

## September 2017 Employee of the Month!



Congratulations to Holly Jones, DGS's September Employee of the Month. She has worked for the City of Baltimore for the past 6 years. Holly began her career in the Central Garage as a store keeper.

Before coming to DGS and the City, Holly worked at Chevrolet and interacted with Fleet personnel who came in for parts. After realizing she could work for the City and do the same work she was doing for Chevy, she decided to apply.

During only her second week of work, a natural disaster occurred. Holly had to learn how to manage a SWIFT emergency and was required to work a bunch of overtime.

Holly said that her co-workers are like family and that she enjoys the challenges each day brings. She also said that "Coming to DGS was the best decision she ever made."

Outside of work, Holly likes to travel, specifically to the Caribbean islands and was scheduled to visit St. Maarten, but the hurricane caused the trip to be canceled. Holly has a teenage son who plays football.

## DGS Repeats as Champions at Annual Picnic!



DGS came into the DOT Softball Tournament as heavy favorites to win the championship for the second straight year. DGS wasted no time in defeating the DPW squad 16-1. Starters were pulled in the third inning, when DGS was ahead 13-0. DGS was rolling offensively and defensively with key defensive plays by Jerry McDougald and a thrilling unassisted double-play by Co-Captain and Shortstop Nick Fontanez. Steve Stricklin and Justin Carasco looked like the bash brothers, picking up several RBI's each. DGS had little time to enjoy the win, as they only received a 30-minute break before the championship game started.

In the Championship game, DGS went back-and-forth with a well-balanced DOT team, with 3 lead changes in the first 3 innings. There were several key moments, including Steve Stricklin dodging a tag at 2nd base and DGS getting DOT's best hitter to ground out at an early pivotal moment. DGS put some space between DOT, leading 13-9 entering the final half-inning. Co-Captain Antwan Wilson made shrewd defensive substitutions that cut off the rally before it started. DGS won the game and the championship trophy, 13-11 in a thrilling game that is sure to be on the minds of DGS and DOT until next year.

## A note from Director Sharkey about training

I want DGS to be the most talented and skilled staff working for the City of Baltimore. To accomplish this, each employee may attend one Department of Human Resources (DHR) training class per year to gain additional related skills and knowledge. If DHR doesn't have the type of training you need, talk to your supervisor and our HR office to find a course that is the right fit with your job responsibilities. Our commitment is to the citizens of Baltimore and to you, our valued workforce.

## **DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE THE NEXT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH? NOMINATE THEM TODAY!**

There are 2 ways you can nominate your co-worker, staff, or team member:

1. Handy ballots located throughout General Services
2. E-mail [DGS\\_HR@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:DGS_HR@baltimorecity.gov)

Employee nominated must exemplify the mission of the Department of General Services. All nominated employees must exhibit performance in at least one of the following characteristics: Customer Service, Behavior, Performance, External Recognition, Work Related Accomplishments, and Improved Efficiency/Cost Savings in the Work Place.

Questions regarding the Employee of the Month process please call Catherine Burns or Nick Fontanez at the Human Resources Office (410) 396-3627.

## DGS Hosts Supervisor Summit



**Lead to Succeed  
Showcases DGS Talent**



The third-annual Lead to Succeed Program has recently culminated with the participants sharing their group projects with senior staff. Three groups presented their lean projects to DGS staff. The senior staff was impressed with the ideas presented.

The Lead to Succeed Program is designed to train employees to be leaders in their respected Divisions. DGS has developed a comprehensive training regimen that has afforded employees the opportunity to showcase their talents.

**Birdland in the Anthropocene: October 6-29, 2017**



Lynne Parks, missing birds, photograph, 2017.

In this group show at The Peale and through related programs in Baltimore's schools and communities, curator and Baker Prize-winning artist, Lynne Parks, invites us to consider how our city's architecture and the built environment impact the natural ecosystems in the Anthropocene, the new geological era in which human activity has dramatically altered the Earth through climate change and other influences.

This exhibition is generously supported by a BGE Green Grant.

Opening Reception: Oct. 6, 6-10 p.m.

Closing Costume Party: Oct. 28, 7 p.m. until late

**DGS Day of Service**



On September 8, 23 DGS employees volunteered at Great Kids Farm to support Baltimore City Public Schools. Great Kids Farm engages Baltimore City Schools' students at all grade levels to support classroom learning, participate in every aspect of food preparation, and prepare students for success in 21st century colleges and careers.

The volunteers spent a majority of the time clearing brush for a new goat and sheep pasture. Some DGS volunteers used heavy equipment to move dirt and trees.

The tasks accomplished at the farm will help improve the experience of Baltimore City School students visiting the farm in the coming year. Some of the tasks the DGS crew performed the Farm has wanted to do for years!

In total DGS performed 93 hours of volunteer service, equivalent to an in-kind contribution worth \$2,456.

**The Poe House Presents:**



For one night only, Roger Corman's 1962 horror classic, "Tales of Terror" returns to the silver screen. Roger Corman produced and directed these three macabre tales based on the writings of Edgar Allen Poe. "The Case of Mr. Valdemar", "Morella" and "The Black Cat". Your ticket includes all three creepy stories, plus popcorn and soda!

This Movie Night event is a fundraiser to benefit Baltimore's Edgar Allan Poe House & Museum. General admission includes concessions, a gothic red carpet, silent auction and prizes! Doors open for GENERAL ADMISSION at 7PM.

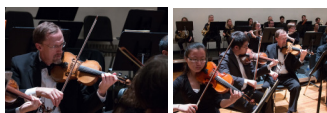
Takes place on October 26, 2017 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

The Charles Theater 1711 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21201

**Follow DGS:**



**Hopkins Symphony Orchestra at War Memorial**



The Hopkins Symphony Orchestra opens its 2017-18 season, at the Baltimore War Memorial, featuring:

- Alan Hovhaness,
- Jean Sibelius,
- Jonathan Carney,
- Georges Bizet, and
- DGS's own Willem Elsevier

**DGS New Hires and Retirees**

Employee	Title
<b>New Hires</b>	
Craig Keenan	Engineer II
Zachary Ingram	Automotive Mechanic
<b>Promotions</b>	
Audre Feehley	Automotive Lead Mechanic
Sinkler Roberson	Automotive Lead Mechanic
Jameel Thomas	Automotive Mechanic
Delmar Austin	PBMC

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The 2018 Open Enrollment period is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2017 through Sunday, November 26, 2017 (12 midnight).