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Department of Public Works and Transportation

Newsletter



SPRING/SUMMER 2017

Director's Message

The Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) started spring off with a bang and never looked back.

During the spring season, we put on another successful 'Clean Up, Green Up' countywide community event and hosted a litter removal event in Hyattsville. We powered through the final SafeTrack Surges affecting Prince George's County, held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Swann Road Improvement Project, and attended numerous civic association and community meetings.

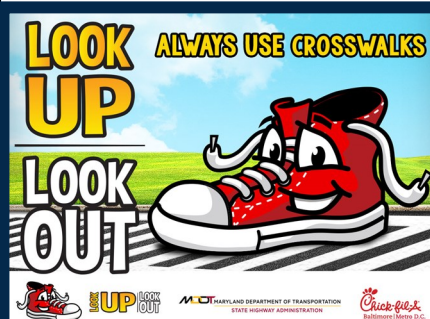


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With summer here, the Department is excited to participate in area festivals and community events. Thank you for your continued support as we serve those who live, work, and play in Prince George's County.

Look Up! Look Out! in Prince George's County

In the first year, 2016, the *Look Up! Look Out!* Pedestrian safety campaign reached 59,000 students who all received reflective backpacks filled with information about roadway safety, including a letter to parents from SHA, PGCPs, the County Executive, and



DPW&T. In addition, assemblies were held at 10 elementary schools in Prince George's County and the Bowie Baysox mascot, Louie, made a special appearance. The *Look Up! Look Out!* Pedestrian safety outreach campaign teaches elementary school students the rules of the road. We wish to remind drivers that school will soon be in session and be alert for students walking, biking, and traveling by bus and other vehicles to school.

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

SWANN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

On Friday, June 16, 2017, DPW&T and Prince George's County Council Member Karen R. Toles (District 7) held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Swann Road Improvement Project in Suitland. This marks the culmination of all the hard work that the community, Council Member Toles and DPW&T put into gaining support for the project and highlighting traffic safety needs in this area.

The Swann Road Improvement Project is a "Green/Complete Street" that extends from Silver Hill Road to Dianna Drive. When improvements are completed, the roadway will safely accommodate all principal modes of transportation – pedestrian, vehicular, bicyclist, and transit. Swann Road will include continuous sidewalks on both sides of the roadway, wider driving lanes, bicycle lanes and improved drainage—to decrease polluted storm water entering streams. This project will be completed in summer 2018 and enhance the quality of life for residents.



Above: DPW&T OE&PM Assoc. Dir. Kate Mazzara, Shirley Lathern of the Dupont Village Neighborhood Watch, DPW&T OHM Assoc. Dir. Gwen Clerkley, County Council Member Karen R. Toles, County Fire Chief Benjamin Barksdale, DPW&T Dep. Dir. Martin Harris, and Leslie Glenn of the Dupont Village Neighborhood Watch

Above (top photo): Maryland State Senator Victor Ramirez

Above (bottom photo): DPW&T Community Liaison Courtney Ward, DPW&T OE&PM Assoc. Dir. Kate Mazzara, DPW&T Public Information Officer Paulette Jones, and community member Fatou Coleman

NEW CEDARVILLE ROAD BRIDGE



Above: Cedarville Rd. Bridge pre-construction

Below: New Cedarville Rd. Bridge

On July 14, 2017, the Cedarville Road Bridge in Brandywine officially reopened to motorists after being entirely replaced. In January, the existing bridge, constructed in 1940, was closed and subsequently demolished due to its severe structural deficiencies. Although the bridge was rehabilitated in 1971 and again in 2003, it finally reached the end of its life given that a high volume of trucks travel Cedarville Road, which is the primary access road to residences and local businesses.

A primary goal of this project was to construct the replacement bridge with minimal impacts to the surrounding environment, local community, and businesses. In order to accomplish this goal, close coordination was required with stakeholders, such as the Maryland Department of the Environment and Prince

George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and, Enforcement, as well as, adjacent property owners, local elected officials and Charles County.

With the support of the stakeholders, DPW&T's Office of Engineering and Project Management completed the project ahead of schedule. This project is an excellent example of how important infrastructure improvements can be delivered quickly to citizens of Prince George's County with communication, support and coordination.

