

## HAPPY LABOR DAY!

### Employee of the Month: August



Congratulations to Victor Hood  
August 2016 Employee of the Month!

Mr. Hood has been working for the City of Baltimore Fleet Management for about 20 years. He enjoys the work in the Fleet division because he loves working with his hands, fixing things that are broken.

Victor keeps himself motivated each day to come to work and do his best, even after nearly 20 years, because he is very passionate about the task he is performing. He also appreciates that he has job security which makes it all worth it.

His fondest memories at the City are the annual cookouts. He likes them because they provide an opportunity to interact with other employees, not as co-workers, but as friends.

Victor has a small family, but he also has many friends that he considers extended family.

If Victor could change the world he would want everyone to come together as a whole and be unified and practice saying "Do unto others as you want done unto you".

### Employee of the Month: September



Congratulations to James Fisher  
DGS September 2016 Employee of the Month!

On November 10<sup>th</sup> 1966 James "Jim" Fisher began working for the City of Baltimore, nearly 50 years ago. He started at Memorial Stadium and worked there until its demolition in 1996.

In his first job, he was hired by Recreation and Parks as a laborer before enlisting in the Army. After leaving the military, he apprenticed as an electrician and was hired by the City as an Electrical Supervisor. Jim stayed at Memorial Stadium throughout multiple department mergers until he ended up with DGS in Facilities Maintenance.

Jim has two memories that stick out over the years. He was working in Memorial Stadium during the Orioles 1983 World Series run. The other memory was maintaining the ice rink at the stadium and driving the Zamboni. Occasionally he would drive it across the City (with a police escort traveling 10 mph) to clean the ice at other City owned rinks.

Jim enjoys the variety and challenge of coming to work each day. He said "You never know what you will run into." But if he could change one thing about work it would be the CitiBuy procurement system.

Jim is married, has 5 kids and 10 grandchildren and lives in the suburban community of Rosedale.

### DGS Director Days



DGS Director Steve Sharkey is celebrating Labor Day by engaging with employees; he is working with them on tough jobs during a week of Director Day visits to two DGS divisions: Fleet Management and Facilities Maintenance.

Director Sharkey said after a recent Director Day visit to the People's Court, "All of the jobs in DGS are important, and sometimes they aren't the greatest. However, DGS knows how to get the job done."

On Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, the Director joined Fleet Management and worked on a dump truck and learned to weld. On Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, he joined the Facilities Maintenance team to perform work on a variety of buildings in the City's Downtown campus, including People's Court, the Benton Building, and the Police headquarters.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said that "If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as a Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well. No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.'"

At DGS we believe in the dignity of hard work. Our Director Day visits illustrate our commitment to the carpenters, craftsmen, mechanics, and more, that perform the work that keeps City government going.

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### BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

DGS Employee of the Month nominations may be submitted in person using the handy ballot boxes placed throughout DGS locations or via electronic submission at: [DGS\\_HR@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:DGS_HR@baltimorecity.gov).

**ANYONE CAN NOMINATE A CO-WORKER!**

A Customer Service Committee representing each of the DGS divisions selects recipients. In addition to new nominees, all nominations not selected during the current month are retained and, subsequently, entered for future consideration. All Employee of the Month recipients receive a certificate and a surprise gift.

Should you have questions regarding the Employee of the Month process please call Catherine Burns at (410) 396-3627.

**Reminder:** Have you moved lately, has your home phone number changed, has that relative you have as emergency contact information changed? If so, please call the Human Resources Office at 410-396-7258 (Abel Wolman) or 410-396-3394 (FLEET) and request change of address form and emergency contact form.

## New Painting coming to War Memorial



The painting “Maryland Over Flanders”, slated to hang in the Maryland War Memorial Building, depicts the Sopwith Dolphin fighter plane flown by Captain Francis Warrington Gillet, RAF, as he downed two German Fokker DVII fighters over Flanders on November 10, 1918 – one day before the Armistice that ended World War 1. Gillet was born in Baltimore in 1895 and volunteered for Britain’s Royal Flying Corps in 1917. He flew combat over France and Flanders from March 1918 until the end of the war in November, and was credited with downing 20 German aircraft.

