



DPW WORKS ON THE STREET

JULY/AUGUST

City of Atlanta

Kasim Reed
Mayor

Atlanta City Council

Ceasar Mitchell
President

Carla Smith
Kwanza Hall
Ivory Lee Young, Jr.
Cleta Winslow

Natalyn Archibong
Alex Wan

Howard Shook
Yolanda Adrean
Felicia Moore

C.T. Martin

Keisha Lance Bottoms
Joyce Sheperd

At Large Members

Aaron Watson
Michael Julian Bond
H. Lamar Willis

Department of Public Works

Richard Mendoza
Commissioner

Dexter C. White
Deputy Commissioner

Tim Borchers
Deputy Commissioner

(404) 330-6333

www.atlantaga.gov

DPW Recognizes Excellence in Service



Robert Whitehead
Installation Chief

Meet Robert Whitehead, Solid Waste Services Installation Chief. He is one of DPW's best and brightest success

stories. Having started in September 2010 as a Solid Waste Driver, Robert worked his way through the ranks from Driver to Route Supervisor, and was most recently appointed as Installation Chief of Operations for the Solid Waste Lake-wood Facility. In his new role as Installation Chief, he oversees daily pick-up services for yard trimmings, household garbage, and recycling for the northeast and northwest quadrants of the city. "I am excited about the opportunity to serve the citizens of Atlanta in my new role as Installation Chief. I have established a 60-day commitment to improve service levels by positively motivating and empowering the employees on my team. My goal is to make sure they understand that each of them play a vital role in our overall success," says Whitehead.

Mr. Whitehead has 22 years of experience in the field of Solid Waste Management. "Balance in life is essential to

well being" he says. When he isn't planning for daily solid waste activities and overseeing operations he enjoys being a father, volunteer coaching for youth sports, and zip lining. He plans to receive his BA in Business Administration with a concentration in Management from Walden University in 2015.

Mr. Whitehead shows the kind of dedication and leadership skills exemplary of excellence in service. We are proud to congratulate him on his recent promotion.

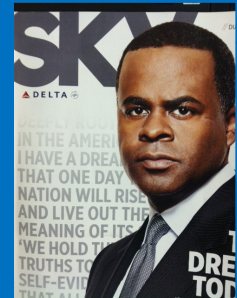
Read on! In this issue we will introduce you to several Public Works employees who have recently joined our organization or exceeding expectations towards improved services for Atlanta residents and visitors.

If you have a comment or concern, we want you to hear from you. Please contact the DPW Customer Service Center at (404) 330-6333, email us at publicworks@atlantaga.gov or follow us on Facebook @AtlantaPublicWorks.



- Dexter C. White
Deputy Commissioner
Email: dcwhite@atlantaga.gov

DPW Congratulates the City of Atlanta and Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed Delta Sky Magazine's August Feature Article



Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed was chosen to represent the legacies of the civil rights movement marking the 50th Anniversary of the Martin Luther King Jr. "I Have a Dream Speech."

The Delta Sky Magazine is exposed to 5 million people each month.

www.deltaskymag.delta.com

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

ATLANTA STREETCAR

MORE GRASS CUTTING CREWS

GREENBRIAR HEADLAND STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT

FLEET SERVICES ONLINE AUCTION



www.facebook.com/AtlantaPublicWorks

DPW Works on the Street is a bimonthly publication of the Department of Public Works. DPW reserves the right to manage content as appropriate to departmental programs/initiatives and communications policies. To comment or inquire about this publication send an email to vbell-smith@atlantaga.gov.

DPW'S DEDICATED WORK FORCE

Where the rubber meets the road, our staff makes the all the difference. Our mission is to deliver industry leading Public Works services that maintain and improve the City's infrastructure through strong community partnerships, transparent policies, and sustainable procedures utilizing a highly effective and dedicated workforce leading to increased public safety, health, and wellness for the citizens of Atlanta.

