



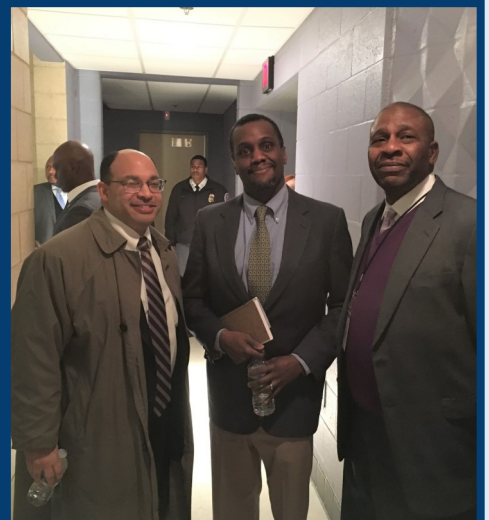
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County Executive

Prince George's County's Department of Public Works and Transportation's Newsletter



Terry Bellamy
Director

FALL 2018/WINTER 2018-19



Clockwise from top left: Snow Summit 2018 at Harmony Hall Regional Center; County Executive Alsobrooks' Community Conversation event at Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School; County Executive Alsobrooks' Proposed Budget Listening Session at Charles Herbert Flowers High School; County Executive Alsobrooks joins DPW&T staff at our Office of Highway Maintenance facility just before first snow event of 2019

Director's Message

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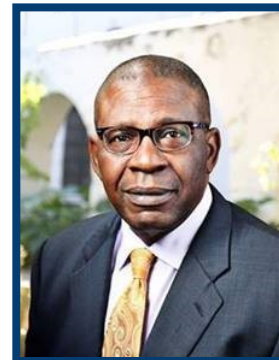


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The Fall/Winter 2018-19 edition of the Department of Public Works and Transportation's (DPW&T) quarterly newsletter has arrived! The Department is under new leadership as Mr. Terry Bellamy is the now the Director. He comes to DPW&T by way of North Carolina where he served as the Director of the City of Durham's Transportation Department.



Terry Bellamy
Director

But while our leadership may have changed, our commitment and service to the people of Prince George's County remains as strong as ever. We stayed busy completing road projects, hosting another Chinese delegation, a seasonal employment fair, and our annual Open House; and preparing constituents for winter with the County's annual Snow Summits.

With spring having recently arrived, DPW&T is excited for such events as 'Growing Green With Pride' on May 4th (formerly 'Clean Up, Green Up') and Bike to Work Day (May 17th). And, like everyone else, we cannot wait for warmer weather to stick around!

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Bikeshare Continues to Grow in Prince George's County

Bikeshare launched in Prince George's County in June 2018 with five initial station locations. Eight bikeshare stations can now be found in the County, with many more to come online in the future!

Biking is not only great for the environment, it is also a great form of exercise. The County is encouraging its employees to take advantage of Capital Bikeshare's Corporate Membership Program. Prince George's County Government and Prince George's County M-NCPPC employees are eligible for a discounted annual Capital Bikeshare membership of only \$25!

And, even if you are not a County employee, Capital Bikeshare offers several great plans from which you can choose!



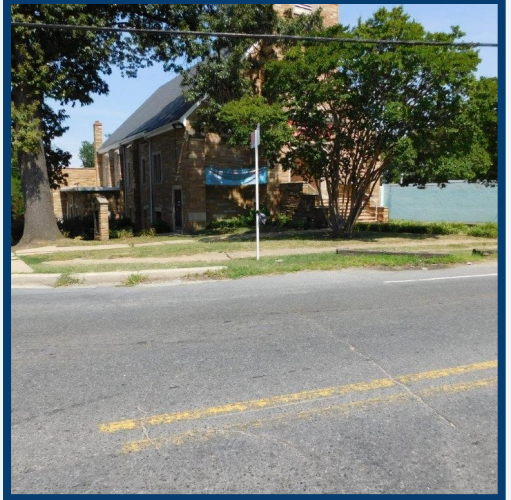
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DPW&T COMPLETES EDMONSTON ROAD (SOUTH) PROJECT



Before Construction



DPW&T's Office of Engineering & Project Management created the Edmonston Road (South) Green/Complete Street Improvements Project (Phase 2) to address pedestrian concerns and ponding water along the road from Emerson Street to just north of Varnum Street. This project followed a previous Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project, executed by DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance, from Kenilworth Avenue to Emerson Street along Edmonston Road's northern end (Phase 1).

Construction on this latest project started in September 2016 and included the addition of sidewalk to both sides of the roadway to improve pedestrian safety. A full storm drain system was also installed to address citizens' flooding and ponding water concerns.

The Edmonston Road (South) project provided an innovative opportunity to cut down project design and construction times by working in conjunction with existing utilities to reduce the need for utility relocation, which is a significant factor that commonly causes schedule delays, complications, and increased design and planning times. The consultant engineer worked together with the contractor to address field issues and effectively finalize the design. Close coordination was needed to construct new sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and a complete storm drain system while maintaining in ground utilities.

DPW&T completed the Edmonston Road (South) Green/Complete Street Improvements Project in September 2018.



After Construction

GOVERNORS BRIDGE ROAD BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT

On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, DPW&T's Office of Engineering & Project Management (OE&PM) hosted a public information meeting for the Governors Bridge Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project. The meeting was held at the Comfort Inn on Crain Highway in Bowie.

The bridge, which spans the Patuxent River and connects Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties, has significant deterioration and was closed to vehicular traffic because of this in 2015.

At the meeting, DPW&T presented, to residents of both counties, six possible alternatives for the bridge. They ranged from leaving the bridge as is (closed to vehicular traffic) to constructing a new dual lane bridge, at a different location, and not affecting the current bridge's historical integrity.

After the presentation, residents asked questions and viewed display boards of the project.

As the bridge connects the two counties, and is in Prince George's County Council District 4, then Council Vice-Chair Todd Turner (now Chair) attended the meeting as did then Anne Arundel County Council Member Jerry Walker and a representative from that county's Department of Public Works. DPW&T's then Acting Director, Gwen Clerkley, and its Office of Engineering & Project Management Associate Director, Kate Mazzara, were also in attendance.



