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Capital Bikeshare Launch Outside the Wayne K. Curry Administration Building in Largo  
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# Director's Message

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Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2018 edition of the Department of Public Works and Transportation's (DPW&T) newsletter! It's hard to believe 2018 is more than half over!

This year marks my fifth year serving as Director of DPW&T, and it has been a privilege to lead this Department. We have accomplished a lot over those years, so we wanted to take a moment and reflect on some of our major achievements.

We promise this will not just be a trip down memory lane. You will still learn what we have been working on recently as a Department, and what we have coming up.

We hope you enjoy this super-sized edition of our quarterly newsletter, and as always, it is a pleasure to serve the people of Prince George's County.



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### *Capital Bikeshare*

Prince George's County now offers its residents and visitors a new mode of transportation — bikeshare! DPW&T, which houses the County's Bicycle & Pedestrian Program, is pleased to have played a significant role in bringing Capital Bikeshare to the County. As more and more bikeshare stations come online in the County, we hope everyone will see the bikes as a great alternative to their cars for short trips and for connecting to neighboring jurisdictions and transit.

Read more about the launch of bikeshare in the County on page 8.



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



## A LOOK BACK: CEDARVILLE ROAD BRIDGE AND WETLAND & STREAM RESTORATION MITIGATION PROJECTS



Before: Cedarville Road Bridge



After: Cedarville Road Bridge

Over the past five years, DPW&T has completed numerous projects and has been part of many collaborations. One highlight is the **Cedarville Road Bridge Replacement in Brandywine**. Cedarville Road is the primary access road to a local quarry. Due to the high volume of trucks traveling Cedarville Road, the bridge had reached the end of its useful service life in 2016. For the replacement of this bridge, the design, construction, and permitting were accelerated and completed within one year. The Project Team worked together to develop a replacement solution in order to deliver an outstanding project on an accelerated schedule and address the concerns of the local community. In 2017, the Cedarville Road Bridge won the County Engineers Association of Maryland's (CEAM) Project of the Year Award!

Another successful project is the **Wetland & Stream Restoration/Mitigation Project at the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)**. Many infrastructure projects, especially bridge projects, impact existing streams and wetlands. In order to move forward with these projects, DPW&T must mitigate the impacts and restore streams and wetlands. Through DPW&T's Office of Engineering & Project Management, and collaboration with GreenVest, Green Trust Alliance, Princeton Hydro, Environmental Quality Resources, and the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, 3.37 acres of wetland mitigation were recreated and a half-mile of stream restored. This project will significantly improve the environment of the areas along the BARC site.



Wetland & Stream Restoration/Mitigation Project construction conditions in Winter 2016



Wetland & Stream Restoration/Mitigation Project conditions in September 2017



## A LOOK BACK: PISCATAWAY DRIVE PROJECT

In May 2014, a landslide occurred in Fort Washington's Piscataway Hills neighborhood. Pavement cracks measuring between three to six inches wide and five feet deep appeared along a nearly 0.4 mile stretch of Piscataway Drive. The slide quickly accelerated, leading to a major pavement collapse of nearly four feet in one location and large cracks extending along the roadway. Earth and trees tumbled down the 65 feet high ridge. The costliest natural disaster in Prince George's County's history: the incident severely impacted the lives of 28 families as the road had to be closed. Through collaboration with federal, state, and local authorities, DPW&T's Office of Engineering & Project Management developed a plan of action to stabilize the slope and reconstruct the road. The chosen stabilization design called for 411 steel H-piles, in 60 and 70 foot lengths, to be driven along either side of the roadway, followed by almost 0.4 miles of water and sewer replacement, drainage improvements, roadway reconstruction, and regrading of the 65 feet high slope.

After a year and a half of hard work, Piscataway Drive reopened to traffic on Christmas Eve 2015. The following May, the Piscataway Hills community was celebrated for the toughness and patience residents displayed during the ordeal. The community was presented with a proclamation by County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III. In 2016, DPW&T received two awards for the Piscataway Drive project — The American Society of Civil Engineers Award for Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement for a Minor Construction Project and the County Engineers Association of Maryland Large Project of the Year Award!



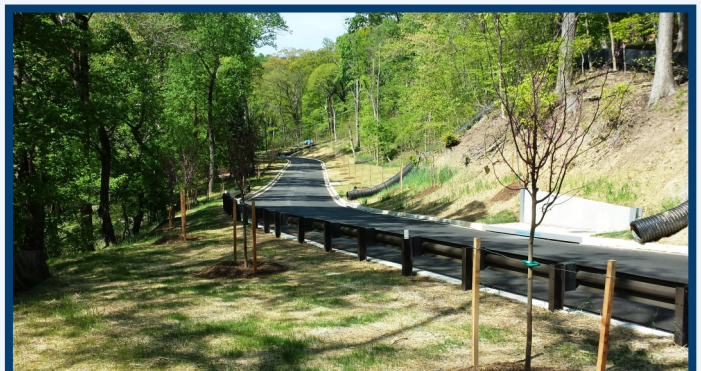
Piscataway Drive pre-construction



Piscataway Drive construction



Piscataway Drive construction



Piscataway Drive post-construction



## DPW&T COMPLETES CONTEE ROAD PROJECT



Contee Road construction



Contee Road construction



Contee Road post-construction



Contee Road post-construction

Laurel now has a new and improved Contee Road. DPW&T widened the roadway from a two-lane facility to a four-lane divided roadway and opened the new Contee Road spur to traffic on Monday, June 25th.

This project began construction in the Spring of 2016. The scope included widening, reconstructing, and realigning Contee Road from US 1 to Konterra Drive. This is exciting for Prince George's County because adding capacity to Contee Road will help to support economic development in the area. The Contee Road corridor consists of mixed-use residential, commercial, and industrial properties. Adjacent development includes the Konterra Development, Carver Memorial Cemetery, Center at Laurel Shopping Plaza, Pines of Laurel Retirement Center, Victoria Falls Community, and the Islamic Community Center, among others.

The project, which improves access to Laurel, also increases safety for all roadway users by providing for continuous bicycle lanes, ADA-compliant crosswalks and sidewalks, new traffic signals, and improved infrastructure -- storm water management and treatment, landscaping, and street trees.

DPW&T used all available resources to make sure that all aspects of this project examined the most innovative and cost-effective solutions to retain the project's quality and schedule. Constructability Reviews enabled the design team to work closely with the construction team to identify and address any areas of deficiency before the project went to construction. DPW&T engaged in collaborative discussions with each party involved to reach the most effective balance between cost-efficiency, possible scheduling setbacks, and constructability options for every aspect of this project. The implementation of practical design elements in final design resulted in significant cost savings. The original engineers' cost estimate from the planning/preliminary engineering phase was \$20 million, while the final project was completed for \$13.1 million!



