

Installing a hydrant



Tony Gillette, water system worker, directs HEO Carl Sandwick as they finish up work on a hydrant at Minnehaha and St. Albans. Jeff Abbott's crew put in the hydrant on Dec. 22. Other members of the crew include Pete Hollis, water system worker; Corey Horvath, water utility worker; and Bob Hamm, driver operator.

Make the most of the holiday season

Despite the shorter hours of daylight and colder temperatures, there are free and inexpensive activities to look forward to that only happen during the holiday season in the Metro area.

The **holiday lighting display at Phalen Park** runs from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly through Jan. 1, 2015. Located at 1615 Phalen Drive East, the display costs \$10 per vehicle with proceeds going to several area charities. For more information, go to www.lightsinthepark.org.

Wells Fargo Winter Skate season at Landmark Center at Rice Park. Open until February 1, 2015, it's free unless you need to rent skates for \$4 per person. For more information, go to www.wells-fargowinterskate.com.

[fargowinterskate.com](http://www.wells-fargowinterskate.com).

The **Minnesota Boys Choir** will perform their winter concert at 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on January 4 at the Landmark Center. Freewill donations will be received. For more information, go to www.boychoir.org.

The **Marjorie McNeely Conservatory holiday flower show** runs until January 4, 2015. Featuring a variety of holiday flowers in the sunken garden.

The **Music Under Glass concert series** at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory appears on select Sundays from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. beginning on December 28. Go to www.comozooconservatory.org for more information.

Water control systems info. technician position open

The water utility is looking to hire a water systems information technician in the treatment plant.

The position performs complex technical work coordinating the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) and security measures that support water treatment processes.

The successful candidate will have an associate degree or two-year certificate in computer science, information systems/technology, network administration, data base administration, programming industrial automation or related field and two years of experience as a water control systems information trainee or equivalent or four years of experience.

Must possess and maintain a valid Minnesota Class D driver's license.

For a full description of job responsibilities and requirements, go to www.stpaul.gov/jobs.

Contact Racquel Smrz at 651-2166-6815 for more information or to apply.

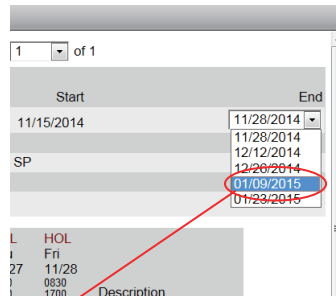
The position is open until filled.

Make sure your vacation days count in 2014

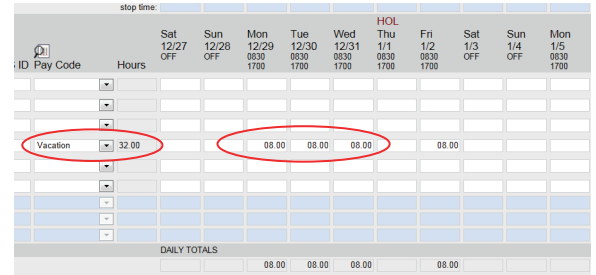
Are you planning on taking vacation over the holidays? Will you be over 120 hours in accruals for 2014?

Make sure your vacation days for December 29-31 count for 2014 by entering them in advance.

Open the timesheet in TASS and look for the “end” box with a drop down menu. Drop down to 01/09/2015. You can enter hours of vacation in advance for the 01/09 pay period. Enter your hours of vacation for each day during that time period in which you will be



Above, select 01/09/2014 from the end date drop down menu on your time sheet.



Above, enter the times and dates that you will be gone for that time period, making sure to select vacation from the drop down menu. Hit save.

gone. Hit save. When TASS runs the vacation amounts on January 1, if you entered your time and saved it, those days will count towards

2014. If you do not do this, TASS will count them for 2015.

Call Racquel Smrz with any questions, 651-266-6815.

Jim Bode named production division manager

Jim Bode has been named production division manager. Bode was previously the water quality supervisor at the plant.

Bode started with the utility in 1985 as a water lab aide and worked his way up to water chemist and water quality specialist I, II, and III before becoming the water quality supervisor in 2002.

He takes over the production division manager position vacated by Jim Graupmann when Graupmann was named assistant general manager earlier this year.

Bode's departure opens a position for a water quality supervisor in production.



Jim Bode

Sullivan moves to dispatch, Szulim assists with HR

Amber Sullivan, customer service rep, began work at station one in dispatch on Dec. 15. The move opens a position of customer service rep in the call center.

Deb Szulim, office assistant, moves from dispatch back to engineering where she will assist Racquel Smrz in human resources.

Images of the holidays from distribution



Workers from the distribution division gather for a holiday potluck in the cafeteria on Dec. 17 at far left.

At left, Gordon Carney receives some pork from Bob Meyer during the holiday potluck.