

# THE DGS DIGEST

#### CONGRATULATIONS GILBERT HALL!

DGS'S MAY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Congratulations Gilbert Hall, the DGS May 2018 Employee of the Month! Gilbert is an IT Specialist II with the Information Systems Management Team (ISMT) whose focus is departmental efficiency through data. Gilbert received this nomination for his commitment as a team player, he goes above and beyond routine responsibilities to assist our customers and employees in a timely manner. In addition, he is an innovator and follows up on new state-of-the-art tools built to ensure system users have the smoothest experience possible.

When asked about working within ISMT he said, "My favorite part of being with the team is the love. We are a tight knit family." Currently, Gilbert is helping to create the DGS intranet site that helps the Department operate in a paperless environment. Gilbert says he is a family man. In his free time he enjoys working with his father and spending time with his daughter.

#### DGS TAKES HOME THREE WINS!

FLEET MANAGEMENT, FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION



This month DGS discovered that three of our divisions are recipients of the 2018 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards. The awards recognizes innovative county and municipal government programs across a variety of categories. Having three of our divisions recognized as innovators in their respective fields is a high honor.



## **Facilities Maintenance Awarded: County Administration** and Management

Congratulations to our Facilities Maintenance Division for receiving the County Administration and Management award for their Mobile Maintenance Program. The

program uses real-time data to create a more efficient system for dispatching facilities work orders. The software tells our teams how many people and what tools are needed for a job and provides dynamic work order management for tradesmen in the field. The use of this technology in support of the hard work of our facilities teams demonstrated the innovative nature of this program.



## Fleet Management Awarded: **Financial Management**

Hats off to our Fleet Management Division for being recognized for their Master Lease Program. This program has fundamentally changed the way our Fleet is purchased and allowed the department to avoid millions in costs. The

Master Lease Program's ability to modernize the vehicles, reduce maintenance, and increase fleet availability are some of the reasons it was recognized within the Financial Management category.



## **Historic Properties Awarded:** Arts, Culture and Historic

Kudos to the Administration Division's Historic Properties program for the Baltimore War Memorial Arts Initiative. This program uses the century old War Memorial Building as a low-cost venue for performing and visual art events while also honoring and serving Maryland veterans through

traditional outreach support services. The program's ability to revitalize and re-purpose this historic public building is one of the reasons it has been recognized within the Arts, Culture, and Historic Properties category.

## **DGS FLEET** RANKED IN TOP 100 US FLEETS.

RECOGNIZED FOR QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE



Of 38,000 public sector fleets operations, DGS is ranked as one of the Top 100 Best Fleets in North America. This tribute focuses on identifying and encouraging performance within improvement the fleet industry and seeks to acknowledge trustworthy, high performing fleet operations. The award judged 12 different Excellence" "Criteria of including: accountability, creativity, doing it right the first time, and quick efficient turnaround. This is a testament to our superb auto mechanics and technicians for the hard work they perform each day to keep essential public safety and public service vehicles safely on the road.

#### MAY DGS ALL STARS



Two Facilities Maintenance Division All-Star groups in one photo! Congratulations to the Environmental Technician Team of John Ward and Charles Knecht. Congratulations to the Building Repairer Team: Anthony Patterson, Dawson Nelson, Alexander McCoy, David Cruz, and Carole Young. Thank you all for your dedication to serving the city!



Way to go Joshua Bornfield for receiving a DGS All-Star! Josh was selected for his most recent efforts assisting MOED's with a month long schedule of Youthworks events at the War Memorial and for his orchestration of the Arts Initiative. Thank you for your hard work!

#### FLEET AND DOT TEAM UP

DGS AND DOT WORKED TOGETHER TO HAUL AN ABANDONED BOAT FROM A BALTIMORE LOT.



A few weeks ago DGS assisted DOT with the removal of a large, abandoned boat from a vacant lot. Fleet's large tow trucks and equipment trailers safely and quickly removed the boat. Rob Schley's team, which included George Conyers, Donald Hall, Derrick Brown, and Vetran Johnson did a great job! This is another example of DGS's commitment to serve its partner agencies.





PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING DIRECTOR SHARKEY IN GIVING TO THIS YEAR'S SUMMER JOBS LAUNCH CAREERS YOUTHWORKS CAMPAIGN

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP SOME YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE INCREDIBLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE **EMPLOYMENT** AND PERHAPS GUIDE THEIR FUTURE CAREER PATH.



CALLING ALL DGS EMPLOYEES: Please consider joining Director Sharkey in donating to this year's Youthworks campaign. You have the opportunity to contribute to a student's future. Thank you for your support and donation.

## **DGS TAKES PART IN THE MAYOR'S SPRING CLEAN UP**



On a sunny Saturday morning DGS joined the Mayor's Spring Clean Up. Mirel Hajdic, Antwan Wilson, Greg Byrd, and Michael Lawrence worked alongside Director Sharkey at the Lennox Street Community Garden to prepare the garden for planting this spring.

#### CELEBRATING JIM FISHER

FOR HIS 52 YEARS OF SERVICE TO BALTIMORE CITY





Jim Fisher is a Building Project Coordinator with our Facilities Maintenance Division and we hope he can stay with DGS for 52 more! (We're just kidding Jim don't worry)

#### HR ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

ERIC SMITH HR ASSISTANT II **BUILDING REPAIRER** MARK ALLEN

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO **BALTIMORE CITY!** 

SHIRLEY HENDRICK 23 YEARS OF SERVICE

Employee of the Month Nominations

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

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

