

Clarifier No. 2 gets a clean out



Maintenance staff hose down the spent lime from the bottom of round clarifier No. 2 on December 2. Production maintenance staff have been cleaning and conducting repairs on the flocs and clarifiers as part of regular winter maintenance.

Enjoy the holidays with Metro activities

Get out and celebrate the holidays this year. Here are some ideas for a variety of things to do this holiday season in the metro area. Many of the activities are free, some have fees, others are free to access and have additional activities or items for sale.

Sledding. Free if you own a sled or even a large piece of cardboard. For sledding around Saint Paul, find a list of the best locations at <https://outdoortroop.com/13-perfect-sledding-spots-near-st-paul/>

Winter Flower Show. Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, Como Park. Open daily 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. January 12 - March 16, 2025. Free; donations appreciated. <https://comozoo-conservatory.org/como/sunken-garden-2>.

Holiday lights. View the holiday lights at a multitude of locations around the Twin Cities metro area.

Find them at givemethemike.com/minnesota-holiday-lights-2024. Some displays are free, some take food donations, others charge. More specific to Saint Paul: <https://www.visitsaintpaul.com/blog/best-places-to-see-holiday-lights-in-saint-paul>.

Winter Lights 2024. Stroll

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Spend your flex savings account funds this year

Don't lose your hard-earned money. Make sure to spend all of the money you put into your 2024 medical flexible spending account by the end of the year.

This means you need to have your medical appointments or spend your money on medical costs like glasses by Dec. 31, 2024, to be able to use it with your 2024 flexible spending account. You have until Feb. 15, 2025, to submit the claims for your 2024 expenses.

Not sure of your FSA balance? Go to www.benefitresource.com/participants. The website will have the balances, history of claims submitted, and the means to submit claims.

If you have not used the site before, go to their website and click on the register an account link. Follow the instructions. You will need your social security number, company code (StPaul), name, zip code, and email or phone number.

For assistance or login or password information, contact BRI at 320-316-0521 or participantservices@benefitresource.com.

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through the Minnesota Arboretum gardens decked out in Winter Lights. Enjoy fresh air as you explore outdoor light displays, highlighting flowers, trees and the beauty of nature, on a .75-mile walking route. Tickets \$30, must be purchased and reserved in advance. Weekends and additional dates. <https://arb.umn.edu/winterlights>

Holidazzle. Wednesday through Sunday Dec. 18 - 22. Loring Park, Minneapolis. Check hours for musical performances, visits with Santa Claus, and other events at www.holidazzle.com.

Holiday Music Festival. Free. Now through Dec. 29 in the Huntington Bank rotunda in the Mall of America. Thursdays - Sundays at designated times. www.mallofamerica.com/hmf

Holiday concerts. For a list of holiday concerts and other holiday performances at surrounding private colleges, go to mnprivatecolleges.org/events-news/upcoming-events/holiday-concerts. Prices vary, some performances are free.

Minnesota Boys Choir. Winter Concert, 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15. 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 26 and 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on

Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025. Locations vary. Freewill donation requested. For more information on any of these events, go to <https://boychoir.org/support/attend-a-concert.html>

European Christmas Market at the Union Depot runs Fridays - Sundays Dec. 13- 15 and Dec. 20 -22. Check for hours: <https://stpaulchristmasmarket.org>.

In addition to a small kiosks for shopping, the event features live music, dance ensembles, and ornament making and other crafting activities.

GLOW Holiday Festival will run now through Jan.5, 2025 at CHS Field. Stroll through over a million lights, and so much more! Enjoy strolling through the holiday lights, while soaking up all the amenities at CHS Field. Tickets are \$21.75 for adults, \$12.75 for children (ages 3-12), plus applicable ticketing fees. <https://www.glowholiday.com>.

Santa's Workshop, Landmark Center. Dec. 15 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Free. Come for a free photo with Santa and stay for games. www.landmarkcenter.org/sundays-at-landmark.

Bruce Berg retires after 36 years of service

Bruce Berg started with the water utility in 1988 as a safety officer working out of the Hamline yards offices.

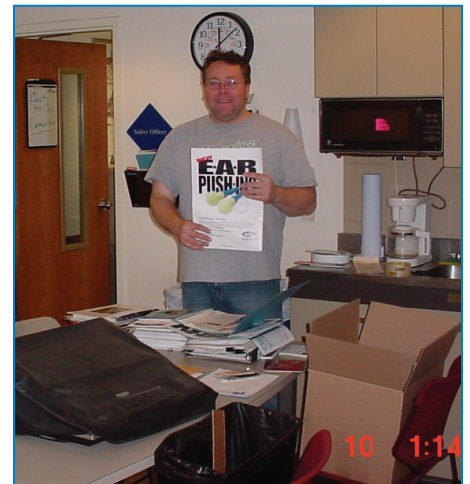
Safety officer is the title that he held for the duration of his service to the water utility.

He retired after 36 years at the end of November.

We wish Bruce well on his retirement.



Bruce Berg onsite in Mendota Heights in 2012.



Bruce Berg in the Hamline yards office building in an undated photo.