



October 2017 Employee of the Month!



Congratulations to Joe Schmidt, DGS's October Employee of the Month. He has worked for the Department since June, 2009. Joe began his career in the heavy equipment shop, working on pavers and bobcats near Pulaski Highway.

Before coming to DGS and the City, Joe worked for a utility company in North Carolina for 20 years and built motorcycles in his spare time. Joe was attracted to the City because he always enjoyed working on cars and equipment. He also saw the position with Fleet as an opportunity to better himself. One challenge he overcame was familiarizing himself with new technology and computers.

Joe enjoys repairing things and helping other employees improve themselves in the automotive field. In his free time Joe does wood working and rides his motorcycle.

Joe is married; he has two daughters, 13 grandchildren, three great granddaughters, and one on the way. He is a Baltimore resident.

DGS Supports Project Homeless Connect



Baltimore Project Homeless Connect, in conjunction with Mission of Mercy Vision and Dental Clinic, held its annual 2-day event at the Baltimore Convention Center on October 12th and 13th. This event, sponsored by multiple city agencies, including DGS and the Mayor's Office, was initiated to reduce barriers for services to Baltimore's most vulnerable population. During this event, over 1000 guests received dental care such as extractions, cleanings, and oral surgery, and vision services encompassing prescription glasses cut onsite. In addition to the clinic, Project Homeless Connect gave guests access to over 130 service providers. Those services included expungement of court records, issuance of City IDs, social security cards, birth certificates, haircuts, family portraits, and access to a résumé lab.

The United Way of Central Maryland conducts this annual event. This year six DGS Administration and Facilities Maintenance staff members attended: Varghese Paranilam, Nia Brown, Jackson Gilman-Forlini, Tereina Galloway, Leandre Bowling, and Olivia Baker.

"My experience at the United Way's Project Homeless Connect was very rewarding," said Nia Brown. "I was granted an opportunity to assist individuals who are or are not economically, socially, and behaviorally equipped with supportive resources due to their present circumstances. I would certainly participate in any effort at the next event to give back to those who are less fortunate."

Health Benefits Information Sessions - October 30th & 31st

Major changes are coming to the health benefits for City employees and retirees. To help ensure a smooth transition as we prepare for open enrollment, the Employee Benefits Division is holding Information Sessions to educate our constituents about the changes. **Please see the Open Enrollment flyer for the dates, times and locations of the Informational Sessions.**

The Office of the Labor Commissioner will grant **up to two (2) hours of permission leave** for non-essential employees to attend one of the Informational Sessions, during work hours. Supervisors should coordinate schedules to provide adequate coverage and avoid disruption to City services. Provided that City operations are not adversely impacted, supervisors may also grant essential employees **up to two (2) hours of permission leave** to attend one of the Informational Sessions.

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

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

DIRECTOR'S CUP BOCCIE & CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT!



On Friday, October 6, 2017, the Director's Cup Tournament was held in front of City Hall. **Congratulations to the 2017 winners!** Additionally, **DGS raised \$160 for the United Way Campaign!**



DGS Celebrates 1500th Master Lease Vehicle Purchase with Mayor and DOT

On October 12th, DGS celebrated the 1,500th vehicle purchased through the City's new vehicle purchasing model. The City's new approach modernizes its fleet of vehicles and ultimately reduces the costs associated with vehicle ownership. "The results from this innovative approach are undeniable and have received national attention," said Mayor Catherine E. Pugh. "My administration is committed to seeking and supporting fresh approaches such as the Fleet Master Lease."

VFA-DGS Facilities Assessments Year 1

DGS has hired a team of VFA engineers to perform full facility assessments on numerous City-owned buildings to create overall Capital Budgeting options. The VFA software allows DGS Fiscal to project different funding and budgeting scenarios based on facilities systems assessments. Current and past assessments by architects and engineers will be incorporated into this assessment work. Additionally, work order records will be provided to the engineers to update the data on the facilities.

The VFA engineering teams were on-site for 2 weeks, spending several hours in the facilities. They had full access to all areas of the buildings including the basements and roofs of the facilities.

Business Process Improvement Office At Innovation Week 2017



The BPIO team recently presented at Baltimore Innovation Week's Dev Talks about "How We Disrupted Facility Maintenance." Babila and Varghese discussed the Mobile Maintenance Pilot which they have been running with Delmar and Sergio for nearly a year - showing the tech community in Baltimore that DGS is taking strides to make our team innovative and more effective. They discussed the massive amounts of time that is saved by removing the non-value added time from the way craftsmen receive work orders and are dispatched. They also discussed the software roll out and the importance of stress testing in the Software Development Life Cycle. The presentation was well received, allowing them to exceed their allotted time by 10 minutes to answer questions from the audience. Subsequently, several attendees reached out to Babila and Varghese to discuss further how DGS is making government processes more modern.

Here is a link to the talk from DGS's Facebook:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qe1wUB3aCdU&t=118s>.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
MANAGEMENT TEAM
(FORMERLY ARCHIBUS)
FOR DESIGNING THE
WINNING DGS LOGO!

IT'S BACK: H.T. Darling's Incredible Musaeum Presents: The Treasures of New Galapagos, Astonishing Acquisitions from the Perisphere (Fall 2017 Edition)

An immersive theater experience beyond space and time



Photo credit: Baltimore Post Examiner

In this remount of the hit immersive theater experience by Submersive Productions, you are invited to the Grand Opening of H.T. Darling's new exhibit of artifacts from the planet New Galapagos. By interacting with the curious inhabitants of the museum, the building, and the exhibition itself, each audience member must choose their own path through the evening's strange events. Host at the Peale Museum, Thursdays-Sundays, November 16th – December 17th (8pm Thurs-Fri; 7pm Sat-Sun). The experience is expected to last about two hours from the posted start time.

Follow DGS:



WEAR YOUR COSTUME TO WORK ON HALLOWEEN!



LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS WITH
MORE INFORMATION

THE 2017 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN!!!

LIVE UNITED



United Way
of Central Maryland

DGS New Hires and Retirees

Employee	Title
New Hires	
Alison Lynch	Community Aide
Cynthia Gordon	Community Aide
Japp Haynes	Contract Services Specialist II
David Martin	Contract Services Specialist II
Promotions	
Janice Sachs	Operations Assistant III

ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2018 City of Baltimore Employee Open Enrollment period is scheduled from:
Monday, November 13, 2017 through
Sunday, November 26, 2017 (12 midnight).