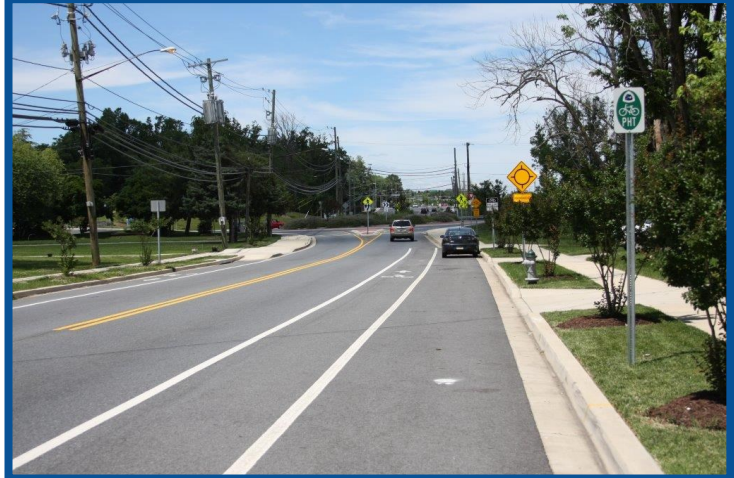


WHEELER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

In late May 2017, Wheeler Road in Oxon Hill became one of the first Prince George's County communities with buffered bike lanes.

The Office of Engineering & Project Management and Office of Highway Maintenance worked with County Council District 7 and the community to make the idea of improved bicycle safety infrastructure into reality.

The bike lanes on Wheeler Road connect with the existing bike lanes on Owens Road, and provide a link between key locations such as Barnaby Manor Elementary School and the North Barnaby recreational facility on Wheeler Road.



Buffered bike lanes provide a more protected and comfortable space for cyclists than a conventional bike lane since they create additional space between vehicles and bikes.



COUNTY RESOURCES TO COMBAT LITTER

On March 30, 2017, DPW&T hosted a kickoff event for the “Litter Movement” at the Woodlawn Recreation Center in Hyattsville. The “Litter Movement” initiative is a collaborative effort with government agencies working with Community Partners in the Council Districts. For example, the Department of Corrections assists with collection, and an educational outreach program with public schools engage students in creative litter reduction programs.

The County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, County Council Member Dannielle Glaros (District 3), and DPW&T Public Information Officer Paulette Jones highlighted the dedication of staff time, resources and benefits to the County. DPW&T Director Darrell B. Mobley announced that the Prince George’s County Council allocated an additional \$2 million to the Department to aid in litter removal countywide. Beginning in May, DPW&T hired contractors to pick up litter and a significant amount, more than 30 tons, has been collected in the first two months.



After the kickoff event, County Executive Baker, elected officials and community leaders added their efforts to the “Litter Movement” by collecting litter on Greenvale Parkway.



Above (top photo): DPW&T Director Darrell B. Mobley

Above (bottom photo): DPW&T’s OHM’s Miguel Mendez-Morales, County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, DPW&T’s OHM’s Diana Washington, Carrollton Enterprise’s William Steen, County Council Member Dannielle Glaros, and a community member

Left: County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III

SPRING



2017

DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance organized a successful 'Clean Up, Green Up' countywide clean up on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Many people from approximately 80 communities and DPW&T staff did their part to help keep Prince George's County beautiful by landscaping, mulching, and removing debris and trash from their neighborhoods.

Save the date for the fall 'Clean Up, Green Up', which is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2017

Community organizations and groups are encouraged to participate by planning early in each season. Resources are available to help provide landscaping ideas, planting materials, proper planting instructions for trees, shrubs and flowers, as well as litter collection supplies.



STREET SMART SPRING 2017 CAMPAIGN



Above: Montgomery Co. DOT Dir. Al Rosdich, Montgomery Co. Exec. Ike Leggett, Prince George's Co. Exec. Rushern L. Baker, III, and DPW&T Dir. Darrell B. Mobley

Below: County Exec. Baker



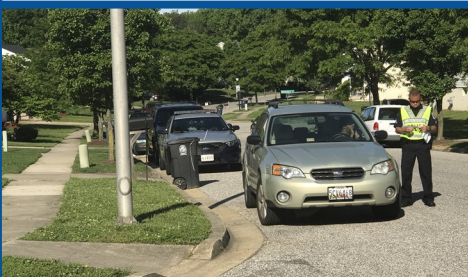
On April 25, 2017, DPW&T attended the spring *Street Smart* kickoff event at the Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center in Langley Park. *Street Smart* is a regional traffic safety campaign—started in 2002—that promotes bicycle and pedestrian safety in suburban MD, DC and northern VA.

