



# THE DGS DIGEST

## CONGRATULATIONS JASON ORZOCO! DGS'S APRIL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Jason Orzoco, an Architect II in the Major Projects Division, for recognition as the DGS April 2018 Employee of the Month!

Jason began working for the city in 2015 after a stint as an architect in the private sector. The initial adjustment from private to public was challenging as he took on more managerial duties upon coming to DGS. When asked about his work he said, "I work with a great group of caring, trustworthy individuals. The pleasure of seeing them each day is what brings me back to the office."

One of Jason's favorite times of the year is the annual Major Projects potluck around the winter holidays. Outside of work he enjoys spending time with his family. He is married with three children, and loves photography. Jason said, "I always have my camera with me wherever I go."

## THE BRAINS BEHIND THE COMPUTER

### KAY CAMPBELL AND RENEE JOHNSON ARE LEADING THE WAY TO CREATE INNOVATIVE IT SOLUTIONS FOR DGS!

In an effort to better serve our partner agencies and encourage government efficiency, DGS Divisions focus on innovative technologies and process improvements. DGS has two dedicated IT leaders who ensure DGS stays on the cutting edge, Renee Johnson and Kagesta (Kay) Campbell. Together, they have been vital to maintaining the momentum to move technology innovations forward within and outside DGS.



Renee Johnson has been working for the City of Baltimore for 31 years, and within DGS' Fleet Division for 14 years. She was born and raised in Baltimore, attending high school in the city and college in the county. When she was working for the Department of Office of Civil Rights & Wage Enforcement Renee created a "peer to peer" network that allowed the department's computers to communicate with one another. After completing the network, Renee realized her love of computer science. In her current role as IT supervisor for our Fleet Division, Renee has tackled a variety of issues through computer automation and system management. Her largest project has been "upgrading [the] fleet management software to the web version. [This program] manages 5000 plus pieces of equipment and millions of dollars". With such a huge system to manage, it is no surprise that when asked about her day to day work Renee has one word "Chaos." People even tell jokes about taking a ticket at Renee's door. For Renee, system design

(creating structures for data to be processed though) is something she loves about her work, and it shows in her dedication to Fleet and innovative processes.

Kay Campbell grew up in Baltimore, attending both high school and college in the city. Through the support of her family and church she was able to juggle working and college. "My foundation is the church, every person God has connected me to in my life helped pave the way". When Kay was a junior in high school, she started working for DGS as an intern in the Fleet Division. She has been with the City for 17 years, but she didn't get into IT until much later. It was her love of problem solving which lead her into computer science. "IT stuck with me, what was causing the machine to do this as I am typing...I am a problem solver...I recreate problems and try to solve them".



Now, Kay manages a staff of five as the head of the Information Systems Process team. Problem solving exists throughout the programs she runs with her team: Archibus—the paperless purchase order system, and Pictometry—360-degree scanning of city buildings to provide quicker response times with facilities teams. Between the two Kay is busy! "There are no normal work days...what I do I can be challenged with...the only thing that is normal is that I am at my desk working". The Information Systems Management team innovates to create leaner government processes for DGS. "If something is the same process every day, I promise you I have already automated it".

## APRIL DGS ALL STARS



Congratulations to our Facilities Maintenance Paint Team for being awarded as DGS All Stars! Their consistent hard work and quick turn around keeps our city owned buildings beautiful. Thank you and great job to Roger Fitzpatrick, Chris Schultz, William Moore, Johnny McCoy, Eljay McBride, and James Sollon.



## LEAD TO SUCCEED CLASS OF 2018

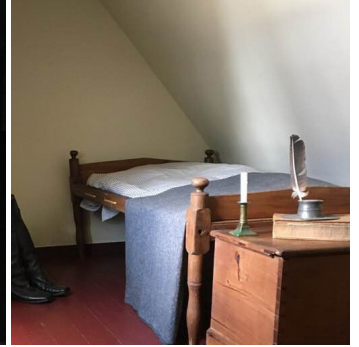


Friday, April 6th was the first meeting for the 2018 Lead to Succeed class. This first session discussed the function of DGS within the City and was ran by DHR Training. This years participants are Jennifer Behr and Derrick McCorvery from Administration Division. Donna Jones, Holly Jones, Robert Cole, Shaun Griffin from Fleet Management Division. With Fred Ramirez and Jason Ludd from Facilities Maintenance Division.