Foreground: OE&PM Project Manager Unmesh Patel shakes hands with then Prince George's County Council Vice-Chair (now Chair) Todd Turner (District 4)
Background: Then DPW&T Acting Dir. Gwen Clerkley and OE&PM Highway and Bridge Design Div. Chief Erv Beckert



OE&PM Project Manager Unmesh Patel and OE&PM Highway and Bridge Design Div. Chief Erv Beckert answer questions after the presentation



Residents from both Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties attend the public information meeting



OE&PM Project Manager Noah Donoghue (right) talks with a resident about the project

DPW&T HOSTS CHINESE DELEGATION

On Thursday, September 13, 2018, DPW&T welcomed a delegation of engineers from China to its Peppercorn Place office in the Largo Business District.

The group of 10 (plus a translator) consisted of senior engineers from the Tianjin Municipal Engineering Design & Research Institute in Tianjin Shi, China. They were visiting the Washington, DC region to gain a better understanding of traffic conditions in the United States.

Upon arriving, the group and its interpreter were welcomed by DPW&T leadership and staff: then Acting Director Gwen Clerkley, Deputy Director Martin Harris, Public Information Officer Paulette Jones, Office of Highway Maintenance Associate Director Vernon Stinnett, Jr., Office of Engineering & Project Management Associate Director Kate Mazzara, Special Assistant to the Director Vic Weissberg, and Administrative Aide II Paula Buckner.

The delegation heard about some DPW&T initiatives led by its Office of Transportation, and learned about the Department's other three offices -- Office of Highway Maintenance, Office of Engineering & Project Management, and Office of Administrative Services.



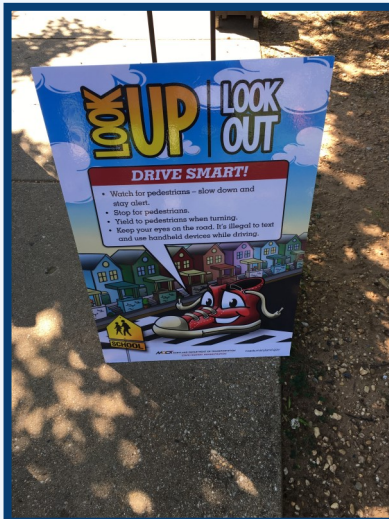
DPW&T Dep. Dir. Martin Harris, DPW&T Public Information Officer Paulette Jones, Office of Engineering & Project Management Assoc. Dir. Kate Mazzara, DPW&T Community Liaison Courtney Ward, DPW&T Special Assistant to the Director Vic Weissberg, then DPW&T Acting Dir. Gwen Clerkley, and Office of Highway Maintenance Assoc. Dir. Vernon Stinnett, Jr.



Top photo: OE&PM Assoc. Dir. Kate Mazzara explains a road improvement project to the delegation

Bottom photo: Then DPW&T Acting Dir. Gwen Clerkley addresses the delegation

DPW&T HELPS KICK OFF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CAMPAIGN



Now former Prince George's County Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, Karyn McAlister, speaks at the campaign kick-off event

"Look Up! Look Out!" and "Walk Smart! Drive Smart!" were the take-away messages of the back-to-school pedestrian safety campaign press event on Thursday, August 30, 2018.

Held at Bladensburg Elementary School, the event was a partnership between the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA), Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T), Prince George's County Public Schools, the Prince George's County Police Department, and AAA Mid-Atlantic.

Speakers included MDOT SHA Administrator Gregory Slater; Prince George's County Police Sgt. Joel Benjamin; and Bladensburg Elementary School Principal Dr. Judith Haughton-Williams.

The group stressed the importance of everyone (including students) knowing the rules of the road, and drivers staying alert to help keep pedestrians safe. The event was capped off by an educational and inspiring cheer from a group of Bladensburg Elementary School students.

Remember, DPW&T is home to the County's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program.

DPW&T Community Liaison Courtney Ward, the County's now former Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager Karyn McAlister, Office of Transportation Chief of Transit System Development Ron Crites, and Special Assistant to the Director Andrea Lasker



PROMOTING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

On Friday October 26, 2018, DPW&T partnered with Prince George's County's Fire/EMS Department for pedestrian safety education at John H. Bayne Elementary School in Walker Mill.

Pre-K through 5th grade students gathered for assemblies to learn how to walk safely to and from school. Students were given pedestrian safety books and reflective stickers to take home and share with their families while classes were given poster boards for teams of students to create pedestrian safety message boards.

Do not forget: DPW&T is home to the County's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program.



Left: Now former Prince George's County Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager Karyn McAlister, County Fire/EMS Department's Teresa Crisman (who is also Safe Kids Prince George's County Lead Coordinator), and John H. Bayne Elementary School Counselor Rasheda Towns

Above: Students participate in the pedestrian safety assembly

Right: Prince George's County's Fire/EMS' Teresa Crisman

PARK(ing) DAY 2018



Above (back row): DPW&T Office of Highway Maintenance staff members Ansy Joseph, Tony Swann, Tony Stover, and James Halsey; (front row): Now former Prince George's County Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager Karyn McAlister and DPW&T 700-hour employee London Garner



Getting creative with it! On Friday, September 21, 2018, DPW&T participated in Hyattsville's third annual PARK(ing) Day. The international event, which occurs annually, gives people, organizations, and businesses the opportunity to create a public space out of a metered parking space.

Several DPW&T staff members helped promote the Department's services by transforming a parking space on Baltimore Avenue into a complete street — which is a street that allows for all modes of travel (vehicular, bicycles, and pedestrians). The space included a buffered bike lane, crosswalk, and even a bus stop complete with a bench.

DPW&T MEETS OLLI

On Wednesday, January 23, 2019, DPW&T's leadership staff, along with senior staff from County Executive Alsobrooks' office, went to National Harbor for Local Motors' Demo Day to experience Olli -- the "first co-created, self driving vehicle."

The group toured Local Motors' facility and had Olli take them for a spin. The electric vehicle contains sensors that allow it to constantly monitor all around it. Olli comes with IBM Watson IoT (internet of things) technology, which allows it to do such things as respond to riders' questions, offer restaurant suggestions, etc.



