

SPRWS takes part in Habitat



Racquel Vaske, Todd Freking, and Hayley Heidelberg work on the Habitat for Humanity House on Hyacinth Ave., sponsored in conjunction with Parks and Recreation and the Saint Paul Emergency Management departments on July 28. The Office of Technology and Communications worked on July 29. If you missed out, join the Department of Safety and Inspections on Aug. 16 or the City Attorney's Office on Aug. 17. All staff are welcome at any work site.

Ty Vidal, Richelle Nicosia take on new roles

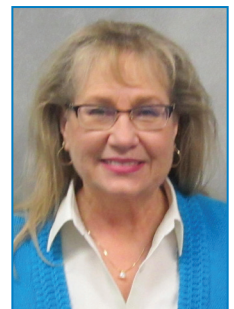
Ty Vidal has taken on a new role at the water utility as an engineering aide II working for Kathy Travis as of July 16.

He previously worked as a water utility worker I.

His desk is located outside of Todd Blomstrom's office.



Ty Vidal



Richelle Nicosia

Richelle Nicosia has moved to work at the engineering service desk, where her desk is now

located. Congratulations to both employees on their recent moves.

Water utility tech. II sought to join water utility staff

The water utility is seeking a water utility tech. II.

The role involves developing, maintaining, preserving, and archiving digital and physical engineering drawings and records. It develops and maintains drawings and other records related to engineering capital improvements.

Requirements

Two-years of experience as a water utility technician I (entry level field and office work including inspecting the installation, repair, and maintenance of water systems-technical, record maintenance, monitoring, and reporting experience) or equivalent AND

Twenty college semester credits including at least six-

teen semester credits of technical classes. Technical classes include math, engineering, GIS, CAD, public works administration, and technical/business writing. Technical/business writing limited to four semester credits.

Additional years of qualifying experience may be substituted, one year for two semester credits, to a maximum of three years for six semester credits.

No substitution of credits for experience.

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

Contact Diane Turnbull at 651-266-6506 or jobs@stpaul.gov for more information.

Must apply online by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August. 8.

Pete Davis retires after 44 years of service



Pete Davis and Elmer Stevenson on site this summer.

Pete Davis retired from the water utility at the end of July.

Pete started with the city as a park aide in 1978, then began as a ditch digger with the utility in 1985 and water laborer in 1986.



Davis modeling special safety equipment at an employee conference in 2015.

Pete was promoted to water service water II in 1989 and HEO in 2000.

In 2005, Pete became a water utility mains supervisor.

He was promoted to water



Davis with Brian Finnegan in 2012.

distribution supervisor II in 2014 and then to distribution field supervisor in 2018. That's the title from which he retires.

Congratulations to Pete on his retirement.

Rick Svoboda retires after nearly 30 years of service



Rick Svoboda repairs a joint on a conduit in the early 2000s.

Rick Svoboda retired from the water utility on July 29.

Rick started with the city in



Setting up the community garden with Bill Lauderville in 2011.

public works in 1992. He came to the water utility in 1997 as a water utility worker I.

In 2006, he was promoted to a watershed supervisor. This title was changed to supply supervisor I in 2009. Rick became a supervisor II in 2015. This is the title from which he retires.

Congratulations to Rick on his retirement.



Working with Che Fei Chen in the finished water reservoir in 2017.



Rick leads a tour of the Dale Street Reservoir for from left, Amber Sullivan, Margie Rettner, Lorrie Brown, Lori Petrika, and Yvonne Hutter in 2008.