



Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation



TOWNE SQUARE AT SUITLAND FEDERAL CENTER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY ON NOVEMBER 16, 2017

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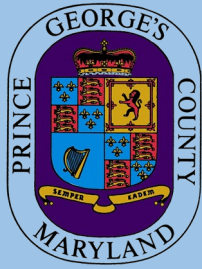
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Department of Public Works and Transportation

Newsletter



FALL 2017

Director's Message

Since the start of fall, the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) has ushered in a plethora of events and activities, and does not seem to have slowed down since then. We helped residents get their winter weather and snow-related questions answered during a series of Snow Summits held throughout the County. To make sure we are ready when winter weather strikes, we successfully performed our annual Snow & Ice Dry Run.

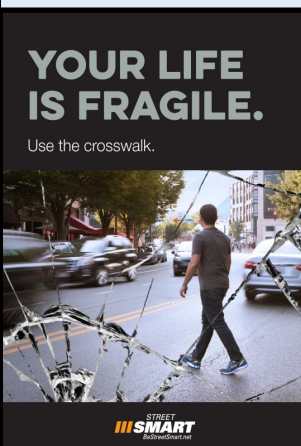
We also played host to a fantastic fall 'Clean Up, Green Up'. Participants from more than 134 Prince George's County schools, communities, and municipalities helped pick up trash, and plant shrubs, grasses and flower bulbs, to ensure the County stays clean and green. In addition, we held our annual Open House to bring the community up to speed on what the Department has recently accomplished and what we're looking to accomplish in the future.



Darrell B. Mobley
Director

To bring awareness to our ongoing road repaving and construction work, we held public information meetings for major upcoming projects – Ager Road, Montpelier Drive, and the Calverton Channel Rehabilitation. We capped off fall with a groundbreaking ceremony for the highly anticipated Towne Square at Suitland Federal Center. With winter around the corner, we are wrapping up as many construction projects as possible before the end of the construction season. We wish you all the best over the holiday season as we continue to provide the finest service for Prince Georgians.

Street Smart Launches Smart New Ads



For 15 years, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' *Street Smart* program has promoted bicycle and pedestrian safety in DC, suburban Maryland, and northern Virginia. The campaign consists of educational information for bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers.

This fall, *Street Smart* launched new ads to remind drivers to slow down and for everyone to pay extra attention whether they are walking, biking or driving.

DPW&T's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program partners with *Street Smart* to spread the word about street safety to the people of Prince George's County. Keep an eye out for our highly visible DPW&T Street Teams at high-crash areas.

Professionally and courteously serving the residents of Prince George's County

TOWNE SQUARE AT SUTTLAND FEDERAL CENTER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County, local and elected officials and community leaders joined together on Thursday, November 16th, for a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the construction of Towne Square at Suitland Federal Center. The new mixed-use development project will span more than one million square feet and feature residential units, retail space, and a community performing arts center.

DPW&T is coordinating closely with a range of partners including the Redevelopment Authority, the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement, the Soil Conservation District, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and the State Highway Administration (SHA) to help advance the project to construction.

In September, the project began with rough grading of the site. Eventually, the project will front both Suitland and Silver Hill Roads, roads maintained by SHA. In addition, several of the roads in the new development will be owned and maintained by the County, so DPW&T's role in the project will be ongoing.

In the spring of 2018, construction of infrastructure is expected to start for more than 200 townhomes and a senior apartment building.



DPW&T Director Darrell Mobley, DCAO for Budget, Finance, Economic Development & Administration Thomas Himler, and DCAO for Public Infrastructure Barry Stanton



DPW&T Director Darrell Mobley and Prince George's County Council Member Karen Toles (District 7)



The Henson Development Company's Daniel P. Henson, III, DPW&T's PIO Paulette Jones, and Dep. Dir. Gwen Clerkley



Members of the Dupont Village Neighborhood Watch

AGER ROAD & MONTPELIER DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Next year, DPW&T's Office of Engineering & Project Management is scheduled to begin construction on two sizeable roadway projects: The Ager Road Green/Complete Street Project in Hyattsville and the Montpelier Drive Complete Street Project in Laurel. In September and October, the Department held public information meetings for community members to provide information about the benefits of the projects, construction schedules, and answer questions. Construction on both projects is anticipated to begin in mid-2018.