## RACE TRACK ROAD PROJECT



OE&PM Engineer, Noah Donoghue, explains the project to constituents

On Wednesday, May 30, 2018, DPW&T's Office of Engineering & Project Management hosted a public information meeting for the Race Track Road Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project. The meeting was held at Yorktown Elementary School in Bowie.

DPW&T is starting the design phase of the project, which will span Race Track Road from Clearfield Drive to Marquette Lane. The project will improve the road's safety and operation for all users.

Some of the project's proposed improvements include relocating the driveway entrance to Yorktown Elementary and installing a new traffic signal at the new driveway entrance, a hiker-biker sidewalk on the northbound side of Race Track Road, and upgrading the existing street lights.

The anticipated project schedule:

- Complete Planning Phase: Late 2018
- Complete Design/Advertise Project: Late 2020
- Start Construction: Mid 2021
- Complete Construction: Late 2022



OE&PM's Highway and Bridge Design Div. Chief, Erv Beckert (wearing tie), talks about the project with constituents



OE&PM Engineer, Noah Donoghue, discusses the project with constituents



## STUART LANE PROJECT

DPW&T's Office of Engineering & Project Management held a public information meeting, on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, about its future Stuart Lane Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project.

Interested constituents came to Grace Brethren Christian School in Clinton to learn about the project, which is currently in the design phase, and which will span from Woodyard Road (MD-223) to Regal Court along Stuart Lane.

The project's main goals are to increase safety for all of the road's users, enhance ADA accessibility, and add continuous sidewalks throughout the length of the project.

Some of the project's proposed improvements include widening Stuart Lane from Woody Terrace to Regal Court; adding sidewalks and ADA ramps on the northbound side of Stuart Lane from Woody Terrace to Wade Avenue and on the southbound side from Woody Terrace to just north of Regal Court to link in to the existing sidewalk on each end; and striping for new pedestrian crosswalks at the Stuart Lane & Woody Terrace and Stuart Lane & Wade Avenue intersections.

The anticipated project schedule:

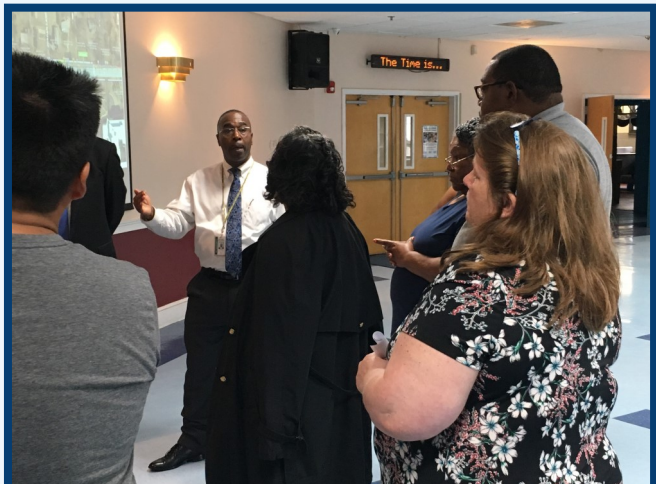
- Complete Design — Mid 2020
- Advertise Project — Late 2020
- Start Construction — Early 2021
- Complete Construction — Late 2021



OE&PM Project Manager, Unmesh Patel, talks with constituents about the project



DPW&T Community Liaison Courtney Ward, OE&PM Right-of-Way Division Chief James Ratliff, DPW&T Special Assistant to the Director Andrea Lasker, OE&PM Engineer I/II Noah Donoghue, OE&PM Project Manager Unmesh Patel, Whitney Bailey Cox & Magnani, LLC's Al Russell, and OE&PM Engineer III Stephanie Walder



OE&PM Right-of-Way Division Chief, James Ratliff, talks with constituents about the project



## BIKESHARE LAUNCHES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Prince George's County now has bikeshare!

On Friday, June 1, 2018, outside the Wayne K. Curry Administration Building (1301 McCormick Drive, Largo), Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III announced the launch of bikeshare in the County. Five bikeshare stations (totaling 49 bicycles) have been installed. To celebrate, DPW&T hosted a ribbon-cutting at that Largo bikeshare station.

A bikeshare station was also installed at the Largo Town Center Metro Station. DPW&T plans to install additional stations in Largo — including one at Prince George's Community College. Three bikeshare stations have been installed along the US 1/Baltimore Avenue corridor in Riverdale Park (Baltimore Avenue at Van Buren Street ) — a ribbon-cutting was also held at that location on June 1, 2018, Hyattsville (Baltimore Avenue at Jefferson Street), and Mount Rainier (Perry Street at 35<sup>th</sup> Street). DPW&T plans to install more bikeshare stations in the near future.

Bikeshare is an easy and convenient way to make short trips and connect to transit.

To help promote biking in the Largo Business District, DPW&T had bike racks installed at several County buildings including 9400 Peppercorn Place and 1801 McCormick Drive.



**Bikeshare ribbon-cutting at the Wayne K. Curry Administration Building** — Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, Prince George's County Council Chair Dannielle Glaros, DPW&T Director Darrell Mobley, Prince George's County's Chief Administrative Officer Nicholas Majett, and Prince George's County's Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Public Infrastructure Barry Stanton

Photo courtesy of ENPPhotography



## BIKESHARE LAUNCHES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

More photos from the Capital Bikeshare launch in the County!



Prince George's County Council Chair Dannielle Glaros (blue shirt), Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, DCAO for Public Infrastructure Barry Stanton (wearing sunglasses), County Executive Baker's Chief of Staff Glenda Wilson (wearing blazer), CAO Nicholas Majett, DPW&T Dir. Darrell Mobley, and others



Prince George's County Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manager Karyn McAlister and DPW&T Deputy Director Martin Harris

Photo courtesy of ENPPhotography



Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III (black helmet) prepares to ride a bikeshare bike in a bicycle convoy from the Wayne K. Curry Administration Building in Largo to the Largo Town Center Metro Station and back



**Bikeshare ribbon-cutting at the Riverdale Park station** — Dir. of Development Services for Riverdale Park Kevin Simpson, DPW&T Dir. Darrell Mobley, University Park Mayor Len Carey, Prince George's County Council Chair Dannielle Glaros, and Calvin Cafritz Enterprises' Mark Regulinski

Photo courtesy of ENPPhotography



## BIKESHARE LAUNCHES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

More photos from the Capital Bikeshare launch in the County!



Photo courtesy of Mike Yourishin





## MAKING MULTIMODAL CONNECTIONS



Photo courtesy of ENPPPhotography

On Friday, May 18, 2018, Prince George's County was scheduled to host its first-ever Bike to Work Day pit stop. But the event was postponed due to inclement weather and rescheduled for Friday, June 1, 2018. The County hosted, what it dubbed, a "Making Multimodal Connections" event outside the Wayne K. Curry Administration Building (1301 McCormick Drive) in Largo. From 7:30am until 9am, there were giveaways, snacks, information about healthy living, and much more! Plus, a DJ from WPGC 95.5 was on site pumping music. The first 100 employees who walked or biked to the event received a DPW&T backpack. In addition, police officers on bicycles, along with members of the cycling group the BeechTree Pedalers, led biking convoys to the Largo Town Center Metro Station and back. The multimodal event was open to everyone.