DPW&T OT Asst. Assoc. Dir. Semia Hackett, DPW&T OE&PM Assoc. Dir. Kate Mazzara, DPW&T OT Assoc. Dir. D'Andrea Walker, and DPW&T Dep. Dir. Gwen Clerkley enjoy a ride on Olli



DPW&T Acting Dir. Terry Bellamy, DCAO of Government Operations and Environmental Services Floyd Holt, DCAO of Government and Support Services Tara Jackson, DPW&T Dep. Dir. Gwen Clerkley, OT Assoc. Dir. D'Andrea Walker, and OT Asst. Assoc. Dir. Semia Hackett

Above: OT Assoc. Dir. D'Andrea Walker, DPW&T Acting Dir. Terry Bellamy, DCAO of Government and Support Services Tara Jackson, and DPW&T Dep. Dir. Gwen Clerkley

Above center: DPW&T Acting Dir. Terry Bellamy (wearing hat) and DCAO of Government Operations and Environmental Services Floyd Holt

Right: DCAO of Government Operations and Environmental Services Floyd Holt, DPW&T OT Asst. Assoc. Dir. Semia Hackett, DPW&T OHM Engineer IV Ed Jones, DPW&T Dep. Dir. Gwen Clerkley, DPW&T OE&PM Assoc. Dir. Kate Mazzara, DPW&T Acting Dir. Terry Bellamy, DPW&T PIO Paulette Jones, and OT Assoc. Dir. D'Andrea Walker (Photo courtesy of Local Motors)



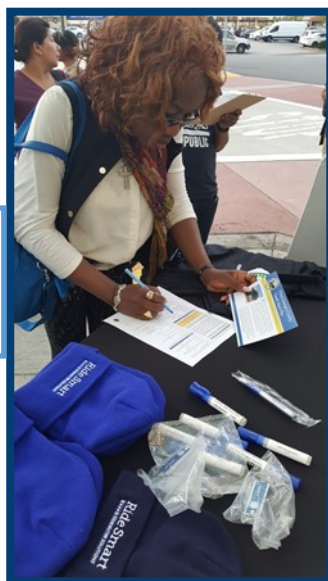
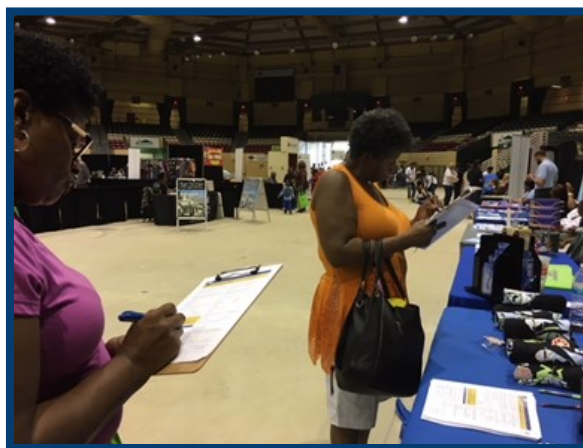
TRANSIT VISION PLAN UPDATE

DPW&T launched its five-year Transit Vision Plan in September 2017. The plan focuses on improving and expanding transit in Prince George's County.

DPW&T hosted Transit Vision Plan public information sessions, and pop-up events, to receive constituents' feedback about transit in the County. After reviewing that information, the plan's highlighted recommendations are:

- Improvements in service frequency
- Extending weekday service hours
- Expansion of service to Saturday (Phased implementation)
- Extending routes to strengthen connections to major activity centers (e.g., Largo, New Carrollton, National Harbor)
- Provide first and last mile connections to existing fixed routes — Microtransit/Flex routes (e.g., neighborhood routes)

The Transit Vision Plan has been under review by Prince George's County's Executive Leadership Team, forwarded to the County Council for its review, and is ready for review by County Executive Alsobrooks' transition team. The plan's public rollout is anticipated for 2019.



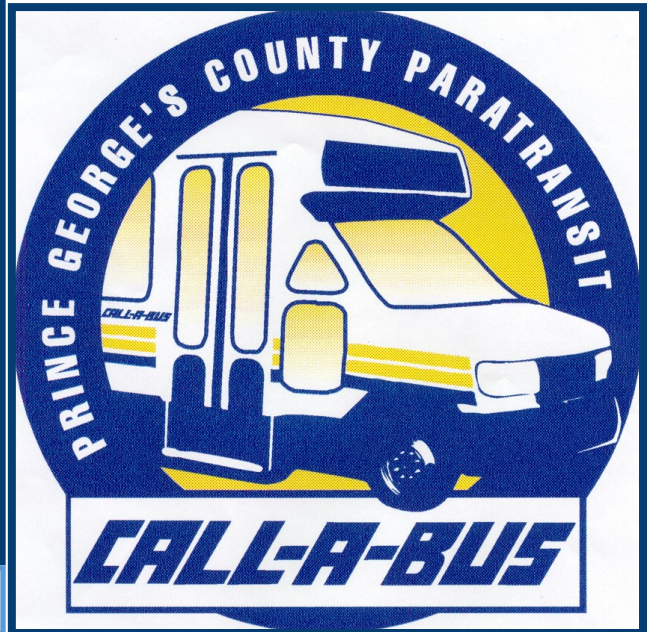
Right photo and upper right photo: Constituents complete the Transit Vision Plan survey to offer feedback about transit in the County



NOVUS UPDATE



Office of Transportation Para-transit operator, Robert Webb, uses Novus on a tablet



DPW&T's Office of Transportation began piloting the cloud-based software program Novus, for the County's Call-a-Bus program, last spring. The software boasts enhanced scheduling, booking, and dispatch services and helps us better communicate with our Call-a-Bus patrons.

With Novus' passenger notifications, patrons are automatically notified about trips via phone calls, e-mail, or text messages. The notifications not only improve passenger engagement, they also improve customer service, reduce confusion, and require fewer resources. Plus, they decrease the number of no-shows and drivers' wait times.

The introduction of Novus has had other positive effects. Now, patrons no longer need to schedule their appointments 14 days in advance but rather just seven days. This means they can schedule more trips per month and frequent riders will produce additional ridership.

Patrons may have noticed a few more improvements since we began using Novus — we have hired nine new transit operators and purchased 10 new Call-a-Buses.

FALL



2018



Above photo courtesy of Rebecca Courouble
Photos to the left courtesy of Phi. T. Thach



Photo to the left courtesy of Rebecca Courouble



Prince George's County communities, schools, and municipalities banded together to make the Fall 2018 'Clean Up, Green Up' a success!

Nearly 130 volunteer groups spent time beautifying the County on Saturday, October 20th. Flowers/trees/shrubs were planted while litter was removed.

Thank you to everyone who participated! We encourage communities to hold their own clean-up events and want to remind everyone of our Adopt-a-Road/Median Program.

A CLEAN UP, GREEN UP SUCCESS STORY: CAROLE HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



For three fall 'Clean Up, Green Up' events, Carole Highlands Elementary School's staff, students, and parents worked hard to transform the school's courtyard into a Maryland Woodland Understory Outdoor Classroom. They put the finishing touches on their new learning space during the Fall 2018 'Clean Up, Green Up.' Students will use the new classroom to conduct science experiments.

