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quality water and services
at a reasonable cost.*

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Managers' Corner

Water treatment plant upgrade work continues

By Dave Wagner

Planning work continues on the largest project the utility has done in decades. Our water treatment plant project is well underway with a Request for Qualifications currently posted. Qualifications are due on May 22 and will be used to short list three firms. These three firms will provide proposals that will serve as the basis for selecting the design-builder for our project. The design-builder will be selected on a best-value basis, meaning that each team's experience and expertise will be considered in addition to cost factors. We expect to have firm on board by November. With a design-build project, there will be a single entity carrying out both the design and construction for the project.

Much work has been in process over the last several months including: the preparation of contract documents, a financing request to the state, plant capacity discussion, staff education on ozone treatment, a historical review of the site, and the development of pilot testing protocols with the new plant processes.

Will Menkhaus, SPRWS project engineer, has been working closely with our owner advisor, Brown and Caldwell. Some of the work, such as the development of contract documents, isn't glamorous, but it is necessary for the project to succeed. If you are interested to learn about limits of liability or other legal issues, I'm sure Will would be delighted to chat!

Work is proceeding on this very important project thanks to input from many SPRWS staffers.

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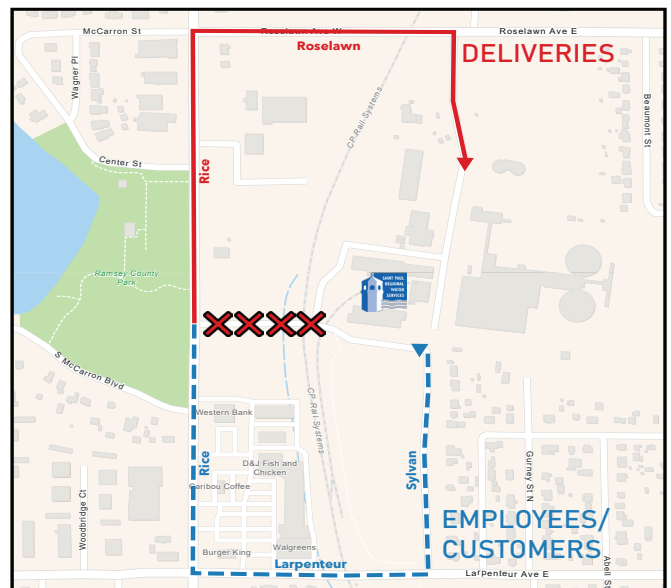
Rice Street entrance to close

DETOUR

Rice Street entrance temporarily closed.

DELIVERIES: Use **ROSELAWN** entrance

EMPLOYEES/CUSTOMERS: Use **SYLVAN** entrance



Map by Adam Worm

The entrance to the administration building and the parking lot from Rice Street using Water Works Road will be closed starting on May 18. The closure will continue through mid-July. The detour route is shown above, with employees to follow the blue route and deliveries to follow the red route.

Hate bumps, cracks, potholes, and uneven surfaces? Get ready for a smoother ride into the office.

Water Works Road, the entry from Rice Street, will be reconstructed starting on Monday, May 18.

The entrance road to the administration and warehouse from Rice Street will be closed until the second week in July for the reconstruction work.

All staff will need to enter McCarrons using Sylvan Street off of LaPenteur Avenue during this time. Deliveries should enter through Roselawn.

For questions about this project, please contact Issac Afwerke at either (651) 266-6267 (work) or (651) 795-1978 (cell).

May flowers usher in spring



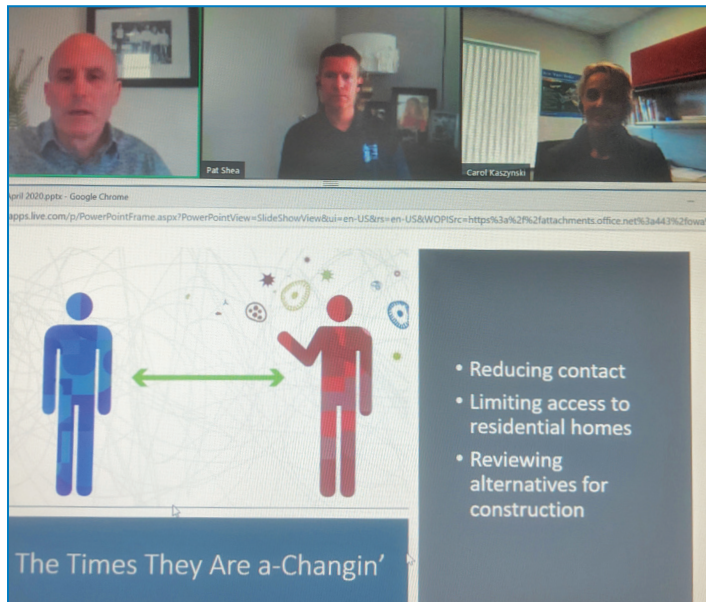
Tulips burst forth in color outside the administration building public entrance. A pleasant reminder of the warmer weather on its way.

Water gardening site upgrade; Vadnais crews put in wood chips



Vadnais crews put down new wood chips around all of the plant containers in the gardening area behind the plant filter building on April 2 to keep weed growth at bay. If you are interested in using a box this season, whether you are new to gardening or a previous gardener, please contact Dennis Rosemark at 651-266-6822. Also contact Dennis if you are interested in coordinating the use of the garden boxes for water utility staff.

Need a break? Take a weekly water break



The Minnesota Section of the AWWA has been hosting weekly water breaks for employees of water utilities across the state. These half-hour webcasts are hosted each Tuesday at 9 a.m. online by Carol Kaszynski, IS manager, (far right, silhouette), Patrick Shea, assistant general manager, (center image), and Mona Cavalcoli of MN AWWA on the technical end. During the April 21 webcast, Dave Wagner, engineering division manager, (far left image) presented on changes to the workplace due to Covid 19. Other presenters have been from around the state and the national AWWA office. The sessions allow water professionals to share ideas and information. Audience participation is encouraged in the form of written comments or questions or permission to speak over the system's audio function. There are giveaways for participants who take part in the survey questions, as well.

The webcasts have been attended by hundreds of water professionals around Minnesota. If you have 30 minutes to spare on Tuesday mornings, it is well worth your time. The event allows us all to work alone, together.

Ask Carol or Patrick for an invitation to the webcast if you have not received one and wish to participate.

Treatment plant work continues

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Our meetings look a little different today, but we are excited to see this project charge ahead. Much work remains, and with everyone's work and input we will have a project that future generations will be proud of.