roselawn Avenue on March 12. More skills tests were conducted on March 15. They involved using a sledge hammer; filling, lifting, and carrying sand bags and other heavy items; and digging out a pipe and re-covering it, to name some of the activities. New water utility workers are scheduled to start work the first half of April.*

## New employee orientation

Have you joined the utility recently? All new employees, including temporary employees, are required to attend a new employee orientation.

In this orientation, you will:

- Greet, welcome, and celebrate your employment with the city of Saint Paul
- Network and make connections with those in multiple departments
- Discuss what it means to be a public servant

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## Utility posts opening for production division manager

Jim Bode is planning on retiring this year. To promote succession planning, the water utility is seeking a production division manager.

This manager:

- Performs expert-level managerial and administrative work directing the operations of the production division.
- Provides strategic leadership and management.
- Develops divisional policies and budget.
- Oversees employee staffing, development, performance management and measures, training, discipline, and related human resources activities.
- Directs, plans, and manages activities related to the production of quality drinking water through treatment and analysis.
- Acts as liaison to the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization.
- Ensures compliance with federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and standards.
- Oversees research activities that provide compliance and planning data for effective management.

### Requirements

- A Bachelor of Science Degree in civil engineering and five years of experience as a civil engineer III – SPRWS or five years of experience as a water quality specialist III or equivalent.
- Must possess a class “A” water system operator’s certificate, issued by the state of Minnesota, prior to appointment.
- Must possess and maintain a valid Minnesota class D driver’s license, or equivalent out-of-state driver’s license.

Please note: A Master of Science Degree in biology, chemistry, or environmental engineering may be substituted for two (2) years of experience as a

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## Staff promoted, tech analyst hired



Tom Lopez



Chris Cullen



Robert Jones



Donny Prestreshi

Tom Lopez was promoted to a maintenance worker, effective Feb. 26. He previously worked as a water plant worker.

He works for Luke Trossen.

Chris Cullen and Robert Jones have both earned promotions to water systems worker II as of March 14. They had been working as water utility I.

They report to Mark Luzinski in the distribution division.

Congratulations to both on their new roles.

Liridon “Donny” Prestreshi was hired as a info. tech analyst IV as of March 14.

He reports to Nick Sprende in IS and can be found in the IS section of the treatment plant.

Congratulations to all of those earning staff promotions.

Please welcome Donny to the water utility when you see him.

## Water Utility Treatment & Technology (WUTT) students visit SPRWS



*Che Fei Chen, water quality supervisor, discusses the water treatment process with students from the Water Utility Treatment & Technology (WUTT) program at St. Paul College on March 16. Todd Blomstrom, distribution division manager, who is an instructor with the WUTT program, accompanied the students.*

## New employee orientation upcoming dates

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- providing quality customer service using radical hospitality
- Learn about the city of Saint Paul; its mission, vision, and values; and accomplishments
- Understand the city’s equity framework

Make plans to attend an online employee orientation on one of the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 13, 2022 | 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, June 07, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 04, 2022 | 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please seek supervisor approval prior to registering for this event. Then go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p8a444d> to register.

Contact Anita Vue at 651-266-6523 or email [anita.vue@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:anita.vue@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or [jobs@stpaul.gov](mailto:jobs@stpaul.gov) with questions.

## Production division manager sought

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civil engineer III – SPRWS, water quality specialist III or equivalent. Partial credit for experience will be given for credits toward a Master of Science Degree.

The position closes at 4:30 p.m. on April 11.

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