Over the two years, DPW&T helped remove truckloads of rocks from the space while the Neighborhood Design Center assisted by creating landscape plans for the future classroom.

Photos courtesy of Carole Highlands Elementary School.



COUNTY EXECUTIVE ALSOBROOKS' COMMUNITY CONVERSATION



Above: Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks talks to the crowd

Right: DPW&T Acting Director Terry Bellamy addresses the audience



Despite the frigid temperatures, several hundred Prince Georgians made their way to Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School in Upper

Marlboro, on Wednesday, January 30th, for Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks' Community Conversation event.

DPW&T was one of many of County agencies informing residents about the services it provides. Constituents gathered literature and giveaways from the participating departments' tables before making their way inside the auditorium.

During the event, residents heard from leaders of nearly two dozen County agencies about how their respective Department plans to improve their quality of life. DPW&T's then Acting Director (now Director), Terry Bellamy, stressed his Department is focused on safety and creating safe roads, as well as making Prince George's County a multimodal county.

County Executive Alsobrooks spoke about her Administration's priorities. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, she told the crowd its focus areas include, but aren't limited to, County beautification, children/youth, and transportation.

A question and answer session rounded out the evening.



Above: OE&PM Project Manager Noah Donoghue and OT Administrative Aide IV/ Office Manager Thomasine Johnson talk with constituents about DPW&T's services

Left: Prince George's County Council Chair Todd Tuner, DPW&T Deputy Director Martin Harris, and then DPW&T Acting Director (now Director) Terry Bellamy

DPW&T'S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE



County Executive's Office's Linda Turner, DPW&T PIO Paulette Jones (red dress), then DPW&T Acting Dir. Gwen Clerkley (back row), and Office of Community Relations' Thomas Johnson (far right) pose with several DPW&T Appreciation Award recipients



Office of Highway Maintenance Administrative Aide IV Denise Buckler, Office of the Director Administrative Aide IV Mary McClean, DPW&T Fiscal Coordinator Donna Marks, and Office of Highway Maintenance Special Services Division Chief Mike Brown



Left: The audience

Right: Constituents help themselves to produce, at the farmers' market, at our Open House



It was a good time all around at DPW&T's 5th annual Open House, which was held on Thursday, November 8, 2018!

About 100 County residents spent part of their day with us at our Maintenance Operations Center on D'Arcy Road in Forestville. They heard about project updates and winter operations, mixed and mingled with DPW&T leadership staff, picked produce from our farmers' market, and feasted on a catered lunch and desserts. The State Highway Administration, the Neighborhood Design Center, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission were also on site offering information to constituents and answering any questions they had.

We view our Open House as a time to remind the community how much its partnership means to us. We handed out several DPW&T Appreciation Awards to residents who are always striving to make their communities the best they can be.

Thank you to everyone who attended, and participated in, our Open House!

2018 SNOW SUMMITS



Talk about timing! Prince George's County wrapped up its 2018 Snow Summits the evening before the area's first wintry weather of the season.

The County held two Snow Summits -- one at Harmony Hall Regional Center in Fort Washington, on Tuesday, November 13th, and the other at Palmer Park Community Center in Landover, on Wednesday, November 14th.

The citizens who attended received valuable winter weather-related information from the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration, DPW&T, the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement, 311, the Health Department, WSSC, the Fire/EMS Department, and the Police Department. The presenting agencies, along with the County's Office of Homeland Security, also provided residents with important literature and some giveaways. A question and answer session followed the presentations.

A new feature was the addition of DPW&T's snow district managers and foremen. They were in attendance in case residents had questions about particular streets and routes.



Top photo: A constituent asks a question at the Snow Summit at Palmer Park Community Center

Middle photo: Office of Homeland Security's Ernest Walker and Anthony Anderson at the Snow Summit at Harmony Hall Regional Center

Bottom photo: DPW&T Office of Highway Maintenance Assoc. Dir., Vernon Stinnett, Jr., addresses the audience at the Snow Summit at Harmony Hall Regional Center



State Highway Administration's Aamir Khurram, DPW&T Office of Highway Maintenance Assoc. Dir. Vernon Stinnett, Jr., DPW&T's Dan Dorman, OCR-311's Jennifer Hawkins, then DPW&T Acting Dir. Gwen Clerkley, DPW&T PIO Paulette Jones, Health Dept.'s Richard Goddard, WSSC's Jerry Irvine, Fire/EMS Dept.'s Richard Riley, and Police Dept.'s Lt. Michael Nolle at the Snow Summit at Harmony Hall Regional Center

DPW&T'S SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT FAIR

In preparation for the winter season, DPW&T hosted a Seasonal Employment Fair on Friday, September 7, 2018 at the Westphalia Community Center in Upper Marlboro.

More than 120 people applied for the 30 open seasonal positions with DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance, which ranged from equipment operators to general clerks. However, the Department typically has additional needs throughout the year so the application and consideration process remains open year-round.

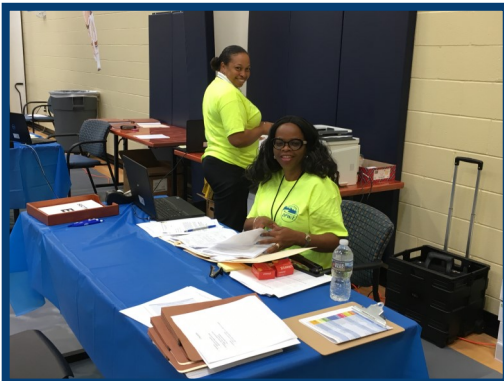
Applicants were interviewed at the event, and 57 of them received contingent offers of employment.



