

Water utility seeks water service worker- control desk

The utility is looking to hire a water service worker-control desk.

The position requires the ability to perform skilled work in receiving and disseminating information regarding the water utility's distribution system, direct the work of field staff, and perform related record keeping. It also requires the ability to work independently, be highly responsible, and be able to respond to emergency situations in the water distribution environment.

The current opening requires the successful applicant to work various shifts, including the 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. evening shift, the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. night shift, and weekends.

One year of experience as a water utility worker or equivalent is required.

Must possess and maintain a valid Minnesota class D driver's license, or equivalent out-of-state driver's license.

For more information, or to apply online, go to www.stpaul.gov/jobs and click on the water service worker position opening.

You can also get more information by contacting Sandy Kimbrough at 266-6510 or at jobs@stpaul.gov.

The job closes at 4:30 p.m. on March 28.

Comp time to be used or cashed out

Do you have more than 40 hours of compensatory time on the books? You have until March 31 to use the hours over 40 or the overage will be cashed out for you.

You can accrue up to 150 hours of comp time a year and use 120 hours. The reporting year ends on March 31 and you are only allowed to carry over 40 hours into the new reporting year.

If you have any questions, you can always ask your supervisor or our HR consultant, Racquel Vaske.

Reservoir cleaning



Rick Svoboda's Vadnais crew has been cleaning out the north finished water reservoir for about the last month. Jon Beck, Todd Neidermeyer, Travis Seidel, Kevin Romero, Erik Sorenson and Marcus Fitzgerald have been doing the clean out. Pictured here taking a break on March 11 are Erik Sorenson, Marcus Fitzgerald, and Travis Seidl. The north reservoir was last open about a decade ago.

Up to \$3,100 available

Tuition reimbursement funds can make classes affordable

Keeping up-to-date on your area of expertise is essential in today's economy.

The city and SPRWS assist employees in maintaining their education by providing tuition reimbursement for eligible coursework.

The city provides up to \$600 of tuition reimbursement per year for full-time employees and up to \$300 for part-time staff.

Eric Turner takes on role as a service worker-control desk

Eric Turner, a water system worker, is working out of title as a water service worker-control desk as of March 8.

Turner will be working under Kathy Travis in the dispatch office. Welcome Eric to his new role.



Eric Turner

Phi Pham joins water utility

James “Phi” (pronounced Fee) Pham has joined the water utility as a water utility tech. I.

He will be working in the damage control unit in engineering under the direction of Graeme Chapple.

He started work on March 6.

Please welcome Phi to the water utility.



Phi Pham

Join Omada Health; lose weight and gain healthy choices

The city of Saint Paul has recently partnered with Omada Health to offer city employees and their adult dependents a way to reduce their risk for chronic disease. In the Omada 16-week program, positive behaviors are introduced and reinforced from week to week, transforming healthy choices into lifelong habits. The program has been used nationwide and has been very successful in helping people reach their goals. As of February 28, 209 people have chosen to enroll in the program, committing to becoming healthier by losing weight and increasing activity. To support employees who participate in the Omada program, completion of nine lessons can be used to fulfill step two (health

coaching) of the Healthy Saint Paul well-being program. However, employees must be enrolled by April 21 to complete the lessons before the well-being program deadline. Omada will notify Health Partners once the lessons have been completed.

Find out if you qualify for the lifestyle changing Omada program. Visit omadahealth.com/saintpaul and take the survey today.

Below is what some participants have said about the Omada program: “I loved Omada because I could do it in the time I had.”

“It gave me a sense of healthy control over my own well-being.”

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The utility will provide up to \$2,500 per year for full time employees and up to \$600 for part-time staff. Combined, a full-time employee could be reimbursed up to \$3,100 for coursework taken as part of an accredited program.

If you are interested, now is the time to apply. Funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact Racquel Vaske at 266-6815 for more information on this employee benefit.

Save money with your MERSC membership

You can save money just by being a city of Saint Paul employee.

As an employee, you are able to take advantage of many offers made to members of MERSC, the Minnesota Employee Recreation and Services Council.

Their website at www.mersc.org outlines new and ongoing offers on everything from concerts to sporting events, such as the Wild, Twins, Timberwolves, and Minnesota United soccer.

In addition they offer discounts on professional services such as lawyers, dentists, and computer repair as well as travel and accommodation, and a host of other services.

Each vendor has its own offer, whether it be a percentage off prices, a dollar amount reduction, or special deals. To get the most out of this membership, check the web page to find out current offers in the areas that most interest you.