



City of Atlanta  
Department of Public Works

# INSIDE THE PUB

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## THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### WE CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

Operation Clean Sweep kicked off with a bang! The Solid Waste Services (SWS) Special Ops crews fanned out across parts of District 10 to clean streets, remove trash and litter and cut overgrown grassy partitions in the community. The massive effort covered parts of Fairburn Rd, Collier Dr. NW, Bakers Ferry Rd., Dollar Mill Rd., Peyton Rd., Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Rebecca Dr. Utoy Cir., Majestic Dr., Veltre Cir., Mark Pl., Harlan Rd., Delmar Lane, Oakcliff Rd., Oakcliff Ct., and Hemphill School Rd.

The Office of Solid Waste (SWS) created the new program to address the need to clean-up of areas throughout the city as a result of the pandemic on-set.



The cleanup effort used 32 personnel and 18 pieces of equipment. Tonnage collected is 62.28 (42.61 household waste, 25.59 yard trimmings).



**COMMISSIONER’S CORNER**

DPW,

As we continue to work as front liners during this global pandemic, I am continuously astonished by your unwavering perseverance and commitment to provide high levels of critical services across the city. Our staff in the Office of Solid Waste is being stretched to its limits, yet you carry forward to make sure our streets and our communities remain safe and clean. This past Saturday, June 27th launched our ‘Operation Clean Sweep.’ After five long days, you rose to the occasion on day 6, ‘laced ‘em up’ and reported for duty to start a clean-up effort throughout our City. THANK YOU!!! The Office of Fleet Services marches on, as well, to provide excellent maintenance on the City of Atlanta vehicles.

The sanitation services provided by SWS, do more than just keep the city clean, they are at the forefront of our battle against COVID-19. Fulton County saw the highest number of infections in the county

since the incursion of the pandemic last week hitting 819 cases. Your work, our work, is what keeps Atlanta moving and helps to ensure the integrity of this department.

I want you to know that your dedication to DPW and the City of Atlanta does not go unnoticed. I am proud to lead a team of professionals who continue to deliver world-class service to our citizens during this nationwide health crisis, and you should take pride in yourselves for the sacrifices you make daily, putting your health at risk to keep others safe.

Please – continue to practice the social distancing measures put in place by FEMA, the Mayor and the City of Atlanta Pandemic Team, wear your masks when you are not able to employ these measures and get tested!

**COMMUNITY PRAISE FOR DPW**

*I am the neighbor of Janet Martin and live on Peyton Woods Trail, SW, 30311. We were experiencing some difficulty getting old damaged trash bins removed from our property, with increasing escalating pranks from our neighbors re our damaged trash bins at the end of our drive for pick up.*

*After speaking with Janet, she reassured that you would take care of it, and almost the next day, the trash bins were removed. However, the following day, the new trash bins were also removed. We realized that there was either some confusion or there was some cross-communication. Again, Janet said Commissioner Jackson will take care of it.*

*And, take care of it, you did!*

*I just wanted to take a personal moment to say THANK YOU! Although to some, this may be considered a small gesture, it certainly was not! We are so appreciative that you would take time from your busy schedule to address this rather large issue for us.*

*Thank you again. Your kindness and attention will certainly not be forgotten!*

**RESPONSE**

*Mr. and Mrs. Fresh, you are very welcome! We have a team of dedicated professionals – two of whom are copied herein – who work tirelessly to deliver those services for which we are responsible. The very least I can do is be there when these “one offs” occur to let you as our customer know that we are working hard to get it right! The job that we ask our people to do is not an easy one – and as you have heard referenced throughout this pandemic, they are the lowest paid and the most essential. We respect them and the challenge they face daily, and we work with our teams constantly to help them understand how important ‘they’ are in this process.*

*So your ‘thank you’ will definitely be resonated with our team!*

# SOLID WASTE SERVICES SHOUT OUTS

Continuing to receive accolades from the community!



