

DPIE's Sue Hall Celebrates 45 Years of County Service



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When Sue Hall began working for Prince George's County, motorists listened to disco on 8 tracks and paid a quarter for a gallon of gas. Leisure suits were high fashion and the Vietnam War had just ended.

Ms. Hall, 84, had been working as an auctioneer in July 1975 when she was hired as an entry-level clerk in the Permits Office of the now-defunct Department of Environmental Resources (DER). Gerald Ford was President, Marvin Mandell was Governor of Maryland and Winfield M. Kelly, Jr., was the Prince George's County Executive. Eight presidents, seven governors and six County executives later, Ms. Hall is still assisting residential and business customers – now as a Permits Supervisor at DPIE Headquarters in Largo.

"People ask me how I stood it all this time," she said, laughing. "I enjoy it. You meet interesting people. The employees have always been very nice and the upper management has always treated me fairly. Why should I go someplace else when I enjoyed working here?"

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For 45 years, pre-COVID, Ms. Hall commuted at least two hours round trip each day and worked 40-plus hour weeks. When snow kept less committed colleagues at home, Ms. Hall braved the elements to get to her desk.

She has no plans to stop working. Her two children have given her nine grandchildren and 22 great-grands. Spending time with family is her favorite pastime.

"I'm not a party goer or one of these people who would get in a car after they retire and go," she said. "I just stay home and enjoy the family. I see these people who retire who don't have hobbies or anything to do. They find themselves getting bored and then the next thing you know they're sick. Then the next thing you know, they're dead. I enjoy my life. I have no plans to retire."

Ms. Hall has enjoyed watching the County grow and takes pride in the role she played in its development over her four-and-a-half decades of service.

"Sue Hall is ready every day to make sure the citizens of Prince George's County who seek her assistance in Permits receive first-class service," said DPIE Director Melinda Bolling. "We celebrate her career and look forward to being able to congratulate her in person when our offices reopen. We know she'll be one of the first people in the building!"