

Holidays are a time to share



Employees from the treatment plant share a Christmas lunch on Dec. 20 in the plant breakroom.

Moua hired in meter operations, Baregi in the plant for the winter

Na Lee Moua has joined meter operations. Moua is an office assistant II and started work on Dec. 10 in the administration building. She reports to Gayle Moser.



Na Lee Moua



Derek Baregi

Please welcome Na Lee to the utility.

Derek Baregi, water utility worker, is working in the treatment plant for the winter. He transferred at the end of November and is working in production maintenance, reporting to Tom Blanchard.

Professional skills courses offered at Century College this winter

A new year, a new you?

The world around us keeps changing, and taking professional skills courses can help you keep current with today's business environment.

SPRWS continues to partner with Century College to offer continuing education classes to utility employees this winter and spring. Classes are available from now until the end of May.

Courses cover a large gamut of topics from finance and accounting to management and leadership classes. You can learn better speaking skills and how to improve your Power Point presentations. You can sharpen your writing skills or learn to deal with conflict. And you can get some helpful insights into customer service.

Depending on the course, it may last four hours or a whole day. The utility has two seats available in each of the classes it is offering. Some series courses, such

as the Excel series, are sequential and must be taken in order. Others are stand alone. If textbooks are required for the course, they will be provided.

Classes are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. You must obtain management approval prior to signing up for the course(s) you are interested in.

Most classes are held at the main Century College campus in White Bear Lake.

If you did not see the list of courses available, please contact Debbie Szulim.

If you are interested in taking a course or two, please send Szulim a list of your preferred classes in priority order. Utility staff will work to accommodate all requests, but want to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate.

If you have questions, see Szulim in engineering. You can also email her at debbie.szulim@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call her at 266-6263.

Walton retires after 38 years

Mike Walton, water treatment plant operator II, retired Dec. 31, after 38 years with the water utility.

Mike started with the utility in 1980 as a park aide, and first became a water plant aide in 1984. In 1992, Mike became an instrument repairer, and in 1998 took the title of water treatment plant operator II, the position from which he retired at the end of 2018.

We wish Mike well on his retirement.



Mike Walton



Mike Walton with former employee Tammy Wayne in front of the control room in the plant in 1999.

Brian Hanson, recent retiree, with Mike Walton in 2012.



Mike Walton in 2006.



Sullivan retires after 37 years



Jen Guertin, customer service sr rep, says a teary farewell to Karen Sullivan at Karen's retirement reception on Dec. 27 in the cafeteria.

Karen Sullivan, accounting tech I, retired Dec. 31 after 37 years with the water utility.

Karen started her career with the utility in 1981 as a clerk typist I. In 1984 she became a clerk typist II and in 1987 she earned a position as a cashier. She changed titles in 2008 to become an accounting tech I. This is the position from which she retired at the of 2018.

We wish Karen well on her retirement.



Karen Sullivan



Karen at work downtown in the 1990s.