**Gregory Gray**  
Solid Waste Services  
Route Supervisor,  
Lakewood Drive Facility

“Mr. Gregory Gray provided the up most professional, excellent quality Solid Waste Service for me on Friday. As a Citizen of this Great City, I personally thank you and the Awesome Professional Solid Waste Team for their Exceptional Service.”  
- Dr. Vivian E. Johnson



**Calvin Stephens**  
Solid Waste Services  
Route Supervisor,  
Chester Avenue Facility

“I wish to commend Mr. Calvin L. Stephens, Route Supervisor Solid Waste Services and his crew for a job well done. I had seen his crew preparing to mow the waist high grass and weeds along the verge on my way out and they had assured me that they would get the sidewalk side also. I was dismayed, on my way home, to find the sidewalk full of the grass clippings. Just as I was about to rip off a tersely worded email to my City Councilwoman, Mr. Stephens drove up to me.....took the time to explain his process to me. He was also very patient and let me rant about other city departments. So, here is a heart felt THANKS to these city workers who did their job well and thoroughly.” - Dawn Williams Boyd

# PUBLIC WORKS GOING OVER AND BEYOND



**Leonard Cuttino, Service Writer**

Leonard Cuttino at the Northside Off Road Shop, consistently takes the extra step working with customers and assisting technicians with diagnostics to maximize work flow and accuracy.



**Bernard Jordan, Supervisor**

Bernard Jordan at Claire Drive Field Services, has taken the extra step to personally assist customers with after hours wrecker services while two of his operators where renewing their CDL endorsements, and also works very aggressively with departments to maintain heavy truck PM compliance throughout the pandemic period.

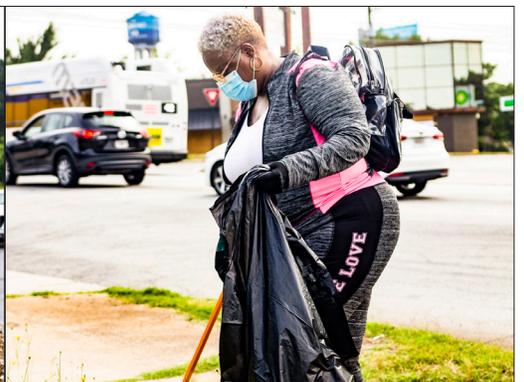


**Timothy McLane, Technician II**

Timothy McLane, at Northside off road shop, volunteered to fill in for his supervisor while on maternity leave and dose an excellent job fabricating parts when they cannot be obtained which increases equipment turnaround time.

# TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP

Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission continues its “Community Cleanup” in Council District 12 neighborhoods this weekend. Volunteers joined KABC to help remove litter from several areas, including Cleveland Avenue, West Beltline, Mozley Park Community, University Ave. SW and Pryor Rd. SW, Ada Ave. and Castleberry Hill.



## DPW SPOTLIGHT

Kudos Moses Tejuoso for going above and beyond to ensure that Atlanta is a beautiful place to work, live and play! The extra effort that he puts into his daily responsibilities never ceases to amaze Atlanta residents. Not only does he manage DPW's Citywide Community Cleanups and Adopt-A-Spots by providing supplies, he takes the time to get to know the residents and organizations that the Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission supports, most on a first name basis. He often joins groups on their routine cleanups to learn firsthand about some of the challenges they face and how the City of Atlanta can support their efforts. He works side-by-side with DPW's SWEET team supporting Illegal Dumping eradication, manages Scrap Tire sites and grant funds to clear those sites, conducts litter and public space trash can assessments, manages the scheduled Bulk-pickup software and recycling database, and works in conjunction with the 311 Team to ensure that residents have the most accurate information. There is really no task too big or small that Moses is not willing to take on!. He takes on each project with care, thoughtfulness, dedication and unwavering commitment. Moses Tejuoso the Department of Public Works and Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission team salute you and thank you for your outstanding service!



Moses Tejuoso - Community Affairs Coordinator  
Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

COVID-19 is on a rise! Georgia continues to report record breaking surges in new cases of COVID-19, with over 2,200 new cases daily. Remain vigilant by wearing face coverings, wash hands frequently and maintain 6-foot distances.

