

Drop Box Gets Drive-Thru Lane



Photo by Patrick Shea

The drop box in front of the administration building got a fresh coat of paint to improve visibility and a drive through lane to assist customers in locating the box and keeping traffic flowing in the right direction.

MN AWWA scholarship applications due by June 1

Are you looking to start or finish a bachelor's or graduate degree in a program related to the water industry?

The Minnesota Section of the American Water Works Association (MN AWWA) awards up to three \$3,500 scholarships to students enrolled in bachelor or graduate degree programs in science, engineering, etc. each calendar year.

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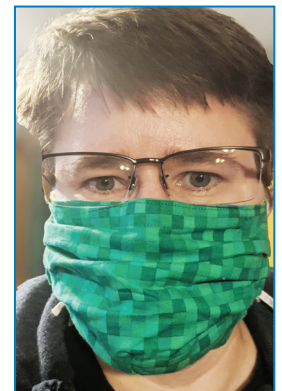
Face mask policy starts May 26

The water utility will implement a face mask policy on May 26 for all staff, both in the office and in the field.

It applies to visitors to the facility, as well. Face masks must be worn in all public and common areas, as defined in the policy, and any time staff cannot maintain at least six feet of social distance.

Wearing masks will help reduce the likelihood of transmitting COVID-19 to other personnel or to the public, even when asymptomatic. Cloth face masks have been provided to staff by SPRWS. Please re-use them and wash them after each day's use.

The policy on face masks is available in Documentum. If you need face masks or have questions about the policy, please contact your supervisor.



Highland Park water tower gets repair work done this summer

Repair work on the Highland Park water tower began on Monday, May 18. The utility was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Minnesota Historical Society's Minnesota Arts and Culture Heritage Fund to help finance these repairs.

"We are proud to invest in the long-term reliability of the much-loved neighborhood landmark," said Steve Schneider, general manager.

Repair work will occur throughout the summer and will include:

- Masonry work to exterior of the tower and the observation deck
- Site improvements for better drainage
- Window and door repair and repainting

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Repairs to be made to the water tower this summer

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Damage to the cupola and small window in it will be repaired, as will the terracotta roof tiles, seen in this drone footage from Wednesday, May 20.

- Terracotta roofing tile repair and sheet metal roof repairs

This repair project is supported by Saint Paul's Comprehensive Plan. Strategies in the historic preservation chapter include maintaining city-owned historic resources and prioritizing the retention of designated historic structures. Prior to performing a condition assessment, utility personnel met with staff of the Heritage Preservation Commission of the City of Saint Paul, which supported the proposal to assess and repair the water tower.

About the Highland Park Water Tower

The Highland Park water tower is a historic landmark designed by Clarence "Cap" Wigington, Minnesota's first African-American registered architect and the nation's first African-American municipal architect. Built in 1928, the tower was designated an American Water Landmark by the American Water Works Association in 1981 and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1986.



MN Historical Society Grant

The grant is provided by the State of Minnesota from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society. All work will meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

Work must be completed by November 1, 2020.

Plumbing inspector hired

The water utility hired Jeremy Miller as a plumbing inspector. Miller started on May 11 and works in the plumbing inspector area on the second floor of the administration building.

Please introduce yourself to him when you get a chance, virtually, if necessary.



Jeremy Miller

Apply for MN AWWA scholarships by June 1

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The application deadline is fast approaching and there are still scholarships available.

Applications must be received by June 1.

Basis of Award

- Must be a junior or senior in a water-related bachelor's degree or graduate degree program at an accredited institution during the scholarship year;
- Must submit all information requested on the scholarship application form; and
- Must submit a current transcript from the college or university of attendance.

Scholarship Preference

- Members of the Minnesota Section of AWWA or who work for a utility member of MN AWWA
- Applicants who are actively involved (committee members, district or section officers, conference presenters, etc.)
- Scholastic achievement (GPA)
- Applicants involved in student chapters, professional societies, research, and/or summer work in water-related fields
- Applicants whose parents have been members or are actively involved in the section

Applications are available at www.mnawwa.org/page/Scholarships.

Please pass this information along to eligible students. If you have any questions, please e-mail scholarships@mnawwa.org.