

## Job posted for distribution division manager

The utility posted the distribution division manager position for all qualified applicants. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on May 31.

This division manager performs expert level managerial and administrative work directing the operations of the distribution division. Also is responsible for: strategic leadership and management; policies and budget; employee staffing, development, performance management and measures, training, discipline, and related human resources activities; compliance with federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and standards applicable to the division.

Requirements are a bachelor's degree in one of the following: engineering, business administration, public administration, environmental science, urban planning, construction management, business management, economics, or a closely related field.

Education requirement is in addition to five years of progressively responsible water engineering and/or water management experience in the design, planning, operations, and cost estimates for construction and maintenance projects, water distribution systems, and/or wastewater conveyance and/or general construction.

A Master of Science degree may be substituted for two years of experience.

Must possess a class "A" water system operator's certificate, issued by the state of Minnesota, within five years of appointment. Must possess and maintain a valid Minnesota class D driver's license or equivalent out-of-state driver's license.

For more information, contact Michelle LeBow at 651-266-6519 or at [jobs@stpaul.gov](mailto:jobs@stpaul.gov).

Applicants must apply online at [stpaul.gov/jobs](http://stpaul.gov/jobs).

## Share your stories of Verne Jacobsen

## Jacobsen celebration of life planned for June 17

Verne Jacobsen, retiree and former assistant general manager of the St. Paul water utility passed away, Feb. 26.

We will gather to share some of our favorite memories, stories and remember the kind,

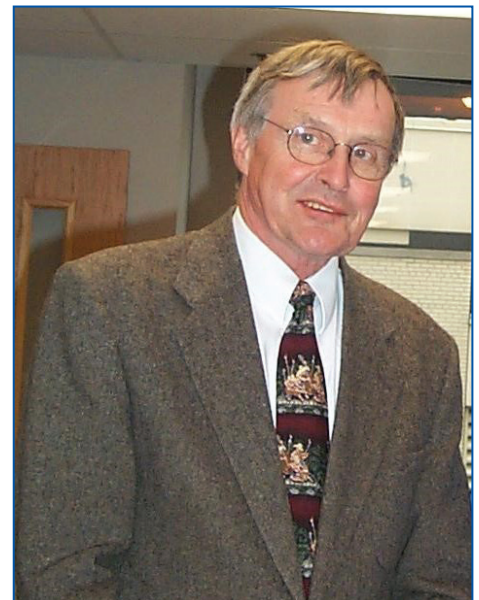
caring, loyal and supportive family member, associate and friend who is greatly missed. The celebration of life in honor of Verne will be held on:

June 17, 2024 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. There will be a brief program from 11:30 a.m. - noon with light hors d'oeuvres to follow.

Rose of Sharon church - Community room 6875 Jamaica Avenue S Cottage Grove.

If you would like to share a story during the program, please let Bernie Bullert know at [bbullert@comcast.net](mailto:bbullert@comcast.net).

Contribute to our memory journal of Verne with pictures and stories at <https://memories.lifeweb360.com/verne-jacobsen> or if you'd prefer to share your text or photo memory via email, send it to [memories@lifeweb360.com](mailto:memories@lifeweb360.com) and write Verne Jacobsen in the subject line.



Verne Jacobsen

## Brian Gomez retires after 37 years of service

Brian Gomez retired after 37 years of service.

Brian started his career with the city as a park aide in 1987. Two years later, he became a water laborer and then moved to ditch digger, water system worker I and water system worker II in the span of the next 7 years. He also held a dual title

as a water utility worker II. In 2005 he was promoted to water service supervisor and in 2009, water distribution supervisor I. He was then promoted to water distribution supervisor II, the title from which he retires.

Congratulations to Brian on his retirement.



Brian Gomez at bat at the B-Dale Club in 2005.



Brian Gomez, third from right in the center row, pictured along with the rest of the staff at Vadnais station in 1990.



Brian Gomez, right, with Biz McCallister, left, and Mike Bailey, center.

## New water utility trainees begin work at SPRWS

New water utility trainees started work on May 6. All of them work out of Vadnais and receive a variety of training in addition to their daily work hours.

They are: Romel Adams, Sabirah Aleem, Dakota Fey, Alexis Franco, Eric Jonas, Quinton Shackelton, and Madelyn Tusler.

Gavin Petroskas will join the group as a trainee on June 10.

Please welcome all of our trainees to the water utility when you see them!



Romel Adams



Sabirah Aleem



Dakota Fey



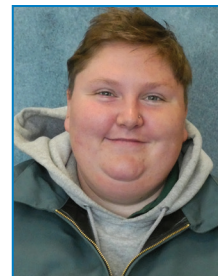
Alexis Franco



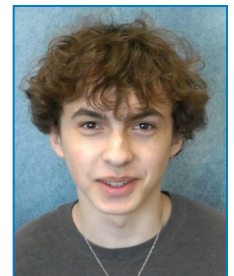
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