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2019 Fall/Winter Quarterly Edition

"Keep Prince George's County Moving"



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Director's Message

The Fall/Winter Quarterly edition of the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation's (DPW&T) quarterly newsletter has arrived! The Department was very busy this last quarter with projects essential to safety and the quality of life here in Prince George's County. We remain steadfast in our efforts to achieve Vision Zero and to support County Executive Alsobrooks' objective to offer more connectivity within the County.

We are Prince George's Proud. We are reimagining transportation and making improvements to service, in addition to expanding our infrastructure to include new technology and innovative design. We have enlisted your help through surveys and community events. We will continue to work hard for you.

As we settle into the winter season, an even busier time for the Department, we will continue to keep the needs of all Prince Georgians at the heart of the work we do. Our commitment is to you.

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The DPW&T Newsletter is a quarterly publication. We welcome and encourage your suggestions for future stories. Please contact Paulette Jones at pljones@co.pg.md.us, or call 301-883-5600.

Year End Round Up



Projects and Collaborations

Trafalgar Court

The storm drain at Trafalgar Court in Fort Washington was eroded and damaged, to include the headwall and one section of pipe which fell into the discharge channel. The channel's instability migrated over time and created conditions where the eroded slope became very steep.

To stabilize the area, DPW&T extended the existing storm drain network and filled the eroding channel. The storm drain and open-channel combination will prevent further erosion, ensure long-term stability and improve the water quality of Tinker Creek.

(Before)



(After)



Greencastle Road Bridge Reopens

Following an eight month project, we are pleased to announce that the Greencastle Road Bridge reopened on Wednesday, November 27, 2019. Located in west Laurel, Greencastle Road serves as a major connector road between Montgomery and Prince George's County.

On March 18, 2019 the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation closed the Greencastle Road Bridge over Little Paint Branch Stream due to serious structural deficiencies and concerns for the safety of motorists and other bridge users.

The Department pursued an aggressive design and construction schedule to address the deficiencies. The work included the full replacement of the bridge sub and super structures. Thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout this process.

(Before)



(After)



Groveton Drive

Due to severe bank erosion of an unnamed tributary to Piscataway Creek and a failed outfall, a stabilization project was completed on Groveton Drive in Clinton. The existing stream bank was also discovered to be deeply entrenched.

The project was designed to ensure water surface elevations were not increased across the floodplain for the proposed repair. Stream flow was maintained throughout the entire construction period.

The completed improvements included soil lifts, plantings, new endwall installation, partial storm drain replacement and fence repairs.

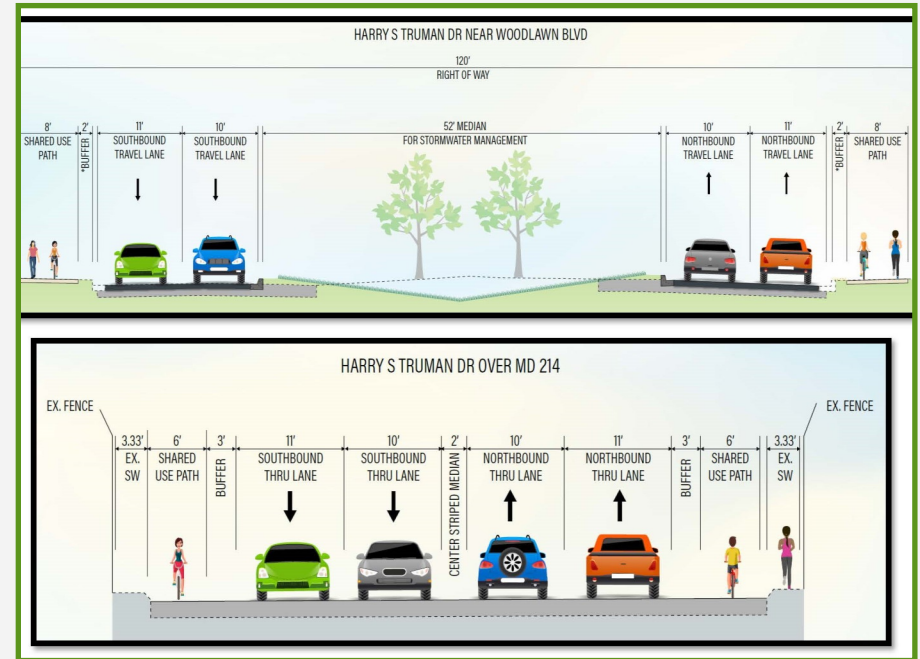


Vision Zero Prince George's

This year the County Executive launched Vision Zero Prince George's, an initiative to eliminate traffic related fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways by 2040.

