

Todd Blomstrom named new distribution division manager

Todd Blomstrom has been hired to take on the role of distribution division manager.

Blomstrom starts his tenure at SPRWS on Monday, Feb. 8 to have some time with Brad Eilts prior to his retirement at the end of March.

Blomstrom is a civil engineer with 25 years of experience in municipal engineering and public infrastructure management.

His professional background includes seven years working as an engineering consultant and 18 years serving in public works director roles, including management of water utilities for the cities of Apple Valley, Brooklyn Center, and Arden Hills.

His past responsibilities have focused on management of street and utility improvement projects as well as coordination of operations and maintenance functions for local governments.

He holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in engineering from the University of Minnesota and is a licensed professional engineer in Minnesota.



Todd Blomstrom

Matt Stephenson named as new carpenter for the utility

Matt Stephenson has been hired as a carpenter at the water utility.

Matt had been working as a water utility worker I prior to this placement.

He started in his new role on Jan. 19. He reports to Tom Blanchard in the plant.

Congratulations to Matt!



Matt Stephenson

Utility to pay for WUTT classes

If you are interested in advancing your water career or simply increasing your knowledge about the important work we do, the water utility will pay for your tuition upfront for any water related modules in the Water Utility Treatment Technology (WUTT) program at Saint Paul College.

The first module in the program, Water Distribution Operator, begins March 1, 2021. This module is an overview of a water distribution system from treatment to the faucet to provide safe, reliable water to our customers.

Complete all nine modules (eight weeks each) to be eligible for the MN Water and Wastewater Operator Certification and the ability to test for your class D water operator license.

The program offers convenient online and evening courses, which need to be attended on personal time.

To learn more, go to tinyurl.com/WUTTInformation.

To register, contact Sandy Kimbrough at sandy.kimbrough@ci.stpaul.mn.us or at 266-6510 or Racquel Vaske at racquel.vaske@ci.stpaul.mn.us or at 266-6815.

IS consultant II sought

The utility is hiring an IS consultant II. This person will work in technology specialty areas such as web development, data integrity, and mobile device management.

Responsibilities include:

- Coordinates, configures, and administers web applications using programming languages.

- Provides mobile device support and mobile technology advancements.

- Installs, configures, and supports software and hardware deployment and on-going utilization.

- Develops, configures, trains, and researches Smartphone and data collection tools, applications, and devices.

2021 calendars available

City calendars for 2021 are available. They were sent out via email before Thanksgiving. Hard copies were also placed in various locations around the water utility, including by the copiers in finance and the copier in engineering and in the work area/counter in supervisor's area. There are also some in the warehouse and in the main break room in the plant.

If none are available in any of these locations, or if you want an electronic version (PDF), please email Jodi Wallin at Jodi.Wallin@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call 651-266-6308.

Ben Sorenson passes away

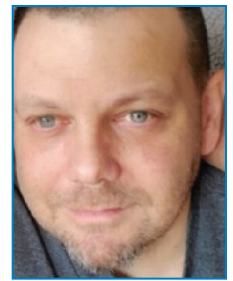
Ben Sorenson, age 47, of White Bear Lake passed away on Dec. 29.

Ben was hired by the water utility as a vehicle mechanic in July of 2011. He worked in that position until 2018.

A *GoFundMe* page has been set up to assist his family with expenses.

www.gofundme.com/f/28b9a7kas0

A celebration of his life will be held at a future date.



Ben Sorenson

10 water utility worker I new hires sought for 2021 season

Ten new water utility workers are being sought join the SPRWS team.

Successful applicants will:

- Perform manual labor in the construction, maintenance, and repair of streets, sewers, water mains, right-of-ways, and on grounds and buildings.
- Drive and operate vehicles, power tools, hand tools, and other equipment to perform work assignments.
- Adhere to all department and OSHA safety rules, regulations, policies, protocols, procedures, and work rules while completing assigned tasks.
- Respond to emergency situations as needed.

Duties are performed almost exclusively outdoors involving exposure to rain, snow, cold, heat, road dust, asphalt, diesel fumes, road chemicals, and traffic noise. Work involves constant standing, stooping, or

walking and involves daily lifting of objects weighing up to 90 pounds.

Overtime work is an expectation of the position and includes reporting to work at any time during emergency conditions such as when water main breaks occur. This position usually works from April through November and is then laid off during the winter months.

Applicants must apply online at stpaul.gov/jobs by Feb. 1 at 4:30 p.m. Must possess and maintain a valid Minnesota class D driver's license or equivalent out-of-state driver's license.

A computer-based assessment will be required and consists of multiple-choice, true or false, and simulated questions developed to assess your knowledge of basic math, reading comprehension, communication, computer skills, and teamwork.

For more information, contact Dan Ferralez at 651-266-6596 or jobs@stpaul.gov.

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Develops and configures network data transfer from mobile to enterprise network.

Provides support, assistance, and services with Microsoft (MS) Teams, Skype and other MS software.

Manages, coordinates, and prioritizes projects.

Requirements:

A bachelor's degree in information management, computer technology or related field; and four (4) years of vacancy-related work experience

OR

A vacancy-related technical school certificate

and six (6) years of work experience related to the vacancy.

Work experience must have included business analysis and project definition that would allow one to gain a good understanding of technology relevant to the vacancy.

May require a valid Minnesota class D driver's license or equivalent out-of-state driver's license.

Job must be applied for online by 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 1. For more information, contact Nou Chang at 651-266-6519 or jobs@stpaul.gov