OE&PM Chief of Highway & Bridge Design Division Erv Beckert and OE&PM Project Manager Unmesh Patel

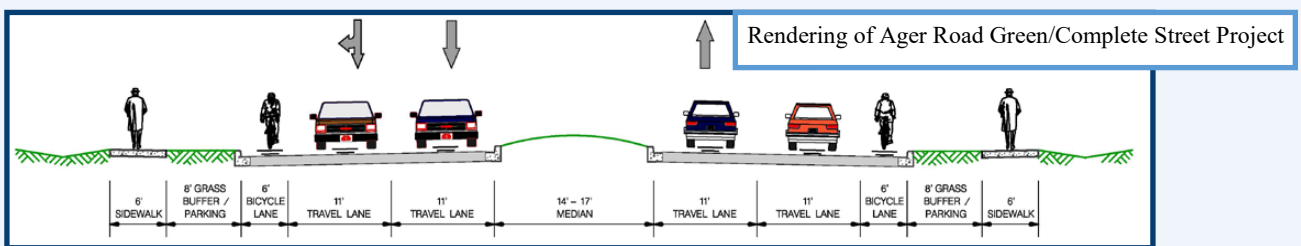


OE&PM Project Manager Unmesh Patel and OE&PM Associate Director Kate Mazzara

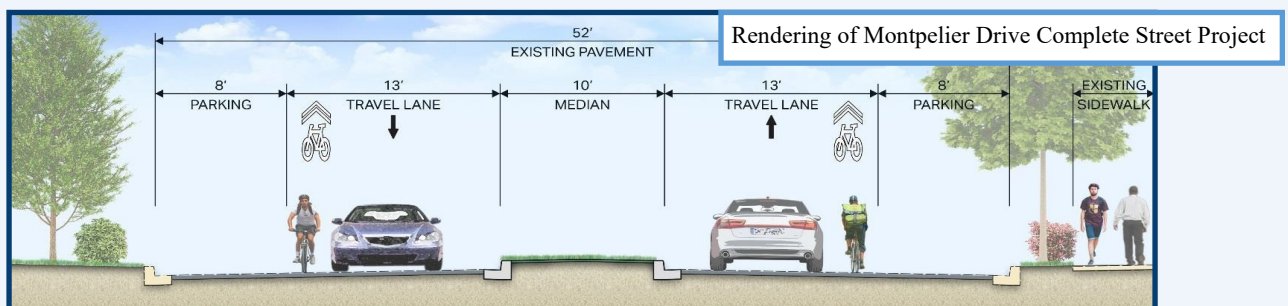


OE&PM Engineer Noah Donoghue

The Ager Road Green/Complete Street Project spans from MD-410 (East-West Highway) to MD-500 (Queens Chapel Road). The main objectives are to make the road safer and more accessible, and to decrease the amount of nutrients in the Anacostia River Watershed. The project's proposed improvements include reconstructing Ager Road for two travel lanes in each direction, bicycle lanes, and on-street parallel parking along with continuous sidewalks on both sides of the roadway.

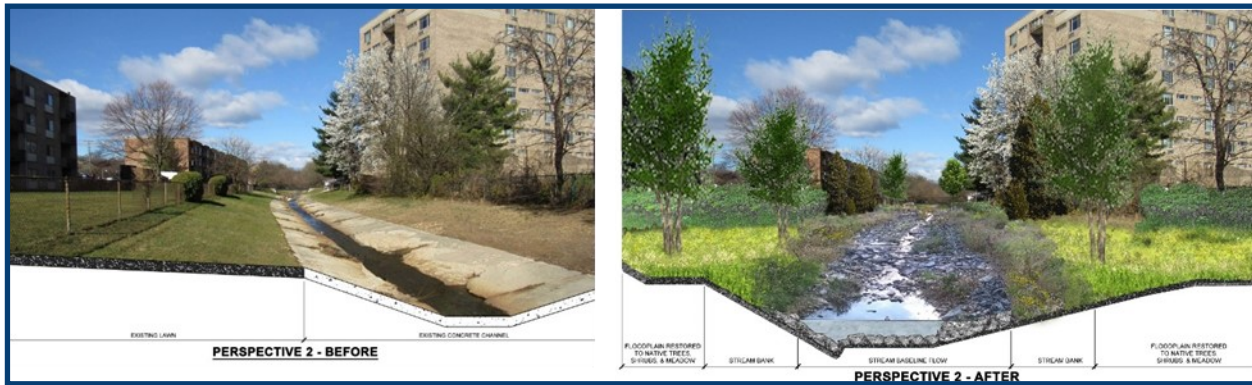


The Montpelier Drive Complete Street Project stretches from MD-197 to south of Carland Place. The project's goal is traffic calming, which will be achieved by constructing raised medians and curb extensions. There will also be new pavement markings to designate travel, bicycle, and parking lanes.