Gillet is recognized as one of the most successful American flying aces of World War I, second only to Captain Eddie Rickenbacker. He is also the highest scoring pilot to fly the Sopwith Dolphin fighter plane. Because he flew with Britain’s Royal Flying Corps (later Royal Air Force or RAF), Gillet is largely forgotten today. Consequently, the Western Front Association - East Coast Branch is pleased to focus attention on his record as we move into the centennial of American participation in World War 1.



The WFA East Coast Branch (USA) has been around since 1990 working to promote wider understanding of World War 1.

## Do you know someone that wants to work at DGS?

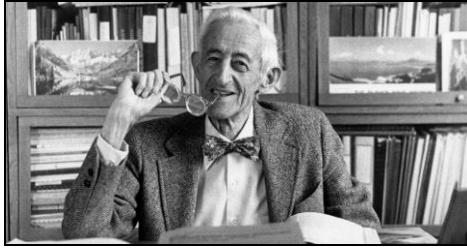
We are looking for:  
**Auto Lead Mechanic**  
**Auto Maintenance Supervisor I**  
**Auto Main Worker**  
**Auto Mechanic**  
**Fleet Quality Control Analyst**  
**Heating and Air Condition Technician II**

Positions are posted online.

To apply for a position create an account on [www.governmentjobs.com](http://www.governmentjobs.com). Retain the application updates as the Human Resources Office periodically reviews them. The more information provided, the better your chances to receive a higher consideration for the job or promotion. Also, using this process allows you to scan and add information to your account. Items you may want to scan include but are not limited to: résumés, cover letters, certifications, and relevant licenses you hold.

The website also has a Job Notification section that sends reminders once positions are posted with application deadlines.

## A Short Story about Abel Wolman



The historic Municipal Building in Baltimore’s Downtown adjacent to City Hall bears the name of Abel Wolman. Who is Abel Wolman? Abel Wolman is the native Baltimorean engineer who was born, grew up, educated, served, and died in Baltimore. He received an Engineering degree from Johns Hopkins University and held the position as Chief Engineer in the Maryland Department of Health. Working with the esteemed chemist Linn Enslow, Abel Wolman’s demonstrated a standard method of chlorinating water. He created a plan to provide safer drinking water for Baltimore. His contributions to present clean drinking water not only helped the city but raised water quality in the states that adopted this standard method.

Abel Wolman’s achievements extend beyond his contribution to water treatment as he was involved in many fields that helped to change hygiene around the world. He is one of the founders of the Water Pollution Control Federation, now known as the Water Environment Federation, and served as president of the American Public Health Association. His commitment to improving public health advanced regional planning efforts that protect the public against the use of the radioactive substances in the manufacturing of medications or during industrial applications. As a professor at Johns Hopkins teaching sanitary engineering to students from all over the world, his impact was profound. By co-founding various engineering departments and the School of Public Health, he propelled Johns Hopkins University to excellence in many fields. His life’s work continues to be celebrated beyond his passing in 1989.

## September Training Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 New Employee Orientation HR Office 8 <sup>th</sup> FL	2	3
4	5 Holiday	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 New Employee Orientation HR Office 8 <sup>th</sup> FL	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Supervisory Summit War Memorial 9am-3pm	30	

## Baltimore Whiskey Society Shot Tower Festival:

Saturday, October 1 at 12 PM - 7 PM

Come hang out and listen to Baltimore bands get loud at the coolest monument in Baltimore: The Phoenix Shot Tower! Union ammunition makers dropped molten lead 234.25 feet down the tower to create balls for rifles and moulded shots for larger weapons such as cannons.

Free live music! Drinks (shots?!). Tours! Food Trucks! Baltimore Art!

Enjoy the cool October weather and come party with our unofficial mascot. Performers and bands TBA. Proceeds benefit the Carroll Museums and support the renovation of the Shot Tower roof. Look for the special guest booth by the Baltimore Bartenders' Guild and order creative cocktails on tap. Get stoked! Ah, Baltimore — another great outdoor festival to enjoy before the temp drops!

## DGS New Hires and Retirees

New Hires	
Employee	Title
Antwarren Snell	HVAC Tech II
Ben Brosch	Op’s Officer III
James Purvis	Service Writer
Retirements	
Glenda Leary	Special Assistant
Lawrence Hoffman, Jr.	Automotive Mechanic
Cynthia Marshall	Utility Aide
Promotions	
Sergio Roach (Lateral)	Public Bldg Maintenance Coordinator
David Gold	Op’s Officer I
Allen Massey	Auto Service Writer