

The Pipeline Express

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SPRWS staff participate in MN AWWA annual conference



Both the men's and women's pipe tapping teams competed at Duluth. Back row, from left are: Andrew Lardini, Jake Wolf, Marcus Fitzgerald, Joe Garcia, and Jake Masiello. Front row from left are: Sabirah Aleem, Maddy Tusler, Kelsey Feirer, Alexandria Robertson, and Caitlin Brunette. The men's team placed third in the competition and the women's team took first in their division.



Right, Steve Schneider, retiree and former general manager, took home the George Warren Fuller award presented by the national AWWA representative, Rebecca Venot.



Mike Hively is presented with the third place trophy for the meter madness competition from the MN AWWA representative.



Alexandria Robertson and Maddy Tusler receive first place awards in the pipe tapping competition from Chris Larson, MN AWWA section representative, at the conference in Duluth on Sept. 19. They will be going on to compete at the national competition next summer.

Benefits enrollment due by Oct. 25, info session on Oct. 17

It's time to start thinking about your benefits for next year. Employees should have received information on next year's benefits in the mail.

To answer any questions you might have, an information session will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17 in the cafeteria in the administration building.

Field employees should come between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. while office staff should plan to attend between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Representatives from Medica, Health Partners Dental, VSP Vision, Voya, MN Deferred Comp, BRI (flex account and VEBA health savings), Standard and Securian (life, short- and long-term

disability insurance, long-term care insurance, etc.), and employee benefits staff (VEBA, Healthy Saint Paul) will be there. There are changes this year, so be sure to come get your questions answered.

To learn more about what benefits are available and what they cover, a benefits book will be available at <https://stpaulmn.sharepoint.com>.

Benefits sign up will begin on Monday, Oct. 14. Sign up must be completed online by midnight on Friday, Oct. 25 at <https://benefits.stpaul.gov>.

You will need your Employee Self Service (ESS) log in to sign in.

If you do not sign up, your current benefit elections will

remain in place for 2025, with the exception of your flexible spending account.

Flexible spending accounts must be enrolled in every year.

It is helpful to bring a copy of your current benefits with you to the information session to make sure you get the answers you need for enrollment this year.

Print out a copy of your benefits statement upon enrollment as proof of enrollment. You will need this for benefits staff to assist you if there are any issues with enrollment.

Be sure to bring your Medica card with you to the open enrollment meeting to get your free flu shot.

Lindgren passes away

Jan Lindgren, retiree, passed away Sept. 14 at the age of 83.

Jan came to water in 1979 as a clerk typist and moved through the series to become a clerk IV in 1994.

In 2002 Jan became an office manager. She retired from the water utility in 2008 after 29 years of service. Jan also served as the secretary for the Board of Water Commissioners.

Funeral services were Monday, Sept. 23. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org.

Our condolences to Jan's family, friends, and former co-workers.



Jan Lindgren

Tim Conroy retires

Tim Conroy retired from the water utility on Sept. 20 after 32 years with the city.

Tim started his career with parks and recreation as a park aide in 1992 and then as a parks worker.

Tim came to water as a water utility worker I in 1997 and worked as a service worker before becoming a water meter technician in 2006.

Congratulations to Tim on his years of service and his retirement!



Tim Conroy poses with Willy Water on Sept. 11.