

Join the community engagement team and attend local events

Are you passionate about connecting with people and making a difference in our community?

SPRWS is looking for more employees to join our Community Engagement Team! Team members will have the chance to represent our utility at exciting public events to showcase what makes SPRWS great. During events, our team helps to educate the public about SPRWS and the variety of projects we're working on including Lead Free SPRWS.

Why Join?

Last summer, the Community Engagement Team participated in over 40 events from June through mid-October, and we're gearing up for another fantastic season. Whether you love chatting with the public, sharing knowledge, or being part of something bigger, this is your chance to join in on the fun!

Not Sure If You're Ready?

Knowledge about the water utility and our programs is helpful but not required—we'll provide all the training you need. Training sessions will occur during the Employee Conference on February 26 and again in the spring to help equip you to shine as the face of SPRWS.

Look the Part

Participants are provided with logoed attire.

Ready to Join?

Contact Josh Cobb, our Public Information Specialist today! 651-266-6289

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Don't miss this opportunity to be part of something exciting, rewarding, and fun!



Jordan Skender greets a young attendee at a summer event last year featuring Willy Water (Josh Jonas). Staff appeared at more than 40 events last summer and SPRWS is looking for more staff to be able work events in 2025. Training sessions will be offered on February 26 at the employee conference and again in April. Positions include working the information table, acting as Willy Water or his handler, guiding him through events and speaking for him, and working on the Quench Buggy.

Yapp earns promotion

James Yapp has been promoted to head up the damage prevention unit as of Dec. 31.

All engineering locators and inspectors now report to James.

All requests for leak detection, locating, testing, inspections and similar matters should go to James.

Congratulations to James on his new position.



James Yapp

Kenn Larson retires after 36 years of service

Kenn Larson retired at the end of year.

His career started with the Board of Education working as a grounds worker in 1988.

He came to water as a water plant aide in 1991. He was promoted to maintenance worker in 1994 and maintenance worker II in 2014. This is the position from which he retired on Dec. 27.

We wish Kenn well on his retirement.



Kenn Larson in an undated photo in the plant.

New training supervisor hired

SPRWS has hired Chuck Olson as a new training supervisor reporting to Tom Miller. Chuck will work on safety initiatives including workplace injuries as well as coordinate field training.

He is working on the second floor of the admin. building.

Please welcome Chuck when you see him.



Chuck Olson

Szulim passes away

Debbie Szulim, a former office assistant who worked in multiple divisions and roles at SPRWS, passed away Dec. 10.

There was a memorial service on Saturday, Jan. 4 and a celebration of life on Jan. 11.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the

Good Shepherd School Expansion fund at Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Burnsville.

Debbie will be missed by her family, friends, and former co-workers.



Debbie Szulim



Kenn Larson during a hearing test in 2007.