DPW&T partnered with the County's Health Department, Department of the Environment, Police Department, and the BeechTree Pedalers for the event. While DPW&T's Bike to Work Day did not go as initially planned this year, over the last five years the Department has participated in Bike to Work Day in different ways — from installing bicycle racks on *TheBus* (2015) to waiving *TheBus* fare for riders using the bicycle racks (2017).



## A LOOK BACK: WMATA SAFETRACK, *THEBUS*, AND THE TRASNIT VISION PLAN

Since 2013, DPW&T's Office of Transportation has implemented a number of initiatives and has engaged with Prince George's County stakeholders to raise the profile of transit in the County.

In recent years, the Office of Transportation helped riders on the Metrorail lines in the County navigate the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) year-long SafeTrack event. The Office of Transportation provided buses to shuttle riders between metro stations.

The Office of Transportation has worked with DPW&T's Office of Engineering & Project Management to upgrade and improve access to more than 120 bus stops in the County. Through a partnership with Google Transit, the Office of Transportation provides bus stop and schedule information to Google Maps so that people can identify the County's bus stops and plan trips on its transit system.

Also, the Office of Transportation has partnered with a local developer to pilot a County bus line extension near the Greenbelt Metro Station. The new, minor extension on the Route 15X attracted more than 10 additional riders per day and exceeded initial ridership forecasts.

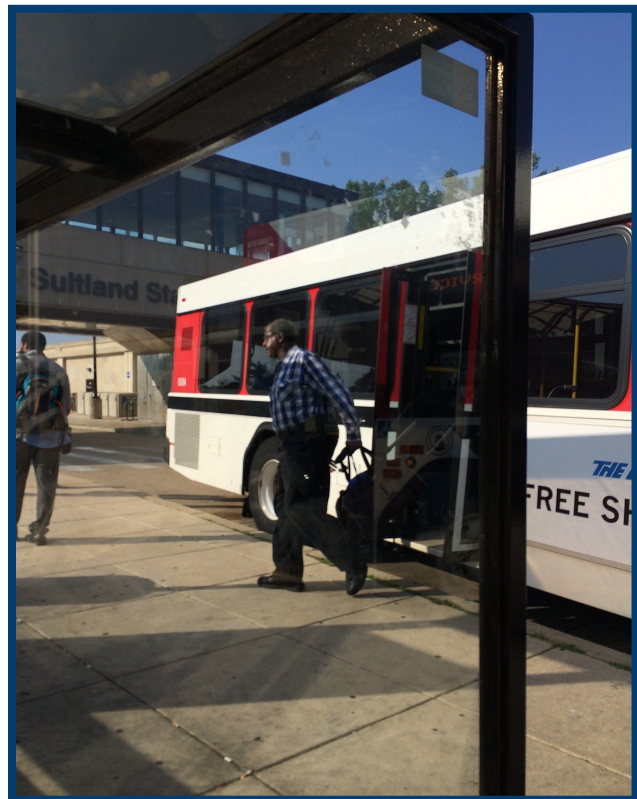
Within the past year, the Office of Transportation began creating its Transit Vision Plan, which identifies opportunities to improve transit service and connections to major destinations in the County through existing fixed routes and pilot routes through its Call-A-Bus system. Read more about what has happened during the Transit Vision Plan process, and the next steps for the plan, on page 14.



2016: County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III and DPW&T Dir. Darrell Mobley at the SafeTrack Surge 2 press event at the New Carrollton Metro Station



2016: County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III speaks at the SafeTrack Surge 2 press event at the New Carrollton Metro Station



Rider steps off DPW&T-provided shuttle during SafeTrack

## DPW&T DEBUTS NEW CALL-A-BUS SCHEDULING SOFTWARE

DPW&T's Office of Transportation is working to make the Call-a-Bus experience better and more efficient for you.

In March 2018, our Office of Transportation began a pilot program with Novus -- a cloud-based software that offers enhanced scheduling, booking, and dispatch services. When you schedule an appointment, Novus factors in your travel needs and appointment time along with travel time and the transport vehicle's capacity.

Operating in real-time, Novus sends updates to the operator and dispatchers displaying where each driver is located at all times.



Office of Transportation Engineering Technician/Operations Manager Marchel Simmons



Office of Transportation Para-transit Operator, John Headen, tests the Novus software

As our Office of Transportation continues to use Novus, you'll discover a better on-time performance, a decrease in no-shows, and improved communication. Plus, as the project progresses, you will receive reminder calls the night before your scheduled pick up as well as notification five minutes prior to the vehicle's arrival.





## DPW&T CONCLUDES TRANSIT VISION PLAN PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS



OT Chief of Transit Planning, Anthony Foster (gold shirt), listens to a constituent



Constituents review one of the Transit Vision Plan display boards



A DPW&T consultant (right) talks with a constituent



Constituents examine the Transit Vision Plan display boards

In March 2018, DPW&T's Office of Transportation held four Prince George's County Transit Vision Plan public information meetings throughout the County.

Prince George's County is working to establish a five-year transit plan, and the open house-format meetings allowed interested individuals to learn about the development of the plan and offer their suggestions for improving transit in the County. Meeting attendees were also asked to rate the County's most significant transit issues.

The next step is for DPW&T's Office of Transportation to brief the County Council on the plan's recommendations, and work towards seeking funding to implement the recommendations.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meetings and offered ideas!



## A LOOK BACK: EDMONSTON ROAD

Over the past five years, DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance (OHM) has tackled many projects – everything from roadway base repairs to storm drains to trees to traffic lights. However, there are two projects that stand out the most for the OHM's Road Maintenance & Construction Division (RM&CD): **The Edmonston Road Improvement Project and the Old Landover Road Improvement Project.**

In June 2014, under a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) contract, the RM&CD began working on the northern part of Edmonston Road in Hyattsville between Emerson Street and Kenilworth Avenue. The main issues with that section were the lack of sidewalks, the ponding of storm water on parts of the road as well as the shoulder areas, deteriorating roadway conditions, and the irregular parking of vehicles on the road. The RM&CD's engineers and staff determined a new general roadway profile to have positive gravity flow of storm water and convenient profiles of sidewalks and curb and gutters.

The main objective was to ensure smooth surface flows all along the roadway and thus eliminate flooding or ponding on the main roadway. Road improvements that were implemented included:

- New sidewalks on both sides of that stretch of Edmonston Road;
- New curb and gutters all along that section of road;
- New handicap ramps consistent with ADA standards;
- New storm water inlet structures and improvements to existing storm water inlet structures; and
- The provision of safe parking spaces for residents to park their vehicles while ensuring adequate lane widths for vehicular traffic.

The RM&CD successfully completed the project in January 2015 and throughout construction it took great care to keep the daily vehicular traffic open.

