

Employee of the Month

October



Congratulations to Predrag Vujatovic, Employee of the Month for October 2015!

Predrag is a Lead Mechanic at the George L. Winfield Fleet Maintenance Facility. He has worked with DGS since 2006 and recently began serving in the Fire Shop. Predrag mentioned that he likes the variety and challenge of the tasks as one of the reasons he enjoys coming to work each morning. When he's not at Fleet, Predrag likes to tinker with computers, learning about software and hardware. Predrag also enjoys spending time with his wife and three children.

All Employee of the Month winners receive a certificate and a surprise gift. They are also eligible for the DGS Employee of the Year award, which will be announced in the last quarter, annually by the Director.

The DGS Employee of the Month nominations may be submitted in person via the handy ballot boxes placed throughout DGS locations or via electronic submission at DGS_HR@baltimorecity.gov.

Recipients are selected by an Employee Customer Service Committee representing each of DGS's Divisions. In addition to new nominees, all nominees not selected during the current month are retained and entered for future consideration.

If you have any questions regarding the Employee of the Month process please call Laurie Blumberg at (410) 396-4600.

Supervisors' Summit



At the 2nd Annual Supervisory Summit DGS supervisors were provided training, information, and resources to better assist them in their job duties. They had the opportunity to share with the leadership issues that they and their staff may be facing. This information assists leadership to see which areas can be adjusted to improve DGS's efficiency and effectiveness.

Future Leaders of DGS

DGS's second Future Leaders Development class has begun. Thirteen DGS staff members were chosen to receive the joint DGS and DHR training. The training was conceived to identify, train, and retain potential managers and supervisors. The course develops and advances participants' strategic decision-making capabilities and deepens their understanding of the City of Baltimore's operations and organizational dynamics. The thirteen employees participate in the six-monthly sessions conducted at the Wolman Municipal Building, DHR headquarters, and the War Memorial.



Jackson Gilman-Forlini, Historic Properties Program Manager and 2014 Future Leaders graduate said "The program is a good opportunity to learn more about how the City functions and how to collaborate with other City employees in your peer class. I learned about policies and procedures."

Learn how to navigate Open Enrollment

Come learn how to select health, dental, life, and/or vision benefits for yourself and eligible dependents. Health Benefits Training, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Oct. 19th from 9-10am.



One Mission: One Baltimore: DGS has set a fundraising goal of \$10,000.00!

Raffle 50/50	October 5-9, Drawing on 9th	2 PM	2 nd Floor at Abel Wolman
Ice Cream Social	October 9	12-2 PM	2 nd Floor at Abel Wolman
Bake Sale	October 16	12-2 PM	1 st Floor at Abel Wolman
Game Tournament	October 7-9	12-2 PM	War Memorial Plaza
Pet Photo Contest	October 19 –November 13		Administration
Music Showcase	October 28, 2015	12-2 PM	1 st Floor at Abel Wolman
Radio Controlled Car Tournament	October 29	11 AM	3800 Biddle Street.
Ugly Sweater Contest	November 19, 2015	12-2 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room

Electronic pledging is fast, easy, and secure.

- You can use credit card or payroll deduction.
- You can now text ccc2015 to 51555 to pledge.
- The website is www.ccc.baltimorecity.gov you can donate online.



Don't let a mouse turn your workspace into a picnic!

Follow these workplace rodent reduction tips:
Keep your work area clean of all food and drink, refrain from leaving food in desks and trash cans, create designated eating areas and use them, and place snacks and candies in sealed containers with lids.

DGS Open House at War Memorial Building



Come hang with DGS
Tuesday, October 27 from
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the
Baltimore War Memorial
101 North Gay Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
Halloween themed refreshments will be provided.

Cincinnati Comes to Learn from Fleet



On 9/21 and 9/22 a team from Cincinnati came down and met with DGS to discuss their plans to create a capital purchase program (similar to master lease) for their vehicle fleet. DGS Fleet provided a tour of the Biddle Street facility and spent 5 hours with them discussing the master lease and lessons learned.