CALVERTON CHANNEL REHABILITATION PROJECT

On Wednesday, November 8th, DPW&T's Office of Engineering & Project Management publicly presented the proposed design for the Calverton Channel Rehabilitation Project at a community meeting. The channel is more than 40-years-old and suffers from significant concrete deterioration, which may lead to a complete channel failure in the event of a major storm. The Department's proposed solution is a green corridor concept that will include native plants, pollinators, and flood storage. This concept encompasses long-term sustainability, reduced maintenance, and water quality benefits to help clean the Chesapeake Bay. Overall, it will be much more aesthetically pleasing and support the County's land values. The next steps include local, state, and federal agencies reviewing the project design.



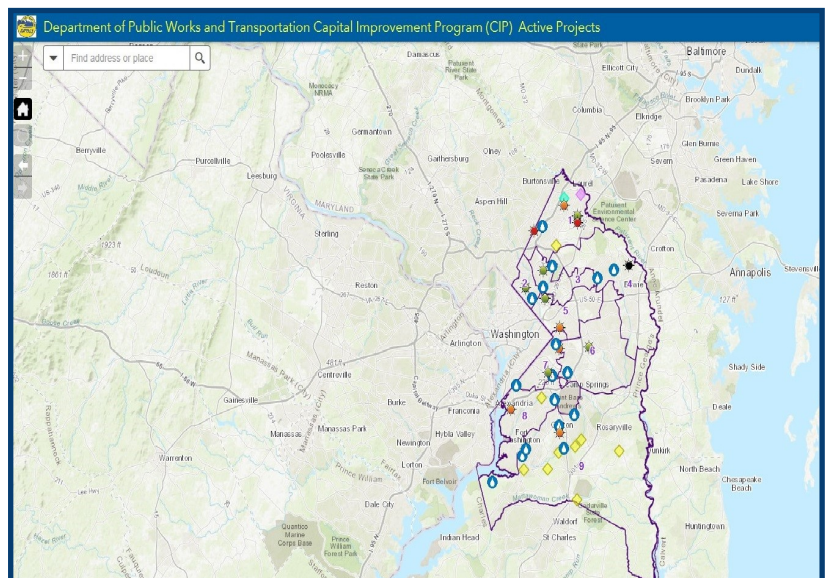
NEW CIP PROJECTS INTERACTIVE MAP

In late October, DPW&T's Office of Engineering & Project Management launched an interactive web map for the Department's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects to help Prince Georgians better understand major County projects.

The map can be found on DPW&T's website under the Capital Roadway Projects heading:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1012/Capital-Roadway-Project>. Once you've clicked on the link, click the "Home" button on the left of your screen to see the outline of the County with the current CIP projects.

The interactive map features active CIP projects in the County, and information about each project including a description, cost, and councilmanic district.



OE&PM PROJECT FOLLOW-UP

Wetland and Stream Restoration/Mitigation

There have been significant improvements in the months since we held the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center's (BARC) groundbreaking and ribbon cutting event for the Wetland and Stream Restoration/Mitigation Project.

DPW&T's Engineering Services Division partnered with GreenVest and USDA to create streams and wetlands within the BARC facility, located in Beltsville, Maryland, as part of an important urban restoration project. Several Prince George's County bridge and road projects required mitigating the environmental impacts to wetland and streams, and consolidating these on one site is a more cost-effective solution. The project also resulted in the creation of a large, uninterrupted green corridor, which will ultimately provide greater ecosystem benefits to our County's waterways and wildlife especially in comparison to the small isolated pockets of restoration typically created through standard on-site mitigations that were previously used for DPW&T projects.

As you can see from the photos below, the restoration effort is paying off.



December 2016: Project ribbon-cutting



July 2017: 8 months after ribbon cutting



September 2017: 10 months after ribbon cutting

FALL



2017

On Saturday, October 28th, more than 60 communities, 66 schools, and eight municipalities participated in the County's seventh annual 'Clean Up, Green Up.'

Volunteers freshened up community entrances, and other public spaces, by planting trees, shrubs, grasses and flower bulbs and picking up litter.

Thank you to everyone who participated in 'Clean Up, Green Up' — especially DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance team. This would not have been possible without you!



Council Member Dannielle Glaros, DPW&T PIO Paulette Jones, Principal Lila Walker, Beacon Heights Elementary School, and Shannon Stewart



DPW&T STREET TEAMS USE NEW ADS TO HELP IMPROVE BIKE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

On Friday, November 3rd, *Street Smart* held its Fall Kickoff Press Event in Fairfax, Virginia.

Street Smart is a regional program that aims to increase people's awareness about bicycle and pedestrian safety.

In mid-November, DPW&T sent Street Teams to high-crash areas including Indian Head Highway (MD-210) and Annapolis Road (MD-450) to help create a safer environment for all travelers.