Continue to watch for symptoms: People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from no symptoms (being asymptomatic), to mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Fever or chills
- Diarrhea
- Congestion or runny nose
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Muscle or body aches
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- New loss of taste or smell
- or difficulty breathing

**This list does not include all possible symptoms and some people have no symptoms at all.**

### Know when to Seek Emergency Medical Attention

- Look for **emergency warning signs\*** for COVID-19.

If someone is showing any of these signs, **seek emergency medical care immediately:**

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

\*This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

**Call 911 or call ahead to your local emergency facility: Notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19.**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>



## JULY 4TH HOLIDAY WEEKEND SAFETY TIPS

### Enjoy Activities Responsibly!

- Keep your small, private gatherings to no more than 10 people with social distancing.
- Stay hydrated during outdoor activities.
- Do not operate vehicles while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Be aware of road closures and detours due to possible inner-city celebrations or protests.
- Report all accident, incidents or injuries immediately to your respective supervisor.



## HEAT SAFETY SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENT

### Heat Cramps, Heat Exhaustion, and Heat Strokes

#### Symptoms of Heat Cramps:

- Muscle Spasms • Intense Thirst • Heavy Sweating • Dizziness and Lethargic

#### Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion:

- Headaches • Dizziness • Fainting Weakness & Moist Skin • Irritability or Confusion • Upset Stomach or Vomiting

#### Symptoms of Heat Stroke:

- Dry Hot Skin • No Sweating • Extreme Confusion • Loss of Consciousness • Seizers and Convulsions

#### Treatment of Heat Stroke:

Message Cramping Area Drink Water

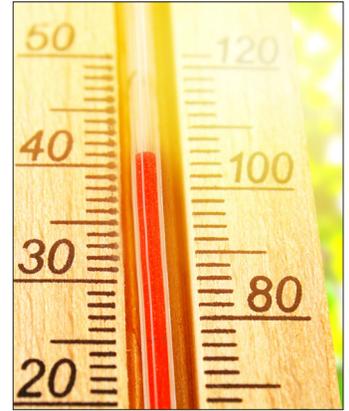
#### Treatment of Heat Exhaustion:

Seek rest in cool area • Drink water if conscious

#### Treatment of Heat Stroke:

Place cold compress under arms/groin • Call 911

Remember!! If you suspect you are having a heat stroke due to bright red, hot skin and no sweat, call for emergency medical help.



## HUMAN RESOURCES

**FY20 Performance Reviews** are here; supervisor virtual meetings conducted by HR are COMING SOON!

**Contactless temperature** checks are well underway. Great job on adherence to the new policy.

**The Hazard Pay Compensatory Time** for essential employees continues.

**Vacation Time** will not expire; requested Leave Time will come from Hazard Pay Comp Time first.

Contact HR Director Nia Parker for questions or concerns.



Contactless  
temperature  
check is required



## MENTAL HEALTH AND AWARENESS

As the coronavirus continues to spread, so do anxieties and stress about COVID-19 and the isolation we feel because of it. There are things you can do to keep yourself and your children calm during this global pandemic. Check out these tips for you and your family on how to manage coronavirus-related stress.

#### Prepare, Don't Panic.

- Don't believe everything you see or read, use reputable sources like the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization for credible information about the Coronavirus.

#### Talk to your Children

- Listen • Provide accurate information • Focus on Prevention

#### Sweat More, Stress Less

- Exercise helps you relieve tension • Exercise helps to release feel-good brain chemicals that fight the effects of stress

#### Take a Break to Breathe

- Breathe in for a count of 5 seconds, hold for 5 seconds, and exhale for 5 seconds.
- Repeat 10 times or until you start feeling more calm, grounded and focused.

#### Unplug to Recharge

- Disconnect from digital noise for a while • Spend time doing more rewarding activities

Source: Johns [Hopkins Medicine](#), [Kaiser Permanente](#)

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

The PS/EAP staff is offering all services virtually and telephonically and can be accessed by contacting the office at (404) 546-3074.



