

Pete Hollis takes on new role as water utility tech I

Pete Hollis is taking on a new role as a water utility tech I in Graeme Chaple's damage prevention unit in engineering.

Those offices are located on the east side of the second floor, across from the bathrooms.

Pete has worked at the utility as a water utility worker I, a water system worker II, and a heavy equipment operator.

Please congratulate Pete on his new role.



Pete Hollis

Warmest thanks for cold work



Andrew Ruiz, water utility worker, gets a thank you from Steve Gleason, assistant general manager, at an appreciation breakfast March 28 in which managers handed out letters of thanks to staff from the Board of Water Commissioners for working through one of our colder, snowier, winter seasons.

Head of PED gives thanks for water utility crews

Bruce Corrie, the director for Planning and Economic Development, sent the following email to Steve Schneider, Melvin Carter, Jamie Tincer, and Kathy Lantry on March 15.

About a week ago in the middle of a very cold and difficult day, the water main by the fire hydrant across from my house (792 Parkview) broke.

People were returning from work. I had to help push my neighbor's car out, as it got stuck with the mess that was created.

Your crew was already there and worked right through the night with their heavy equipment on a very cold night. They had to dig through the road with heavy equipment and then fix the problem.

I wondered how their hands did not freeze up being out in the cold for so long. That night was a very rough, cold night.

I had filled up water expecting major shortages. When I got up in the morning, we had normal water service.

Your team went through all that trouble to make this happen so that residents would not have too much discomfort.

I know on an earlier occasion when I called you about a homeowner whose water pipes froze – you sent a team right away. That immigrant owner was skeptical of the city when he told me of his problem. Your team got his water pipes flowing.

I am copying the Mayor and Deputy Mayor because they might like to hear about uncaptured stories.

No one in your crew or even you know where I live so I did not think we received "special" treatment.

Copying Kathy (Lantry) because her team does this all the time, too, and we appreciate the "difficult boots on the ground" work they do to keep our city functioning.

Thanks to you and your teams.

Best wishes.

Bruce

Water service worker- control desk sought in dispatch

The utility is looking to hire a water service worker - control desk to work in dispatch.

This position involves shift and weekend work.

The successful candidate will be able to perform skilled work in receiving and disseminating information regarding the distribution system; direct the work activities of field staff; perform related record keeping; and perform other related duties as required.

To apply, candidates must have one year of experience as a water utility worker or equivalent. Must possess and maintain a valid Minnesota class D driver's license, or equivalent out-of-state driver's license. The driver's license must have no suspensions or revocations for driving-related offenses within the last two years.

For more information, contact Sandy Kimbrough at 651-266-6510 or jobs@stpaul.gov.

To apply for the position, go to stpaul.gov/jobs.

The deadline for applying for this job is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9.

MN AWWA plans benefit concert for Water for People on April 13

MN AWWA is sponsoring a benefit concert for Water for People on April 13.

Water for People is an international non-profit working across nine countries to bring safe water and sanitation to four million people. Today, 2.1 billion people around the world don't have access to safe water and 4.5 billion lack access to adequate sanitation. Women and children spend more than four hours walking for water each day, and more than 840,000 people die each year from water-related diseases. Water for People exists to promote the development of high-quality drinking water and sanitation services.

For \$10 you can support this worthy cause and enjoy music from Big Bob and the High Rollers at Bogart's at 14917 Garrett Ave. in Apple Valley. There will also be a silent auction and raffle prizes.

Tickets available at the door, which open at 7:30 p.m. Questions?

Contact Chris Voeltz, at chrisv@saintpetermn.gov

For more information, go to: www.mnawwa.org/event/WFPCconcert2019

Early morning appreciation



Joy Moy, HEO, and Joe Garcia, water system worker, grab a donut and coffee offered by the utility in appreciation for staff efforts to work through and get to work on some of the snowiest, coldest winter days of the season. The appreciation was held on March 28. Staff were handed letters from the Board of Water Commissioners and were provided with coffee, orange juice, and fruit, in addition to donuts.

Planning to retire within 10 years? Free seminar is available

Are you planning on retiring in the next 10 years? Then make plans to attend the pre-retirement planning seminar. This long-range planning seminar designed to help you take practical steps now to spend your retirement years as you choose.

The next seminar is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesdays, April 17, 24, and May 1 in rooms 40 A & B in the basement of city hall.

Topics include:

- Social security
- Public pensions
- Legal readiness
- Estate planning
- Financial planning
- Deferred compensation
- Employee benefits
- Enrichment opportunities

Registration is limited to 50 city employees, and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Only register for the seminar if you are able to attend all three sessions.

To register, after obtaining supervisor approval, email or call Gracie Bernal at 266-6498 or at gracie.bernal@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Please include your department and phone number.

Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 12.