Street Smart's new ads are in English and Spanish, and feature pedestrians and bicyclists seen through a shattered windshield -- a reminder for drivers to slow down and for everyone to pay extra attention whether they are walking, biking, or driving.

**YOUR LIFE
IS FRAGILE.**

Use the crosswalk.



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**LIVES
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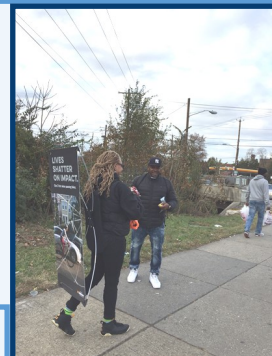
Give 3 feet when passing bikes.



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Fall 2017 *Street Smart* ads

DPW&T Street Team member Gloria Williams

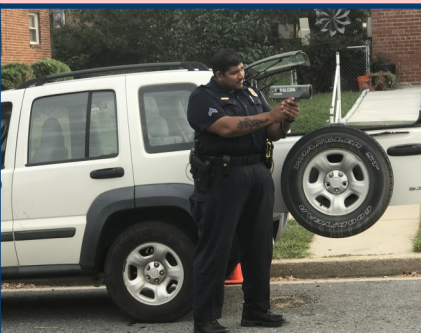


SPEED AWARENESS

DPW&T's Office of Engineering & Project Management's Traffic Safety Division held a successful Speed Awareness Day on Quebec Street (Councilmanic District 2) on October 5th.

Nearly 30 citizens from the New Hampshire Estates subdivision participated, along with Prince George's County police officers, members of Council Member Taveras' staff, and DPW&T staff members.

During the two and a half hour event, 36 vehicles were stopped for excessive speeds.



Left photo: Community members warn drivers to slow down

Above photo: A Prince George's County police officer uses a radar gun

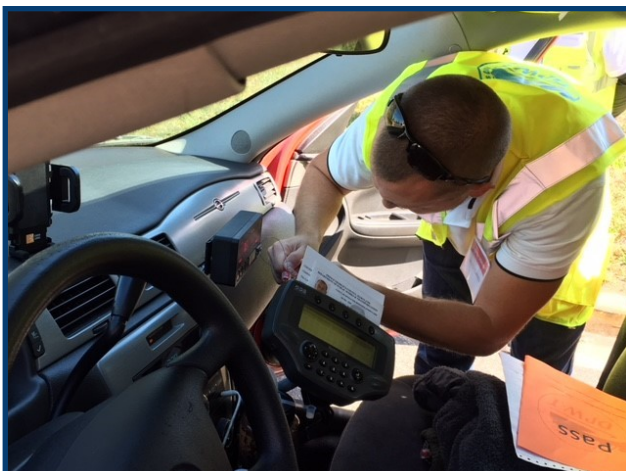
MASS TAXICAB INSPECTION



Taxicabs line up for inspection



Office of Transportation's Kristy Cluster and Malinda Derr



Office of Transportation's James Turner

On Saturday, October 21st and Sunday, October 22nd, DPW&T's Office of Transportation held a mass taxicab inspection to ensure taxis operating throughout the County are operating in compliance with regulations.

The Prince George's County Council made several changes to the Taxicabs and Limousines Code (Subtitle 20), which took effect earlier this year. Some of the most significant changes include the phasing out of taxis that are more than eight model years old by January 2018, an increase in taxicab rates from \$.25 per 1/7 mile to \$.30 per 1/7 mile of a trip, and the requirement for taxicab drivers to display a Passenger Bill of Rights in their cabs for customers.

Over thirty DPW&T staff members, and two from the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement, helped with the two-day assessment. Inspectors examined the interior and exterior of the vehicles, and also certified the calibration of cab meters, capping each approved meter.

The changes are to help make a better, safer ride for everyone involved.



Back Row (from left to right): Office of Transportation's Associate Director D'Andrea Walker and Marchel Simmons

Front Row (from left to right): Office of Transportation's Semia Hackett and Michelle Jones

PARA~TRANSIT DRIVERS GIVE A LIFT TO VETERANS

On Saturday, November 4th, DPW&T's Office of Transportation's para-transit drivers honored veterans by providing transportation to the Veterans Homeless Project event at the Sports & Learning Complex in Landover. Using seven Call-a-Buses, para-transit drivers transported 75 veterans to the facility where they met county officials and received free haircuts and shaves, health and dental exams, clothes, food, and connected with legal aid.



TRANSIT VISION PLAN

Prince George's County is developing a five-year plan for improving and expanding transit within the County. The plan will evaluate potential methods for improving public transportation in the County. The completed Transit Vision Plan (TVP) will provide the County with a roadmap for implementing service, facility, and operational enhancements to improve the County's transit system for the benefit of all County residents.

