



THE DGS DIGEST

CONGRATULATIONS ROBERT HOLSTE! DGS' JULY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Congratulations Robert Holste, the DGS July 2018 Employee of the Month! Robert is a Fuel System Specialist in our Fleet Management Division. Before his time at the City he worked at a dealership as a mechanic but sought a job that offered more security; he found it. Robert has been with Baltimore City for 38 years and with DGS since its inception in 2009. His leadership and ability to execute difficult tasks are what make Robert a key piece of the Fleet team. In his time at the city, Robert has had a lot of great experiences, but his fondest is meeting Mayor Schaefer. Thank you, Robert, for your great work. We salute you as a splendid example of an excellent employee and coach!

DIRECTOR DAY AT LEWIN YARD



Earlier this month Director Sharkey headed to the Fleet's Lewin Yard where he assisted staff working on the brakes of a load packer. The City's load packers pick up, carry, and crush trash and/or recycling. Director Sharkey reinforced that the work our teams perform each day is impactful and important. All the mechanics and technicians in our Fleet Management Division work diligently to keep City vehicles running and we thank you for your collective commitment to service!

HAPPY 289TH BIRTHDAY BALTIMORE CITY!



Happy 289th Birthday Baltimore! July 30th Mayor Pugh hosted a celebration in City Hall with cake, singing and local Baltimore specialties like Old Bay and Berger Cookies.

Did you know that Baltimore was formed in 1729 and originally was called "Baltimore Town"? Baltimore City is also a town of firsts: the first dental school opened here in 1840, the first United States Post Office opened in Baltimore in 1774 and the first gas lamps in the US were built and used in Baltimore

8 THINGS ABOUT CHICHI NYAGAH-NASH DGS SAYS GOODBYE TO OUR DEPUTY DIVISION CHIEF AT FLEET



1. Graduated high school and summited Africa's highest mountain (Kilimanjaro) at 16.
2. Grandfather, Jeremiah Nyagah, was a member of the Legislative Council that participated in the Lancaster House Conferences in England, at which Kenya's constitutional framework and independence were negotiated.
3. Serves as Board President at Friends of Great Kids Farm and as Advisory Board Member Business Volunteers Maryland.
4. Before DGS, Chichi was Director of Special Projects and Community Relations at the Baltimore Grand Prix. Biggest race-day accomplishment was running Event Control which is the communications hub for events staff, emergency personnel and Indycar race control room.
5. Chichi worked in DGS's Fleet Management Division for 6 years. Accomplishments- playing a key role in the creation and implementation of the Master Lease and gainsharing programs. Both are unique, innovative and potentially transformative initiatives.
6. Chichi will be DHCD's Director of Special Projects, working directly with the Commissioner and Chief of Staff to manage cross-organizational initiatives and identity opportunities for operational improvements
7. She has had an 8-foot pythons relieve itself on me while I held it (see photo).
8. Her two dogs and cat are the reigning "DGS Cutest Pet Contest" champions.

THE PEALE HOSTS MORGAN STATE STUDENTS

STUDENTS WORK TO PRESERVE PEALE GARDEN WITH NATIONAL TRUST



During the month of July, DGS and The Peale Center hosted the Hands On Preservation Experience (HOPE) crew. HOPE is a non-profit organization based out of Washington, DC that provides college students out-of-the-classroom experiences studying historic buildings or restoring spaces that need conservation. The crew was comprised of six architecture and planning students from Morgan State University. Their focus at the Peale was repairing the cracked and weakened masonry in the site's back garden. Every day from 8 AM to 5 PM the students would clean and lay restored brick. The project was a great experience for DGS, the Peale, and the HOPE crew as the garden has been restored to its full potential.

YOUTHWORKS AT DGS COMES TO A CLOSE



Some of our Youthworks students in Administration and Facilities Maintenance



Bob Gibson and Chichi Nyagah-Nash with two Youthworks students at Fleet

DGS completed another successful summer with the City's Youthworks Program!

YouthWorks connects thousands of young people between the ages of 14 and 21 to summer jobs with private, nonprofit, and city and state government employers throughout Baltimore. Participants work in a variety of industries and gain basic workforce readiness and career-specific skills. This year, more than 8,500 youth and young adults were offered summer jobs at one of more than 900 work site locations across Baltimore.

Twelve YouthWorks students joined three of DGS's divisions for six weeks of job experience and hands-on training. When asked what advice they would give another teen looking to participate in Youthworks, the students agreed that one should be specific about what one wants to do, be assertive, advocate for yourself, and have an open mind. When reflecting on the program, the students shared something they each learned. One student, working in Facilities Maintenance learned how to put up drywall, while another had fun passing tools and learning from our building repairers. In Administration, one student learned multi-tasking and how to balance two roles at once. Lastly, one student with Fleet Management said they were going to miss working at Central Garage, and hopes to participate in the apprenticeship program. Thank you to all DGS staff who marked their United Way donations for Youthworks during last winter's fundraising campaign, your donations matter.

HR ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!
RONNIE DAVID AUTO MAINTENANCE WORKER
ANA BASOCO COMMUNITY AIDE



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Employee of the Month Nominations

There are two ways you can nominate a co-worker or team member...

1. Write a ballot nomination located through out 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) 369-3627

HAVE YOU....

*Moved? New Phone Number? Married?
 Divorce? Had a child?*

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