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Fox promoted; three employees take on new assignments

Heinrich Fox has earned a promotion to water plant supervisor I as of March 13.

Kelsey Feirer, Hugo Lopez-Pallares, and Joe Stafne have transferred to distribution.

Congratulations to Heinrich on his promotion.



Heinrich Fox



Kelsey Feirer



Hugo Lopez-Pallares



Joe Stafne

Employee conference slated for April 13 at Wellstone Center

After a pandemic hiatus, the employee conference is back and even better than before. Held in the spring this year to include the newly hired staff, the event will take place on Thursday, April 13 at the Wellstone Center.

Doors open at 7 a.m. for registration and breakfast. Make sure during that time to get a new, professional headshot taken for the new employee directory.

Manny Gomez will kick off the day at 8 a.m. as emcee and give a brief introduction. The welcome continues with Patrick Shea, general manager.

Then, get an update on the water utility's largest projects: Lead Free SPRWS and the McCarrons treatment plant upgrade.

Each division will have some team building time as we break into division-specific sessions.

Everyone will have a chance to learn more about deferred comp and pension plans right before lunch.

Lunch will be Mexican fare with plenty of vegetarian and vegan options.

The afternoon will consist of team building activities and then breakout sessions on everything from financial fitness to healthy eating and ergonomics and stretching. Or learn more about wastewater treatment facilities, the University of Minnesota turf, or what Visit St. Paul has to offer.

After a brief closing session to wrap up the day with Racquel Vaske, assistant general manager, and the winners of the team building contests, we will go our separate ways. The event will be finished by about 3:30 p.m.

The Wellstone Center is located at 179 Robie St. East in Saint Paul. To avoid being towed, do not park in the lot across from the Wellstone center for El Burrito Mercado. Park in the ramp at Wellstone Center or on the street.

30 new employees start in production, distribution divisions

The utility has hired several new employees.
Aaron Atkins, Brandon Bailey, Samuel Bartz, Brian Bibeau, Caitlin Brunette, Panha Chan, Cole Finnegan, Michael Gorke, Nicholaus Harelson, Joseph Hedberg, Jazeya Jackson, Dylon Jotblad, Mark LaDouceur, Tucker Long, Jamal McAllister, Adam Moreno-Paramo, Colin Novak, Alex Paitich, Nicholas Peterson, Alexandria Robertson, Jalen Simes, Thomas Tonda, Christopher Vang, Brett Velander, Vik Keaton and Dustan Wilmer are all water utility worker I's who started on March 27.

Blake Castageri is a water quality specialist I. Matt Chernugal is a water plant worker.

Dave Nusser and Travis Treit are water treatment plant operator II's.

Please welcome them all to the water utility. (See photos of the new workers on the back page.)

New staff start work in distribution, production



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