Regional leaders, including Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, and Prince George's County Chief of Police Hank Stawinski spoke at the event. Marking the spring campaign kickoff, DPW&T Street Teams canvassed University Boulevard, distributing safety tips to pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers reminding them of Maryland traffic laws and important precautions they should take to stay safe on the roadways. Prince George's County Police conducted traffic safety enforcement along University Boulevard to reinforce the campaign's message.

SPEED AWARENESS

On May 16, 2017, DPW&T and the County Police District 4—Oxon Hill C.O.P.'s Unit, along with citizens of the Skyline Hills H.O.A., held a Community Speed Awareness Day along John Street in Suitland. Speeding increases the risk of serious injury and fatal collisions. Speed Awareness reminds drivers of the posted speed limits within Prince George's County communities.

During the four-hour event, officers issued 23 moving citations and 23 written warnings, as well as many verbal warnings.



This event was a success thanks to the work of the Skyline Hills Community, the officers of the District 4 Police Station C.O.P.'s Unit, and DPW&T's Carl Starkey, Paul Curling, Steve Windsor, George Windsor, and Sam Isenberg.



BIKE TO WORK DAY 2017

It was pedal power all day long for Bike to Work Day, on Friday, May 19, 2017. This year, more than 18,000 people in the Washington, D.C. region participated in Bike to Work Day —marking a seven percent increase from last year. In Prince George’s County, 679 people biked to work, and visited at least one of the bicycle pit stops in the County.

The Department distributed bicycle safety gear including reflective ankle straps, bicycle lights, bright orange back packs, and bicycle safety brochures at all 10 pit stops. DPW&T’s Deputy Director Martin Harris, Karyn McAlister, Kevin Thornton, and Vic Weissberg assisted at several of the County’s bicycle pit stops.

The County further encouraged bicycle and transit connectivity by waiving fares for travelers who brought their bicycles on TheBus as part of National Bike to Work Day.

Locations of pit stops: Bowie Town Center, Bowie Fire Station, Capitol Heights, College Park, Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Oxon Hill, National Harbor, Port towns/Edmonston, Suitland, and the University of Maryland



Left: Bicyclists at the Capitol Heights Pit Stop at Maryland Park Bicycle shop

Below: Bicycle safety swag



Above: Bicyclists at the Suitland Pit Stop at the Census Bureau

Right: Bicyclist at the Hyattsville Pit Stop



WMATA SAFETRACK SURGES

DPW&T's Office of Transportation is happy to have effectively addressed the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) SafeTrack Surges that were completed to improve service.

During SafeTrack Surge's #14 and #15, the Greenbelt, College Park, New Carrollton, Landover, and Cheverly Metrorail Stations were each closed for up to four weeks. To help commuters during the surges, TheBus increased service on its Route 15X (Greenbelt to New Carrollton), and offered a free direct express shuttle between the Landover and Morgan Boulevard Metrorail Stations.

WMATA recently implemented changes to its fares, rail hours, and schedules.

For a complete list of WMATA's changes, visit https://www.wmata.com/about/news/06-17_Metro_Fare_and_Service_Changes.cfm



Office of Transportation's Thornette Leacock hands out flyers about the service changes

PARATRANSIT DRIVERS DO THEIR JOB WITH A SMILE

On June 15, 2017, the Department of Public Works and Transportation's (DPW&T) Office of Transportation's ParaTransit drivers made sure seniors did not miss an important event at the Suitland Community Center. They provided rides to a World Elder Abuse event for 106 seniors who were with the Department of Family Services senior center groups.

Every day, ParaTransit drivers provide transportation for seniors and disabled people to medical appointments and deliver meals to homebound seniors throughout the County.



Office of Transportation ParaTransit Driver, Rico Lewis, assisting one of his patrons



World Elder Abuse Event, Suitland Community Center

CAREER DAYS, FESTIVALS & COMMUNITY WALKS

On May 19, 2017, DPW&T Office of Transportation's Marisol Peralta and Thornette Leacock attended **Career Day at Andrew Jackson Academy** in Forestville.

Career Day gave students, ranging from first to eighth grade, the opportunity to learn about bicycle safety — including how to load and unload bikes on the bus to promote connections to public transportation in the County.



It was good weather, good people, good food, and a good time at **The Caribbean Heritage Festival** on Saturday, June 3, 2017. The music was bumping at Bladensburg Waterfront Park, and the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) had a table right by the water! DPW&T's Marisol Peralta and Courtney Ward provided service information to festival goers. And, they could not resist getting their arms painted!