The Construction Division of DPW&T's Office of Engineering & Project Management is currently working on improving the safety, functionality, and aesthetics of the southern part of Edmonston Road (from Emerson Street to Buchanan Street – County limit). The project is nearly 80% complete, and is anticipated to be 100% complete by the end of August 2018.



Before: Edmonston Road (northern section)



Before: Edmonston Road (northern section)



After: Edmonston Road (northern section)



After: Edmonston Road (northern section)



## A LOOK BACK: OLD LANDOVER ROAD

DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance's Road Maintenance & Construction Division (RM&CD) is especially fond of the Old Landover Road Improvement Project.

Utilizing Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding, the RM&CD initiated a plan for the overall improvement of the road between Landover Road (MD-202) and Cooper Lane in Hyattsville.

The main issues with Old Landover Road were the ponding of storm water, worn out roadway surface, poor conditions of the shoulder areas, and the lack of sidewalks. In March 2017, the RM&CD started working on the road and made improvements such as adding new sidewalks on both sides of the stretch of road plus new curb and gutters to guide storm water to the nearest storm water inlets; constructing new head walls to support adjacent sloping grounds; constructing new driveway aprons to replace existing gravel driveway aprons; and constructing bus shelter pads along the road.

Throughout the project, the RM&CD kept in constant contact with citizens living along the roadway as well as with the homeowners' association. The project was completed in December 2017.



Before: Old Landover Road



After: Old Landover Road



Before: Old Landover Road



After: Old Landover Road

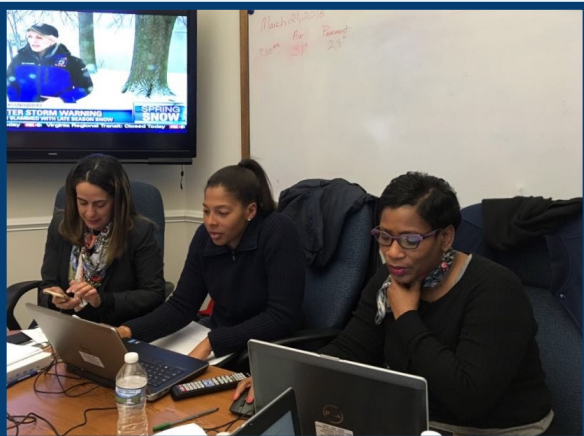


## A LOOK BACK: NEWSLETTERS, EVENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Although small in number, DPW&T's Communications Team has covered a lot of ground since 2013. It is responsible for disseminating Department information to both internal and external stakeholders, as well as planning and executing large-scale Department events, and attending numerous HOA, civic association, and community meetings/events to inform constituents about DPW&T and its services.

DPW&T's Communications Team's accomplishments, over the last five years, include (but are not limited to):

- Developing and launching the Department's first monthly online newsletter — *The Dispatch*
- Coordinating four DPW&T Open Houses
- Leading the planning and execution of groundbreakings for major projects
- Coordinating the Department's yearly backpack/school supply drive
- Attending countless community meetings/events (more than 50 in less than one year's time)



OT's Marisol Peralta, DPW&T Community Liaison Courtney Ward, and DPW&T PIO Paulette Jones send out important information to constituents during a 2018 snow event



DPW&T PIO, Paulette Jones, leads the press conference during Piscataway Hills Day in 2016



DPW&T Community Liaison, Courtney Ward, represents the Department at the Prince George's County Fair in 2017



DPW&T PIO, Paulette Jones, serves as the Mistress of Ceremonies for the 2018 launch of Capital Bikeshare in the County



## A LOOK BACK: NEWSLETTERS, EVENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEETINGS



DPW&T donated backpacks and school supplies to Springhill Lake Elementary School in 2017



2017 Snow Summit at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center



**DPW&T's 2017 Open House** — DPW&T Director Darrell Mobley poses for a photo with a constituent



**National Night Out 2017 at Seabrook Station Shopping Center** — Prince George's County Fire Chief Benjamin Barksdale, Council District 3 Citizen Services Specialist Wanda Brooks, and DPW&T Director Darrell Mobley



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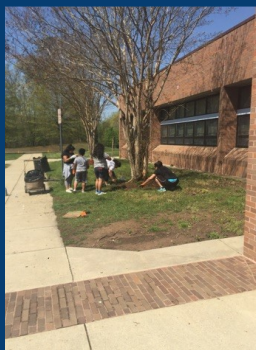
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On Saturday, April 28, 2018, Prince George's County hosted its bi-annual community clean-up event — 'Clean Up, Green Up!'

Nearly 100 communities, schools, and churches participated, which was an increase from spring 2017's 'Clean Up, Green Up' by more than 15 groups!

Registered participants mulched, weeded, and removed litter from public spaces throughout the County. DPW&T provided the supplies, which included safety vests, litter grabbers, gloves, trash bags, and mulch.

Thank you to everyone who participated for taking an active role in beautifying the County!





## DPW&T PARTNERS IN POTOMAC RIVER WATERSHED CLEAN-UP



DPW&T's OHM's Angelo Green and Robert Parker, and DPW&T Director Darrell B. Mobley



DPW&T's OHM's Basil Shackelford (back) and Tony Stover



The log the DPW&T team removed from the watershed

On Saturday, April 14, 2018, DPW&T partnered with the Alice Ferguson Foundation for the organization's annual Potomac River Watershed Clean-Up. This year marked the event's 30th anniversary.

DPW&T's Director Darrell B. Mobley, PIO Paulette Jones, Community Liaison Courtney Ward, and DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance's Tony Swann, Stanley Sykes, Bobby Johnson, Tony Stover, Basil Shackelford, Jarrett Queen, Robert Parker, Anthony Hall, and Karim Hassan cleaned up a stretch of the Middle Potomac-Anacostia-Occoquan Watershed that runs along Greenvale Parkway, near Mustang Drive, in Riverdale. The DPW&T team also removed litter from the nearby woods and pathway that run along the watershed.

According to the Alice Ferguson Foundation, close to 200 cleanup events, along the Potomac River Watershed, took place on April 14th in Maryland, D.C., Virginia, and West Virginia.



DPW&T Community Liaison Courtney Ward, DPW&T Dir. Darrell Mobley, DPW&T's OHM's Stanley Sykes (wearing hat) and Angelo Green, DPW&T PIO Paulette Jones, DPW&T's OHM's Robert Parker, Tony Stover, Tony Swann, Basil Shackelford (kneeling), Greg Tyer, and Bobby Johnson



## DPW&T CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY

On Friday, April 27, 2018, several DPW&T staff members attended Prince George's County's Arbor Day celebration at the Birchwood City Community Recreation Center in Oxon Hill.

The event was emceed by Prince George's County Beautification Committee Chairman, R. Calvert Steuart, and hosted by the Birchwood/Clearview Community Association, Inc. and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

During the program, Prince George's County was awarded a Tree City USA Award, for the 34th consecutive year, by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service.

