

## New board members tour McCarrons treatment plant



Photo by Patrick Shea

*New members from the Board of Water Commissioners toured the McCarrons treatment plant on July 30. Nelsie Yang, vice president of the board, is in the left foreground, while Alene Tchourumoff, newest appointed member, is nearest to Steve Schneider, general manager. Jim Bode, production division manager, right, explains the treatment process.*

## UL online training classes assigned to staff due Nov. 30

All staff at the water utility have been assigned courses in the UL online training program. If you receive email, you should have gotten emails linking to your classes this past spring. If you do not receive emails, you should log into UL training and look up classes that you now have available for you to work on. The classes are due by Nov. 30 and are specific to each individual based on their training needs. If you have questions, contact Sandy Kimbrough at 651-266-6510 or Racquel Vaske at 651-266-6815.

## Managers' Corner *It's been a tough year. We still can be thankful*

By Jim Bode

This has been a tough year for just about everyone. All the uncertainties brought by the pandemic, coupled with tumultuous race relations, economic uncertainty, and the mud pit of modern politics is enough to bring one's psyche pretty low. So, I thought I'd offer up a few positive items we experience when we come to work (or stay home and work) for SPRWS.

**Working for the greater good:** It seems that national and state politics are incapable of working out actions that benefit the greater good of the citizenry. Here at SPRWS, we are providing safe drinking water and great service to all of our customers no matter who they are. Our predecessors built a great system at great expense because a reliable and safe water supply was in the best interest of the people who live here. We are still doing it. We can be proud of that.

**Leadership Matters:** What our leaders say and do matters, be it positively or negatively. Our Board of Water Commissioners have been steadfast in supporting our work and our mission. We are currently making plans for the biggest improvement to the treatment plant since it was built. The Board is supporting that effort. The Board also has supported our work during the pandemic, understanding that water is essential and that our workers are needed to provide it. We can be thankful for that.

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## Brian Galloway moves to the damage prevention unit

Brian Galloway has transferred from the engineering service desk to the damage prevention unit and is working with Graeme Chaple as of the first of August.

He takes over some of the duties of Chad Larsen, who left earlier this year for a job in Alaska.

A replacement for Brian to work at the engineering service desk has not been named.



Brian Galloway

## Water utility tech. I sought

The water utility is seeking a water utility technician I to work at the engineering service desk within the agreements unit. This staff guides contractors, developers, residents, coworkers, and landowners through processes such as construction plan approvals, payments for new installations, assessments, land rights issues, and permitting; and thereafter prepares and routes the required paperwork and correspondence. The position is heavily involved in ongoing private developments within our service area and the ability to collaborate with public and private entities is crucial. The agreements unit authors and/or reviews agreements, legislative code revisions, water tower leases, staff reports and resolutions for action by the general manager, the Board of Water Commissioners, and the Saint Paul City Council.

For education requirements, see [stpaul.gov/jobs](http://stpaul.gov/jobs). Must possess and maintain a valid Minnesota class D driver's license or equivalent.

This job closes at 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 24. For more information, contact Dan Ferralez at 651-266-6596 or [jobs@stpaul.gov](mailto:jobs@stpaul.gov).

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**Great Employees:** The pandemic has brought home the fact that we are social animals and we need human interaction. I, for one, will say I work with a great group of people and I am much better off in their company. The same probably holds true for most of you.

## Utility has internal openings for water system worker II

The water utility has four openings for water system worker II, available only to current, certified, classified employees. The positions close on Monday, Aug. 24, at 4:30 p.m.

These workers perform responsible work installing, operating, and maintaining the water distribution system. This includes water mains, services, valves, hydrants and other facilities.

They need to have one year of experience as a water utility worker II or two years of experience as a water utility worker I or equivalent. Must possess and maintain a valid Minnesota class D driver's license or equivalent. Must take a practical skills assessment, the requirements for which are listed on the city's website at [stpaul.gov/jobs](http://stpaul.gov/jobs) under internal openings for a water system worker II.

Training sessions are tentatively scheduled for Sept. 19 and 26. The exams are tentatively scheduled for Sept. 29 and 30 at Vadnais Station.

Qualified candidates will be contacted to set up their individual exam date and time.

For more information, contact Chrissy Hauge at 651-266-6512 or Diane Turnbull at 651-266-6506 or [jobs@stpaul.gov](mailto:jobs@stpaul.gov).

## Internal opening for customer service and billing manager

The water utility has an opening for a customer service and billing manager, available only to current, certified, classified employees. The deadline to apply is Aug. 25 at 4:30 p.m.

This person performs advanced level supervisory work in planning, organizing, and directing department wide customer service, billing, and utility services. Manages contract administration and negotiation associated with billing, customer, and related systems on behalf of the department. Directs and coordinates the utility billing and customer services functions through line supervisory positions.

For specific educational and experience requirements, please go to [stpaul.gov/jobs](http://stpaul.gov/jobs) and look under internal positions for this title opening.

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