We are asking for your help in achieving this significant goal. Prince Georgians throughout the County have signed the Vision Zero Pledge at community events and meetings, and you can too.

In addition to taking the pledge we want to hear your thoughts on how we can make Vision Zero a reality. The Vision Zero Team has developed a suggestions survey that can be found by clicking the image found on our webpage, [VisionZeroPrinceGeorges.com](https://www.visionzero-princegeorges.com). We value your opinions and ideas because safety is a shared responsibility. We look forward to hearing from you.



Harry S. Truman Dr Green-Complete Streets Capital Improvement Program Project

The Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) is beginning the design process for roadway improvements along a 2.4 mile stretch of Harry S. Truman Drive from White House Road to Lottsford Road, to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety and provide stormwater treatment. The design will be finalized in early 2021, with construction slated to begin later that year.

If you were unable to attend the public information meeting held on November 25, 2019 and have questions about the project or would like to submit comments, please contact Timothy Rye, Project Manager for the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation at TRye@co.pg.md.us or by phone at (301) 883-5694.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

The National Harbor Gets a New Bike Docking Station



Ditch your cars and take a ride! A new 15-dock bikeshare station was installed at the National Harbor Carousel on December 4, 2019.

New docking stations are planned to be installed throughout Prince George's County as we continue to work to strengthen our infrastructure network for bicyclists and encourage multimodal transportation.

Bikeshare has become an essential method of transportation and we are increasing our inventory to provide you with more connectivity in Prince George's County. There are a variety of membership options, including monthly passes. Rides start as low as \$2, so why not give it a try?

Visit capitalbikeshare.com or click [here](#) for more information on bikeshare.

Green Striping Treatment



As part of Prince George's County's Vision Zero Safety Enhancements, the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation applied a green striped treatment (green paint) directing bicyclists through two intersections to raise awareness for motorists and bicyclists who must share the road through the intersection.

The green paint is a continuation of the bike lanes on Auth Road which connects to the Branch Avenue Metro

Station. The green paint provides visual cues for all users, alerting them of the conflict points on Woods Road at Auth Place (northbound and southbound) and Woods Road at the Metro Entrance/East to create a safer environment.

This is the first use of green paint striping at an intersection on a County road and will serve as a pilot for similar treatments in the future.

Please call or submit your bike lane inquiries via our 311 system by dialing 3-1-1 or using our [CountyClick311.com](https://www.countyclick311.com) website.



National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Visits DPW&T

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), a division of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG), visited the Department of Public Works and Transportation this fall. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Director of Transportation Planning, Kanti Srikanth and Principal Transportation Planner, John Swanson, joined members of our staff, including Director Terry Bellamy to discuss our partnership.

Among the topics discussed were the region's policy framework, including Visualize 2045, a federally mandated, comprehensive transportation plan for the National Capital Region and aspirational initiatives from the plan.

Additionally, possible ways in which TPB might be able to assist its member jurisdictions and agencies were discussed.



Transportation

Chinese Delegation Visits DPW&T to Bridge the Gap and Talk Transportation

The Department of Public Works and Transportation, in partnership with Triway International Group, hosted two Chinese delegations of engineers in November and December to share information regarding bridges and transportation. The meetings are mutually beneficial, offering a free exchange of ideas and information. The sessions allowed us to share best practices and gain knowledge that can be applied to future projects.

We hosted the first group of senior engineers from the Tianjin Municipal Engineering Design and Research Institute (TMEDI) on November 1, 2019. Tianjin, an important transportation and port hub, is located in the northern region of China and is the country's third largest municipality following Shanghai and Beijing.



Director Bellamy and DPW&T staff with senior engineers from the Tianjin Municipal Engineering Design and Research Institute during their first visit.

DPW&T shared our practices regarding safety and bridge standardization. The delegation discussed contributing factors in bridge design, sharing that bridges are designed to reflect the areas in which they are constructed. They shared beautiful images of some of their proudest achievements.

On December 6, 2019, DPW&T hosted the second delegation from China.

DPW&T provided an overview of our transportation and public works services, detailing our management model and policies.