The County's Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Public Infrastructure, Barry Stanton, accepted the award on the County's behalf. Prince George's County Department of the Environment Director, Adam Ortiz, presented proclamations to Chris Garrett, a Senior Forest Ranger with M-NCPPC, and to Sharon Sims, a Sustainable/Oxon Hill TNi advocate and member of the Birchwood/Clearview Community Association.

Following the presentation of the awards, DPW&T staff, along with staff from the M-NCPPC, the Neighborhood Design Center, employees and members of the Birchwood/Clearview Community Association, Inc., and others helped plant 25 native trees on the recreation center's grounds.



Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources Forest Service's Horace Henry presents the Tree City USA Award to Prince George's County's DCAO for Public Infrastructure Barry Stanton



M-NCPPC's Chris Garrett, DCAO for Public Infrastructure Barry Stanton, DPW&T Deputy Director Gwen Clerkley, DoE Director Adam Ortiz, Birchwood/Clearview Community Assoc., Inc.'s Sharon Sims, Birchwood/Clearview Community Assoc. Pres. Antwan Brown, and Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources' Horace Henry



**Back Row:** TNi Program Dir. Linda Turner, OHM Special Services Div. Chief Mike Brown, OHM Landscape Architect Wayne Lucas, and OHM Assoc. Dir. Vernon Stinnett, Jr.; **Front Row:** DCAO for Public Infrastructure Barry Stanton, DPW&T Dep. Dir. Martin Harris, OHM Crew Supervisor III Rodney Kleist, DPW&T Dep. Dir. Gwen Clerkley, OHM Road Maintenance & Construction Div. Chief Adam Jiroun, and DoE Dir. Adam Ortiz



OHM's Marlon Mitchell, Antonio Fountain, James Hammett, Franklin Bryce, Stephen Page, Jarrett Queen, Michael Hurd, and Tyrone Searles



## RIGHT TREE, RIGHT PLACE PROGRAM

DPW&T partners with the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) for the Right Tree, Right Place (RTRP) Program.

When the program began in 2011, it solely focused on replacing hazardous Bradford Pear trees. However, the RTRP Program has grown and transformed, and now its objectives include not only managing the risk of other tree types (in addition to the Bradford Pear), but increasing the urban tree canopy, improving the air temperature and quality, mitigating storm water runoff, and increasing communities' beauty. The program only works with street trees (trees that are located in the public right-of-way) — removing and replacing street trees with trees built to survive and thrive in that particular environment.

Since its inception, the RTRP Program has worked with 170 communities in Prince George's County, has removed 12,000 trees, and has planted 33,600 new trees.

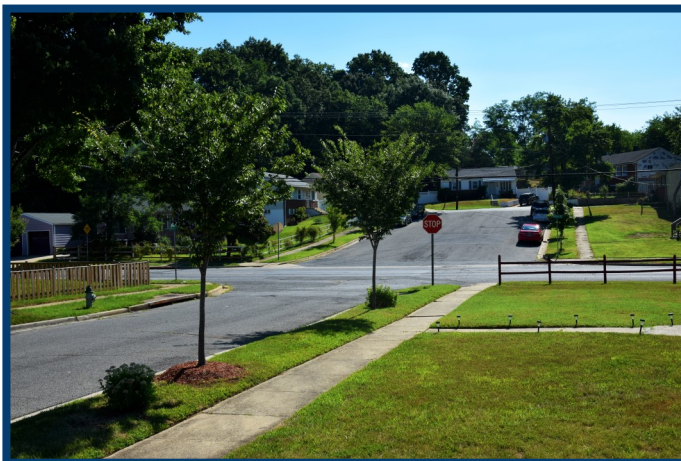
In March 2018, the RTRP Program came to the Largo Business District. It removed 125 trees and replaced them with nearly twice as many (240 trees).



**Laurel's Montpelier Community** — Trees were planted in FY2012 (Photo courtesy of the Neighborhood Design Center)



**Laurel's Montpelier Community** — Trees were planted in FY2012 (Photo courtesy of the Neighborhood Design Center)



**Hyattsville's Radiant Valley & Landover Estates** — Trees were planted in FY2015 (Photo courtesy of the Neighborhood Design Center)



**Peppercorn Place in the Largo Business District** — Trees were planted in FY2018



## DPW&T ATTENDS FINAL BAKER ADMINISTRATION EVENTS

In January and February 2018, some DPW&T staff members attended Prince George's County Executive, Rushern L. Baker, III's, final three Proposed Budget Listening Sessions, which were held throughout the County.

The annual meetings give citizens the opportunity to share their suggestions, with the County Executive, about the County's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

In March 2018, County Executive Baker hosted his final Women's History Month luncheon at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, and the following month, his last State of the Economy breakfast was held in College Park. Several members of DPW&T's staff attended both events.



A constituent addresses County Executive Baker at the Proposed Budget Listening Session at Prince George's Community College



Proposed Budget Listening Session at Prince George's Community College — OE&PM Highway & Bridge Design Div. Chief Erv Beckert, DPW&T Dir. Darrell Mobley, DPW&T PIO Paulette Jones, OT Assoc. Dir. D'Andrea Walker, and DPW&T Dep. Dir. Gwen Clerkley



Women's History Month Luncheon—Standing: OHM's Sheila Ross, DPW&T Dir. Darrell Mobley, DPW&T's Courtney Ward, OE&PM's Stephanie Walder, OE&PM's Jennifer Bratton, OHM's Michelle Lane; Sitting: OT's Joy Osuji, DPW&T's Jeannette Kelso, and OHM's Thornette Leacock



Final State of the Economy Breakfast—Back row: DPW&T Dir. Darrell Mobley, OAS Assoc. Dir. Eboni Gatewood-Crenshaw, DPW&T Fiscal Coordinator Donna Marks, DPW&T Dep. Dir. Gwen Clerkley, DPW&T Dep. Dir. Martin Harris, and DPW&T Special Asst. to the Dir. Vic Weissberg; Front row: OE&PM Assoc. Dir. Kate Mazzara



## CAREER DAYS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

DPW&T enjoys being part of the community, and participates in numerous community events — everything from Career Days at schools to fairs, festivals, and more!



OHM's Santos Turcios talks with students during Samuel Chase Elementary School's Career Day



OHM's Terrance Duran talks with students during North Forestville Elementary School's Career Day (Photo courtesy of Belinda Johnson)



OT's Joy Osuji talks with constituents during the Emerson House's Health and Resource Fair



DPW&T participated in Fort Washington's Ashford Community's walk to distribute County agencies' information to neighbors



## DPW&T HOSTS NEARLY TWO DOZEN SUMMER YOUTH

During the summer of 2018, DPW&T played host to 21 students via Prince George's County's Youth@Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP), and End Time Harvest Ministries, Inc.

