

## SPRWS' McCarrons treatment plant wins Presidents Award

The McCarrons water treatment plant received the President's Award from the Partnership for Safe Water, recognizing the treatment plant's ability to achieve and maintain the highest possible levels of filter performance. SPRWS was presented the award at the American Water Works Association's Annual Conference & Exposition (AWWA-ACE15) in Anaheim, California, in June.

The award reflects the SPRWS's outstanding commitment to delivering superior quality drinking water to their customers. Those utilities that subscribe to the Partnership for Safe Water are dedicated to providing high-quality water to customers beyond the regulatory requirements. SPRWS has participated in the program for more than 17 years.

"Reaching Presidents Award status is a very significant achievement in our ongoing work to meet stringent performance goals," said Steve Schneider, general manager.

"Improving the quality of our water is a goal we will always try to meet and exceed. The Presidents Award is an important milestone as we seek to continuously improve and ultimately satisfy the requirements for the Excellence in Water Treatment award," Schneider continued.

SPRWS is the first treatment plant in Minnesota to receive the award and one of 31 facilities across the country to be recognized with the award to date.

SPRWS received the 15-Year Directors Award in 2013, being recognized for 15 years of maintaining Directors Award status for the McCarrons treatment plant. Only a dozen other utilities in the country had achieved that goal when the award was received.

The Partnership for Safe Water is a national volunteer initiative developed by Environmental Protection Agency and other water organizations



**Steve Schneider, general manager (center), receives the Presidents Award for Safe Water from the Partnership for Safe Water from the American Water Works Association's president-elect Gene Koontz (left) and Becki Clark, deputy director of the USEPA Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water (right) at the AWWA's annual conference and exposition in Anaheim, California, in June.**

representing water suppliers striving to provide their communities with drinking water quality that surpasses the required federal standards. The program began in 1997 and includes more than 200 water utilities, collectively serving more than 85 million people. This represents 60 percent of the U.S. population served by surface water systems.

Established in 1881, the American Water Works Association is the largest nonprofit, scientific and educational association dedicated to managing and treating water, the world's most important resource. With over 50,000 members, AWWA provides solutions to improve public health, protect the environment, strengthen the economy, and enhance our quality of life.

## New staff start jobs



**Kel Ferdig**



**Joe Furlong**



**Mark Ness**

Three new employees started seasonal work out at Vadnais station at the water utility on June 10.

Kel Ferdig and Joe Furlong are both water utility aides.

Mark Ness is a water utility worker I.

Please welcome them all to the water utility.

## New training room now available in admin. bldg.



*There are 12 learning stations in the new training room, located in the mail room in the administration building, just outside of the customer service area on the first floor.*

The water utility has an additional training room available for online training courses taken on individual time as well as for group classes.

The 12-seat training room is located in the mail room on the first floor of the administration building outside of the customer service area.

The computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis for use by staff who don't have their own computer station. The computers can be used for online training as well as to check on business-related internet programs, such as TASS, waternet, and the upcoming self-service paycheck program the city plans to rollout in August.

## Storeroom supervisor sought

The water utility has a promotional opportunity to become a storeroom supervisor.

The position is open to all city employees with at least two years of working at the city. In addition, the position requires two years of experience as a storekeeper or four years experience as a stores assistant, office assistant III in a store house, or equivalent. A high school diploma or GED is also required.

The storeroom supervisor performs expert level support and lead work involving the regulation, coordination and monitoring of supplies, equipment and other materials. They are responsible for coordinating the stock receiving and distribution and are in charge of reconciling inventory.

Once hired, the successful candidate must complete 12 semester college credits within three years of appointment. Three credits must be in supervisory management.

For more information on this position, see [www.stpaul.gov/jobs](http://www.stpaul.gov/jobs) and look under internal openings or contact Megan Signamsetty at 651-266-6509.

The position closes at 4:30 p.m. on July 20.

## Come view Saint Paul from atop the Highland tower

Have you seen the view from atop the Highland Park water tower?

Views of both downtown Saint Paul and Minneapolis can be seen from the observation deck. But the tower is only open to the public twice a year. The next open house is in conjunction with Highland Fest in Highland Park. The tower will be open next weekend, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 18 - 19.

In addition to supplying 200,000 gallons of water to the local neighborhood, the tower is a historical landmark, built in 1928 and designed by African-American architect Clarence "Cap" Wigington.

The tower is owned and operated by the water utility and will be staffed with knowledgeable SPRWS personnel over the weekend.

Come enjoy a view of the city that can only be seen twice a year.

The next open house is the second weekend in October, the 10th and 11th.