The Tianjin Eye, a ferris wheel built above the Yongle Bridge over the Hai River in Tianjin, China



The Kangbashi Bridge in Ordos City, China. The design, which includes horseheads was created to honor the region's Mongolian history.



Deputy Director Harris and DPW&T staff with TMEDI delegates during their second visit.

Transportation

TheBus Stop Blades Get a New Look

Bus stop blade signs are being replaced throughout the County to provide TheBus riders with more information and to make commuting even more seamless. The new signs feature the names and numbers of the routes that service the stop, a stop identification number and ways in which riders can obtain real-time information.

Commuters can text 41411 or call (301) 324-BUSS and receive information about the next bus arriving at the stop location by simply providing the stop's unique identification number. We are always looking for new and effective ways we can communicate the information you need, when you need it.



- 1 Route Number
- 2 Route Destination
- 3 Stop ID Number
- 4 Passengers can text the bus stop ID number on the sign to 41411 to get real-time bus arrival information.
- 5 For more information, passengers can call 301-324-BUSS or visit www.princegeorgescountymd.gov

Text **PGCBUS [Stop ID #]** at the top left of the bus stop sign to **41411** to receive next bus arrival times.



Coming Soon: Microtransit

A new on-demand public transportation option is coming to Prince George's County! Think Uber or Lyft, but with a DPW&T owned and operated paratransit vehicle. Microtransit will launch as a pilot, debuting in the Southern portion of the County in 2020.

Microtransit is an integrative transit solution that couples technology with our existing transit infrastructure to offer an increased level of service and yet another commuter alternative to Prince Georgians and those who travel throughout our County.

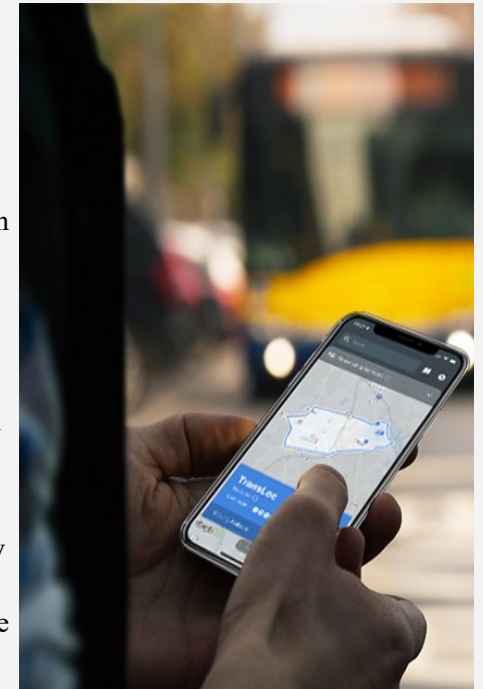
Designed to fill service gaps in sections of the County that are underserved, Microtransit will increase connectivity in places that TheBus' fixed routes do not travel. The pilot service will cover an 11 square mile radius, providing service between Fort Washington and Oxon Hill.

Commuters will be able to easily access this service by using a mobile app, website or telephone. Riders will request a ride with the origin and destination in the defined service area and receive real-time alerts and tracking information, including a notification of when their bus is arriving and when it is nearing its destination.

The initial pilot will operate Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. During the pilot, customers will be surveyed to better understand commuter needs and overall satisfaction with the service.

We have partnered with Transloc, a mobility solutions company that has already conducted simulations of the pilot here in the County, and we will keep you updated with more information as the launch date nears.

We are excited and Prince George's Proud to provide you with more ways to travel in our County.

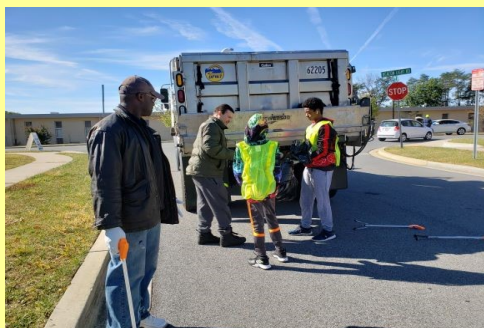


Community Engagement

2019 Fall Growing Green With Pride Day

The Fall Growing Green With Pride Day event was a huge success. Held on Saturday, October 19, 2019, it was the second countywide beautification and cleanup day this year. Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks launched the County's Beautification Initiative this past spring and Prince Georgians were eager to get out and show how Prince George's Proud they are once again by collecting litter, illegally dumped trash and also by planting foliage and flowers throughout the County.