# DPW EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

**35 Years of Service** *(Or less)*  
7/24 – Morris Russell – 31 Years

**30 Years of Service** *(Or less)*  
7/5 – Ivery Couch – 26 years  
7/5 – Ira Osby – 26 years  
7/20 – Juliett Jones – 27 years

**25 Years of Service** *(Or less)*  
7/29 – Eric Mitchell – 23 Years  
7/1 - Paula Jordan – 24 years  
7/8 – Gregory Humphrey – 24 years  
7/20 – Kelvin Wellons – 25 years

**20 Years of Service** *(Or less)*  
7/7 – Lilqueda Lawrence – 15 years  
7/7 - Samuel Brooks – 17 years  
7/5 – Fred Martin – 20 years  
7/10 – Bruce Kemp – 20 years

**10 Years of Service** *(Or less)*  
7/8 – Quadarius Rucker – 6 years  
7/8 – DeSean Thomas – 6 years  
7/8 – Audrey Dixon – 7 years  
7/19 – William Eckel, Jr – 8 years  
7/21 – Re’Joseph Campbell – 9 years  
7/21 – David Campbell – 9 years  
7/21 – Anthony Smith – 9 years  
7/21 – Tamarica Woods – 9 years  
7/22 - Franklin Ward – 9 years  
7/22 – Julius Wynn – 9 years

**5 Years of Service** *(Or less)*  
7/10 – Nathaniel Leverette – 1 year  
7/10 – Reginald Moses – 1 year  
7/10 – Dale Parks – 1 year  
7/23 – Francisco Byrd – 1 year  
7/25 – Karieem Harrison – 1 year  
7/26 – Terence Dennis - 2 years  
7/13 – Jason Christian – 3 years  
7/13 – Josiah Davis – 3 years  
7/13 – Rodriguez McDowell – 3 years  
7/27 – Howard Porter – 3 years  
7/27 – Carnishia – Calloway – 3 years  
7/6 – Jarrad Johnson – 5 years  
7/6 – Samuel Peart – 5 years  
7/27 – Marlin Randall – 5 years  
7/27 – Jason Cubit – 5 years  
7/28 – Amber Taylor – 5 years

# DPW JULY BIRTHDAYS 🎉

7/1 – Amechi Nwabude  
7/1 – Bobby Faircloth  
7/2 – Grady Boazman, Jr.  
7/3 – Dale Fambrough  
7/4 – Shane Peters  
7/5 – Tabitha King  
7/5 – Jacoby Clarke – Barge  
7/7 – Xavier Henderson  
7/7 – Quadarius McDowell  
7/7 – Alfonso McClendon, Jr.  
7/8 – Bismark De La Rosa  
7/8 – Thomas Mathis  
7/8 – Michael Ransby  
7/8 – Termail Lumpkin  
7/10 – Lavetrice Johnson  
7/11 – Russell Banks  
7/12 – Demetrius Tharpe  
7/12 – Xavier Andrews  
7/14 - Shantell Turner

7/15 – English James  
7/16 – SheRhonda Gunn  
7/16 – Dontavious Hines  
7/17 – Leon Giddens  
7/17 – Anthony Jacks, Jr.  
7/17 – Corry Johnson  
7/17 – Murphy Glover  
7/18 – Marvin Owens  
7/18 – Leonard Smith  
7/18 – Sabrina Scott  
7/18 – Timothy McLane  
7/19 – Darshelle Barner – Davis  
7/19 – Scott Jackson  
7/19 – RaShawn Kellogg  
7/21 – Peggy Harris  
7/21 – Felix Warrington  
7/23 – Konovia Ringfield  
7/23 – Jason Christian  
7/24 – William Womble

7/24 – Destin McDaniel  
7/24 – Terry Muckle  
7/24 – Tracey Jones  
7/24 – Sunny Johnson  
7/25 – Marlow Daniels  
7/25 – Raekwon Brock  
7/25 – Arthur Smith  
7/25 – Michael Canty  
7/26 – Perry Jones  
7/27 – Yolanda Thompson  
7/28 – James Scott, Jr.  
7/28 – Samuel Edmonds  
7/28 – Belinda Napper  
7/28 – Victor McRae  
7/29 – Valerie Hicks  
7/29 – Brandon Singletary  
7/30 – Kimberley Forde  
7/31 – Steven Ligon  
7/31 – Marqueiquis Gresham



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