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Managers' Corner

By Jim Bode

2019 look back:
Water production as
low as in the 1950s;
quality exceptional

The numbers are in for 2019 and our water production was similar to the previous few years. The plant pumped 14.315 billion gallons of water into the distribution system, which is an average of 39.7 million gallons per day. There was a time when "Back to the Fifties" themes would pop up at parties and dances. In terms of water production, we really are back to the fifties! The years 1955 to 1958 were the last time we produced this little water on an annual basis. In case you are wondering, our peak production years were in 1987 and 1988, when we averaged 55.1 and 58 million gallons per day respectively.

The smaller volumes of water produced do not diminish the fact that our water quality continues to be excellent and our customers are happy with our product. We officially logged only eight taste and odor complaints in 2019. That is a number that, I am guessing, our predecessors from the 1950s would not have thought possible. That excellent water quality is a product of diligent work and operational expertise from current and previous utility employees (I'll put a personal plug in for our production employees especially).

We cannot rest in our current excellent position. There will be new challenges coming in the future. We are seeing more attention and worry about emerging contaminants, such as the 3M PFAS pollutants in the eastern suburbs. State health authorities are becoming active in new rule-setting for pollutants all across the state. We will be looking

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Kaszynski named IS manager

The utility has hired a new information services manager and she may be a familiar face to some of you.

Carol Kaszynski has worked in the water industry in information technology and services for the past 34 years. She has both a bachelor's and master's degree in information technology along with many other certificates and course work.

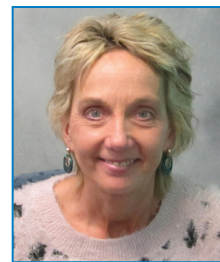
She previously worked in Bloomington and Richfield and most recently worked for the Met Council.

She has been very active with the Minnesota section of the American Water Works Association as a presenter and she has served on many committees.

We look forward to having Carol with all her knowledge and great energy lead the IS team.

Her office is located on the second floor of the treatment plant in the IS area. She started work on March 9.

Please take a moment to welcome her to the utility.



Carol Kaszynski

SPRWS has openings for water utility aides; apply by April 1

The water utility has openings for water utility aides. These seasonal, temporary positions work on a full-time basis. Temporary employees are not certified and do not accrue benefits.

They perform routine labor/grounds maintenance on utility maintained land, such as land near water reservoirs/tanks, supply lakes, and conduits; and perform related duties as assigned.

Must possess and maintain a valid Minnesota class D driver's license or equivalent out-of-state driver's license. A provisional driver's license (without restrictions) will be accepted.

Apply online at stpaul.gov/jobs by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1.

Bill Launderville retires after nine years with the water utility

Bill Launderville, water utility worker I, retired from the water utility Feb. 28 after nine years with SPRWS and a total of 15 years with the city.

Bill started his career with the city full time in 2005 as a parks worker II. In 2011, he transferred to the water utility as a water utility worker I, working out of Vadnais. He held this title until his retirement on Feb. 28.

Best wishes to Bill on his retirement!



Jim Bode, production division manager, presents Bill Launderville, water utility worker, with his retirement plaque from the city at Bill's retirement celebration on Feb. 28 at Vadnais.

Rodney Hansen, retiree, passes away February 25

Rodney Hansen, retiree of the water utility, passed away on Feb. 25 at age 74. He worked for the water utility for 22 years.

Rodney started his career with the city of Saint Paul as a car and truck serviceman in 1976 with the Board of Education. He transferred to the water utility in the spring of 1979 as watershed laborer at Vadnais Lake. In 1985, he was promoted to the position of watershed foreman while still retaining his title as a laborer. His title changed to watershed supervisor I in 1988. His laborer title was changed to water utility worker I in 1992. He continued to hold both titles until his retirement on May 31, 2001.

There was a short service for Rodney on March 5.

Our condolences go out to his family, friends, and former co-workers.



Rodney Hansen



Bill Launderville, water utility worker, shows off the kickball consolation trophy from the city cookout in 2011, his first year with the water utility. Chris Coleman, mayor at the time, is in the background. It was the only time the utility ever placed in the kickball tournament.



Bill Launderville, water utility worker, (right), prepares the ground for the creation of the employee garden with Rick Svoboda, system supply supervisor, in 2011. The garden is behind the filter building.

A look back at 2019

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to address these concerns as we dive into the design and construction of our new treatment facilities over the next five years.

I am confident we will continuously improve on our already excellent water.