On June 15, 2017, DPW&T, along with other County Department representatives and local law enforcement, joined residents on their **Ashford Community Walk**. They went door-to-door handing out information about county service and resources available to community members.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2017

On Tuesday, August 1, 2017, DPW&T staff attended more than a dozen National Night Out events throughout the County. They handed out bicycle and pedestrian safety gear and information, along with information about the Department.

National Night Out is an annual event that aims to create safer neighborhoods while strengthening the bond between police departments and the communities they serve.



Clockwise: Prince George's County Fire Chief Benjamin Barksdale, Citizen Services Specialist (District 3) Wanda Brooks, DPW&T Dir. Darrell B. Mobley; County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III poses with a family; Prince George's County Police Officers; Riverdale Heights V.F.D. Pres. Robert Goninan, DPW&T's Kristina Aguillard & MeMe Labissiere, and a Park & Planning staff member

DPW&T SUMMER YOUTH LITTER CLEAN~UP



On Monday, July 31, 2017, some of the Department's summer youth spent time helping to beautify the County. They rolled up their sleeves, grabbed some trash bags, and got to work collecting litter along Peppercorn Place and McCormick Drive.



NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



Larry Best

Larry Best joined DPW&T on May 30, 2017 as a Laborer I/II in the Office of Highway Maintenance. He worked with DPW&T this past snow season. Larry is a graduate of Parkdale High School in Riverdale, MD. Post-graduation, he attended Lincoln Technical Institute. Welcome, Larry!



Marrick Brooks

Marrick Brooks joined DPW&T on May 1, 2017 as a Laborer I/II in the Office of Highway Maintenance. He worked with DPW&T this past snow season. Marrick is a graduate of Parkdale High School in Riverdale, MD. Welcome, Marrick!



Malinda Derr

Malinda Derr joined DPW&T on May 30, 2017 as a Community Developer in the Office of Transportation. She has more than 25 years of experience in Accounting and Business Management. She completed her Bachelors in Business Administration from Strayer University, and is currently in pursuit of a dual Master's degree in Human Resources and Business Management from the University of Maryland. In her spare time, Malinda loves to travel, attend family gatherings, and listen to various genres of music. Welcome, Malinda!

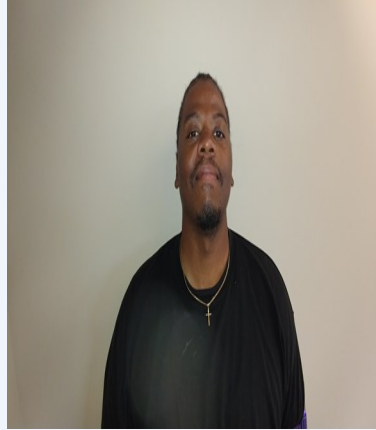


Ruby Gipson

Ruby Gipson joined DPW&T on February 21, 2017 as an Equipment Operator I, Bus Driver in the Office of Transportation. Prior to joining DPW&T, Ruby drove on the campus of George Washington University for numerous years. In her free time, she is a dedicated, hands-on grandmother. Welcome, Ruby!

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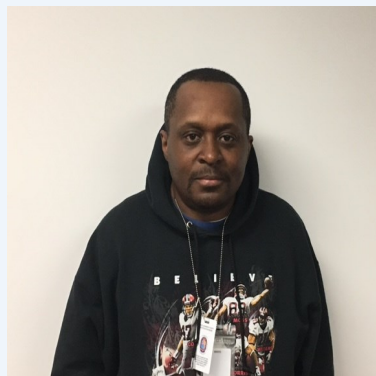
Joseph Howerton

Joseph Howerton joined DPW&T on May 30, 2017 as a Laborer I/II in the Office of Highway Maintenance. He worked with DPW&T this past snow season. Joseph is a graduate of H.D. Woodson High School in Washington, DC. After graduation, he pursued a Mortuary Science degree from Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, ID. In 2016, he earned his CDL A endorsement from Anne Arundel Community College. Welcome, Joseph!



Mohamed Ishaq

Mohamed Ishaq joined DPW&T on April 3, 2017 as an Engineer I/II in the Office of Highway Maintenance. He has previous experience with DPW&T as a Senior Consultant Inspector. He earned his Bachelors degree in Aeronautical Engineering from AL-Fatel University in Libya. Mohamed holds a Masters degree, in the same field, from the University of London, Queen Mary College in England. He enjoys reading, spending time with his family, and traveling. Welcome, Mohamed!