Far left photo: Then DPW&T 1,000-hour employee Keisha Davis advises a job applicant



Left photo: OHM Planner V Mary Holden interviews a job applicant



Far left photo: OAS Human Resources Administrative Asst. II Marcie Logan (standing) and OAS Human Resources Analyst III Sade Pyne



Left photo: Job applicants



Far left photo: OHM Chief Crew Supervisor Ramesh Patel and OHM Crew Supervisor III Chris Windsor prepare to interview job applicants



Left photo: OHM Crew Supervisors II Tony Swann (white shirt) and John Gray interview a job applicant

DPW&T'S BACKPACK GIVEAWAY



DPW&T Dep. Dir. Martin Harris, OT Assoc. Dir. D'Andrea Walker, then DPW&T Acting Dir. Gwen Clerkley, DPW&T PIO Paulette Jones, and DPW&T Administrative Aide IV Mary McClean pose with all the backpacks and school supplies donated by DPW&T staff



OT Assoc. Dir. D'Andrea Walker, DPW&T 700-hour employee London Garner, then DPW&T Acting Dir. Gwen Clerkley, DPW&T Administrative Aide II Paula Buckler, DPW&T PIO Paulette Jones, OT Chief of Transit Planning Anthony Foster, and OT Para-transit Operator Dwayne Rawlings

Every year, for the past five years, DPW&T's staff has come together to collect backpacks and school supplies for Prince George's County students.

This past year, the Department challenged itself with an impressive goal: collect 200 backpacks and literally stuff a Call-a-Bus full of bookbags and supplies. We are pleased to say we did it! -- collecting 200 backpacks and more than 8,000 school supplies.

DPW&T donated backpacks and school supplies to Benjamin Tasker Middle School in Bowie, Parkdale High School in Riverdale, Walker Mill Middle School in Capitol Heights, William Paca Elementary School in Landover, and Crossland High School in Temple Hills.



DPW&T Dep. Dir. Martin Harris, Benjamin Tasker Middle School Principal Dr. Kendra Hill, then Prince George's County Council Vice-Chair (now Chair) Todd Turner (District 4), and DPW&T PIO Paulette Jones



DPW&T PIO Paulette Jones and then DPW&T Acting Dir. Gwen Clerkley pose with students and staff at Walker Mill Middle School

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

On the evening of Wednesday, September 26, 2018, several DPW&T staff members attended the County's 48th annual Beautification Awards at the Newton White Mansion in Mitchellville.

Then DPW&T Acting Director, Gwen Clerkley, greeted the attendees along with the Department of the Environment's Associate Director of its Sustainability Division, Dawn Hawkins-Nixon.

The audience was treated to a presentation on the joy of plants by Dr. Richard T. Olsen, Director of the U.S. National Arboretum, before DPW&T Office of Highway Maintenance Associate Director, Vernon Stinnett, Jr., helped hand out the awards.

The event was capped off by Prince George's County Beautification Committee Chairman, R. Calvert Steuart, receiving a ruby trowel for his 40 years of service on the committee.

Congratulations to all the winners!



Top photo: Then DPW&T Acting Director, Gwen Clerkley, addresses the attendees

Bottom photo: Office of Transportation Deputy Associate Director Semia Hackett, Office of Highway Maintenance Associate Director Vernon Stinnett, Jr., and then DPW&T Acting Director Gwen Clerkley



Top photo: Office of Highway Maintenance Associate Director, Vernon Stinnett, Jr., poses with Golden Trowel Award recipient Gloria Hynes of Laurel

Bottom photo: Office of Highway Maintenance Landscape Architect Wayne Lucas and Office of Engineering and Project Management Engineering Services Division Chief Liz Miller

DPW&T EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND

Get to know some of DPW&T's amazing staff members!



Erv Beckett

Erv Beckett, Chief of DPW&T's Highway and Bridge Design Division and an employee with DPW&T for more than 18 years, has been elected president of the County Engineers Association of Maryland (CEAM). CEAM's primary mission is to raise the technical and non-technical standards of service rendered to the general public by the employees of CEAM's member organizations, in the counties of the

state of Maryland, through the establishment of a method of exchanging ideas and group discussion of mutual problems. CEAM's membership includes more than 600 county, state, municipal, and consulting engineers, as well as public works personnel, contractors, and suppliers.

Prior to his employment with Prince George's County, Erv worked as a design engineer for Greenhorne & O'Mara (now Stantec) in Maryland, Wilbur Smith Associates in Houston, Texas, and for the Mars Food Company in Russia.

Erv has an undergraduate degree in civil engineering from the University of Houston, another undergraduate degree in International Relations from Drexel University, and a masters degree in Public Policy from the University of Maryland, College Park. He has been a licensed professional engineer in the state of Maryland for more than 18 years.

DPW&T EMPLOYEES WHO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND

Semia Hackett

Semia Hackett, Assistant Associate Director of DPW&T's Office of Transportation, has been an employee with the Department for two years. She was recently appointed to the Transportation Association of Maryland's (TAM) Board of Directors. TAM is a statewide organization that is dedicated to improving mobility for all of Maryland's citizens. TAM is a viable and effective advocate for its members and provides professional development, training, and forums for the pursuit of excellence in public transportation by public, private, and specialized transportation providers.

Community transportation services provided by TAM members link people to community resources and promote business, tourism, and economic development.



Prior to her employment with Prince George's County, Semia worked as: the Chief Administration Officer for SunLine Transit Agency in southern California; Director of Operations with South Central Transit Authority in Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and Transit Planner with Delaware Transit Corporation in Wilmington, Delaware.

She holds an undergraduate degree in General Studies, with a minor in Finance, from Wilmington University and dual graduate degrees in Public Administration and Healthcare Administration from Wilmington University.

DPW&T EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND



Paulette Jones

Paulette Jones, who serves as DPW&T's Public Information Officer, is the newly selected 2nd-Vice President of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO-MD) for the 2018-2020 term. She brings a wealth of knowledge to the organization that includes Federal and state legislative experience, which will be instrumental in providing a unique opportunity to bridge the gap across jurisdictions, in multi-modal agencies, to

connect COMTO-MD to all of Maryland.

Prior to coming to the Department, Paulette worked for the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) as a Program Manager; the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration as Special Assistant to the District 3 Engineer; and as the Political Director for Congressman Elijah Cummings (MD-7).

Paulette holds a Master of Arts degree in Legal and Ethical Studies from the University of Baltimore, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (with specializations in Business, History, Government, and Public Policy) from the University of Baltimore. She also earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Fashion Design from Baltimore City Community College. While in attendance at the University of Baltimore, Paulette was inducted into the Sigma Nu Tau Entrepreneurship Honor Society and the Mu Kappa Tau National Marketing Honor Society.

NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Dan Artenie**

Dan Artenie joined DPW&T, on January 22, 2019, as an Engineering Technician IV with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Prior to joining the Department, he served as a Traffic Technician at MC Dean, Inc. Dan is a graduate of Dumitru Petrescu in Bucharest, Romania. Welcome, Dan!

