

Quench Buggy and staff at WaterFest



Photo by Racquel Vaske

Jordan Skender, Alma Galvez, Kelsey Feirer, and Aaron Erickson with the Quench Buggy at Waterfest at Phalen Park on June 1. Not pictured is Na Lee Moua. The Quench Buggy has made it to several events in Saint Paul already this year, providing cool, refreshing water to event attendees and a talking point for SPRWS staff.

Tornado season means drills

We are in the midst of tornado season in Minnesota, and preparing to evacuate to a safe structure is part of being prepared.

The utility will be holding a tornado drill at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26.

The safest building on campus is the treatment plant.

To familiarize yourself with the location of the meeting place, take the elevator in the plant down to the lowest level and look for signs for a tornado shelter.

If we have a real tornado and you cannot get to the plant building, an interior room with no windows is the next safest place to be. That is usually the bathroom on the first floor or the mailroom in the administration building.

Utility seeks to hire water utility technician I via promotion

The utility is looking to hire a water utility technician I. This position is open to current city of Saint Paul employees who meet the Civil Service promotion rule, which includes two years certified service.

The chosen individual will perform entry level field and office engineering work including inspecting the installation, repair and maintenance of our

water systems.

Here's what you can expect to do:

- Accurately, safely, and efficiently locate, mark, and document underground water utility infrastructure using provided locating equipment (VM850 MetroTech) and technology (Korterra Desktop and Field App).

- Locate and mark at grade locations such as curb stops,

valve boxes, and manholes using magnetic locator.

- Read maps, interpret blueprints, and determine the best method and sequence for locating.
- Perform water leak detection services for internal stakeholders using provided equipment.
- Assist in performing technical duties such as record maintenance, inspection, and

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Utility hires new water utility worker I employees; adds plumbing inspector and several interns

The water utility recently hired several new water utility worker I employees for full time work, three interns, and a plumbing inspector.

In distribution, starting recently are Travis Benick, Briggs Gerads, Spencer Mead, Brett Velander, and Charles Washington.

Brett Bernhjelm was hired as a plumbing inspector.

Interns are Ysabelle Gilseth, Else Gerber, Rian Keegan, and



Travis Benick



Briggs Gerads



Spencer Mead



Brett Velander



Charles Washington



Brett Bernhjelm



Ysabelle Gilseth



Else Gerber



Rian Keegan



Colter Marty

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Gilseth works with Will Menkhaus in asset management in the production division.

Else Gerber, Rian Keegan, and Colter Marty work with

Brent Marsolek in the Damage Prevention Unit.

Congratulations to all the new staff.

Please welcome them if you see them.

Golf tournament attended by more than 40 employees



Winners of the golf tournament with a 4 under par are: Joe Stafne, Joe Schmidt, Jon Rue, and Colin Novak. The closest to pin was Andy Knuth while the longest drive belonged to Jon Rue. The tournament was open to all SPRWS employees, of which more than 40 participated on June 10 at Phalen Golf Course.

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reporting of project activities across SPRWS divisions.

Position Requirements

One year of experience as an engineering aide II, utility trainee, water utility worker I, or equivalent. Equivalent experience includes construction, repair, inspection, and/or maintenance of public infrastructure or water systems, utility plan review, permitting, construction cost estimating, or plan drafting.

OR

Twelve college semester credits in technical classes.

Technical classes include but are not limited to math, engineering, GIS, CAD, construction management, or water management/technologies.

AND

Must possess and maintain a valid Minnesota class D driver's license or equivalent out-of-state driver's license.

For more information, contact Danni Smith at 651-266-6566 or at danni.smith@stpaul.gov.

Must apply online at stpaul.gov/jobs by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, July 1.