Thank you to the more than 4,000 participants who volunteered. We look forward to seeing the 10,000 daffodil bulbs planted in full bloom during the spring.

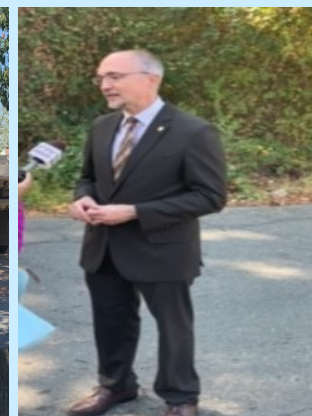


2019 Fall Litter Blitz

The Litter Blitz is an ongoing initiative and the blitz that took place this fall served as a lead up to the 2019 Fall Growing Green with Pride Day event.

Part of County Executive Alsobrooks' Beautification Initiative, the Litter Blitz resulted in DPW&T crews collecting illegally dumped material and litter throughout the County.

County Executive Alsobrooks' Deputy Chief of Staff John Erzen, and DPW&T Director, Terry Bellamy, spoke with the media to educate and inform Prince Georgians about these issues, including enforcement, punitive actions and the ways in which such acts can be reported. To report illegal dumping or litter please utilize the 311 system by dialing 3-1-1 or visiting coun.tyclick311.com.



49th Annual Beautification Awards

Each year the Prince George's County Beautification Committee honors those who have shown excellence and dedication to the beautification of the County through landscape and gardening design during the Annual Beautification Awards Ceremony. This year's ceremony was held on September 25, 2019 at the Newton White Mansion in Mitchellville.

Participants were evaluated by accredited judges and competed in three categories: homeowners, renters and professionally designed properties. First year winners received a Beautification Certificate Award. Winners who have submitted their gardens or landscape for two to five years received the Superior Sustained Maintenance Award. Finally, winners with six or more years of participation received the Golden Trowel Award and had their names entered into the Horticulture Hall of Excellence.



Community Enhancement

Community Partners' Meeting: Fall and Winter Sessions



Our sister agency, the Department of the Environment (DoE), hosted the fall meeting, while DPW&T hosted the winter meeting held at the Maintenance Operation Center (MOC) in Forestville.

During both sessions attendees received vital information from DPW&T, the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) and the Department of the Environment (DoE).

In addition to the information presented from each agency, community partners were given the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers in real-time.

Your participation and partnership is imperative as we continue to work collaboratively for the betterment of Prince George's County.

We hope to see all our longtime and new Community Partners at our spring session. We will provide more information on the date and time as the meeting nears.



We're Proud to Serve Those Who Served Us

During Prince George's County's Annual Veterans Stand Down and Homeless Resource Day on November 2, 2019, Call-A-Bus, the agency's paratransit service, provided one hundred special trips to help attendees get to and from the event.

Paratransit vehicles transported attendees from Prince George's Plaza, Naylor Road and Suitland Metro stations as well as Glassmanor Community Center.

It is our honor to give back to those who have given so much to us.



County Executive Alsobrooks & DPW&T Visit the Lynnanan Community Association

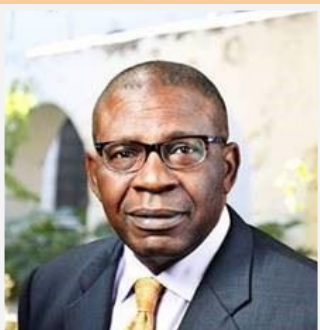
County Executive Angela Alsobrooks continued her ongoing conversations with the community by stopping by a Lynnanan Community Association meeting.

DPW&T Deputy Director Martin Harris and Public Information Officer Paulette Jones, as well as DoE Director Joseph Gill and Delegate Dereck Davis, joined her as they spoke with residents about important issues facing the Lynnanan Community.



DPW&T in the Spotlight

T4A Features Director Bellamy in Member Spotlight



Member Spotlight: Terry Bellamy Director of Public Works and Transportation for Prince George's County, MD

Director Terry L. Bellamy was featured in the Transportation For America Member Spotlight. Comprised of local, regional and state leaders, Transportation for America is an advocacy organization that “envision[s] a transportation system that safely, affordably and conveniently connects people of all means and ability to jobs, services, and opportunity through multiple modes of travel.”

In the members only article, Director

Bellamy provided an overview of the goals of the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation, the agency's services and strategic focus areas, as well as current and forthcoming initiatives and projects. The interview also details what inspires Director Bellamy daily as he works to make Prince George's County a safer and more convenient place to commute and live.

