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Department of Public Works

INSIDE THE PUB

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THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Hello, Team DPW!

We have been working in a different environment for over eight weeks now and your performance has not gone unnoticed. The Mayor, Chief Operating Officer, Chief of Staff, numerous colleagues and residents have commented and complimented your professionalism, dedication, and courage to put yourselves and your families at risk to continue to provide this highly necessary service. Mrs. Whitney Beauford-Morris, SWS Operator, Sr., explained during both a local and national radio interview on WABE 90.1 that she knows this job is intense without the presence of COVID-19, and she enjoys the work because she understands the necessity of properly disposing of discarded materials to the safety and health of our community. Mrs. Beauford Morris' professionalism and confidence spoke volumes to listeners about who we are and what it is that we do daily! Her interviews were FANTASTIC and she represented you well!

As we continue to perform in this new abnormal environment, please remember – there are not as many vehicles as what we would typically encounter pre-COVID-19. Also, there are fewer residents with whom we are coming in contact. While this may make our jobs somewhat easier for now, please remain ever-vigilant as you go about your duties. Stay focused, continue to look out for each other and get back to us safely after completing your mission! Remember to employ the safety measures provided by the Pandemic Leadership Team and keep your families safe. I look

forward to seeing you in the field in the coming days and weeks!

THANK YOU for getting it done!



James A. Jackson, Jr.
Commissioner, Department of Public Works

Did you know...

Did you know that the Northside Fleet facility provides an average of 100 oil changes a month?



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"We Keep the City Rolling"

A CLOSER LOOK

Department of Public Works Frontline Responders



Whitney Beauford-Morris, Solid Waste Operator, Sr.

If you were to ask Whitney Beauford-Morris what the most noticeable change about her job is since the current public health emergency, her answer may surprise you. The Solid Waste Operator, Sr. admits that in addition to having the ability to complete her route quicker due to the traffic decline, the reaction she receives from the public is reassuring. "A lot of residents have approached us during our routes to thank us for the job we're doing. Our interaction with the public is a lot more positive and that feels good," she said.

Employed with the department for the last four years, the married mother of three balances her current work schedule with her husband's assistance. Proud to be counted among the many women within DPW, Whitney sees the perception of women within the male-dominated industry is changing. "The more people see women operators like [me], the more we're able to change their view that jobs like these are just for men."

Listen to Whitney's local and national radio interviews:

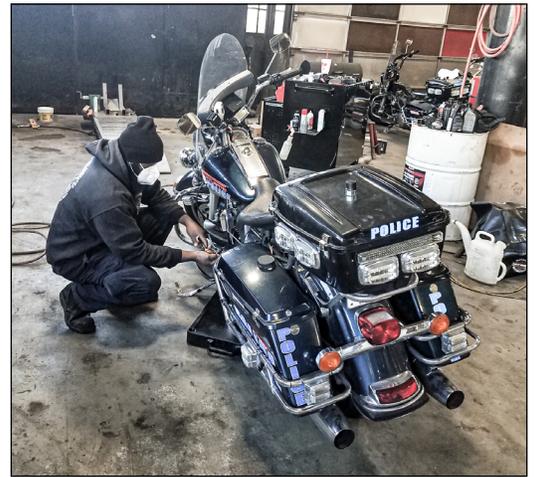
<https://bit.ly/Whitneyradiointerview>

<https://bit.ly/BeaufordAmericaAmplified>

KEEPING THE CITY ROLLING DURING COVID-19

Kudos to the staff at the 1540 Northside Drive Fleet Services facility. With a close-knit and small team, employees at Northside service a variety of City of Atlanta on and off-road types of equipment, including emergency and essential vehicles. There’s never a dull moment in the facility’s daily operations. As a result of current events, employees at the location have worked without the manpower of at least five members. In their absence, the rest of the staff continue to make daily strides, rising to the occasion, and never allowing Fleet Services to miss a beat.

“I want to thank all of the Northside Fleet Services employees, especially the parts personnel, for making such great sacrifices while having families at home, stepping up and going over and beyond to work so hard, [and] maintaining operations during the pandemic,” said Murphy Glover, Fleet Services Manager.



Leonard Cuttino
Off-Road Equipment Service Operator

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR CARTS

DPW has captured the hearts and carts of our customers! These are a few sweet tweets extended to our Solid Waste Services frontline heroes.



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christinabrosius Our neighborhood showed our appreciation for our @atpublicworks sanitation workers this morning. Thank you all!!!



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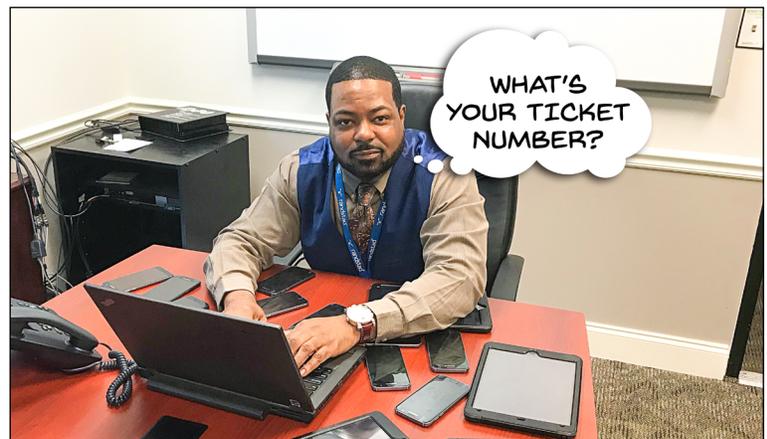
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DPW SPOTLIGHT

Thanks to Tremaine Wheeler, Programmer Analyst, Sr., and Andre Hancock, Desktop Support Tech, Sr., for keeping us connected during COVID-19! They are more than just our AIM/IT support; they are our “It (IT) Guys!” DPW appreciates you and we thank you for your desktop and in-person support... even when we don’t have a ticket for that.



