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## Heavy Equipment Tour



Photo by Kelsey Feiler

*Eric Larson takes a moment to show a young admirer the ropes inside the cab of the backhoe he is operating while out on the job site.*

## Zangs promoted, water meter tech hired

Tom Zangs was promoted to senior plumbing inspector as of Oct. 5.

All plumbing inspectors will now report to Tom.

The utility also hired Isac Rivera Robledo as a meter technician in the meter operations group.

Isac started his position on Oct. 7.

Please congratulate Tom and welcome Isac to the water utility.



Tom Zangs



Isac Rivera Robledo

## Utility seeks to hire finance manager/asst. division mgr.

We are hiring a finance manager (assistant business division manager) to join our team.

The utility is dedicated to providing high-quality, reliable water services to our community.

We are committed to sustainability, innovation, and excellence in service. As a crucial part of our mission, we are looking for a skilled finance manager to join our team and help drive our financial strategy and operations.

The ideal candidate will have a strong background in finance and accounting, with experience in municipal or public sector finance preferred.

The finance manager is responsible for overseeing the financial operations and strategies of the organization while managing a finance and cashiering team. This role involves directing the team in budgeting, forecasting, and financial planning to ensure effective resource allocation and compliance with regulatory standards.

The finance manager, directly or indirectly, supervises key functions including financial reporting, accounts payable, grant management, and capitalizing assets. They oversee preparation of comprehensive financial reports, develop models for decision making, and manage the annual budget process. Acts as an assistant business division manager, assisting in the administration work in the business division.

Additionally, they collaborate with other departments to evaluate the financial impact of operational decisions, ensure adherence to financial policies, and provide strategic recommendations to support the utility's long-term sustainability and growth.

SPRWS provides drinking water to customers

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## Tower sees 3,671 visitors to the top; hosts Tower After Hours event



Josh Cobb works the Highland Park water tower open house on Oct. 12. The tower was open late for a Tower After Hours event on Saturday, which also saw the tower staying open later than normal until sunset at 6:30 p.m. The weekend saw one of the busiest weekends in recent memory with 3,671 visitors to the top of the tower over the weekend of Oct. 12 - 13. Photo courtesy of The Villager photographer Seth Rowe.



The tower lit up with artist Con Rice's vision of the value of water, with the text "Water is Life" cascading down the front the Highland water tower as part of the Tower After Hours event on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on the south lawn in front of the tower. The event was hosted by Con and the Met Council. Photo courtesy of Henry McCarthy, Met Council.

## Finance manager/assistant business division mgr. sought

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in the City of Saint Paul in addition to several surrounding suburban communities including Maplewood, West Saint Paul, Lauderdale, Falcon Heights, Mendota, and Mendota Heights.

Our valued employees provide water for 450,000 customers and manage the largest water distribution system in Minnesota. These positions provide an opportunity to perform important and meaningful work in a team-oriented environment.

### **Position Requirements:**

A bachelor's degree in engineering, business administration, public administration, environmental science, urban planning, construction management, business management, economics, or a closely related field and six years of project management, planning, or budget experience. Must have two

years of increasingly responsible supervisory or managerial experience. No substitution for a bachelor's degree.

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

### **Preferred Requirements:**

A bachelor's degree in accounting, business management, business administration or a related field and eight (8) years of increasingly responsible experience in planning, supervising and directing major accounting functions in a large organization and at least four (4) years of supervisory and project management experience.

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