Xavier Baker

Xavier Baker joined DPW&T, on July 23, 2018, as a Laborer I/II with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Prior to coming to the Department, Xavier was a self-employed barber. He is a graduate of the Hair Academy's Professional Barbering Program in New Carrollton, MD. Welcome, Xavier!

**D'Marco Baylor**

D'Marco Baylor joined DPW&T, on July 23, 2018, as a Laborer I/II with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Previously, he served as a Housekeeper for Westmoreland State Park. D'Marco is a graduate of Washington Lee High School in Arlington, VA. Welcome, D'Marco!

NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



Melvin Belt

Melvin Belt joined DPW&T, on May 29, 2018, as a Transit Operator I with the Office of Transportation. Prior to joining DPW&T, Melvin served as a Fixed Route Bus Operator with First Transit in Washington, DC; a Bus Operator with Adventure Tours in Accokeek, MD; and as a Bus Operator for Reston Limousine in Sterling, VA. He is a graduate of Bowie High School in Bowie, MD. Welcome, Melvin!

Tasha Brooks-Thornton

Tasha Brooks-Thornton joined DPW&T on February 19, 2019 as a Human Resources Analyst IV with the Office of Administrative Services. She has worked in HR for more than 10 years, in both the public and private sectors, focusing on healthcare, consulting, and talent acquisition. Prior to joining DPW&T, Tasha served as a HR Consultant and Director of HR for several non-profit organizations in the DC area. She was responsible for on-boarding, creating new HRIS technologies employee retention, benefits management, staffing and recruitment, and employee relations. Tasha is most passionate about employee relations and engagement, staffing and recruitment, and offering support to manage challenging situations. Tasha holds a MBA, with a concentration in Human Resources Management, from Strayer University and an undergraduate degree in Information Systems & Sciences from Morgan State University. Welcome, Tasha!



Bernard Brown

Bernard Brown joined DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance, as a Laborer I/II, on July 23, 2018. Bernard initially joined DPW&T, in January 2017, as a Temporary/Seasonal Laborer I with the Office of Highway Maintenance. He previously served as an Order Selector for Safeway Distribution in Upper Marlboro, MD. Bernard is a graduate of Parkdale High School in Riverdale, MD. Welcome, Bernard!

NEW EMPLOYEES

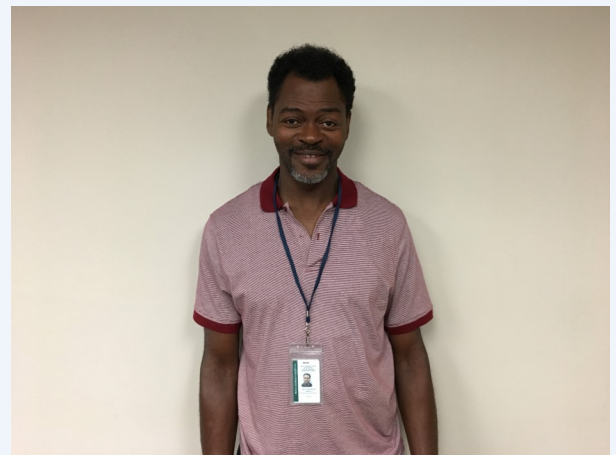
WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Kenneth Brown**

Kenneth Brown joined DPW&T, on June 11, 2018, as a Laborer I/II with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Kenneth initially joined the Department, in December 2017, as a Temporary/Seasonal Laborer I with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Before working for the County, Kenneth served as a Field Marketer for Thompson Creek in Lanham, MD; a Warehouse Line Worker with Randstad Agency in Upper Marlboro, MD; and as a Tire & Lube Express Technician at Sears in Waldorf, MD. He is a graduate of Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf, MD. Welcome, Kenneth!

Otis Brown

Otis Brown joined DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance, as a Laborer I/II, on June 11, 2018. Otis initially joined DPW&T, in October 2007, as a Temporary/Seasonal Laborer I with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Before coming to the Department, he served as the Assistant Manager at WOW Café in Waldorf, MD; a Shipment Processor at Victoria's Secret in Waldorf, MD; and a Line Cook at Bob Evans in Waldorf, MD. Otis is a graduate of Gwynn Park High School in Brandywine, MD. Welcome, Otis!

**Nathaniel Buchanan**

Nathaniel Buchanan joined DPW&T as a Laborer I/II, with the Office of Highway Maintenance, on February 4, 2019. Before coming to the Department, he served as a driver/laborer for a landscaping company. Nathaniel is a graduate of Ballou High School in Washington, D.C. Welcome, Nathaniel!

NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Catherine Childs**

Catherine Childs joined DPW&T, on December 10, 2018, as a Transit Operator with the Office of Transportation. Previously, she served as a Driver for DTS. Welcome, Catherine!

Antonett Dorsey

Antonett Dorsey joined DPW&T, on June 11, 2018, as a Transit Operator I with the Office of Transportation. Prior to coming to DPW&T, Antonett worked as a Transit Operator with Transdev Services in Forestville, MD; a Member Services Representative with Engraving & Printing Federal Credit Union in Washington, DC; and as a Senior Teller with Bank of America in Hillcrest Heights, MD. She is a graduate of Frank W. Ballou Senior High School in Washington, DC. Welcome, Antonett!

**Michael Dudley**

Michael Dudley joined DPW&T as a Laborer I/II, with the Office of Highway Maintenance, on July 9, 2018. Michael originally joined DPW&T, in January 2014, as a Temporary/Seasonal Laborer I with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Before working for the Department, Michael served as a Mechanic with AMF, Inc. in Hyattsville, MD. He is a graduate of Suitland High School in Suitland, MD. Welcome, Michael!

NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



Tina Eley

Tina Eley joined DPW&T, on January 7, 2019, as a Community Developer I/II with the Office of Transportation. Prior to joining the Department, Tina served as a Maintenance Operations Manager with the Virginia Department of Transportation. She is a graduate of Saint Leo University in Hampton, Virginia. Welcome, Tina!

Nawaf Esayed

Nawaf Esayed joined DPW&T, as the Deputy Associate Director of the Office of Highway Maintenance, on October 1, 2018. He is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Maryland, and has more than 25 years of experience working for the public and private sectors. Prior to joining the Department, Nawaf worked for the Department of the Environment's (DoE) Storm Water Management Division as the section head of the Capital Improvement Program construction group. He's also worked for the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPIE) as the coordinator for Peer and Third Party Expedited Plan Review Programs within the Permitting and Licensing Division. In the private sector, Nawaf was involved in the structural design of residential and commercial buildings, structural inspections, and forensic engineering and construction management. He holds an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from Valparaiso University in Indiana, and a graduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Welcome, Nawaf!