Have you ever reported a broken traffic signal, pothole, or debris in the public right-of-way? Chances are, a dedicated member of Public Works assisted to ensure your needs were addressed in a timely manner. Our nearly 700 employees work to ensure that the public right-of-way is clean and safe. From the office to the frontline our typical day

roadways, managing traffic operations, and providing pick-up service of household garbage, recycling, and yard trimmings for nearly 96,000 residential customers weekly. We have a big job to do and it takes a team of great people to get it done.

We are pleased to welcome several new employees who have recently joined Public Works and also congratulate those who have been promoted. Keep up the great work DPW!



- Richard Mendoza
Commissioner
Email: rmendoza@atlantaga.gov



Congratulations

DPW Promotions 2nd Quarter 2013

Office of Solid Waste Services

Eric A. Price
Former Solid Waste Operator I promoted to Solid Waste Operator II

Jarvis Hinton
Former Solid Waste Equipment Operator promoted to Solid Waste Operator I

Michael Woodard
Former Solid Waste Operator I promoted to Solid Waste Operator II

Robert Whitehead
Former Solid Waste Route Supervisor promoted to Installation Chief I

Office of Fleet Services

Irvin C. Clemons, Jr.
Former Storekeeper promoted to Fleet Parts Supervisor

Shaun D. Smith
Former Vehicle/Equipment Mechanic promoted to Vehicle/Equipment Mechanic, Sr.

Office of Commissioner

Ramon Creese
Former IT Manager promoted to IT Manager, Sr.

Office of Transportation

Cotena Alexander
Former Public Works Manager promoted to Transportation Program Manager

Ed R. Dodson, Sr.
Former Equipment Operator promoted to Street Maintenance Supervisor

Morris Radford
Former Equipment Operator promoted to Street Maintenance Supervisor

Quadir Shasid D. Adil
Former Electrician Assistant promoted to Electrician

Wali H. Bashir
former Electrician Assistant promoted to Electrician

New Employees/Employee Transfers to DPW

2nd Quarter 2013

Edward L. McNeil, Jr.
Environmental Service Worker

Michael Frierson
Public Relations Manager

Joann Roberts
Community Service Worker

Stacey Lynnette Gaithers
Solid Waste Operator I

Marc Jastremski
Parking Program Manager

Terrance L. Harper, Jr.
Environmental Service Worker

We are the Department of Public Works! We manage the public right-of-way including services such as:
Transportation Planning & Engineering,
Fleet Management,
Recycling & Sustainability Education

Visit us online at www.atlantaga.gov or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/atlantapublicworks

DPW introduces "Microsurfacing", an innovative, cost-saving alternative for road maintenance. Microsurfacing is a preventative maintenance process best suited to address minor roadway defects and to address loss of roadway friction. It does not address subsurface structural deficiencies. It is placed in thin layers on streets that have not deteriorated to the point of needing an asphalt mill and overlay. Streets with a medium priority rating are prime candidates for this process.

The cost of a microsurfacing project is usually 1/3 the cost of milling and resurfacing and extends the life of the pavement structure an average of 4 to 6 additional years.

We plan to microsurface approximately 35 streets totaling 15 miles of roadway in the city.



Glen Arden Drive,, NE

**City of Atlanta
Microsurfacing Program**

SUMMER GRASS CUTTING & RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE

Summer is here. It's time to cut the grass and trim those hedges.

DPW is working hard to keep Atlanta clean and beautiful this summer. Did you know that our Office of Solid Waste Services cuts grass and maintains areas within the public right-of-way? Here's what you should know:

The Office of Solid Waste Services has begun grass cutting & right-of-way maintenance in the public right-of-way at least twice per month in each quadrant of the city. We also provide removal of bulk items and residential street sweeping.

Bulk Collection is offered for pick-up of materials whose total weight and volume are too large for the City's residential garbage collection trucks to remove. This includes items such as: appliances, large furniture, large piles of tree branches, large metal, or wooden playground equipment, or similar items.

Bulk Collection is offered once per month, in each quadrant of the city. We will work in each quadrant during the week of scheduled pick-up until all streets are completed. Look for schedule notices on red and white signs posted at neighborhood entrances prior to pick up.

