

New hires announced

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Our mission is to provide reliable, quality water and services at a reasonable cost.

New conference room needs a name
Contest to name conference room starts on June 10



It looks bare and unfinished now, but in a few months, this will be a new conference room located to the left of the elevators in the lobby of the administration building. The room will be able to seat 12 on new chairs, with new imagery on the walls and new audio-visual equipment. With all that is new, it also needs a new name. Employees are encouraged to submit entries for possible new names between June 10 and June 21, after which a committee of peers will narrow down the submissions to the top three for the staff to vote on starting July 8. The new name will be announced in July.

By Steve Schneider

You may have noticed the new conference room currently under construction in the lobby of the administration building and we'd like you to help give it a name.

I think it is important to get staff involved in an effort like this. The idea is to move beyond names like west, north, and south.

We are going to have a naming contest. It's very easy to get involved, just drop your entries in one of the ballot boxes. Entries should be creative, meaningful, and respectful of the employees and communities we serve. Ballot boxes are in the administration cafeteria, production lunch room, warehouse, and at Vadnais station. The deadline for turning

Volunteers work on Habitat for Humanity home June 6



Above, Kathy Travis, distribution supervisor, measures out a needed cut on a piece of pressed board on site at the Habitat for Humanity build on June 6.



Above right, Hayley Heidelberg, (left) emergency management and security supervisor, and Bryan Jensen, welder, work on framing up an internal wall at the home being built at 722 LaFond Ave. in Saint Paul. Every year, volunteers from the city take part in a Habitat for Humanity build. The water utility shared the day with staff from the Department of Safety and Inspections, human resources, and the mayor's office.

entries in for round one is June 21.

An employee committee will select three names to be the finalists. Let your division manager know if you are interested in being part of this committee.

Between July 8 and 15, employees will vote for their top choice from the three finalists. The winner will be announced by the end of July.

Later in the year, there will be another contest to consider new names for the remainder of the conference rooms located in the administration building.

Dare to leave your mark in the history of Saint Paul Regional Water Services: Name that conference room!

Questions? Contact the BIU team: Martha Burckhardt, Dennis Rosemark, or Margaret Egan.

New employees join water utility



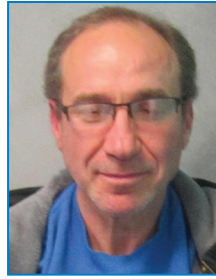
Alexander Boie



David Goldberg



Jeremy Jordin



Robert Metzler



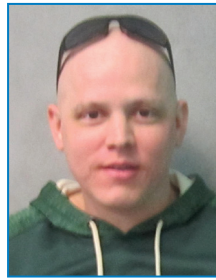
Mark Morris



Conor Dougherty



Cedric Hicks



Ronald Jackelen

The utility has hired eight new staff members, who all started on Tuesday, May 28.

Alexander Boie will work in maps and records as a GIS specialist II.

David Goldberg, Jeremy Jordin, and Robert Metzler are all utility

aides working for the season.

Mark Morris is a water treatment plant operator II.

Conor Dougherty, Cedric Hicks, and Ronald Jackelen all hold the title water utility worker I.

If you see them around, please welcome them all to the utility.

SPRWS takes part in Water Fest at Lake Phalen



Alex Rossow, water quality specialist, talks to one of the visitors to the SPRWS information table at Water Fest at Lake Phalen on June 1. The event focuses on water in the area, including water sources and resources, protecting water sources including how to protect it from road salt, and water conservation. It also celebrates the ways we use water, with many water-related recreational events.

Wilbert Taylor retires after 20 years of service to the city

Wilbert Taylor is retiring after 20 years of service to the city, 18 of which were with SPRWS.

Wilbert started with the city as a food service aide in 1999 and moved to a utility aide position with the water utility a few years later. He was promoted to water utility worker I in 2004 and to water utility worker II in 2008, holding both titles until his retirement on May 31, 2019.

We wish Wilbert well on his retirement.



Wilbert Taylor receives a placard with his years of service on it signed by the Board of Water Commissioners at his retirement reception on Friday, May 31 in the administration cafeteria.



Pete Davis and Wilbert Taylor on a job site in 2008.