

Tuesday, Oct. 11 in McCarrons room **2017 open enrollment information session set**

It's time to think about your benefits for next year.

To answer any questions you might have, an information session will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 11 in McCarrons room at the water treatment plant.

Field employees should come between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. while office staff should plan to attend between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Representatives from HealthPartners, CelioStar, ING, MN Deferred Comp, Aon, Standard, and life, short- and long-term disability insurance, long-term care insurance, etc., and employee benefits (VEBA, Healthy Saint Paul) will be there.

Sign up for benefits begins on Monday, Oct. 10 and must be completed by midnight on Friday, Oct. 21 online at BenefitReady.com.

You should receive two emails from BenefitReady if you have used this online enrollment in the past. One will contain your login information; a separate email will remind you of your password. If you are new to BenefitReady, you will need to enroll.

If you have no changes to your benefits, or simply do not enroll at BenefitReady by midnight on Oct. 21, your benefits will remain the same. (Except flexible spending accounts, which must be enrolled in every year.)

It is helpful to bring a copy of your current benefits with you to the information sessions.

Free flu shots are available for those with HealthPartners ID cards.

Reception for distribution retirees well attended



Brad Eilts, distribution manager, talks with Greg Montanari and Jerry Krey while in the background, Curt Wolf, Duke Flaherty, Greg Krey and Mike Gibson talk. The distribution division hosted a reception for all the retirees in that division who have retired in the last two years and many current and former employees attended. The event was open to all utility employees. More photos on page 2.



Mark Luzinski, water distribution supervisor, talks with Roxanne Schultz, retiree.

Jim Burchard earns promotion

Jim Burchard was recently promoted to water production supervisor I at the treatment plant.

He took over the position on Sept. 19.

He will work closely with Chuck Kavaloski and focus on plant maintenance activities.

Congratulations to Jim!



Jim Burchard

Give to the cause of your choice during charitable giving campaign

The annual charitable giving campaign gets underway October 10.

This once-a-year campaign provides you with an opportunity to give to the cause of your choice through the convenience of payroll deduction.

Your favorite charity is likely to be represented by the 14 federations, which represent hundreds of organizations. There are more than 150 organizations to give to at United Way alone.

Three main federations also allow designated contributions to any non-profit. All provide the convenience of payroll deduction, which will save you time and spread your donations out over the course of the year.

So, if you don't see your charity or 501(c) 3 group listed, you can register the name and address of your favorite charity's headquarters and use that to do your annual giving.

Employees are encouraged to

give to the causes of their choice—for as little as \$1 a paycheck or a one-time gift in any amount.

The campaign will end on Friday, Oct. 21.

Contact Jodi Wallin at 266-6308 or Jodi.wallin@ci.stpaul.mn.us if you have questions.

If you are unable to give online or would rather have a paper form, one will be provided.

Additional information is available at <http://spnet/charitablegiving>.

B-Dale retiree party well attended



Keith Owens, former welder, shares a beverage with Gordon Carney, water utility worker, at a reception for distribution retirees on Sept. 16 at the B-Dale Club.



Dave Wagner, engineering division manager, talks with John Byrd, former employee, at the well-attended event.

Treatment plant tours Oct. 6 and Highland tower open house Oct. 8 - 9

Saint Paul Regional Water Services will host an open house from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, featuring tours of its treatment plant in Maplewood.

That weekend, Oct. 8 – 9, the Highland water tower will open its doors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the annual autumn open house. Admission is free to both events and open to the public.

McCarrons Open House and Treatment Plant Tour

The tour will give visitors a close-up view of how the water is treated, filtered, and pumped into the distribution system. The walking tour will cover about one-half of a mile and require the ability to navigate stairs. Sturdy walking shoes are recommended. An adult must accompany all youths younger than the eighth grade level on the tour. There is no public access to the treatment plant, and to participate in the tours, visitors must first register in the administration building. The last tour is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Highland Tower Open House

In addition to the view from the observation deck, several original Highland tower blueprints, many of which bear tower architect Clarence Wigington's signature, can be seen. The open house is designed to inform residents about municipal water and the efforts of the utility to preserve and protect water resources.

The water tower is located at the intersection of Snelling Avenue and Ford Parkway.

Please call the SPRWS customer service office at 651-266-6350 for more information.