William Fleming, Sr.

William Fleming, Sr. joined DPW&T full-time, on July 23, 2018, as a Laborer I/II with the Office of Highway Maintenance. He originally began working for the Department, in April 2018, as a 700-hour Laborer I with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Prior to his time with DPW&T, William served as a Bus Driver for RMA Worldwide Chauffeur. He is a graduate of McKinley Senior High School in Washington, DC. Welcome, William!

NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Dwight Gordon**

Dwight Gordon joined DPW&T, as a Traffic Service Worker III with the Office of Highway Maintenance, on February 4, 2019. Prior to working for the Department, Dwight served as a Systems Administrator/Engineering Technician II for the Milliamp Company. He is a graduate of Freestate Challenge Academy A in Gunpowder, Maryland. Welcome, Dwight!

Stacy Howard

Stacy Howard joined DPW&T full-time, as a General Clerk IV with the Office of Highway Maintenance, on September 17, 2018. Stacy originally joined DPW&T in January 2017 as a 700-hour General Clerk I with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Prior to coming to the Department, Stacy served as a Reservationist at M.V. Transportation. She is a graduate of Parkdale High School in Riverdale, MD. Welcome, Stacy!

**Dalvin Hutton**

Dalvin Hutton joined DPW&T, on June 11, 2018, as an Equipment Operator I with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Prior to coming to the Department, Dalvin served as a Truck Driver for Rexel Branch in Upper Marlboro, MD; a Firefighter/EMT with Prince George's County Fire Department in Beltsville, MD; and a Truck Driver with Duron Paint & Wallcovering in Beltsville, MD. He is a graduate of Bladensburg High School in Bladensburg, MD. Welcome, Dalvin!

NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Azwan Khalid**

Azwan Khalid joined DPW&T's Office of Engineering & Project Management, as a GIS Specialist, on October 15, 2018. He previously served as a consultant for the Department. Prior to coming to DPW&T, Azwan worked as a GIS Project Manager for RIVUS Consulting, LLC. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona. Welcome, Azwan!

Lamont Newman

Lamont Newman joined DPW&T, as a Laborer I/II with the Office of Highway Maintenance, on May 29, 2018. Lamont originally joined DPW&T, in October 2007, as a Temporary/Seasonal Laborer I with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Prior to his time with the Department, Lamont served as a Warehouse Representative for Comcast in Capitol Heights, MD. He is a graduate of Croom High School in Cheltenham, MD. Welcome, Lamont!

**Sade Pyne**

Sade Pyne joined DPW&T, on September 3, 2018, as a Human Resource Analyst III with the Office of Administrative Services. Prior to working for DPW&T, Sade served as a Personnel Analyst II with the Prince George's County Health Department. She is a graduate of the University of IFE in Osun State, Nigeria. Welcome, Sade!

NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Tracy Sherman**

Tracy Sherman joined DPW&T, on December 10, 2018, as a Transit Operator with the Office of Transportation. Before coming to DPW&T, Tracy served as a Motor Coach Bus Operator for Martz Gold Line. She is a graduate of The Art Institute of Seattle in Seattle, Washington. Welcome, Tracy!

Michael Snyder

Michael Snyder joined DPW&T as the Chief of the Storm Drain Maintenance Division, with the Office of Highway Maintenance, on September 3, 2018. Prior to coming to the Department, he worked for the County's Department of the Environment's Storm Water Management Division as an Engineer IV. While there he led an engineering team responsible for the design of drainage improvement projects along with the planning and design of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Management retrofit projects. He initiated the first Shoreline Restoration Program in Prince George's County that resulted in the design of four shoreline restoration projects for the Anacostia, Potomac, and Patuxent Rivers. Michael also spent 10 years working for the Charles County Government as an Engineer III-Senior Project Manager and Engineering Team Leader for the Capital Services Division. He grew up in Prince George's County, graduating from Crossland High School in Temple Hills. Michael earned his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering, specializing in Construction Management, from the University of Maryland, College Park. Welcome, Michael!

**Anucha Thongkum**

Anucha Thongkum joined DPW&T, on June 11, 2018, as an Equipment Operator I with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Prior to his time with the Department, Anucha served as a Truck Driver for Arsenal Transportation. He has earned his Class A commercial driver's license. Welcome, Anucha!

NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Brenden Watts**

Brenden Watts joined DPW&T, on October 1, 2018, as a Planner I/II with the Office of Transportation. Before coming to the Department, Brenden served as a Corrections Officer with the Department of Public Safety. He is a graduate of Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD. Welcome, Brenden!

Keith Wharton

Keith Wharton joined DPW&T, on January 22, 2019, as a Permits Specialist Aide III with the Office of Transportation. Prior to joining the Department, Keith served as a Safety and Occupational Health Specialist. He is a graduate of Strayer University in Prince George's County, MD. Welcome, Keith!

**Zerihun Woldemariam**

Zerihun Woldemariam joined DPW&T, on October 1, 2018, as a Construction Standards Inspector I/II with the Office of Highway Maintenance. He previously served as a consultant for DPW&T. Zerihun earned his graduate degree from Arba Minch University in Arba Minch, Ethiopia. Welcome, Zerihun!

EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

**Dennis Brady**

Dennis Brady was promoted to Masonry Mechanic I/II, with DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance (OHM), on September 17, 2018. Dennis originally joined DPW&T, in July 2005, as a Laborer I with OHM. Prior to his promotion, Dennis served as a Trades Helper II. He is a graduate of Parkdale High School in Riverdale, MD. Congratulations, Dennis!

Wayne Cauthen

Wayne Cauthen originally joined DPW&T on December 8, 2003, as a Temporary/Seasonal Equipment Operator I, with the Office of Highway Maintenance (OHM). On August 9, 2004, Wayne was selected for a full-time Laborer I/II position with OHM. A little more than two years later, Wayne was selected for, and laterally transferred into, a Trades Helper I/II position and was subsequently promoted to a Masonry Mechanic I/II in February 2009. In July 2018, Wayne was promoted to a Masonry Mechanic III position with OHM. Prior to joining DPW&T, Wayne served as a Motor Vehicle Operator with the District of Columbia Government in Washington, DC. He is a graduate of Groveton High School (now West Potomac High School) in Alexandria, VA. Congratulations, Wayne!

