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

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Teachers learn about water at SPRWS



Teachers from the Drinking Water Institute learn about processes in the lab from James Brown and Blake Castagneri on July 30 as part of a three-day workshop on teaching Minnesota teachers how to teach about water. Other SPRWS speakers included Jeremy Erickson, Sarah Brown, Alex Rossow, Jeremy Gavard, Justine Roe, Graeme Chaple, Kirill Maloylo, Todd Blomstrom and Racquel Vaske.

Utility hires civil engineer II

The water utility has hired Bounkheana Chunn as a civil engineer II as of August 5.

She will be working under Luke Sandstrom.

Please welcome Bounkheana to the water utility.



Bounkheana Chunn

Employees earn promotions



Jake Conway



Paul Rice



Greg Sorenson

Several utility employees have earned promotions as of July 27.

Jake Conway is a water utility tech I in DPU.

Paul Rice is now a senior water operator.

Greg Sorenson is now a water distribution supervisor III.

Congratulations to all of the staff on their new positions in the utility.

SPRWS to host salsa and guacamole contest Aug. 22

Get ready for a salsa and guacamole showdown to see who has been the best salsa and guac at the utility.

Think your salsa sizzles or your guac is great? Now is the time to find out.

Send Justina Ross or Holly Overton an email or sign up for the contest at the time clocks by August 19 to take part in the August 22 contest.

You must list the ingredients used in your entry next to your item during the contest to avoid food allergies for the taste testers.

The contest itself from run from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the administration lunchroom on August 22. Taste testers should plan to contribute \$1 towards chips to take part in the contest.

Award winners will appear in the Pipeline and the EBB boards.

Staff promote SPRWS at several local events



Jordan Skender and Ilona LaDouceur pose with Willy Water (Josh Jonas) and the Quench Buggy at the Rondo Block Party on August 3. Kelsey Feirer also worked the event. We gave out more than 600 cups of water that day. The block party was one of many events held from August 1 through August 8 at several locations around town

Flashback Friday: Fridley conduit work camp



In the 1920s, there was a worker's camp set up to house those who were working on the conduits from Fridley station on the Mississippi

River in Fridley to Charley Lake outlet in North Oaks. This photo is one of many found to use in an SPRWS history book.

Join water utility staff at these upcoming events

Have you had a chance to check out the new Quench Buggy or hang out with Willy Water?

SPRWS staff have been busy at local events spreading the good news about our water and services. If you want to join them, this is where they will be in the next week.

7th Street Live from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 10 at 7th Street between Hope and Arcade. Live music, food trucks and more.

Willy Water is scheduled to make an appearance at this event.

A Stream of Black Voices from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 11 at Como Lakeside Pavilion. Branded as a vibrant and educational event celebrating the importance of water and movement in our community. Features a live DJ, poetry, and water taste tests.

Safe Summer Nights from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 15 at 685 W. Minnehaha Ave. Community event with free food, bike giveaways, and more.

Summer Block Party, Rice and Larpenteur Alliance from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 17 at the corner of Rice Street and Larpenteur Avenue. Features live music, local food vendors, and a family friendly atmosphere.

There are no events scheduled for September.

Fall events include the Public Works Snow Summit on October 5 at the Dale Street public works garage at 892 Dale Street. Times to be announced later.

Also set for October, the Highland Park water tower open house is set for Saturday and Sunday, October 12 -13 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day.