

*Team effort restores pump station service, informs the public*

## Staff steps up to address power outage

Huge shout to staff who responded to the power outage at the Beebe Road pump station on Monday and the resulting loss of system pressure.

Water sampling test did not show contamination and the boil water advisory was lifted on Tuesday.

Staff from every division within SPRWS stepped up to provide their expertise and dedication to ensure our customers were provided safe and reliable water service.

Around noon on Monday, Aug. 8, the Beebe Road-pump station shut down due to a loss of power from Xcel Energy.

This in turn caused pressure issues in the system in the area.

In an abundance of caution, the decision was made to issue a boil water advisory for residents living in the affected area.

It required that staff work to restore pump station operations after power was restored.

Everyone from the pumping engineers to electricians to SCADA staff to other production crews and distribution staff and to the call center, dispatch, maps and records, engineering, water quality, and the front desk were all actively involved.

Flushing crews were sent out, staff took water



*James Lee, maintenance worker, hand pumps to open the discharge valve at the Beebe Road pump station while Jon Hendrickson, Dick Keeney and Jon Falardeaux provide support.*

samples, IS sent out emails and customer service sent out messages to customers, as did the safety and security staff to Ramsey County residents.

Administration staff planned and coordinated the response and informed the public.

The work went well and the advisory was lifted within 24 hours of the incident.

Thank you to all who were involved!

## Vacation donation approved for Rob Ralston in the plant

Vacation Donation has been approved by the Office of Human Resources for Robert Ralston, a water plant worker in the treatment plant.

Robert has exhausted all available sick leave and vacation due to a medical condition and has requested vacation donation.

If you would like to donate vacation to Robert,

please e-mail the water payroll person, Seng Yeng Lee at [Seng.Yeng.Lee@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Seng.Yeng.Lee@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or provide them with a signed release indicating how much vacation you wish to transfer.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

## Staff take on new roles; new utility employees start work

There have been some staffing changes at the utility.

Kevin Romero was promoted to a supply supervisor I as of July 30 in the wake of Rick Svoboda's retirement. Kevin now reports to Mike Knutson.

Steve Nystrom will be transitioning from the water quality lab to the business improvement unit. He will report to Racquel Vaske.

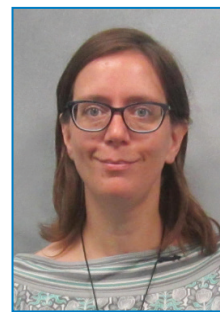
Emily Allgeyer started work as a water treatment plant operator II on Aug. 1. She reports to Luke



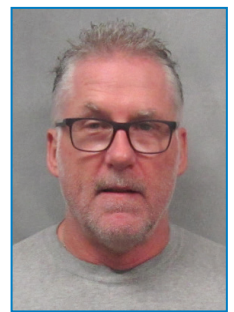
Kevin Romero



Steve Nystrom



Emily Allgeyer



Scott Johnson

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Scott Johnson is a new temporary plumber working on the Lead Free SPRWS project.

He reports to Mark Luzinski.

Please congratulate Kevin and Steve on their new roles.

Please welcome Emily and Scott to their new positions at the water utility.

## Tom Longendyke retires in July



Tom Longendyke works along side Kevin Romero removing zebra mussels in 2017.

Tom Longendyke retired from the water utility at the end of July.

Tom, a water utility worker I, worked as a certified seasonal temp from 1999 - 2022.

Congratulations to Tom on his retirement.

## Sign up for the city blood drive Aug. 25

On August 25, you can make a real difference for our community. Public Works and OFS Fleet are again proudly partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive at 891 North Dale Street in the second-floor conference room from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

This is a lifesaving cause that we hope you strongly consider. Donations across the area have decreased; in June, blood supply was 12% lower than what was needed for our community. This is critical time to help others by keeping hospital blood bank shelves functioning well. The odds are that someone you know and love will need blood during your lifetime. In fact, every two seconds, someone in America needs blood, from trauma victims to cancer patients and so many more. Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of many more. Please join us to make a difference.

It is safe to donate blood, and

effective measures are taken at every step of the process for everyone's safety. Masks are required at the donation site, and strong safety protocols are followed. Please be ready to share which vaccine you have received if asked (please bring your vaccination card if you have one).

Donors from the Black community are especially needed to help sickle cell patients receive the most compatible blood match. Those donors who self-identify as Black will receive a sickle cell trait screening and receive results if desired.

Most donations take about an hour, so please book an appointment (walk-ins are not possible).

### Drive Details:

Thursday, August 25, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

891 North Dale Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Sign up using this link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=SPPW>