**Kevin Clinkscales**

Kevin Clinkscales originally joined DPW&T, on January 26, 2015, as a Temporary/Seasonal Equipment Operator I with the Office of Transportation (OT). In December 2016, Kevin was selected for a full-time Equipment Operator I position with OT. Then, in September 2018, Kevin was promoted to an Investigator I/II position with OT. Prior to joining DPW&T, Kevin served as Program Support Assistant for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in Rockville, MD; a Truck Driver/Laborer Specialist/Chauffer at All Clear Business Solutions in Elkridge, MD; and a Transit Operator with WMATA in Washington, DC. He is a graduate of Central High School in Capitol Heights, MD. Congratulations, Kevin!

EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

**Walter Hall**

Walter Hall was promoted to a Crew Supervisor I position with DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance on January 7, 2019. Prior to his promotion, he worked as an Equipment Operator II with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Walter, who began working for the Department in December 1988, is a graduate of Suitland High School in Suitland, Maryland. Congratulations, Walter!

Ramon Halsey

Ramon Halsey originally joined DPW&T, on October 18, 1993, as a Laborer I/II with the Office of Highway Maintenance (OHM). During his 25 year tenure with the Department, Ramon was promoted to an Equipment Operator I in 2011, a Masonry Mechanic I/II in 2003, a Crew Supervisor II in 2004, a Construction Standards Inspector I in 2011, and a Construction Standards Inspector II in 2012. In June 2018, Ramon was promoted to a Construction Standards Inspector III with OHM. Prior to joining DPW&T, Ramon served as Stock Clerk at Sears in Washington, DC. He is a graduate of Crossland High School in Temple Hills, MD. Congratulations, Ramon!

**Gary Hamilton**

Gary Hamilton was promoted to a Crew Supervisor I position with DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance on January 7, 2019. Before that, he served as an Equipment Operator I for the Department's Office of Highway Maintenance. Gary began working for DPW&T in October 2007. He is a graduate of Crossland High School in Temple Hills, Maryland. Congratulations, Gary!

EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

**Steven Howard**

Steven Howard was promoted to Construction Standards Inspector I/II, with DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance (OHM), on September 3, 2018. He originally joined DPW&T, in October 2004, as a Laborer I/II with OHM. Prior to his promotion, Steven served as a Laborer II. He is a graduate of Largo High School in Largo, MD. Congratulations, Steven!

Stacy Keating

Stacy Keating was promoted to Crew Supervisor II, with DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance, on January 7, 2019. Prior to his promotion, Stacy served as a Crew Supervisor I for that office. He joined the Department in January 2000. Congratulations, Stacy!

**Doctress Marrow**

Doctress Marrow originally joined DPW&T, on December 29, 2003, as a Laborer I/II with the Office of Highway Maintenance (OHM). In June 2018, he was promoted to an Equipment Operator I with OHM. Prior to joining DPW&T, Doctress served as an Auditor/Team Leader at RGIS in Camp Springs, MD, and as a Mainframe Attendant at Verizon in Washington, DC. He is a graduate of Suitland High School in Suitland, MD. Congratulations, Doctress!

EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS



Gregory Mickey

Gregory Mickey was promoted to an Equipment Operator I, with DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance, on January 7, 2019. Prior to his promotion, Gregory served as a Laborer I/II with that office. He began working for DPW&T in November 2016. Gregory is a graduate of Eastern High School in Washington, D.C. Congratulations, Gregory!

Ramesh Patel

Ramesh Patel was promoted to Chief Crew Supervisor, with DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance (OHM), on June 25, 2018. Ramesh originally joined DPW&T, in October 2015, as a Construction Standards Inspector I/II with OHM. Prior to working for the Department, Ramesh served as a Program Manager III with the State Highway Administration. He is a graduate of B.V. Mahavidyalay in India. Congratulations, Ramesh!



Timothy Slavin

Timothy "Tim" Slavin was promoted to Construction Standards Inspector I/II, with DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance (OHM), on September 3, 2018. Tim originally joined the Department, in February 2015, as a Laborer I/II with OHM. Prior to coming to DPW&T, he served as an instructor at the College of Southern Maryland and as a Motorcycle Technician at GRD Cycle and Clinton Cycles. Tim received his Heavy Equipment Certification from DPW&T. Congratulations, Tim!

EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

**Shawntea Smith**

Shawntea Smith originally joined DPW&T, on December 12, 2006, as a Limited Term Grant Funded Engineering Technician I with the Office of Transportation (OT). In 2007, Shawntea was selected for a full-time Engineering Technician I/II position in that office. Then, in 2014, she was selected for, and laterally transferred into, a Community Developer I/II position. In April 2018, Shawntea was selected for an Investigator I/II position with OT — transferring from a Community Developer II position. Prior to joining DPW&T, Shawntea served as a HR Assistant/Data Clerk for Randstad Staffing Agency in Bowie, MD, and as a Receptionist for Taylor's Trash Company in Washington, DC. She is a graduate of Duval High School in Lanham, MD and TESST College of Technology, where she studied Intergraded Business Computer Applications. Congratulations, Shawntea!

Derek Thompson

Derek Thompson was promoted to Construction Standards Inspector I/II, with DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance (OHM), on June 25, 2018. Derek originally joined the Department, in November 1988, as a Laborer I with OHM. Prior to his promotion, Derek served as an Equipment Operator I with OHM. He has prior experience as a laborer with Chopp & Company, and Reliable Contracts. Congratulations, Derek!

**Christopher Washington**

Christopher Washington was promoted to an Equipment Operator I position with DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance on February 4, 2019. He joined DPW&T full-time, in July 2018, as a Laborer I/II with that office. Prior to working for the Department, Christopher worked as a flatbed driver. He is a graduate of Oxon Hill High School in Oxon Hill, MD. Congratulations, Christopher!

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

CONGRATULATIONS!

50 Years of Service!

Fifty years is a long time — no matter how you look at it. This past August, Lester Wilkerson, Sr. celebrated 50 years of service with Prince George's County Government. And, he has spent all 50 of those years working for DPW&T.

You may recall Lester was a featured employee in the Department's last quarterly newsletter as he is DPW&T's longest-serving employee (of the Department's current employees).

Lester is a Construction Standards Inspector II with DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance. February 2019 marked 30 years in his current role.

We thank Lester for his five decades of hard work and dedication to the Department and the people of Prince George's County.

UPCOMING EVENTS



'Growing Green With Pride'
(formerly 'Clean Up, Green Up')
Saturday, May 4, 2019



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