

New employee orientation classes offered

Are you a relatively new employee at SPRWS? Someone hired as certified within the last year, but has not yet attended a new employee orientation workshop?

There is such a workshop coming up on Tuesday, May 24, 2016. It will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in room 42 of the city hall/court-house basement. A light lunch will be provided.

Jerome Sakpeider from the city's department of human resources will facilitate this workshop.

As a new employee, you will learn about:

- City Structure, Policies and Values
- Valuing Diversity, Inclusion, and Racial Equity
- Customer Service Philosophy
- Employee Benefits
- Safety and Work-Related Injury Procedure
- Deferred Compensation
- Information Security Awareness
- Other Pertinent Information

To attend this workshop, you must get verbal approval from your supervisor.

Once you have approval, email jobs@stpaul.gov and include your name, your title, your

employee group (if known) and your department.

You will receive an email if changes occur to the session; otherwise, consider yourself registered.

For more information, go to http://spnet.ci.stpaul.mn.us/depts/humres/new_employees.html Or, go to SPNet, click human resources, then for new employees. Or call Jerome Sakpeider at 266-6533.

If you are unable to attend this workshop, there are more scheduled for August 23 and November 15.



Safety picnic

Staff take part in the annual safety picnic to kick off the construction season on April 21. Despite intermittent rain showers throughout the day, the skies cleared enough to allow employees to take part.

At left, Steve Schneider, general manager, addresses the employees at the safety picnic.

Years of service to the city recognized by SPRWS

During Public Service Recognition week, SPRWS recognized the service to the city and to SPRWS of 28 employees with a total of 685 years of service to the city.

A coffee reception was held in their honor on May 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria, which was open to all employees to participate in.

This year there was one forty-five-year recipient: Bill Tschida.

There were two, thirty five-year recipients: Mark Luzinski and Karen Sullivan.

There were 14 recipients of the 30-year award: Mike Anderson, Jim Bode, Jim Burchard, Stan Denkinger, Metric Giles, Todd Hansford, Jim Hegge, Binh Huynh, Chuck Kavaloski, Tom Lanigan, Jerry Ludden, Dave Marruffo, Larry Petrie and Kou Vang.

There were two, twenty-year recipients: Mollie Gagnelius and Eric Turner.

There were four, fifteen-year recipients: Holly Overton, John Turi, Jennifer Wilkins, and Ka Xiong.

And there were five, ten-year recipients: Jim Duffy, Bill "Biz" McAllister, Becky McKenzie, Kim Stewart, and Joe Tronson.

Congratulations to all of the years of service award recipients!



Photos from top, 30-years of service recipients in attendance at the recognition event were from left, Larry Petrie, retiree John Schneider, Jerry Ludden, Binh Huynh, Stan Denkinger, Dave Marruffo, and Jim Bode, Fifteen-year recipients in attendance were Ka Xiong, Holly Overton, and Jennifer Wilkins. Bill Tschida, the 45-year recipient, gave a short walk down memory lane covering his 45 years with the city. Above at left, Eric Turner receives his 20-year pin from Steve Schneider while above right, Kim Stewart receives her 10-year pin from Schneider. At left, Karen Sullivan receives her 35-year pin from Schneider.