This fall, the project team surveyed members of the public during a series of pop-up events throughout the County to measure how people currently use transit in the County and discover what future transit services we can offer to enhance the transportation experience. To learn more about the County's Transit Vision Plan and complete a survey, you can visit the project's website:

www.princegeorgestransitvision.com



DPW&T BACKPACK GIVE~AWAY

Before the start of the school year, DPW&T staff rallied together to collect backpacks and school supplies for Prince George's County students. Once the numbers were tallied, DPW&T had amassed nearly 8-thousand items — including 106 backpacks, close to 100 composition notebooks, and more than 420 pencils.

In September, DPW&T staff stuffed the backpacks with supplies, and delivered them to Springhill Lake Elementary School in Greenbelt and William Paca Elementary School in Landover.



DPW&T Public Information Officer Paulette Jones, DPW&T Deputy Director Martin Harris, Springhill Lake Elementary Principal Natasha Jenkins, and Prince George's County Council Member Todd M. Turner (District 4)



DPW&T Special Assistant to the Director Andrea Lasker, William Paca Elementary Principal Dorothy Clowers, Assistant Principal Traci Finley-Jeffreys, and DPW&T Public Information Officer Paulette Jones



Springhill Lake Elementary Principal Natasha Jenkins, Prince George's County Council Member Todd M. Turner (District 4), and DPW&T Deputy Director Martin Harris

HISPANIC FESTIVAL 2017



Left: Former OT employee Kristen Franklin, Maryland State Senator Victor Ramirez, and OT employee Marisol Peralta

In September, DPW&T participated in the 36th annual Hispanic Festival, which was held at Lane Manor Park in Adelphi.

More than 10,000 people attended the festival, which offered food, music, artwork, and more!



CAREER DAY AT ARROWHEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In October, DPW&T's Office of Transportation was invited to participate in Career Day at Arrowhead Elementary School in Upper Marlboro.

Students learned about public transportation in the County, and how to load and unload bikes using the bike racks on *TheBus*. They also had a chance to speak with members of Prince George's County's Fire/EMS Department.



Top left photo: Transdev driver Lawrence Malbon

2017 SNOW SUMMITS

To help Prince Georgians prepare for the upcoming winter season, DPW&T once again hosted three Snow Summits, held at locations throughout the County, during the month of October.

Residents heard valuable cold weather and snow-related information from a range of experts, including DPW&T, Maryland Department of Transportation State High Administration, Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement, Office of Community Relations — 311 Call Center, Office of Emergency Management, the Health Department, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Prince George's County Fire/EMS, and Prince George's County Police.

Fingers crossed for another mild winter! Regardless, the County is prepared to respond to snow and ice!



DPW&T Dep. Directors Martin Harris and Gwen Clerkley, DPW&T PIO Paulette Jones, Anthony Anderson (OES), Jennifer Hawkins (OCR—311), Thomas Fountain (SHA), Lt. Jason Rorick & Penny (PGCPD), David McDonough (WSSC), Richard Riley (PGCFD), Manfred Reichwein (Health Dept.), and William Edelen (DPIE)



DPW&T Deputy Director Martin Harris

Below: Council Member Lehman and audience members at the Snow Summit in Laurel



Above: Community member at the Snow Summit in Fort Washington

Left: DPW&T Deputy Director Gwen Clerkley

2017 SNOW & ICE DRY RUN



DPW&T's state-of-the-art Traffic Response and Information Partnership (TRIP) Center



OHM's Santos Turcios



The Command Center

On October 27th, DPW&T led its annual Snow and Ice Dry Run to prepare for the upcoming winter season. From 4am until noon, DPW&T staff tested equipment, drove snow routes, checked roadways for anything hazardous that could damage the plows, and reviewed operational procedures to allow for adjustments and improvements. A few days later, DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance conducted an inspection of snow contractors' equipment.

To ensure that we are working effectively during snow and ice operations, more than 400 DPW&T employees, as well as crews from other County agencies, cover a wide range of assignments including snowplow drivers, safety inspectors, supply monitors, customer service representatives and many others. The Dry Run provides an opportunity for inclement weather emergency procedures to be tested and confirmed before the winter weather arrives.



Snow Plow Contractors line up for inspection



OHM's Adrian Greenwell, Patrick Alston, and Chris Windsor

OPEN HOUSE 2017

On Wednesday, November 1st, DPW&T held its 4th annual Open House at its Office of Highway Maintenance facility in Forestville.

Approximately 120 community members and elected officials attended the event where they learned about DPW&T's services, and the Department's accomplishments over the past year.