The high school and college students were assigned to the Department's various offices and worked on a number of projects ranging from helping to promote Capital Bikeshare in the County to creating a 3-D model of a traffic signal plan to examining man-made and natural channels.

On Thursday, August 2, 2018, during their closing luncheon, the students presented their projects to DPW&T's leadership and explained what they have learned during their time with the Department.

This year, the County presented DPW&T an award for our commitment to the Youth@Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program!



SYEP intern Solomon Grant and DPW&T Dir. Darrell Mobley pose with the Department's award



SYEP intern Samiyah Blake rides a Capital Bikeshare bike for a video, some of the interns created, to promote to new amenity in the County



SYEP interns Jonyce Bland and Lindsey Cooper pick up litter in the Largo Business District



OE&PM Engineer Tech IV Mehak Sabih, SYEP intern Kevin Wortham, Jr., DPW&T Dep. Dir. Martin Harris, and OE&PM Assoc. Dir. Kate Mazzara



OHM's Traffic Service Worker III Patrick Pinkney and Crew Supervisor George Windsor show SYEP intern Logan Fitzgerald the Department's Sign Shop



## DPW&T EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND

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



### **Kevin Clinkscales**

*Written by DPW&T Community Liaison  
Courtney Ward*

When was the last time you met someone and thought to yourself “that person is a genuinely nice person?” For me, it happened as I was wrapping up my interview with Para-Transit Operator Kevin Clinkscales; only I didn’t just think that, I literally said to him “You seem like a really nice guy.” He laughed and, as nice people do, said thank you.

It is that politeness that he never forgets to show his patrons. He told me that coming to work with the right attitude is imperative to doing your job well.

“You’re here to service people. That’s the most important thing,” said Kevin.

If you can say you enjoy your job, then consider yourself lucky. Kevin said he likes what he does because it allows him to help people, and get to know folks of a different generation.

“Get to meet people who have lived to an age you hope to be one day.”

If you ever find yourself with Kevin as your operator expect to be treated like family because he aims to make sure his patrons feel “like I took care of them.”

A father of three, two grown sons and a 17-year-old daughter, Kevin likes spending time with his family and friends, and said it’s the little things he enjoys.

He has been with DPW&T’s Office of Transportation full-time since December 2016, and was a 700-hour para-transit operator with the Department in 2015. In the past, Kevin has driven for charter schools and has worked construction.



## DPW&T EMPLOYEES WHO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND

### **Donna Marks**

*Written by DPW&T Community Liaison  
Courtney Ward*

Donna Marks knows numbers. She's been serving as DPW&T's Fiscal Coordinator for the past 11 of her 31 years with Prince George's County Government. She started her career with the County working for the Office of Central Services—Procurement before transferring to DPW&T. Donna also spent a few years working for the County's Fire and EMS Department.

While her work with the government is to be admired, it is how she spends her time off the clock that is truly impressive. Donna uses her financial savvy to benefit her small community of Deale, MD. With the help of a few of her friends, she applies for grants and the money awarded is given to local organizations or charities. Over the last two and a half years, Donna has helped bring in about \$12,000 in grant money for her community.



Donna Marks (standing on right), her friend/partner in the Elkie Artists program (standing on left), and the student photographers (Photo courtesy of the *Bay Weekly*)

Last summer, Donna (who I have dubbed the Grant-Writing Guru) secured a \$2,000 grant from the Benevolent Order of the Elks in Deale. Wanting to help the youth in their community, particularly those who are shy and may need a confidence boost, Donna and her friends created the Elkie Artists Program – a two-day photography event in which nine middle school students were mentored by local photographers. The grant money was used to acquire cameras and printers for the students to borrow. After a day of working with the mentors learning how to operate the cameras and photography basics, the student shutterbugs took the cameras home for a week and snapped away. The following weekend, the group of mentors and mentees reunited for the students to showcase their favorite photos. The students raised \$560 for charity through the sale of their larger prints, and were allowed to keep the money they earned selling postcard-sized prints of their work.

“They were very, very talented,” said Donna of the student photographers.

The inaugural Elkie Artists Program garnered both local and national attention. Donna and her friends held a successful second annual Elkie Artists Program in Summer 2018. And now, Kodak has said it wants to use the program's photos and information in its advertising! Kodak has already started sharing the students' work on its social media!



## DPW&T EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND

### 50 Years of Service!

#### **Lester Wilkerson, Sr.**

*Written by DPW&T Community Liaison  
Courtney Ward*



Let's take a stroll down memory lane, shall we? This year, 2018, Otis Redding's "(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay", Aretha Franklin's "Think", and Joe Cocker's "With a Little Help from My Friends" all turn 50 years old. And this August 2018, DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance's Lester Wilkerson, Sr. will mark 50 years with the Department.

"I enjoy working," said Lester. "If I'm not working I'll be out spending money."

In case you are wondering, of DPW&T's current employees, Lester is the longest-serving -- a title he seems very proud to hold... as he should be.

Lester began his career with DPW&T as an Engineering Aide II back in 1968. Over the years he's been promoted through the ranks to an Engineering Aide III and then an Engineering Technician I when the position was reclassified. He served as a Survey Technician before landing the job of Construction Standards Inspector I. Lester has been in his current role, Construction Standards Inspector II, for the past 29 years. He inspects sites in question -- everything from trees to sidewalks to storm drains -- to determine if repairs are needed. Then, he reports his findings to his supervisors.

Five decades with the same Department? Surely there have been changes over the years. In addition to the County and Department growing as time has passed, Lester told me that way back when, working snow removal duty was voluntary for DPW&T employees. He said somehow they always had enough people to get the job done. These days, working snow is mandatory for much of DPW&T's staff. Lester also shared with me that years ago the dump trucks had boxes on top and a fire barrel to help crews stay warm.

A truly dedicated employee, Lester said for him the past 50 years have gone by quickly and have been good. But, despite reaching this huge career milestone he has no plans for a big 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

When he's not working, Lester likes vacationing with his family, and going fishing and hunting. His preference? -- deer and larger game.

While most people may consider retiring after 30 years on the job, Lester Wilkerson, Sr. is not like most people -- telling me he plans to hang around a while.



# NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Lynnell Adams**

Lynnell Adams joined DPW&T on April 30, 2018 as a Transit Operator I with the Office of Transportation. Prior to joining the Department, Lynnell worked as a bus driver for MV Transit and as a bus operator for BJ's Transportation Services in MD. Lynnell has an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Axia College of University of Phoenix. Welcome, Lynnell!

**Darryl Bronson**

Darryl Bronson joined DPW&T on May 14, 2018 as a Transit Operator I with the Office of Transportation. Prior to joining the Department, Darryl served as a bus operator with Montgomery County Government's RideOn in Gaithersburg, MD, a teaching assistant/mobile lab driver for the J. Craig Venter Institute in Rockville, MD, and as the Assistant Director of Transportation for the Jewish Council for the Aging in Rockville, MD. He has completed transportation courses at Hagerstown Community College in Hagerstown, MD. Welcome, Darryl!





# NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Brian Budd**

Brian Budd joined DPW&T on April 30, 2018 as an Investigator I/II with the Office of Transportation's Taxi Division. Brian transferred from the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPIE) where he had been an inspector since May 2015. Prior to working for DPIE, Brian served as a Special Operations Division TNA Officer with the County's Revenue Authority. He has also served the County as a volunteer firefighter since 1978. Brian is a graduate of Mackin Catholic High School in Washington, D.C., and holds a Firefighter III certification from the University of Maryland Fire Training Academy. Welcome, Brian!

**Brittany Cowan**

Brittany Cowan joined DPW&T on March 19, 2018 as a Limited Term Grant Funded (LTGF) Community Developer I with the Office of Transportation. Prior to coming to DPW&T, Brittany served as a general manager for Safeway, and as a marketing representative for ServPro. She has also worked as an administrative assistant for the organization Change of Heart. Brittany is a graduate of Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf, MD, and is currently pursuing a degree in Psychology at Bowie State University. Welcome, Brittany!



# NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Thomas Curtis, Jr.**

Thomas Curtis, Jr. joined DPW&T on May 14, 2018 as a Transit Operator I with the Office of Transportation. Before coming to DPW&T, Thomas worked as a bus driver for Transdev in Forestville, MD, as a van driver for BBC Express Bus/Shuttle Transportation in Washington, DC, and as a waste water operator with Charles County Government in La Plata, MD. Thomas previously completed courses at Lincoln Technical Institute in Columbia, MD. He is a graduate Henry E. Lackey High School in Indian Head, MD. Welcome, Thomas!

**Carlos Hughes**

Carlos Hughes joined DPW&T on May 14, 2018 as a Laborer I/II with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Prior to coming to DPW&T, Carlos worked as a truck driver for Plus Size Trucking, CNC Trucking, LLC, and Eagle Van Lines, Inc. He is a graduate of McKinley Tech High School in Washington, DC. Welcome, Carlos!





# NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Jennifer Johnson**

Jennifer “Jen” Johnson joined DPW&T on April 30, 2018 as a Transit Operator I with the Office of Transportation. Jen, as she prefers to be called, worked as a bus driver for Transdev before coming onboard at DPW&T. She is a graduate of Suitland High School in Suitland, MD. Welcome, Jen!

**Lewis Jones, Sr.**

Lewis Jones, Sr. rejoined DPW&T on May 14, 2018 as a Laborer I/II with the Office of Highway Maintenance. He first joined DPW&T on April 17, 2017 as a Temporary/Seasonal Laborer I with the Office of Highway Maintenance. In the past, Lewis has served as a merchandiser for Giant Foods in Bethesda, MD, a skilled laborer for C.J. Coakley in Falls Church, VA, and a certified professional locksmith for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority in Washington, D.C. Lewis is a graduate of Ballou High School in Washington, DC. Welcome back, Lewis!



# NEW EMPLOYEES

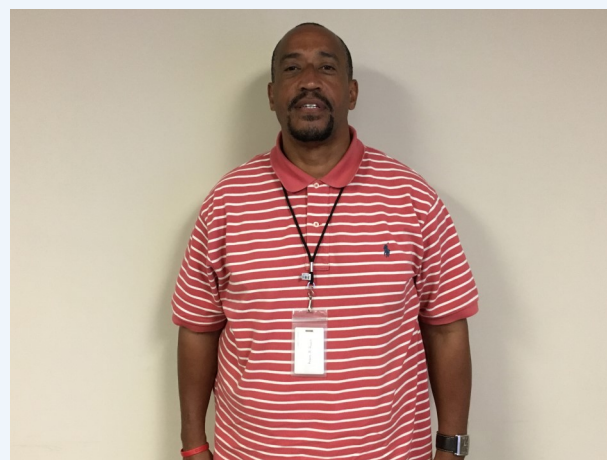
WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Kenneth Rawlings**

Kenneth “Dwayne” Rawlings rejoined DPW&T on April 30, 2018 as a Transit Operator I with the Office of Transportation. Dwayne, as he prefers to be called, started his career with the Department as a Temporary/Seasonal Equipment Operator I, with the Office of Transportation, in July 2017. His temporary/seasonal service ended two months later. Dwayne is a graduate of Southeastern High School in Lanham, MD, and has taken general studies courses at Montgomery College. Welcome back, Dwayne!

**Andre Roach**

Andre Roach rejoined DPW&T on May 14, 2018 as a Laborer I/II with the Office of Highway Maintenance. He originally joined DPW&T in December 2017 as a Temporary/Seasonal Laborer I with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Prior to coming to the Department, Andre served as a water services worker for the DC Water and Sewer Authority and as a laborer for Clark Construction in Washington, DC. He is a graduate of Bladensburg High School in Bladensburg, MD. Welcome back, Andre!





# NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Ayana Robinson**

Ayana Robinson rejoined DPW&T on May 14, 2018 as a Laborer I/II with the Office of Highway Maintenance. She first began working for the Department as a Temporary/Seasonal Laborer I, with the Office of Highway Maintenance, in November 2016. Prior to joining DPW&T, Ayana worked as a home health aide with Integrity Nursing and as a driver with Transdev in Forestville, MD. Ayana is a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, MD. Welcome back, Ayana!

**Alicia Terry**

Alicia Terry joined DPW&T on April 30, 2018 as a Transit Operator I with the Office of Transportation. Prior to working for DPW&T, Alicia served as a bus driver with Transdev, and as a bus operations supervisor with the Maryland Transit Administration in Baltimore, MD. She previously completed EMT courses at Baltimore City Community College in Baltimore, MD. Welcome, Alicia!



# NEW EMPLOYEES

# WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

**Matthew Tetrault**

Matthew “Matt” Tetrault rejoined DPW&T on April 30, 2018 as a Transit Operator I with the Office of Transportation. He initially joined DPW&T in August 2011 as an Equipment Operator I (Bus Driver) with the Office of Transportation. Prior to returning to the Department, Matt, as he prefers to be called, served as a limousine driver for Platinum Limousines, LLC and Bayside Limousine. He is a graduate of Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf, MD. Welcome back, Matt!



## EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

**Kristina Aguillard**

Kristina Aguillard was promoted to an Administrative Aide IV position on May 14, 2018, and now serves as the Office Manager for DPW&T's Office of Administrative Services. She originally joined DPW&T on May 7, 2012 as a Temporary Seasonal Employee with the Office of Engineering & Project Management (OE&PM). A year later, Kristina was hired as a full-time General Clerk IV, and in June 2014 she was promoted to an Administrative Aide III position with OE&PM. Before working for DPW&T, Kristina served as an administrative assistant for the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library in Staunton, VA, and as a brand ambassador for Gap Inc./Banana Republic in Arlington, VA. She earned a Bachelor's degree, from Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, VA, where she majored in History and minored in Biology. Congratulations, Kristina!