Residential Street Sweeping is provided monthly in each quadrant of the city. Sweepers travel along main thoroughfares that contain curbing in residential areas and also within the central business district. These crews primarily work at night and early mornings when there is less traffic on the roads. Look for similar signs posted at neighborhood entrances prior to scheduled service. Please do not park on the street during scheduled street sweeping service days.

For questions or more information, please contact the Public Works Customer Service Center at (404) 330-6333 or by email to: publicworks@atlantaga.gov.

- Gayla Dodson
Solid Waste Director,
Special Services
Email: gdodson@atlantaga.gov



"I got a robo-call (hate them as a rule, but not this time) from the folks who pick up trash and recycling for the City of Atlanta. It said our normal Thursday pickup would occur on Thursday, even though it's the Fourth of July. Additionally, I found a printed card by our mailbox on Tuesday, telling me the same thing. Had I not been told, I likely would have put our cans on the street for a Friday pickup. It's a little thing, but it's the little things that separate good from bad service..."

- Jay S., Council District 8.



"...I would like to thank Ms. Dodson and the Right-of-Way Crews for the work they performed in the "Gun Club" area and its surrounding streets. I realize that it takes a lot to maintain all the streets and right-of- ways within the City of Atlanta. The crews did an excellent job in cleaning the streets and the adjacent right-of-way. I am aware that this is their job but hard work does go unrecognized at times. I would like to extend a special THANKS to them for their hard work , ..."

- Brian A., Citizen, Council District 9

Solid Waste Service Update

July 1, 2013 starts the new Fiscal Year for the City of Atlanta operating budget.

With the recently approved budget, Solid Waste Services will be able to provide more attention to the public right-of-way. New grass cutting and de-littering crews are working in each quadrant of the city at least twice monthly.

Report areas that need attention to the Customer Service Center at (404) 330-6333 or by email to publicworks@atlantaga.gov.

Grass Cutting Schedule Remainder of Calendar Year 2013

Northeast

August, October, December

Southeast

July, September, November

Southwest

August, October, December

Northwest

July, September, November



Council Members C.T. Martin & Michael Bond

The Atlanta City Council is the chief policy making body for the City of Atlanta. As a legislative body, the council's main role is to make laws. In addition, the Council has oversight of multiple agencies, boards, and commissions. Learn more online at www.atlantaga.gov.

DPW REALIGNS OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS



Cotena Alexander
Transportation
Program Management
Officer

Service and dedication with a smile is what you will find in meeting Cotena Alexander, Program Management Officer for the DPW Office of Transportation. Ms. Alexander was recently promoted to this role after serving as the Transportation Manager for Traffic Engineering and Design.

Employed with the City of Atlanta since 1998 she began her career in the Department of Public Works as a Traffic Engineer.

“Upon considering the best way to streamline our operations and maximize efficiency levels, we decided to realign our operating

structure creating business units with various reporting structures. We have aligned specialized engineering services and design with daily operations. In doing so we created an organization that works closely together to manage the city’s transportation infrastructure effectively.” said Richard Mendoza, DPW Commissioner.

In her new role, Ms. Alexander will oversee employees who are responsible for Permitting, Street Signs & Markings, Traffic Signals & Streetlights, On-Street Public Parking, Roads & Bridges, and Transportation Planning. “This is an honor and a huge undertaking that I am quite proud to be

a part of. I have knowledge and experience in all of these areas, so I look forward to excelling together with the assistance of the great team of Public Works professionals within the Office of Transportation.” said Alexander.

Ms. Alexander holds a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Mississippi in Oxford, MS.

The Office of Transportation is available at (404) 330-6501 or by email to publicworks@atlantaga.gov.

- Lisa M. Johnson
Contributing Writer
Office of Transportation

Do you have a concern for the Office of Transportation?

To report traffic problems such as malfunctioning traffic lights or potholes please call the Customer Service Center Monday - Friday, 8:15 am - 5:00 pm at (404) 330-6333 or email publicworks@atlantaga.gov. For traffic signal problems after hours please call (404) 227-3520.