Honoring Our Veterans

DPW&T honored the heroes among us, our veterans, at a luncheon with Director Bellamy on November 7, 2019, just ahead of Veterans Day. DPW&T employs such a diverse workforce with differing skills, experience and backgrounds. We are proud that some of our country's bravest call DPW&T and Prince George's County home.

We would like to thank all veterans, especially ours, for your service, dedication and sacrifice!



Honoring Our Rising Stars

Congratulations DPW&T Staff & Family Member Graduates

<u>DPW&T Staff</u>	<u>Graduate</u>	<u>Relation</u>	<u>School</u>
Erv Beckert	Maria Beckert	Daughter	Elizabeth Seton High School

We take pride in the accomplishments of our DPW&T family. If you or a member of your family have a graduation milestone to celebrate, we would love to share this exciting announcement.

Email Tiffany Minor at TAMinor1@co.pg.md.us



Employees News

Welcome to Our Team!



Don Ray
Realty Specialist I/II



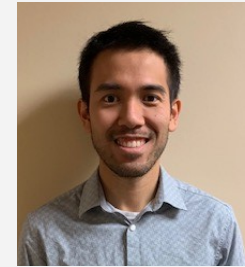
Jonice Earle
Investigator I/II



Kai Moore
Contractual Services Officer



Maleika Matthews
Administrative Aid I/II



Caleb Hii
Engineer III



Tiffany Minor
Public Information Officer III



Nima Upadhyay
Planner III



Willie Clark
Laborer I/II



Tiffany Jennings
Planner III



Ron Bush
Laborer I/II



Jessica Bell
Human Resources Assistant I/II



Johnice McKinney
Clerk III



Marise Johnson
Procurement Assistant II

Employee News

2019 Employee Appreciation Day

DPW&T celebrated its employees at the 2019 Employee Appreciation Day on Friday, October 11, 2019. Our workforce is not just our most valuable assets, they are family. Each day they work to ensure our operations run seamlessly. They work tirelessly to serve the people of Prince George's County and we wanted to recognize them for all of their hard work and dedication. We want to let them know their work doesn't go unnoticed.

At our Annual Employee Appreciation Day celebration, employees were honored with certificates, plaques and other tokens of appreciation to commemorate their years of service, commitment and the excellent work they do.

The holidays are a time to show appreciation and fellowship with friends and family. The DPW&T family enjoyed a holiday celebration allowing staff to take a break from the great work they do year round and enjoy the spirit of the holidays.

The celebration was a potluck style lunch complete with games and competitions. This year's theme, created by DPW&T employee Regina Ford, was

centered around gingerbread houses. Staff transformed the room into a large gingerbread house and competed in a gingerbread house making competition. Employees also dressed up for a fashion show, titled "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," where participants donned their holiday garb and vied for prizes.



Annual Holiday Celebration



"The Good" Winner

For Your Information



CountyClick 311

CountyClick 311 is a citizen portal that records and tracks all reported service requests under the oversight of the Department of Public Works & Transportation.

All constituent inquiries will receive a case number assigned according to CountyClick. Should you need further assistance, please reach out to our office with this case number and we will provide a response to your inquiry.

You can use this service by dialing

3-1-1 from a phone within the County, visiting countyclick311.com or downloading the CountyClick311 mobile app. Problems generally reported include, but are not limited to those listed below:

- Animal Carcass Removal
- Downed Trees
- Litter Pick-up
- Neighborhood Traffic Issues
- Potholes
- Roadway Hazards
- Street Lights
- Traffic Signs



Census 2020

Census 2020 is coming and your participation is essential. Not only does the Census help determine representation, but it helps to decide allocation of federal funds. You'll begin to receive invitations to take the Census online as early as March. To learn more about the Census visit our website, pgcensus2020.org.

GROWING GREEN

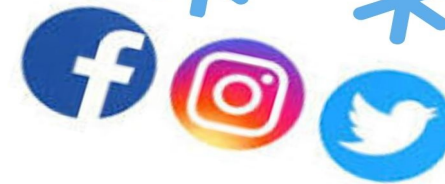


WITH PRIDE

Save the Date

Just announced: The Spring 2020 Growing Green With Pride Day countywide cleanup and beautification event will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020. Be on the lookout for more information about this event, including registration forms in the coming weeks.

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