

New service tap method used



Ray St. Germain, water utility worker, and Jake Wolf, water system worker, successfully perform our first in-house service saddle fusing last week. Jake and Ray completed coursework and obtained certification in saddle fusing earlier this spring. This is part of a pilot project to gain in-house capability to improve effectiveness and efficiency. This work has been done by contractors as we have been using pipe bursting to install HDPE (high density polyethylene pipe) for the past six years. Following installation of the new main, water services must be reconnected to the new HDPE pipe material by heat fusing a service saddle onto the pipe exterior, compared to traditional direct service taps onto ductile iron water main pipe. Certification training will be provided to additional staff to allow the distribution division to perform service reconnections on future pipe bursting projects. This customer focused change will improve how we deliver this important service.

The Pipeline Express is seeking staff from various sections and divisions to contribute information and photos from their work areas for publication in future issues.

Please contact Jodi Wallin at 651-266-6308 or jodi.wallin@ci.stpaul.mn.us if interested.

Utility seeks IS Info./tech analyst IV

The utility has an opening for an IS information / technical analyst IV, which is open to current city of Saint Paul employees who meet the Civil Service promotion rule, (includes two years certified service).

This person performs complex programming work requiring an expert understanding of the city/SPRWS information technology infrastructure. Consults with customers as a business partner in planning all aspects of information technology projects to meet future needs. Ensures the proper configuration, efficiency, and security of city/SPRWS applications. Assists with staff members in developing and implementing technical solutions. Establishes procedural standards and guidelines for work projects.

This person manages multiple databases for utility development and production environments and is responsible for database creation, organization, installation, data migration, maintenance, support, backup and restoration of the database environments and its applications.

Requirements:

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

A vacancy-related technical school certificate and six (6) years of work experience related to the vacancy

Preferred Qualifications/Skills:

- Strong command of SQL and SQL server tools
- Advanced knowledge of database security, backup and recovery, and performance monitoring standards
- Understanding of relational and dimensional data modeling
- PowerShell and Unix shell scripting skills
- Familiarity with SSAS, SSIS, SSRS

For more information, contact Chrissy Hauge at 651-266-6512 or at jobs@stpaul.gov.

Position closes at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 19.

Come to the MN AWWA conference



If you have never been to the Minnesota Section AWWA conference in Duluth, ask your supervisor about attending this Sept. 14 - 17. It is a great opportunity to meet water professionals from around the state and network. Learn about current trends and issues within the water industry at the keynote address and learning sessions on general topics such as operations, research, case studies, and systems business solutions. Carol Kaszynski and Will Menkhaus from the utility will be presenting. Specific courses are detailed on the MN AWWA website at www.mnawwa.org/page/AC21FullProgram. Talk to your supervisor today about attending this worthwhile, statewide event. Registration is open and it is necessary to book hotel rooms in advance.

Utility promotes staff in water quality, adds new employee

Water quality promotions in the wake of Salam Hamid's retirement earlier this year have taken place.

As of June 5, Alex Rossow has been promoted to a water quality specialist II and Steve Nystrom has been promoted to a water quality specialist I.

The position of water lab technician II to fill the vacancy left by Nystrom's promotion will be filled by Phi Pham. He will be transferring from the damage prevention unit on Aug. 28 to take on that role.

Steve Wimer started work on July 3 as a water utility worker II, working in dispatch. He works the 2:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. shift and reports to Kathy Travis.



Alex Rossow



Steve Nystrom



Phi Pham



Steven Wimer

Water quality reports available

Saint Paul Regional Water Services is proud of the quality of the water we supply to 450,000 residents of Saint Paul and the surrounding communities.

"We continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal requirements for drinking water quality," said Patrick Shea, general manager.

We consistently meet all United States Environmental Protection Agency and Minnesota Department of Health regulations governing drinking water.

The EPA requires that water suppliers provide consumers with an annual report detailing all substances detected in the water in the prior year.

The report contains information about the sources of SPRWS water, as well as methods of water treatment and distribution.

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, the report is available via our website at www.stpaul.gov/waterquality.

The drinking water covered in this report covers customers in Saint Paul, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Lilydale, Maplewood, Mendota, Mendota Heights, and West St. Paul.

Reservoir demo progresses



The Highland reservoir, located south of the water tower on Snelling Ave. is being demoed this spring and summer. The top and interior pillars as well as the east wall are down as work continues as of July 12.