Tremaine Wheeler, Programmer Analyst, Sr.,



Andre Hancock, Desktop Support Tech, Sr.,

HUMAN RESOURCES

Hazard Pay Overview

The City approved a new effective date for the Hazard Pay Executive Order! As a reminder, the effective date has moved from March 30, 2020, to March 11, 2020. Hazard Pay is for eligible employees who are classified as mission-critical for the department. The payment is \$500 per month! Remember, taxes will be taken so plan accordingly. Also, the City has approved eligible mission-critical employees to receive 24 hours per week of Hazard Comp Hours! These hours will be loaded within the next two pay periods and will show in Kronos. As a reminder, you must use these hours first when scheduling any type of leave.

Your health and safety are important to your leaders. Please contact your human resources representative if you have any questions or concerns.

Reminder - The 2020 Financial Disclosure deadline was April 15, 2020!

10 Tips to Improve Your Health at Work:

<https://bit.ly/ImproveHealthTips>



DPW SAFETY DIVISION

"WE'RE ALL ESSENTIAL"

PROTECT YOURSELF. PROTECT YOUR COWORKERS. PROTECT YOUR FAMILIES.
REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY WEARING A MASK WHEN OUT IN PUBLIC.
MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AND CONTINUE WASHING YOUR HANDS.

Department of Public Works Safety, Security and Training Division
COVID-19
(CORONAVIRUS)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Our contributions toward a healthy Atlanta are felt around the city. As we continue the fight against COVID-19, our team's ability to respond to the needs of our city has been incredible. Increases in Solid Waste Services collections, ongoing Fleet Service operations and support from all functional areas within DPW display our aptitude in emergencies.

Continue to wash hands frequently; clean and disinfect hard surfaces; avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands; and wear a face covering when in public. Show care and concern for your team members as we work together. Remain vigilant!



James Frier, Parts Supervisor

KEEPING #ATLSTRONG

The City of Atlanta has activated a text message service for COVID-19 updates. Sign up by texting "ATLCOVID19" to 888777. Learn more at www.atlstrong.org

GAYLA DODSON SHARES HOW SOLID WASTE SERVICES IS RESPONDING TO COVID-19

Gayla Dodson recently joined WABE 90.1FM and the City of Atlanta’s Channel 26 to discuss Solid Waste Services’ response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://bit.ly/GDodsonWABE>

<https://bit.ly/GDodsonCh26>



Gayla Dodson
Solid Waste Services Project Management Officer

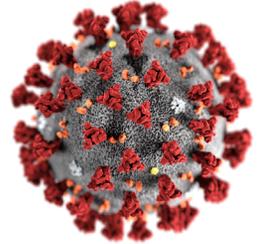
COPING IN A COVID-19 WORLD

Learn How to Make a Face Mask:
<https://bit.ly/MakeAFaceCloth>

Sign up for City of Atlanta Fitness Center Virtual Classes:
<https://bit.ly/COAFitnessVirtualClasses>

10 Teleworking Tips:
<https://bit.ly/10TeleworkingTips>

26 Things to Do at Home with Kids During the COVID-19 Quarantine:
<https://bit.ly/26COVID-19KidsActivities>



The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) still has services available for City of Atlanta employees during this time. For more information, call (404) 546-3074 or email HRDirect@AtlantaGa.Gov.

In Loving Memory...

OF OUR CHERISHED DPW EMPLOYEES AND THEIR LOVED ONES
(NOVEMBER 2019 - APRIL 2020)

MR. RONNIE S. ALLEN

Brother of

MR. JEFFERY ALLEN

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, III
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

MR. WALTER GRAND

Cousin of

MR. JOHN ROBERTS

BRIDGE MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

MR. KISSONDIAL PERSAUD
VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT MECHANIC, III
OFFICE OF FLEET SERVICES

MRS. VIRGINIA T. BATTLE

Mother of

MR. GLEN B. BATTLE

TRAFFIC SYSTEMS OPERATOR, SR.
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

MR. CURTIS GREEN

Father of

MR. ALONZO BLOODWORTH

LABORER, NORTH AVENUE
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

MR. LEWIS PHILLIPS, JR.

Grandfather of

MR. OTTO FURGESS

FLEET SUPERVISOR
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

MR. ALONZO BLOODWORTH
LABORER

NORTH AVENUE
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

MR. RICKY HOSLEY

Father of

MR. DANTARIUS TILLMAN

VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT MECHANIC, II
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

MRS. CAROLYN STEPHENS

Mother of

MR. CALVIN STEPHENS

ROUTE SUPERVISOR
OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES

MR. LUTHER DENNIS
CONCRETE SUPERVISOR

OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

MR. ROBERT MULKEY

Brother of

MR. DARIUS MULKEY

SUPERVISOR
OFFICE OF FLEET SERVICES

MR. FRED VINES

Grandfather of

MR. ISAAC VINES

PROGRAM MANAGER BUSINESS
SYSTEMS & APPLICATION
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER

**DPW sympathy notifications are limited to DPW employees and their immediate family members who have passed away:*

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