Marc Jastremski
Parking Management
Program Manager

**DPW Welcomes Marc Jastremski
Parking Management Program Manager**

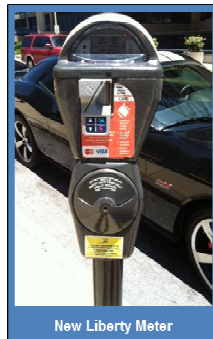
Marc Jastremski brings over 20 years of executive management experience in both publically traded and privately held entities. He has parking management experience in the areas of risk management, loss prevention, and audit programs.

Marc’s responsibilities with the City of Atlanta involve the management of all parking programs to include, among others, the issuance of parking permits and the oversight of PARKatlanta. His goal for the City’s parking program is to make it as customer centric as possible, by creating a proactive program that anticipates the parking needs of the city, all the while leveraging technology to make each parking event easier for the consumer.

Marc holds a B. A. in International Relations and is currently pursuing a Master’s of Business Administration.

Out of change, but need to park your car?

New single-space meters have been installed in high parking turnover areas. The new meters accept credit cards (Visa or Master Card), debit cards or coins. Learn more at www.parkatlanta.org.



ATLANTA STREETCAR CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Construction is progressing on the Atlanta Streetcar Project. Work is coming to a close on the track placement on Edgewood Avenue between Jackson and Fort Street.

Local businesses are open, when traveling in the area please pay close attention to construction signs and adhere to safety regulations. For up to date information on this project, please visit us online at www.theatlantastreetcar.com



Tim Borchers
Deputy
Commissioner

- Tim Borchers
Deputy Commissioner, Executive Director
Atlanta Streetcar Project



Businesses remain open along the Streetcar route during construction.



Crews pouring concrete along track placement on Peachtree Street from Auburn Avenue to Ellis Street.

Do you have a story idea, comment or suggestion for DPW Works on the Street? Send your comments to: DPW Works on the Street, ATTN: V. Bell-Smith, 55 Trinity Avenue, SW, #4700, Atlanta, GA 30303 or by email to vbell-smith@atlantaga.gov.

CAPITAL PROJECTS AT A GLANCE

The Capital Projects Division of the DPW Office of Transportation has purview over major projects that include federal, state, and MARTA funding. This office works with the Federal Highway Administration, Georgia Department of Transportation, Atlanta Regional Commission, Community Improvement Districts and other governmental and quasi-governmental enti-

Colony Parkway, and at Greenbriar Parkway and Headland Drive.

A ten-foot pedestrian walkway with brick pavers and a five-foot furniture zone are included in the project.

Street trees, pedestrian lights, landscaping, benches and trash receptacles will align the new sidewalk areas. A decorative gateway wall with columns and a sign will be installed at Greenbriar Parkway & Headland Drive. Traffic signal upgrades at Greenbriar Parkway and Headland Drive will ensure a smooth flow of traffic particularly during peak travel hours.



Headland Drive Streetscape Construction Underway

bring capital improvements to the city.

Funding for new sidewalks, streetscapes, traffic calming and other public improvements are managed here.

Several new projects are underway around the City. This month we are highlighting the Greenbriar Livable Center Initiative (LCI) project. This pedestrian oriented project runs along Greenbriar Parkway from Langford Parkway to the I-285 overpass. The improvements include intersection improvements, sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, street furniture, landscaping and street trees. The project will also include gateway features at the intersections of Greenbriar Parkway and Continental

This project is being done at the same time with similar improvements along Headland Drive, SW. Once completed both projects will provide for improved pedestrian access to transit and the surrounding Greenbriar shopping district.

For a complete list of current Capital Projects visit us online at www.atlantaga.gov.

