

## Remote work items distributed



Dennis Rosemark, management assistant, organizes information packets to be distributed with remote work packages this week. Some employees working remotely received equipment to do so this week and others will be getting their's next week. Other remote working tools will be distributed later this month. Some items, like webcams and additional monitors, are still being sought or are on back order.

## Grace Barcelow hired to work ESD

Grace Barcelow has joined water as an engineering technician I working at the Engineering Service Desk.

She has a degree in biology, society, and the environment as well as some water quality related experience. Her first day was Nov. 9.

Please welcome Grace to the water utility.



Grace Barcelow

## SPRWS adopts a family this holiday season

The utility is again partnering with Ramsey County to adopt a family this holiday season. Please help us provide a wonderful holiday season for this family in need.

### How to Participate:

**At the office:** Tags with gift ideas are on a tree set up in the cafeteria in the administration building. Take a tag off the tree and track it on the log. Then return the wrapped gift with the recipient's name clearly marked to Hayley Heidelberg along with the tag you took from the tree. Please fill out the back of the tag.

To avoid duplicate efforts, please add your selected item on the Excel spread sheet at U: 2020 Holiday Family Gift List.xlsx as well.

**Working remotely:** For those of you teleworking, go to U: 2020 Holiday Family Gift List.xlsx and see what gift suggestions are available. Put your name next to the

item you are going to purchase and save your changes. Fill out the rest of the row for your gift with necessary details. Please close the spreadsheet when you are done to allow others to sign up for gifts.

If you would like to purchase items online, you may have them shipped to SPRWS and Hayley will pick them up and wrap them. Be sure to send a copy of the receipt to Hayley as well.

Mail to:

Saint Paul Regional Water Services  
Attn: Hayley Heidelberg  
1900 Rice Street  
Maplewood, MN 55113

**Donate Funds:** If you want to contribute but do not want to shop for and wrap gifts, please contact Hayley, Racquel Vaske, or Dennis Rosemark to send/drop-off money to go towards gift purchases.

All donations and gifts must be turned into Dennis, Racquel, or Hayley by Friday, Dec. 11.

## Thanks to those who gave to the 2020 - 21 Charitable Giving Campaign

The efforts of all employees who gave to the Charitable Giving Campaign this year are greatly appreciated.

This year, 15 SPRWS employees provided \$6,118 to the annual Charitable Giving Campaign.

More than 230 employees participated in the campaign city-wide and donated nearly \$89,000 to the causes they support.

Thank you to all who participated.

## Four water utility employees with a combined 90 years of experience retire

### Wagner retires after 32 years

Jeff Wagner retired after 32 years with the city. Wagner started off with the public works department as a driver operator in 1988. He worked as a sewer systems worker from 1989 until his hire at the water utility in 1990 as a water system worker I. In 1997, he moved to the plant to become a water plant aide. In 1999, he became a water plant operator, and in 2001, a maintenance worker. In 2005 Wagner took on the title of chemical feed system repairer, the title from which he retired on Nov. 30.



*Jeff Wagner operates the valves in the chlorine/ammonia building in 2018.*

### Flohr retires after 30 years

Andrea Flohr retired after working for a combination of schools, the city, and water for 30 years.

Flohr started her career with schools as a food service aide in 1990. She became a food service supervisor in 1992 and worked as refectory attendant for parks and recreation for a while in 1993 before returning to schools as a food service supervisor in 1994. She became a stores clerk with parks - labor in 1998 and a stores clerk assistant in 2009, moving to the forestry division of parks that year.

She moved to the water utility in 2013 as a stores assistant and became a storekeeper in 2014. In 2018, she worked out of title as a storeroom supervisor, keeping both titles but working primarily as a storekeeper until her retirement on Nov. 30.



*Andrea Flohr, center, works with Ka Xiong and Leap Pak to take inventory in 2014.*

### Lorbach retires after 18 years

Steve Lorbach started with the city in the office of technology and communications in 2002 as a GIS systems developer. In 2007, he transferred to water as an IS consultant III. Lorbach served as the acting IS manager in 2009 during the implementation of the CIS (customer information system).



*Steve Lorbach answers questions about the new GIS portal at the 2007 employee conference.*

He continued to work as an IS systems consultant III until his retirement on Nov. 20.

### Jerry Pierce retires Oct. 31



*Jerry Pierce puts a second coat of paint on the geometric design in the common area in the administration building.*

Jerry Pierce, painter, worked for the city for 10 years, including temp years, before his retirement on Oct. 31.

He started in May of 2010 as temp in public works and came to water in 2018 and became a certified employee. He held the title of painter for his entire tenure.