

## President of the Board of Water Commissioners thanks staff

*For those that may not have received the email from Steve Schneider that included this letter from Matt Anfang, president of the Board of Water Commissioners, we are printing this commendation.*

In these extraordinary times, we are required to step up and do extraordinary things. As we face the COVID 19 pandemic, our customers have never been more reliant on us for the services we provide.

As president of the Board of Water Commissioners, I see what we are achieving every day in the most trying of circumstances. The work we are doing together is nothing short of amazing. I could not be prouder of our efforts and our ability to adapt.

Despite the fear, anxiety, and constant change, we are not merely achieving our number one goal of providing water, we are excelling at it. We are providing our high-quality water reliably to everyone we serve, regardless of ability to

pay. We are continuing to perform the regular work of our business, whether in the plant, out in the field, in the office, or from our own make-shift offices at home. We are treating water and pumping it out to customers as we always have. We are processing payments to keep our facilities up and running and to keep our staff paid. We are doing emergency repairs, as well as regular maintenance and restoration. All these duties are being performed under new constraints of social distancing and increased levels of cleaning and sanitation.

As we continue our work together, please try to be just a bit kinder and more patient with each other. Remain understanding of the challenges we are all facing in our personal lives, not only at work. If you have great ideas on how to keep the kids at home occupied, let other parents know. We are all in this together yet attempt to remain far apart. And we will come out stronger for the amaz-



**Matt Anfang, President  
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ing efforts we are putting forth as we face these challenges.

In appreciation of the professionalism and commitment shown by all utility staff, you have my admiration and sincere gratitude.

On behalf of the Board of Water Commissioners and the customers we serve, thank you.

### Competency exams due April 6

## Water production supervisor II list to be updated

The Water Production Supervisor Review Board will be reviewing exams in the near future to update the water production supervisor II eligible list for one upcoming hire. Employees interested in applying need to fill out a competency exam by April 6 to be considered for this round of reviews. Exams are available from Racquel Vaske via email and the completed forms

returned via email at [Racquel.Vaske@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Racquel.Vaske@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

If you are not familiar, competency exams are an internal process to determine if employees are qualified and capable to be considered to fill a potential future opening.

Employees are allowed to submit their exams for

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## Stay on top of changes at work with daily emails from the GM

To keep staff apprised of the changes that are occurring due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Steve Schneider, general manager, has been sending out daily emails.

Supervisors, please make sure you are printing out and distributing this information to your staff. Many of the updates are human resource-related. They have included new pandemic leave policies, coding CMMS properly for COVID-19 related absences, and a host of other valuable information.

Many of these pertain directly to distribution staff as efforts to maintain social distancing have increased.

Employees, if you do not receive emails, please make sure to talk to your supervisor so you are informed of the latest updates in this ever-changing situation.

## Secondary settling basin clean out underway



Corey Horvath, water plant worker, hoses down the sidewall of the east secondary settling basin on Tuesday, March 24. The cleaning is part of regular maintenance. Jeremy Wry and Tommy Hehn, both water utility workers, were also cleaning out the basin.

## Nadya Olseth joins staff

Nadya Olseth started work as an accounting clerk I on March 16.

She is located in cashiering in the front lobby of the administration building.

She reports to Jen Guertin.

Please welcome Nadya to the water utility.



Nadya Olseth

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any competency title at any time.

Review boards are not required to review an exam simply because it has been submitted. The board will review exams periodically or upon a new opening.

Competency exams require passing all aspects of the exam with a score of 75 percent or more. Those meeting that requirement will be placed on an eligible list for that title indefinitely.

Hires/promotions are made based on departmental need. An interview process will occur with candidates on the eligible list for the opening for water production supervisor II.

For a list of the minimum qualifications required and an exam, please contact Racquel Vaske.

## Repair work completed in south finished water reservoir



Andrew Magdziarz, maintenance worker, cleans out a check valve for the post finished water reservoir sample line deep within the south finished water reservoir on March 23. Tommy Hehn, water utility worker, shines a light on the work, with some assistance from Rich Hibbard, civil engineer. Rich and Tom Jauquet, civil engineer, were in the reservoir to take internal measurements since the reservoir was open for maintenance and repairs.