Attendees were entertained by the William Paca Elementary School choir, enjoyed a catered lunch and dessert, and collected fresh produce from the on-site Farmers' Market.

Awards were presented to several community members who have gone above and beyond in uplifting their communities.



Prince George's County Council Member Todd M. Turner (District 4)



DPW&T Director Darrell Mobley and Mount Rainier DPW Director Kourosh Kamali



DPW&T Dep. Dir. Martin Harris, award recipient Gloria Constant with the South County Homeowners Alliance, DPW&T Dir. Darrell Mobley, and DPW&T Dep. Dir. Gwen Clerkley



DPW&T's OAS Associate Director Eboni Gatewood-Crenshaw, OAS HR Administrative Assistant Marcedis Logan, and Special Assistant to the Director Lavinia Baxter



OT's Regina Crawford, Marchel Simmons, and Tyrone Hairston



DPW&T Dep. Directors Gwen Clerkley and Martin Harris, OHM's Adam Jiroun, and DPW&T Dir. Darrell Mobley



Lt. Jason Rorick, Penny, and DPW&T PIO Paulette Jones



The audience

DPW&T EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND



Mary Abe

DPW&T's Mary Abe is a Project Manager with the Office of Engineering & Project Management's Engineering Services Division, and she played an integral role in helping the Department secure a grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD-DNR). Mary spearheaded the Engineering Services Division's team collaboration on the winning proposal. The grant funds, approximately \$350,000, will be used to construct the ecosystems' features of the Suitland Road and Regency Parkway Outfall to repair a dangerously failing outfall and restore a damaged stream within the Suitland/Coral Hills TNi.

It is anticipated that the project will be under construction by January of 2018. This project, and others like it, are part of DPW&T's commitment to sustainability and support of our County's efforts to help restore local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay.



Denis Jamison

DPW&T's OHM's Denis Jamison, without a doubt, has a huge heart; and he understands the importance of giving back.

He donated 20 backpacks — each stuffed with school supplies — for DPW&T's backpack collection to benefit Prince George's County students.

When asked why he decided to donate the bookbags, Denis said he wanted to “give a little bit to the community and the underprivileged kids.”

DPW&T EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND



Karyn McAlister

Karyn McAlister is DPW&T's first Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager. The program was formally initiated in 2015 and since then, the program has covered a lot of ground - this coming spring, DPW&T will launch Prince George's County's own Capital Bikeshare to provide a regional public transportation option that will connect to DC, Montgomery County, and Alexandria, VA.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian program focuses on the four "E's" of safety and encourages every roadway user to share the road safely. The principles of the four "E's" include:

Engineering: Designing roadways for all users including vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. Building multi-modal complete streets that are safe for all users.

Education: To create a safe environment for all roadway users by teaching pedestrians, cyclists and drivers the rules of the road and traffic laws. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Program has partnered with SHA to bring the "Look Up! Look Out!" pedestrian and bus safety assemblies to elementary schools in the County.

Enforcement: The Bicycle and Pedestrian Program partners with law enforcement to help improve understanding of traffic laws and help keep all users safe on roadways.

Emergency Services: Responding to crashes and sharing information about safety practices like car seat/booster seat checks and fittings offered locally. The program continues to work with the County's fire/EMS departments to plan more Walk to School events and Safe Kids programming.



DPW&T WINS PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

DPW&T attended the 47th annual Prince George's County Beautification Awards, on Wednesday, September 27th, at the Newton White Mansion in Mitchellville.

While dozens of residents, schools, and businesses were honored with awards for gorgeous yards, community entrances, and common areas, DPW&T won an award for superior sustained maintenance for our Memorial Garden on D'Arcy Road in Forestville. Congratulations to all the winners!

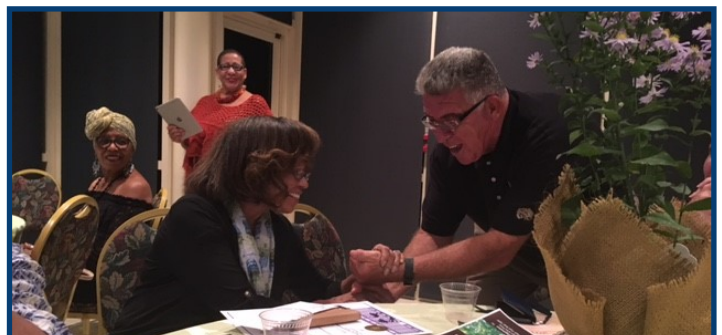


Above: Memorial Garden

Right photo: OHM Div. Chief of Road Maintenance and Construction Adam Jiroun, DPW&T Dep. Dir. Gwen Clerkley, OE&PM Assoc. Dir. Kate Mazzara, DPW&T Public Information Officer Paulette Jones, OHM Assoc. Dir. Vernon Stinnett, DPW&T Community Liaison Courtney Ward, and OHM Landscape Architect Wayne Lucas



