

Utility hires new assistant business division manager

Jamie Atkins has joined the water utility to head up the finance department and work as the assistant business division manager. He started on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

After more than two decades in manufacturing with experience in all areas of that business, he moved to the public sector and worked in purchasing for a local school district for the past five years.



Jamie Atkins

He brings with him an exuberance for a good challenge and a strong penchant for process and procedure. "I love making things run well," said Jamie.

"Challenges have never scared me," he continued. "I'll find the answers and dig until I do."

In his first few days he is getting to know staff from departments in the business division to learn what they do and where they are at with things.

"My role is to be a support and give them the tools they need to accomplish what they need to do," Jamie said.

Jamie's office is located in the finance department in the northwestern corner. Please stop by and introduce yourself to welcome Jamie to the water utility.

Governor Walz visits utility



Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan visit the treatment plant prior to their press conference at the water utility on Jan. 26.

Utility seeks to hire 20 water utility workers

Do you know someone looking for a new job or career? The utility has openings for 20 new water utility worker employees that will start this spring.

The job is posted at <https://lnkd.in/gxTf7zRD> where you can also view the video featuring Patrick Shea, Todd Blomstrom, Chris Cullen, Kelsey Feirer, Jordan Skender, and Ty Vidal.

Water utility workers typically perform maintenance tasks on the water supply and distribution systems. Additional duties include the installation of water mains, hydrants, valves, and water services as part of a construction crew while an individual gains additional experience through our training program.

Duties are performed almost exclusively out-

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doors involving exposure to rain, snow, cold, heat, road dust, asphalt, diesel fumes, road chemicals, and traffic noise. Work involves standing, stooping, or walking and involves daily lifting of objects weighing up to 90 pounds.

The normal work schedule is Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Overtime work is an expectation of the position and includes reporting to work during emergency conditions such as when water main breaks occur.

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

To apply go online to stpaul.gov/currentjobs.

For more information contact Michelle LeBow at 651-266-6519 or jobs@stpaul.gov.

Barb Martin retires after 10 years of service



Barb Martin is congratulated by Patrick Shea, general manager for getting her 10 years of service award in 2022.

Barb Martin retired from the water utility on Friday, Jan. 27 after 10 years of service.

She joined the water utility in 2012 as an office assistant and became an accounting clerk in 2017. This is the position from which she retires.

A celebration in her honor was held on her last day in the office on Jan. 27.

New customer service rep. starts

Derek Hoden has joined the water utility as a customer service rep.

He started on Jan. 17 working in the front lobby.

Please stop by the lobby and introduce yourself and welcome Derek to the water utility.



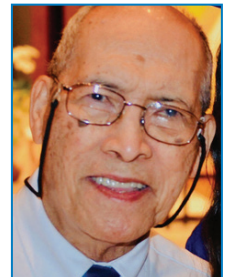
Derek Hoden

Retiree Buenviage passes away

Vitaliano Buenviage, "Vit" passed away in October of last year at 90 years of age.

He worked at the water utility from 1996 to 2002, holding titles of engineering aide and water utility tech.

Our condolences to his family, friends and former co-workers.



Vit Buenviage

Getting ready to do taxes? Check your ESS for your W-2

Did you opt-in to electronically receive your W-2 and 1095-C tax documents for this tax season?

Look for an email indicating that your documents are ready toward the end of January, which will be several days earlier than mailed-out copies. Your documents will be available in your self-service account; this is also where you pick up your pay statements.

To get them, log in to Employee/Document Self-Service at <https://ess.stpaul.gov>.

Use your administration user name in this format: water\username and enter your password. Make sure to use the forward slash \ or you will not get access.

Please note that you will not receive a hard copy mailed to your home address if you have opted-in, since you can print off a copy anytime from your ESS document self-service account.

(Under IRS & ACA Regulations, these features are only available to those who opt-in.)

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