



THE DGS DIGEST

CONGRATULATIONS LYNETTE SVODODA!

DGS DECEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to the Fleet Division's Lynette Svododa, Analyst and Programmer, for being named DGS' December 2018 Employee of the Month! Lynette has been with DGS for three years. She goes above and beyond to meet the customer's needs, and will take the time to find the answers to questions that arise.

Lynette's daily tasks include writing and running queries and reports as well as developing projects within Sharepoint, a Microsoft tool used to manage workflows. Lynette is currently working on a paperless leave request system utilizing the Sharepoint tool. Additionally, Lynette created a system for Fleet employees to electronically create service tickets which has since been expanded to include all of DGS.

Lynette is extremely passionate regarding her work. She goes beyond the call of duty, is extremely knowledgeable in her field, and contributes on all levels. She can be relied upon to give her all to every task she is assigned. She has created over 200 custom reports,

using the Sequel Servers Reporting Services (SSR'S), for customers and departmental use. She has developed multiple reports that have improved efficiency related to Fleet operations. Lynette is a great asset to the DGS family.

PEALE ROOF WINS AWARD MAJOR PROJECTS AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES COORDINATE ROOF REPLACEMENT

Earlier this month DGS contractor, Ruff Roofers, received an award from the Building Congress & Exchange for the design and execution of roof repairs on the Peale Museum. The project was judged based on overall craftsmanship including the quality of work, complexity of both technical and design challenges and the level of difficulty with site conditions, constraints and time frame.



Shaquita Gause from the Major Projects Division managed the exterior restoration of the building which brought the building's facade back to life. However, the roof of the building was still in need of attention. The roof was originally a copper standing seam roof that had rusted over the years, but it has been transformed from rust to a new color, "freedom grey." Jackson Gilman-Forlini from the Historic Properties office worked with the tenant to secure public and private funds to complete the work and helped to develop a design consistent with historic preservation standards.

DGS is proud to have orchestrated the restoration of the Peale, so it can continue to be a public space that brings important cultural currency to downtown Baltimore.

BOB GIBSON RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION AS A 2018 EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVANT



DGS' own, Bob Gibson, has been recognized by American City & County as a 2018 Exemplary Public Servant. American City & County selected this year's winners based exclusively on their accomplishments in 2018 and the impact those actions had on the communities they serve.

Bob's recognition was due in part to his involvement on the creation of the gainsharing program, where Fleet employees are encouraged and empowered to identify and implement operational changes that improve service and reduce costs. The program incentivizes higher performance through structured involvement and employee participation. Over a six-month pilot, the program resulted in nearly \$350,000 in cost avoidance without impacting the quality of the services our mechanics provided. Congratulations Bob, thank you for your commitment to Baltimore City and to DGS.

To learn more about Bob's recognition, check out the December print issue of American City & County.

FMD COMPLETES POLICE STATION RENOVATION



The Western District Police Station 2nd floor demolition and renovation concluded in November 2018. The project was designed by Carole Young and involved the complete renovation and substantial redesign of the entire 2nd floor. The project included the creation of a new open office area with space for 22 workstations, four new offices, a new locker room and shower for female officers, and the renovation of the male officers' restroom.

The Facilities team and Baltimore Police Department hoped to make the building more inviting to the public and more accommodating to the officers, while maximizing the use of space. This project completes the comprehensive renovation of the Western Police District, complimenting the previous renovation of the first floor by DGS and a donor group. The Facilities Maintenance crew included Carole Young, Chuck Knecht, Paul Burgee, John Habicht, Jim Fisher, and Steve Stricklin. Great job team!



HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS AT DGS!



CHICKEN AND RIB COOK-OFF 2018

Congratulations to Shaquita Gause (pictured) from Major Projects for winning the award for best chicken with her honey old bay wings and Lashella Miller from Fleet Management for taking home the title of best ribs with her jerk ribs! Thank you to everyone who came or entered, your support brought us closer to our United Way goal.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

MURVYN CANNADY	33 YEARS OF SERVICE
ROBERT KENNEDY	16 YEARS OF SERVICE
STEPHEN JONES	30 YEARS OF SERVICE

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM DIRECTOR SHARKEY



2018 has been an exciting year, with a number of ups and downs. This year we gained a number of new team members, each bringing experience and new ideas which will allow us to continue the good, innovative work of the department. I want to tell you all what a privilege it is to serve the citizens of Baltimore alongside you. I am filled with pride, knowing each of you come to work each day prepared to make your shop, our department, and the City a better place. Thank you for your commitment to DGS and our community. Happy Holidays, from my family to yours.

- Steve