

## Willy Water to be introduced at Highland tower open house

We're thrilled to introduce to you the official mascot of SPRWS, Willy Water! Willy Water is a modern take on the utility's mascot from decades ago, Willing Water.

Willy Water is no ordinary drop of water! He represents the clean, safe, and reliable water that SPRWS delivers to our communities every day. His mission is to educate and engage with both children and adults about the vital role water plays in our lives and share some of what it takes to

get from source to tap! From participating in community events, school visits, and parades, Willy Water is ready to make a splash!

Willy Water will make his formal debut this weekend, July 15-16 at the Highland Tower Open House which will run from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day.

Stickers and an activity book featuring Willy Water will be available for children visiting the tower.



*Willy Water, the new SPRWS mascot, will make his debut at the Highland Park water tower open house this weekend. The mascot is a nod to a previous mascot, Willing Water that had been in use several decades ago at the water utility.*

## Lead replacement project moves forward this summer



*Jake O'Donnell runs the directional boring machine on a lead replacement on Randolph Ave. on July 11*

The lead replacement project is moving smoothly through its scheduled 718 properties to be replaced this summer.

Utility crews have 487 of these properties while Bolander & Sons is working on Minnehaha Ave. and has 231 properties they are working to replace.

Overall, 209 out of the 718 properties have been replaced with 269 scheduled for replacement.

We have intent forms for 91 percent of the properties we are looking to replace this summer, or about 654 of the 718. And 68 percent

of the pre-inspections have been completed.

Great headway is being made as SPRWS has four crews doing 16 replacements per week. Bolander has one crew of 12 staff completing about 3 lead replacements a day.

The numbers continue to grow as the summer progresses.

These numbers are valid as of noon on July 11.

Thanks to the coordinators, the crews, the contractors and everyone working so hard to get the lead out of our water system.

Your work is appreciated!

## Retirees pass away in June

Several water utility retirees passed away in June.

Delano Brill passed away on June 25.

He worked at the water utility from 1975 to 1998, working as a water plant aide and a filter plant operator.

Myrna Dorrance passed away on June 14.

She worked for the city from 1963 - 1993. She was a clerk with public works until taking a position with water as a payroll supervisor in 1969.

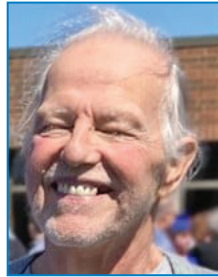
Dennis McCann passed away on June 7.

He worked for the water utility as an auto mechanic from 1972-2005.

Our condolences to their family, friends and former co-workers.



Myrna Dorrance



Dennis McCann

## Howard earns promotion

Judy Howard (AKA Tavares) has been promoted to an accounting technician I effective as of March of this year.

Congratulations to Judy on her promotion.



Judy Howard

**Put it on your calendar:  
B-Dale Club retiree and  
distribution get together  
4 p.m. until ?  
Friday, Sept. 8, 2023**

## Mark your calendars for Sept. 17 Family Fun Day is coming

The water utility will be hosting its first ever family fun day on September 17 from 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the water utility.

Staff and their families are welcome to join in on the fun that will include a lunch, information table, games, water tapping team action, tours of the facilities and touch a truck.

This is a great opportunity to show your family where you work and what you do while also getting a chance to meet your co-workers in a more social setting.

The event will open to the public at 1 p.m. and run until 3 p.m.

To make this event a success, employees are needed to help work the various aspects of the event, from helping serve the food to leading the games.

We are looking for volunteers on Sunday, Sept. 17; please contact Dennis Rosemark at 651-266-6822 or [Dennis.Rosemark@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Dennis.Rosemark@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or Jodi Wallin at 651-266-6308 or [Jodi.Wallin@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Jodi.Wallin@ci.stpaul.mn.us).



Games like bags may be part of the fun on the first ever SPRWS family fun day on Sept. 17.