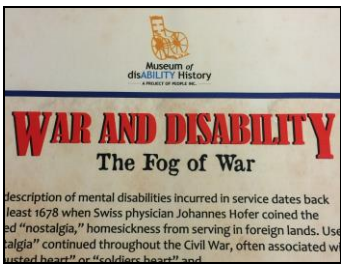
Get FREE Flu Shots



FREE flu shots will be available at The George L. Winfield Fleet Maintenance Facility, 3800 E. Biddle Street on 10/29 from 10:30-12:30, during the CCC Radio Controlled Car Tournament. There will also be free 7 – 10 minute massages during this time frame!



Have you been to the War Memorial recently? You can check out one of the world's largest dioramas and the new War & Disability exhibit!



Chichi goes to FLAGFA!

Chichi Nyagah-nash was invited to present about the challenges of fleet modernization and master lease to the Florida Association of Government Fleet Administrators (FLAGFA). She had great interactions during and after her session and also attended other sessions on data benchmarking, fleet replacement planning, and privatization.

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National Day of Service and Remembrance



Twenty members of the Baltimore City Department of General Services (DGS) participated in the National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11, 2015 by volunteering with Business Volunteers Maryland at the Baltimore Community ToolBank in honor of those lost on September 11, 2001.

"Beyond maintaining the City's properties, or managing the fleet, many DGS employees give back to our community," said DGS Director Steve Sharkey. "It was an amazing day to have DGS employees coming together to serve the greater Baltimore community. It is a pleasure to serve in an organization that can give back to the community in so many ways."

The DGS staff joined about thirty other volunteers as they sanded and sealed the exterior wood around the Baltimore Community ToolBank rain gardens, mulched flower beds, cleaned the interior to prepare for an influx of fall projects, and painted interior and exterior property.

The National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11th is the largest annual day of charitable engagement in the United States. Each year more than 40 million Americans and many others in 150 countries observe September 11 by performing good deeds that help others to remember and pay tribute to the victims, and honor those that rose in service. In 2009, Congress designated September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under bipartisan federal law.



National Security Officer Appreciation Week observed at DGS

Did you know there are approximately 1,077,520 security officers across the U.S. keeping you safe and secure?

The DGS security officers strive to help maintain safe and secure workplaces. They deserve our heartfelt appreciation. Security Personnel are hard-working, highly trained men and women who are our country's first responders. These individuals deter crime, provide information, assist during emergencies, work closely with local law enforcement and are constantly vigilant in their efforts to keep us safe.

To honor these men and women, DGS participated in National Security Officer Appreciation Week, which is celebrated each year during the third week in September, as an incredible opportunity to say thank you and to recognize security officers' many contributions to our daily lives.

DGS thanks Katherine Caulker, Jennifer Myszowski, Kenneth Berry, Raymond Hough, Thomasina Jenkins, Linda Gilmore, Leon Armstrong, Cassandra Sweet, Elsie Evans, Jackie Dorsey, Frerica Hemphill, Juanita Byrd, LT. Melvin Peterson, Ian Dorsey, Gregory McCloud, Paul Jefferies, Richard Twardowicz, and Capt. Billy Richardson.

If you'd like to show your appreciation, you could buy a security officer(s) coffee, write a letter of thanks, or just visit – shake their hand, say thank you and ask how they are.

DGS Job Openings

Automotive Maintenance Worker– 12/15

An Automotive Maintenance Worker performs safety checks on vehicles and assists mechanics in performing installation, maintenance and repair work on cars and trucks

Automotive Mechanic – 12/20

An Automotive Mechanic performs a wide range of diagnostic, installation, maintenance and repair work on a variety of automotive, heavy truck, heavy equipment and other mechanical equipment.

To apply for a position create an account on www.governmentjobs.com. Keep this application updates as it is reviewed by the Human Resources Office. The more information you have, the better your chances are to obtain the job or promotion. With this process you can scan and add information to your account. Things you may want to scan include but not limited to: resume, cover letter, certifications, and any licenses you hold.

The website also has a Job Notification section that will send reminders when positions are posted with application deadlines.