**Larry Best, Jr.**

Larry Best, Jr. began a new role with DPW&T, on April 16, 2018, as a Traffic Service Worker I/II with the Department's Office of Highway Maintenance. Larry started his career with DPW&T as a Temporary/Seasonal Laborer I with the Office of Highway Maintenance back in November 2015. The following November, he returned to the Department as a rehire in a temporary capacity. Larry was hired for a full-time merited Laborer I/II position, with DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance, in May 2017. He is a graduate of Parkdale High School in Riverdale, MD. Congratulations, Larry!



## EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

**Dennis Brady**

Dennis Brady began his new role with DPW&T on February 5, 2018 as a Trades Helper I/II with the Department's Office of Highway Maintenance. Dennis started his career with DPW&T as a Temporary/Seasonal Laborer I in November 2004. The following July he was hired for a full-time merited Laborer I/II position, and served in that capacity until his recent change in career path. Dennis is a graduate of Parkdale High School in Riverdale, MD. Congratulations, Dennis!

**Angelo Green**

Angelo Green started in a new position with DPW&T, on February 5, 2018, as a Trades Helper I/II with the Office of Highway Maintenance. He began his career with DPW&T as a Temporary/Seasonal Laborer I, with the Office of Highway Maintenance, in February 2010. After returning to DPW&T as a rehire in November 2011, in a temporary capacity, Angelo was hired for a full-time merited Laborer I/II position with the Office of Highway Maintenance in June 2012. Angelo earned his GED from the Maryland Board of Education. Congratulations, Angelo!





# EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS

# CONGRATULATIONS!

**Thomasine Johnson**

Thomasine Johnson was promoted to an Administrative Aide IV position, in DPW&T's Office of Transportation, on April 2, 2018. Thomasine started her career with DPW&T as a General Clerk IV with the Office of Highway Maintenance in August 2006. She was promoted to an Administrative Aide I/II in October 2012. Four years later, Thomasine was promoted to an Administrative Aide III with the Office of Transportation. During her tenure with DPW&T, Thomasine has been an integral part of the snow emergency planning team working with the Command Center, and recently assisting with training employees on the use of StormTrak. Thomasine is a graduate of Largo High School in Largo, MD, and is pursuing business management studies at the University of Phoenix. Congratulations, Thomasine!

**Everett Jones**

Everett Jones started his new role as a Traffic Service Worker I/II, in DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance, on April 16, 2018. He began working for DPW&T in November 2015 as a Temporary/Seasonal Laborer I with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Everett was later hired for a full-time merited Laborer I/II position in September 2016. He is a graduate of Croom High School in Upper Marlboro, MD and studied HVAC while attending Lincoln Tech. Congratulations, Everett!



# EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS

# CONGRATULATIONS!

**Breon Reynoso**

Breon Reynoso joined DPW&T's Office of Transportation as a Limited Term Grant Funded (LTGF) Supply Technician I on March 19, 2018. Since last summer, he worked as a Temporary/Seasonal Laborer I with the Department's Office of Highway Maintenance's TRIP Center. Breon is a graduate of Riverdale Baptist School in Upper Marlboro, MD, and is studying criminal justice at the University of Maryland, College Park. Congratulations, Breon!

**Tirrell Robinson**

Tirrell Robinson moved to a Trades Helper I/II position, in DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance, on February 5, 2018. Previously, he had worked as a Laborer I/II, with the Office of Highway Maintenance, since joining DPW&T in December 2008. Tirrell is a graduate of Frank W. Ballou Senior High School in Washington, D.C. Congratulations, Tirrell!





## EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

**David Thomas**

David Thomas started his new position of Trades Helper I/II, with DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance, on February 5, 2018. He began his career with DPW&T in November 1999 as a Laborer I/II with the Office of Highway Maintenance. David was previously selected for a Trades Helper I/II position in October 2007, but resigned from service close to three years later. In June 2014, David was rehired as a Laborer I/II. He received his GED from the State of Louisiana. Congratulations, David!

**James Turner**

James Turner started his new role with DPW&T, on April 2, 2018, as a Community Developer I/II in the Office of Transportation. He began his career with the Department as an Engineering Technician with the Office of Transportation in June 2016. James is a graduate of Huntington High School in Huntington, MD, and holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics from West Virginia University. Congratulations, James!



# EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

Nearly 40 Years of Service!



**John Hawkins, Sr.**

We usually do not include retirees in our newsletter. But, when you have been a public servant with the County government for almost 40 years, you more than deserve a shout out.

John Hawkins, Sr. retired from DPW&T in June 2018 with 39 years of service. He was a Crew Supervisor III with our Office of Highway Maintenance.

John was a dedicated employee who was not afraid to speak his mind, and did his best daily to serve the people of Prince George's County.

We will miss John and wish him the best as he starts a new chapter in his life!

WE'LL MISS YOU!



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 2018 Prince George's County Fair

Thursday, September 6th—Sunday, September 9th

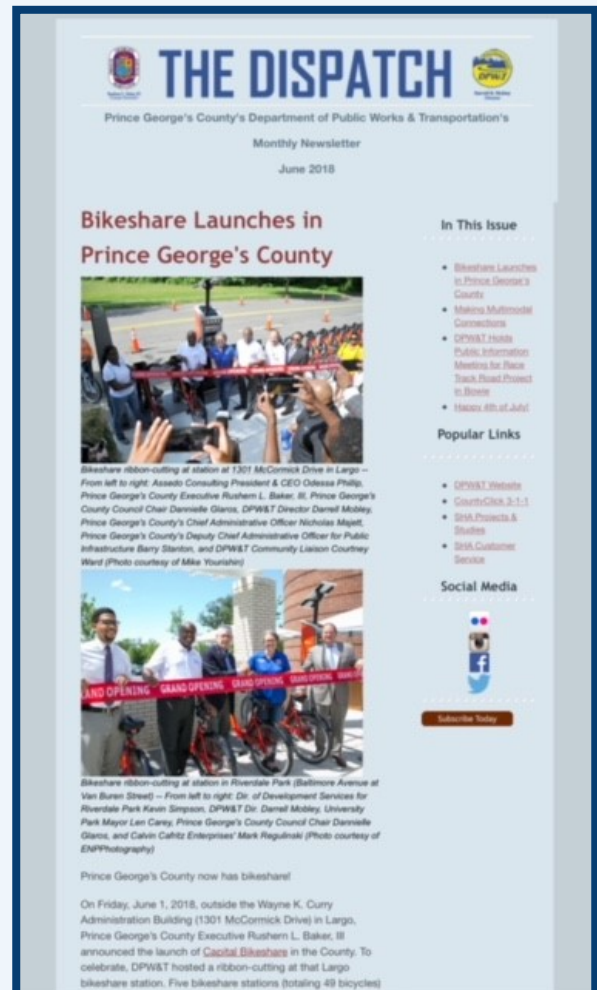
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