

## New hires need to take city employee orientation classes

Are you a recently hired employee at the water utility?

The city offers new employee orientation classes to welcome you.

Your success and confidence in your new role are important to the city of Saint Paul both in how the city operates and serves our community. Therefore, the city is requiring the attendance of this virtual event for all new employees, including temporary employees, to help you understand Saint Paul's mission, vision and values.

Please seek supervisor approval prior to registering for the orientation.

Upcoming 2021 dates for virtual classes:

- Wednesday, June 16: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- Tuesday, Aug. 17: 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM
- Thursday, Oct. 7: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- Wednesday, Dec. 1: 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Objectives of this orientation include:

- Greet, welcome, and celebrate your employment with the city of Saint Paul
- Network and make connections with city employees
- Discuss what it means to be a public servant providing quality customer service using radical hospitality
- Learn about the city of Saint Paul; its mission, vision, and values; and accomplishments

For more information, visit the Welcome to Saint Paul page on SharePoint at: <https://tinyurl.com/4wnchv23> or register online at Event Brite: <https://tinyurl.com/2m7k2v2j>

The virtual orientation will allow new employees to join via online. The virtual meeting will be recorded and made available for all staff members who are unable to attend.

Contact Anita Vue at 266-6523 or email [anita.vue@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:anita.vue@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or [jobs@stpaul.gov](mailto:jobs@stpaul.gov) with questions.

## New clarifier delivered



**A new clarifier was delivered to the water utility on May 21 and placed into the new pilot project building. The clarifier is a part of the pilot project to test our new treatment processes for the next year to ensure that they meet at all state and federal requirements. This must be completed prior to installing new treatment equipment as part of the upgrades to the treatment plant coming in the next few years.**

## Finance shuffles roles

With the departure of Lori Lee in finance to go to the office of financial services downtown, some staff in SPRWS financial services are working out of title.

Accountants Connie Garrahy, Grainne Medearis, and Mayka Yang are all working above their regular titles for the foreseeable future.

As we delve in the depths of budget season and the annual audit, be aware of the extra work load placed on the accountants.

Try to be both understanding and patient with any requests of these staff members while the utility looks to add an accountant IV and V in the finance section.

Derek Olson, customer service and billing manager, will oversee the cashiering staff in the lobby during the transition.

# Highland Park water tower open house canceled for July

Due to construction work on the adjacent Highland Reservoir this spring and summer, as well as replacement of the parking lot to the north and east of the water tower, the July 2021 Highland Park water tower open house has been canceled.

SPRWS staff will review where that project is in mid-September and make a determination as to the October open house by the end of September.



*The top soil from the surface of the Highland Park south reservoir is removed by heavy equipment on June 3 as the start of demolition gets underway.*

## New hires, promotions take place across the utility

Additional water utility workers, water utility aides, and a Capital City intern were all hired and a promotion took place as of May 24.

Russ Bergstrom returns for the summer as a seasonal utility aide working out of Vadnais.

Dan Filiowich is a new water utility worker I.

Fred Kerr is working at Vadnais as a utility aide for the summer.

Jonathan Kirk is a new water utility worker I.

Nadya Olseth, an accounting clerk I, was promoted to accounting clerk II. She works in cashiering in the lobby.

Cristian Rubi is a new water utility worker I, as is Jarrett Stodieck.

Nathan Sullivan has returned for the summer to work at Vadnais as a utility aide.

Sanjeeth Tirukavalluri is working in the project engineering area as a Capital City intern.

Scott Thompson joins the utility as a painter. He has served as a temporary painter in the past and is now a certified employee.

Steve Veres is working out at Vadnais for the summer as a water utility aide.

We welcome our seasonal and certified staff to the



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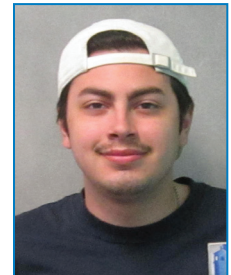
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utility and congratulate Nadya on her promotion.

Be sure to greet our new members if you see them.