

Check your email or UL site UL online training classes assigned to staff

All staff at the water utility have been assigned additional courses in the UL online training program. If you receive email, you should have gotten emails linking to your new classes last week.

If you do not receive emails, you should log into UL training and look up classes that you now have available for you to work on.

The classes are due by Nov. 30 and are specific to each individual based on their training needs.

You should already have completed the UL training courses assigned in the first quarter of the year.

If you have questions, you can always contact Racquel Vaske at 266-6815.

Sign up today to get in on SPRWS systems tours

Ever wondered what other divisions in the water utility do? How we get our water to our customers? Or where the water comes from in the first place?

Well, here's your chance to gain a better understanding about the water utility. This fall, there are several systems tours you can go on in August, September and October.

The first systems tour of the McCarrons center, including the plant, the warehouse, the meter shop, the garage, the dewatering building and the spent lime fields, will take place starting at 8:10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 8, with an overflow date of August 15.

The next systems tour in September will take you out into the field and show you the work of service crews, temp crews, UDF flushing and hydrant inspections, and restoration crews. It will also cover water quality actions taken in the field. The tour will be held on Wednesday, September 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Zebra mussels



Top, zebra mussels cling to the screen amidst weeds at the Pleasant Lake gatehouse where Mike Sherman and Tom Longendyke remove them almost daily. Right, Mike Sherman, Tom Longendyke, and Kevin Romero, remove a screen at the Vadnais Lake gatehouse where SPRWS has been treating the water with a copper solution to keep the zebra mussels at bay. Notice the difference between the treated screens from Vadnais and the untreated screens from Pleasant Lake.



Vadnais Lake site of open water rescue exercises July 30



Vadnais Lake was the site of open water rescue drills conducted interdepartmentally between the Saint Paul fire department, the Ramsey County Sheriff's office and the Minnesota State Patrol on Sunday, July 30. The three agencies worked together to practice rescuing people from the open water. Above left, two fire fighters jump into the water from a State Patrol helicopter, soon after, another helicopter with a basket then arrived to drop the basket down and

hoist the fire fighters up. Middle image, the fire fighters ride in the basket back to shore. Right, the pilot of the helicopter with the basket works to maneuver the basket onto shore on the parking lot of the Vadnais Lake park. Ramsey County Sheriff's boats were in the water to ensure everyone's safety. The exercises continued all day from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., closing off the bike trail around the lake to the general public.

Get in on a systems tour starting August 8

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Brad Eilts will lead the tour. The overflow date is September 27.

There are two October tours that cover various aspects of our supply system. The first tour on Oct. 4 starts at the Mississippi River and the pumps at Fridley station. It will follow the water to Charley, Pleasant, Sucker, and Vadnais lakes. You will get to see ongoing zebra mussel maintenance and learn about our relationships with our watersheds.

This tour will be led by Jim Bode. It will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On October 18 from 9 to 1 p.m., you can tour the

City cookout is set for Aug. 15

Once a year the city of Saint Paul brings together all of its employees and their families for a fun, festive and free event to showcase the work the city does and to provide a general thank you for all of the hard work city employees do.

There is free food, free entertainment, and free adult beverages.

The annual employee cookout will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15, in the East Pavilions at Como Park. Registration begins at 4 p.m.

McCarrons treatment plant, the West Side pumping station, the Highland Park tower and reservoirs and the Highland Park pump station. Jim Bode will guide this tour.

Tours will meet in the cafeteria 10 minutes prior to start of the tour. You need to wear closed-toe shoes on the tour while any safety gear will be provided for you. You will need to get permission from your supervisor before attending. The tours are limited to 10 employees.

Contact Dennis Rosemark at 266-6822 or Dennis.rosemark@ci.stpaul.mn.us to sign up.

Invest in your future VOYA to be onsite Aug. 9

Representatives from VOYA Financial Advisors will be at SPRWS on Wednesday, August 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in conference room Two South.

Please swing by to visit them if you have questions regarding deferred compensation or would like to get an account set up to start investing in your future.