Gareth Jones

Gareth Jones joined DPW&T on April 3, 2017 as a Laborer I/II in the Office of Highway Maintenance. Gareth is a graduate of Anacostia Sr. High School in Washington, DC. He also attended Prince George's Community College to study Building Maintenance. Welcome, Gareth!



Michelle Jones

Michelle Jones joined DPW&T on March 20, 2017 as an Administrative Aide I in the Office of Transportation. Michelle is a graduate of Martin Luther King High School in Philadelphia, PA. She's also a talented actress and singer who has been in several stage plays and productions. Welcome, Michelle!

NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Richard Jones**

Richard Jones joined DPW&T on April 3, 2017 as a Laborer I/II in the Office of Highway Maintenance. He worked with DPW&T during previous snow seasons, and also with the Department of Corrections. Richard is a graduate of Crossland High School in Temple Hills, MD. After graduating, he attended the School of Art and Design in Silver Spring, MD. Welcome, Richard!

**Antonio Kennedy**

Antonio Kennedy joined DPW&T on May 1, 2017 as a Laborer I/II in the Office of Highway Maintenance. Antonio worked with DPW&T this past snow season. He is a graduate of Parkdale High School in Riverdale, MD. After graduation, he completed coursework in Low Pressure Boilers, Advanced Engineer Training I, and OSHA Safety. Welcome, Antonio!

**André Pruitt**

André Pruitt joined DPW&T on June 26, 2017 as an Engineering Technician in the Office of Transportation. He is a graduate of Charles Herbert Flowers High School in Springdale, MD. Post-graduation, he attended Hampton University and earned a Bachelors degree in English. Prior to working at DPW&T, André wrote for the People for Change Coalition. In his leisure time, he likes to play and watch sports — specifically basketball. Welcome, André!

**Marchel Simmons**

Marchel Simmons joined DPW&T on March 6, 2017 as an Engineering Technician III, Operations Manager in the Office of Transportation. Previously, Marchel worked as the Director of SharedRide Services at the South Central Transit Authority in Lancaster, PA. She is a graduate of John Piersol McCaskey High School in Lancaster, PA. She attended Mercer Community College and Fayetteville Technical Institute to study Liberal Arts. Welcome, Marchel!

NEW EMPLOYEES

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**Ashley Skipper**

Ashley Skipper joined DPW&T on May 30, 2017 as a Community Developer in the Office of Transportation. She earned her B.A. in Philosophy from Morgan State Univ., and is currently pursuing her M.A. in Human Resource Development at Bowie State Univ. Before coming to DPW&T, Ashley helped facilitate a training for DPW&T employees on effective communication and team-building. She enjoys open mic nights, the beach, and as a true Marylander, “crabs.” Welcome, Ashley!

**Anthony Thomas**

Anthony Thomas joined DPW&T on May 1, 2017 as a Laborer I/II in the Office of Highway Maintenance. He worked with DPW&T this past snow season. Anthony is a graduate of La Plata High School in La Plata, MD. Post-graduation, he attended the Center for Trade and Energy at the College of Southern Maryland. Welcome, Anthony!

NEW EMPLOYEES

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**Courtney Ward**

Courtney Ward joined DPW&T on March 6, 2017 as the Community Liaison in the Office of the Director. She previously worked as a television news anchor and reporter. Courtney earned her B.S. in Psychology from Davidson College before graduating from Syracuse University with a M.S. in Broadcast Journalism. In her down time, Courtney enjoys working out, spending time with her boyfriend, family, and friends, and reading. Welcome, Courtney!

**Marsha Wilson**

Marsha Wilson joined DPW&T on March 6, 2017 as a Quality Assurance Analyst I/II, Safety Officer in the Office of Transportation. She previously worked as a Personnel Officer at the Maryland Transit Authority. Marsha is a graduate of Easton High School in Easton, MD. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from the University of Phoenix and an Associate's degree in Accounting from Prince's George Community College. In her spare time, Marsha is connoisseur of fine wines. Welcome, Marsha!

EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS

**Cory Dillard**

Cory Dillard was promoted to Mechanic I/II in the Office of Highway Maintenance on January 9, 2017. He started with DPW&T as a Seasonal Laborer in November, 2000. With hard work and diligence, his career has progressed over time. Congratulations on your well-deserved promotion, Cory!

**George Windsor**

George Windsor was promoted to a Crew Supervisor in the Office of Highway Maintenance on January 9, 2017. He started with DPW&T as a Traffic Service Worker in June 1989. Last month, he celebrated 28 years of service. Congratulations on your well-deserved promotion, George!

Congratulations!

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