

Martha Burckhardt named interim manager of BIU

With the assignment of Dolly Ludden as business division manager, Martha Burckhardt is serving as interim manager of the Business Improvement Unit as of July 9.

“We believe Martha’s experience, depth of knowledge, and passion will make for a ready and successful transition to this role,” said Steve Gleason, assistant general manager.

Please plan to work with Martha regarding BIU projects and any BIU-related needs that arise.



Martha Burckhardt

City cookout date is Aug. 14; volunteers sought for event

Free food, free entertainment, and free adult beverages await city employees at the annual employee cookout.

Saint Paul police and fire will have staff doing demonstrations. Police will have SWAT teams, mounted patrol, and the bomb squad while fire will have fire trucks onsite.

There will be a jump castle, face painting, climbing wall, massages, Bingo, and an appearance by Brodini the Magician.

You can get more information from agencies such as Medica, Healthy Saint Paul, and other various city departments.

Volunteers are sought for set up, clean up, registration, the beer wagon, food service, and more.

Contact Nancy Denkinger at nancy.denkinger@ci.stpaul.mn.us or at 228-6206 if you can volunteer an hour of your time on the day of the picnic.

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SPRWS recognized with 20-year Directors Award



Steve Schneider, center right, holds the 20-year Directors Award from the Partnership for Safe Water with commissioner Will Rossbach from the Board of Water Commissioners. At far left is Jennifer McLain, acting deputy director of the USA EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water. At far right is David Rager, the 2018-2019 president of the AWWA. The photo was taken at the American Water Works Association’s Annual Conference & Exposition on June 12 in Las Vegas.

Saint Paul Regional Water Services, McCarrons water treatment plant, has received a national award for maintaining the Directors Award of Recognition from the Partnership for Safe Water.

The award reflects the utility’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.

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

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Three new employees join the water utility



Tom Jauquet



Greg Thompson



Dylan Kimber

The utility has made two certified hires and one seasonal hire recently.

Tom Jauquet has joined the water utility in the engineering division as a civil engineer I as of July 9.

He is working with Rich Hibbard on various projects.

Greg Thompson started work as a water treatment plant operator II in the plant on July 16.

He reports to Chad Wrightson.

Dylan Kimber has been hired as a temporary seasonal worker under the title water utility aide as of June 26.

He is working out of Vadnais station for the summer and reports to Rick Svoboda.

Please welcome Tom, Greg, and Dylan to the water utility.

Galloway moves to engineering

Brian Galloway has transferred to engineering as an engineering tech. I as of July 13.

Brian will be working in the agreements division and reports to Brent Marsolek.

He will be working at the engineering service desk.

Please congratulate Brian on his new position.



Brian Galloway

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The annual employee cookout will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 14, in the East Pavilions at Como Park. Registration begins at 4 p.m.

Adults must provide ID and register for an arm-band to take part in adult beverages.

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water suppliers striving to provide their communities with drinking water quality that surpasses the required federal standards. More than 250 utility subscribers, collectively serving more than 100 million people, are committed to the Partnership's goals of providing safe, high-quality drinking water through achieving operational excellence in water treatment.

The Directors Award is presented to water systems that have completed a successful review in the Partnership's Self-Assessment and Peer Review phase. During this phase, utilities examine the capabilities of their treatment plant operation and administration and then create a plan for implementing improvements.

Saint Paul Regional Water Services has maintained the Directors Award for 20 years, an honor achieved by only 14 utilities across North America.

Saint Paul Regional Water Service's ongoing participation in the program includes a rigorous review of treatment practices developed by national experts, and also includes a four-step, self-assessment and peer-review process.

"Maintaining Directors Award status for 20 years demonstrates our philosophy of constant vigilance to improve water quality," said Steve Schneider, general manager. "We are proud of the hard work of our employees who made it possible to receive national recognition for this ongoing commitment."

Saint Paul Regional Water Services was presented with the 20-Year Directors Award at the American Water Works Association's Annual Conference & Exposition on June 12 in Las Vegas.

Helen Fett, retiree, passes away

Helen Fett, retiree, age 82, passed away on June 16, 2018.

She worked for the water utility for 15 years.

She spent her entire career as a clerk typist, starting at the water utility in 1987 and retiring in 2002.

A private memorial service took place on June 30 in Frazee, Minn.

Condolences to her former co-workers, friends, and family.



Helen Fett