

Community engagement looks for volunteers

The Community Engagement Team is always looking for new members to help us generate ideas around engagement and work to implement initiatives.

Some of our goals from the strategic plan include:

- Establish a stronger online presence to share educational information, project updates, recruitment information, and to serve as an outlet for stakeholder feedback.
- Revamp the SPRWS brand to increase engagement with educational materials available for customers.
- Utilize stakeholder relationships and other creative methods to increase awareness of utility jobs and career paths.
- Develop a more thorough program around facility tours and partner with local organizations and schools to increase opportunities for stakeholders to visit and learn more about SPRWS.

Are you interested in joining our team to help push these forward? If so, reach out to get started!

Alternative Option: Just Help with Events!

We understand that some may not have the interest or capacity to join the full team but may be willing to help with events. We always need more volunteers for event help! We are slotted to attend a wide variety of events throughout the year, many of which occur in the summer. If you are interested in representing SPRWS at these events and potentially earning overtime in the process, please reach out to be added to our list of event staff.

At these events, we are interacting with the communities we serve to share information about SPRWS programs, projects, and career opportunities. These events are often held outdoors and outside of work hours. A couple upcoming events are:

Miller welcomes OSHA



Tom Miller, senior safety officer, welcomes representatives from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration on their visit to McCarrons on June 21. The Workplace Safety Consultation is designed to build upon our culture of safety. Safety items identified will be addressed to improve workers safety.

- July 12: 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. What's Going On
- July 13: 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Safe Summer Nights
- July 20: 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Safe Summer Nights
- July 26: 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. What's Going On
- August 1: 4 – 7:30 p.m. National Night Out

If you are interested in joining the team and/or helping with events, please reach out to Steve Nystrom or Racquel Vaske for more information.

Hartzheim becomes an American citizen

Mary Hartzheim, an accountant in the finance section of the business division, recently became a United States citizen in a naturalization ceremony.

She immigrated to the United States and Minnesota four years ago, originally living in Nigeria.

“I officially now feel like an American,” said Mary.

“I get to exercise one of my civil rights, which is the right to vote, and I get to travel the world with little or no hindrance in term of immigration.”

Congratulations to Mary!



Mary Hartzheim at her naturalization ceremony to become a US citizen.

Utility to hire water utility technician I;

The utility is hiring a water utility technician I to perform entry level field and office engineering work including inspecting the installation, repair, and maintenance of the water systems. This person will assist in project activities across divisions to include technical, record maintenance, monitoring, and reporting, and responding to customer complaints.

Apply online at stpaul.gov/jobs by midnight on July 3.

Contact Michelle LeBow at 651-266-6519 or e-mail at jobs@stpaul.gov for more information.

Utility wins MAGC bronze awards for design of the Lead Free SPRWS logo, Hillcrest reservoir photograph



Lead Free SPRWS logo

The water utility took home two bronze awards at the annual Minnesota Association of Government Communicators Northern Lights Awards on June 15.

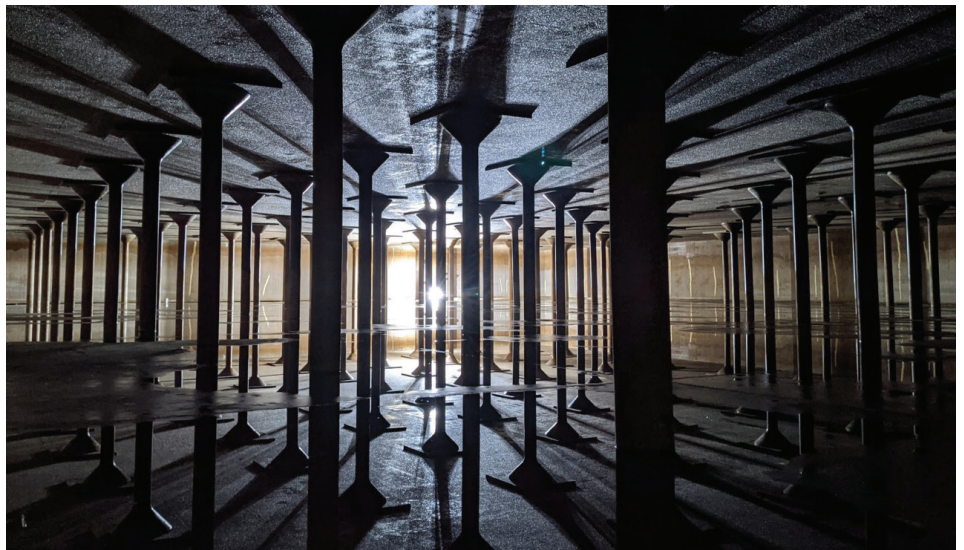
The Lead Free SPRWS logo took the bronze in the logo, icon or icon set division.

The judges said, “The logo is consistent with branding of other SPRWS materials.”

As well as, “I like how the logo takes the line from chimney to wall to underground pipes.”

The logo was designed by Racquel Vaske and AE2S.

The utility also took home a



Hillcrest Reservoir

bronze award for a photo of the interior of the Hillcrest reservoir.

The judges said, “Creative opportunity to highlight one of the many things the department does!”

As well as, “This photo is so intriguing! It really makes me curious about the functions of the

reservoir, and the work done to keep it maintained. I’m sure the staff appreciated your efforts to highlight this infrastructure.”

Jodi Wallin was the photographer.

Congratulations to the water utility on their recognition.