OHM Landscape Architect Wayne Lucas, DPIE Engineer Kimberly Moyer, OHM Div. Chief of Road Maintenance and Construction Adam Jiroun, and Dep. Dir. Gwen Clerkley



Yard of the Year winner Beverly Carpenter-Nickens and OHM Landscape Architect Wayne Lucas

NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Carolyn Cook**

Carolyn Cook joined DPW&T on July 5, 2017 as an Administrative Aide in the Office of the Director. A native Washingtonian, she holds a B.S. in Speech and Language Pathology from the University of the District of Columbia. Previously, Carolyn worked for the D.C. Public Schools system as an early childhood educator. She's also worked as a home daycare professional, a mortgage backed securities representative for the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), and she's worked for Southern Management Corporation (SMC). Carolyn even served two terms as a Cheverly Town Council Member. Passionate about justice and civil rights, Carolyn worked as a constituent services specialist for Prince Georges' County Council Member Deni Taveras before joining DPW&T. In her leisure time, Carolyn enjoys mentoring, reading, traveling, dancing, and spending time with her teenage sons and close friends. Welcome, Carolyn!

**Ronald L. Crites**

Ronald L. Crites joined DPW&T on September 18, 2017 as Chief of Transit in the Office of Transportation. He attended Notre Dame University of Maryland, and graduated with a B.A. in Business Administration and Finance. Ronald holds a M.P.A. in Public Service and a M.A. in Legal and Ethical Studies from the University of Baltimore. He's spent the past 20 years working on budget and finance issues for Montgomery County's DPW&T, Maryland Transit Administration, and the Prince George's County Health Department. Ronald and his wife are avid cyclists who, in their spare time, enjoy riding both road and trail bikes. Their favorite trail is the C&O trail. One day, they would like to complete that ride from Cumberland to Washington, D.C. Welcome, Ronald!

NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Noah M. Donoghue**

Noah M. Donoghue joined DPW&T in November of 2016 as a temporary seasonal employee. Under the guidance of OE&PM's Erv Beckert, Noah excelled and took advantage of a contractor opportunity. In August 2017, Noah was hired full-time as an Engineer I/II in the Office of Engineering & Project Management. Noah is a recent graduate of The Catholic University of America, Class of 2016, with a degree in Construction and Engineering Management. Noah is a huge Washington Capitals fan, and when he's not at work he spends quality time working on home and car repairs. Currently, he is performing an engine swap on a 2001 Mustang convertible. Welcome, Noah!

**Eboni Gatewood-Crenshaw**

Eboni Gatewood-Crenshaw joined DPW&T on October 2, 2017 as the Associate Director for the Office of Administrative Services. She is an executive-level human capital and business management professional with more than 18 years of experience. She spent the last 10 years working for the District of Columbia Government as a Senior HR Advisor and Director of Human Resources for the D.C. Child and Family Services Agency. Eboni holds both a M.B.A. and M.S. in Management from the University of Maryland. A native of Brooklyn, New York, Eboni has lived and worked in the DMV area for more than 20 years, and currently resides in Prince George's County with her husband and sons. Welcome, Eboni!

NEW EMPLOYEES

Deborah Gordon



Deborah Gordon is not a new face to DPW&T. Since 2015, she has served the Department as part of the Human Resources team. Recently, she was hired full-time as an Administrative Aide in the Office of Administrative Services. A native South Carolinian, Deborah attended Ardis School of the Arts in Washington, D.C. Her concentration was Women's Fashion Design. She has more than 20 years of experience with the Federal government with the USDA, and the Office of Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Veterinary Services. Additionally, Deborah has 14 years of experience working with the Prince George's Hospital Center in the pharmacy, and many more years of experience in event planning and decorating. Her passions are youth ministry and volunteering with organizations that help the less fortunate. And, yes, she loves the Cowboys! Welcome, Deborah!

Tonya Hairston



Tonya Hairston rejoined DPW&T on September 5, 2017 as an Administrative Aide with the Office of Highway Maintenance. But, she's not new to the Department. She previously worked for DPW&T between 1998 and 2001 as a General Clerk IV. Tonya returned to the County to work for the Office of Homeland Security from May 2004 to April 2014. Most recently, she worked for the Department of the Environment in the Resource Recovery Division from 2014-2017. Tonya is a graduate of Forestville High School, and she attended Prince George's Community College for a year. In her free time, she likes to crochet and watch Do It Yourself (DIY) shows. Tonya said she's "thrilled to be a part of the DPW&T team again and looks forward to gaining additional administrative skills." Welcome back, Tonya!

