

BUSINESS

Business People: Former St. Paul planning director Cecile Bedor takes role at Habitat for Humanity

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OF NOTE



Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity announced the appointment of **Cecile Bedor** as chief real estate officer. Previously, Bedor worked in executive roles with **CommonBond Communities**, **Greater MSP**, and was the **City of St. Paul's** director of planning and economic development and executive director of the city's Housing & Redevelopment Authority. She has also held positions with the **Minneapolis Public Library**, the **National Equity Fund**, the **Metropolitan Council**, and **Aeon**.

CONSTRUCTION

Kraus-Anderson Construction, Minneapolis, announced the promotions of **Camile Helou** to senior vice president and **Pat Mulcahey** to vice president. Helou and Mulcahey most recently were co-directors of operations for the firm's Minneapolis office.

EDUCATION

The **University of Minnesota** announced the retirement of **Stuart Mason**, associate vice president and chief investment officer, at the close of 2023. He is succeeded by **Andrew Parks**, formerly deputy chief investment officer. The investment office manages the financial assets of the university, approximately \$4.5 billion.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Blaze Credit Union announced its launch at the beginning of 2024 following the legal merger of **Hiway Credit Union** and **Sprire Credit Union**. The company is based jointly in St. Paul and Falcon Heights. Blaze CEO is **Dan Stoltz**, formerly Spire's president and CEO; **Dave Boden**, formerly Hiway's president and CEO, becomes Blaze president and chief transformation officer. ... **Mahoney**, a St. Paul-based accounting firm, announced the promotion of **Jeff DeGree** to associate director. The firm also announced the following staff promotions: associates **Anna Nguyen**, **Abigail Hansen**, and **Chow Thao**; senior associates **Paul O'Connor**, **Ellie Beckman** and **Anjelica Smith**. ... **Barton, Walter & Krier**, a Maple Grove-based accounting firm, announced the following new hires: senior tax: **Andy Lindberg**, **Lani Hattling** and **Matt Johnson**; staff accountants: **Ciara**

Winthrop & Weinstine, Minneapolis, announced **Heather A. Johnston** will join the firm as chief operating officer. The firm also announced the following new shareholders: **Steve Kool, Jessica Lindstrom, Paul Manda, Trina Sjoberg, Sam Thompson** and **Tony Todero; Josh Curry, Joey Novak** and **Olga Tymouch** have been selected managing associates. ... **Maslon**, Minneapolis, announced that litigation attorneys **Evan Nelson** and **Michael Sheran** have been elected to the firm's partnership, effective Jan. 1. ... **Fish & Richardson**, Minneapolis, announced the following attorneys have been elevated to principal: **Charles Bahlert, Jonathan Bright, Noel Chakkalakal, Scott Flanz, Kathryn Grey, Excylyn Hardin-Smith, Sarah Kelleher, Usman Khan, Casey Kraning, Matthew Mosteller, Olivia Nguyen, Sangki Park, Steven Petkovsek, Charles Reese, Ethan Rubin, Jillian Shapiro, Ryan Steinman, Laura Whitworth, Jack Wilson** and **Baile (Bailey) Xie**.

MANUFACTURING

MFC (Minnesota Flexible Corp.), a South St. Paul-based maker of fluid handling equipment for industry, announced the promotion of **Andy Larsen** as president, succeeding **Will Stewart**, who will continue as CEO. Larsen most recently was the company's executive vice president.

NONPROFITS

Build Wealth MN, a Minneapolis-based community funding organization, announced the following staff additions: senior loan processors **Michiah Greene** and **Justin Nguyen; Jorea Fleurant**, communications specialist, and **Kandice Nelson**, director of communications.

RECREATION

The Wilds Golf Club, Prior Lake, has named **Joseph "JJ" Wagner** general manager.

RETAIL

Target Corp., Minneapolis, announced the appointment of **Michael Fiddelke** as

SERVICES

C.H. Robinson Worldwide, an Eden Prairie-based global provider of third-party shipping logistics for business, announced the hire of **Jim Reutlinger** as vice president, Enterprise Strategy Program Management; Reutlinger is an expert in Continuous Improvement and Lean methodology and also runs **Reutlinger Consulting LLC**.

TECHNOLOGY

Icario, a St. Louis Park-based provider of health care software and related tech services, announced it has named **Aerste Howells** chief commercial officer; Howells most recently was chief revenue officer and chief executive officer at **Cureatr**.

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