## POE HOUSE PLASTER PROJECT FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TEAM COMPLETE HISTORIC RENOVATION



The wall after the damaged plaster had been removed.



Poe's bedroom after the plaster restoration

The Edgar Allan Poe House recently underwent interior renovations by DGS. The FMD Environmental Unit oversaw stabilization and painting of the historic plaster that had been damaged by a steam pipe leak. This National Historic Landmark is now looking great and is back open to visitors from around the world who come to learn about Poe and his work. Thank you to John Ward and the rest of the Environment Unit staff for their hard work!



Rec and Parks Chief of Staff Ciara Harris and Director Sharkey with Mayor Pugh

## Ready, Set, Hire Job Fair DGS AND REC AND PARKS PUT ON A ONE DAY HIRING EVENT IN PARK HEIGHTS!



Applicants filling out paper work for DGS and Rec and Parks



Director Sharkey and Councilwoman Middleton are all smiles at Ready, Set, Hire



Ready, Set, Hire staff assisting with applications and registration

On Saturday April 14th, DGS alongside Rec and Parks and DHR hosted Ready, Set, Hire a one day job fair. DGS was looking to fill Fleet Management and Facilities Maintenance positions, and we recieved over 47 qualified applicants the day of the event. Mayor Pugh, We wanted to thank our Administration Team who organized this event with our city partners Tereina Galloway, Catherine Burns, and Alison Lynch. We would also like to thank all the staff who came out on their weekened to be a part of our interview panels and who assisted in the event: Kurt Brown, Terrel Chesson, Charles Claridy, Wycliffe Essles, Nick Fontanez, Reginald Frederick, Erica Gee, John Habicht, Joe Hicks, Anna Hough, Terry Howell, Micheal Jones, Aaron Lee, Tom Locklear, Jason Ludd, Karl Rusk, Robert Schley, Samara Singletary, Erick Smith, Tiffany Williams, Antwan Wilson, Carole Young.

## FLAG HOUSE RENOVATIONS HISTORIC PROPERTIES WORKS TO RESTORE FLAG HOUSE



The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House in Baltimore is embarking on a project to preserve and protect this historic landmark for future use. Through a public-private partnership, the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House Association and the Baltimore City Department

of General Services will perform exterior preservation work including repointing the exterior masonry walls, gutter replacement, and decorative ironwork repair.

Built in 1793, the house is a federal style brick rowhome. In this house, Mary Pickersgill designed and fabricated the flag that flew over Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore. Inspired by the sight of the flag, Francis Scott Key wrote the poem "The Star-Spangled Banner," which is now known today as the National Anthem of the United States of America.

The City of Baltimore has owned the house since 1927 and it was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1969. The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House is open for tours Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## SHRED YOUR SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS



April 23rd, bins will be provided to help with collection. A roll off will be on Guilford right next to Abel Wolman for disposal.

## HR ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

<i>Grason Burkett</i>	Auto Mechanic
<i>Mirchell Dean Sr.</i>	Welder
<i>Theresa Williams</i>	Office Support Specialist II
<i>James Yarbough</i>	Community Aide
<i>Carroll Brown</i>	Automotive Maintenance Worker
<i>Mirchell Dean Jr.</i>	Automotive Maintenance Worker
<i>Abogan Apetoh</i>	Operation Assistant II
<i>Samara Singletary</i>	Community Aide

### CONGRALUATIONS ON YOUR PROMOTION!

<i>Steven Potts</i>	Automotive Maintenance Worker
<i>Eljay McBride</i>	Painter II
<i>Jonny McCoy</i>	Painter III

### Employee of the Month Nominations

1. Hand Ballots located throughout General Services
2. Email DGS\_HR@Baltimorecity.gov

Direct questions regarding the Employee of the Month process to Catherine Burns in the Human Resources Office (410) 396-3627

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