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS

**Gwendolyn T. Clerkley**

Gwen Clerkley was promoted to Deputy Director on August 15, 2017. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Fort Valley State University, and holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Walden University. She has 28 years of public service with Prince George's County Government -- 18 in public health and 10 as the Associate Director of the Office of Highway Maintenance within the Department. In 2010, Gwen was recognized by the Prince George's County Beautification Committee for the community planting and beautification program -- reaching more than 600 communities and planting in excess of 20,000 plants and trees annually. In 2016, she was recognized by Prince George's County Government with the WING (Women In Government) Award for collaborative partnerships with communities in improving the overall infrastructure and beauty of neighborhoods in the Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (TNi) program. In her spare time, Gwen enjoys travelling and exploring the natural wonders of the world with her husband of 40 years, as well as cooking, baking and playing word games. Most of all, she enjoys spoiling her six grandchildren. She is an active member of Kettering Baptist Church. Congratulations, Gwen!

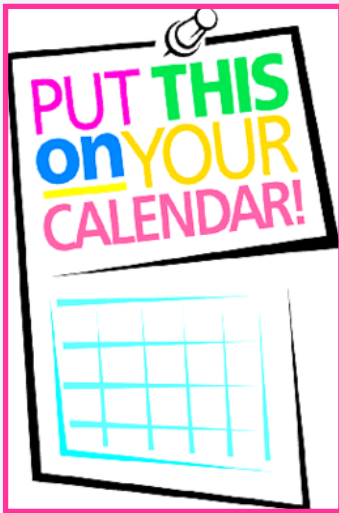
Vernon L. Stinnett, Jr.

Vernon L. Stinnett, Jr. was promoted to Associate Director of the Office of Highway Maintenance on September 13, 2017. Previously, he served as Chief of the Storm Drain Maintenance Division for DPW&T, and had served in that role since June of 2012. Vernon has more than 35 years of state and local transportation experience -- serving, for four years, as the Assistant District Engineer of Maintenance for the Maryland State Highway Administration - District 3, Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. He also spent 10 years as SHA's Resident Maintenance Engineer in Upper Marlboro and Laurel, MD. Vernon holds a Transportation Management Certificate from Coppin State College, is a graduate of the MD State Highway Administration's Advanced Leadership Program, and served in the United States Army. He enjoys camping, long walks in the woods, and Boy Scouts. Congratulations Vernon!



Congratulations!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Mark your calendars for the next **Community Partners meeting!**

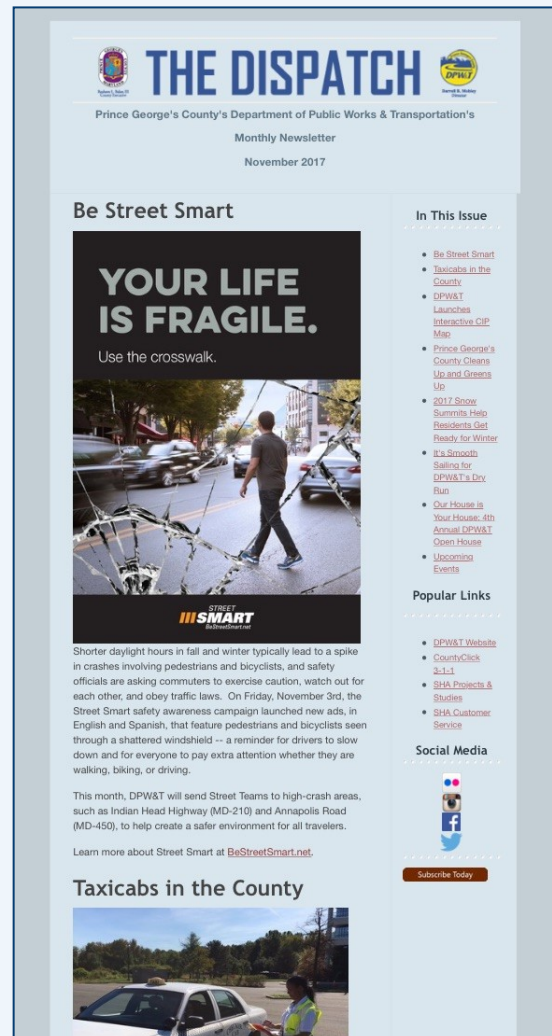
DPW&T will host the meeting, which will be held on
Wednesday, December 6th, from 9am-11am,
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