

## Schneider receives 2017 Leonard N. Thompson award

Steve Schneider, general manager, is the 2017 recipient of the prestigious American Water Works Association (AWWA) - Minnesota Section's Leonard N. Thompson Award.

The award is presented at the Minnesota Section's annual conference to one member for their distinguished service to the water supply field in commemoration of Leonard Thompson, a past general manager of the St. Paul water utility for nearly 34 years.

Each year the Thompson Award Committee of the Minnesota Section determines if a Minnesota Section member typifies the standards that were characteristic of Mr. Thompson's contributions to the section and the water supply industry, including longevity, service to his community, and service to the water industry.

Steve has provided over 27 years of excellent service to the water industry and St. Paul Regional Water Services.

His service to AWWA has been exceptional and extraordinary. He has served on the Minnesota Section AWWA Executive Board (2012 – 2015), 100-Year Conference Water History Museum Chair (2016), Conference Council Chair as well as numerous other section committees.

Steve supports and encourages his employees to volunteer their time, talents and energies in the water industry.

The Minnesota Section AWWA recognizes and values his exemplary and outstanding service.

Congratulations to Steve on this recognition.



*Steve Schneider*

## Fall safety picnic celebrates, reminds us of safety



*Staff dish up food at the fall safety picnic on October 5 held in front of the administration building.*

*At left, Hayley Heidelberg, the new emergency planning and security supervisor, spoke on the importance of security during the event.*

*Below left, Chad Larsen, water utility tech., tosses a dowel during a game of Kuub.*

*Bottom right, Kathy Travis, distribution supervisor, throws a bag during a game of bags held during the picnic.*



## Jeff Murphy earns promotion

Jeff Murphy has earned a promotion from water utility tech. I to water utility tech. II effective Monday, Sept. 4.

Jeff works at the engineering service desk on the second floor of the administration building.

Please congratulate Jeff on his new position.



Jeff Murphy

## Utility hires Jacob Pauna

Jacob Pauna has joined SPRWS as an engineering aide II working in maps and records under Mike Anderson.

Jacob is located in Larry Petrie's old work space in maps and records. His first day was Oct. 2.

Please welcome Jacob to the water utility.



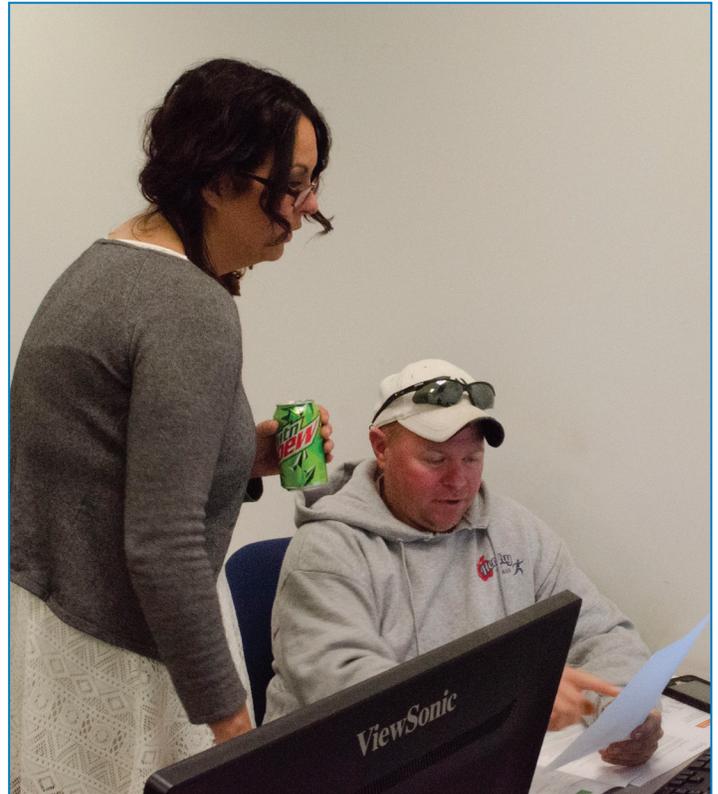
Jacob Pauna

## Distribution tour



Jorden Reeves (left), water utility worker, and Brian Galloway, water system worker, install an 8" main on Charleton in West St. Paul on Sept. 13. Staff from other areas got to see their work as part of the distribution system tour. The last system tour, on the production system, will take place on Oct. 18 starting at 9 a.m. Sign up with Dennis Rosemark if you are interested.

## Enrolling in benefits



Becky McKenzie, storekeeper, assists Brian Finnegan, distribution supervisor, with signing up for benefits online on the new system at the open enrollment information session on Oct. 4. The computer training room and several lap tops in the cafeteria were available for use to sign up that day. If you still haven't signed up, you need to do so today or you will not have benefits in 2018.

## Vacation donation approved for Bob Hamm

Vacation donation has been approved for Bob Hamm, a driver operator with the utility.

Bob has exhausted all his sick leave and vacation due to a family medical issue and has requested vacation donation.

If you would like to donate vacation to Bob, please e-mail your own payroll person or provide her with a signed release indicating how much vacation you wish to transfer. She will be responsible for all the record keeping.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.



Bob Hamm