

Utility seeks GIS specialist I

The utility is seeking a GIS specialist I to work in the engineering division.

The successful candidate will perform entry level work compiling, verifying, maintaining, and inputting information into multiple databases using a department Geographic Information System (GIS) and related programs.

The specialist is responsible for capturing attribute data and completing basic map production and using GIS applications such as ArcGIS, database management, office productivity, and related software.

This full-time position is primarily office-based and may require occasional travel to other water facilities throughout the city for site specific work.

The requirements for this classification may be met in ONE of the two following ways:

Associate degree in geographic information systems, computer science, information technology, geography, or cartography or a directly related field.

OR

A combination of two years of education and experience. Education must include at least 10 credits in geographic information systems, computer science, information technology, geography, or cartography or a directly-related field.

Experience must include work in a majority of the following areas: maintenance and update of GIS databases, maintenance of attribute data, preparation of basic computerized maps, integration of data into GIS or other systems and applications, and the use of programming languages common to the GIS field.

Applications must be made online at stpaul.gov/jobs by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

For more information, contact Diane Turnbull at 266-6506.

Getting the zebra mussels out



Vadnais staff work to remove zebra mussels from the channel between Pleasant and Sucker lakes on Oct. 24. In the water are, from left: Nate Cassidy, Tom Longendyke, Christopher Robinson, Kevin Romero, and Mike Sherman, who all hold the title water utility worker I.

Don't lose your hard-earned money; spend your FSA funds

Don't lose your hard-earned money. Make sure to spend all of the money you put into your 2019 medical flexible spending account by the end of the year.

Anything not spent by Dec. 31, 2019, is not carried over in a flexible spending account. It is lost.

To determine your balance, go to www.wealthcare-admin.com and select the participant portal to login. For login or password information, contact CieloStar at 612-436-2778.

Remember, there will be two balances if you use both a flexible savings account and have earned health account money from the city for participating in certain health care plans/Healthy Saint Paul incentives.

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Steve Gleason retires after 36 years with the water utility

Steve Gleason, assistant general manager, retired Oct. 31 after 36 years with the water utility.

He worked from 1980 to 1983 as a temp, starting as a water plant aide, then working as a water utility technician I, and then as an engineering aide II before being hired full time as a certified employee in 1983.

He started as a civil engineer I and was promoted to a civil engineer II in 1986. Two years later, he was

promoted to a civil engineer III.

In 1992, he was promoted to a civil engineer IV. He worked as the distribution division manager from 1997 to 2007, when he became the business division manager.

He was named assistant general manager in 2018 and retired from that position last week.



Photo by Dennis Rosemark

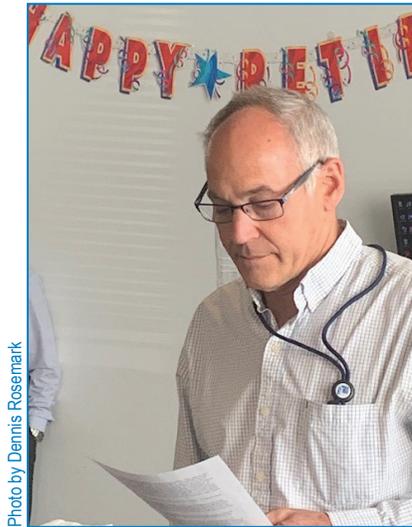
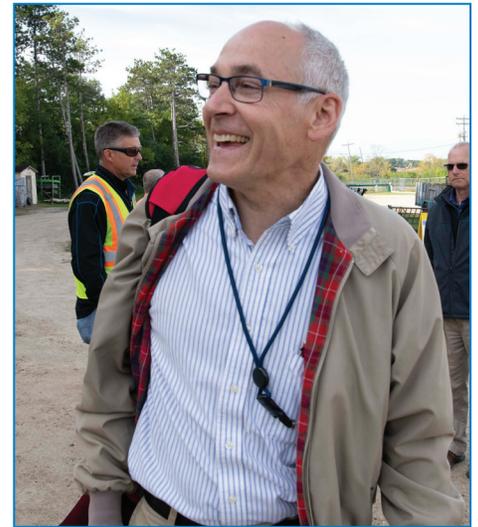


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Photos, from top left: Steve Schneider presents Steve Gleason with his years of service plaque at Gleason's retirement reception on Oct. 31 in the cafeteria. Top Center: At his reception, Gleason reviews some of the major changes he has seen over his career at the utility.

Top right, Gleason takes part in the evacuation drill at Vadnais on Sept. 26. Bottom left, Gleason works on a Habitat for Humanity house in July of 2012. Bottom right, Gleason performs a song he composed in honor of Bernie Bullert's retirement in November of 2003.

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You should take care of this before the end of the year, as the city has chosen a new vendor to handle FSA claims beginning on January 1.

It may be harder to contact CieloStar once their contract is up on December 31.

Up until December 31, you can submit claims by fax, 612-335-9217; by email to flex@cielostar.com by attaching the form and supporting materials after scanning your documents; or submit them within the wealth-careadmin.com site.