- Michael Frierson
Public Relations Manager
Email: mfrierson@atlantaga.gov



Michael Frierson
Public Relations
Manager

DPW welcomes Michael Frierson as Public Relations Manager for Capital Projects. Michael will primarily be responsible for public outreach and engagement for streetscapes, sidewalk, street resurfacing and other improvement projects in the public right of way. Michael's nearly two-decades journalism career spans the broadcast, print, and public relations industries. Prior to joining the City of Atlanta he served as an associate producer and field producer with CNN/Turner Broadcasting, Inc.



- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>Bolton Road Sidewalks
Paul Avenue to Marietta Boulevard, CD 9, NPU-D
Nearing Completion</p> <p>Bolton-Marietta Intersection Improvement
CD-9, NPU-D
Under Construction</p> <p>Danforth Road Sidewalks
New Hope Road to Regency Center Drive, CD 11, NPU-Q</p> <p>East Atlanta Village Streetscape Improvement
CD 5, NPU-W
Under Construction</p> <p>Greenbriar/Headland Streetscape
CD 11, NPUs H and R
Construction Underway</p> | <p>Marietta Boulevard Streetscape Improvement
Huff Road to Coronet Way CD-9, NPU-D
Under Construction</p> <p>Midtown-North Avenue Streetscape Improvement
CD 11, NPU-M - Complete</p> <p>Monroe Drive Sidewalks
E Ponce de Leon Avenue to 10th Street
Under Construction</p> <p>Simpsom Road Sidewalks aka J E Boone Boulevard
West Lake Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue, CD 3, NPU-J
Under Construction</p> <p>West End LCI - Harris Homes Streetscape
CD-4, NPU-T
Under Construction</p> |
|---|---|



Back to School Time!

Drive safely! Please watch out for children walking to school and remember to yield to school buses.

Exercise caution in school zones.

City of Atlanta Graffiti Task Force Receives 400 Gallons of Donated Paint

The Atlanta Graffiti Task Force (AGTF) represents the combined efforts of the Departments of Public Works, Parks, Police,

Corrections, Law, Municipal Court, as well as Keep Atlanta Beautiful and various community partnerships to improve the quality of life for those who live, work and visit the City of Atlanta by removing urban blight and effectively sharing resources.



Valerie Bell-Smith, DPW PR Manager, Sr joins George Dusenbury, Commissioner of Parks; Pat Labat, Chief of Corrections; and Natalyn Archibong, Atlanta City Council District 5 Representative to acknowledge appreciation to Amanda Ayers of Atlanta Paint Disposal

June 2013, representatives of the AGTF along

whose district has been greatly impacted by graffiti, acknowledged appreciation to Atlanta Paint Disposal for their donation of more than 400 gallons of paint to the City valuing approximately \$4000. The paint is being used to paint over bridges and other public spaces inside the City of Atlanta that have been vandalized with graffiti. Some of the areas benefiting from cleaning and beautification include the I.E Hill Street/Coca Bridge, Krog Street, Grant Street Bridge, Boulevard Tunnel, North Avenue Bridge, and many others.

support of Atlanta Paint Disposal. This donation will go a long way towards our efforts to keep public spaces clean and beautiful," said George Dusenbury, Parks Commissioner.

Council Member Archibong also presented the Atlanta Paint Disposal with a City Council Proclamation in appreciation for their donation. "This is tremendous showing of support in public-private initiatives," said Archibong.

- Michael Frierson
Assistant Editor
Email: mfrierson@atlantaga.gov

Graffiti Hotline at (404) 546-4288

with Atlanta City Council Member Natalyn Archibong

"We appreciate the ongoing commitment and

program, I exercise daily working out with a personal trainer all for free. The Weight Watcher's Program is typically \$39.95 per month, but with my Lifetime Award I can continue with Weight Watchers for free as well," she says.

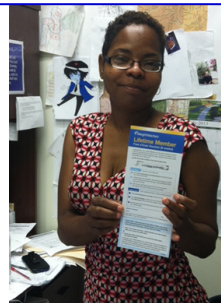
Also a diabetic, Dionne says she struggled when she started the Weight Watchers program. "The food in the program is actually great for diabetics. As a diabetic I have to watch my carbohydrate intake, or carbs. Carbs turn into sugar that isn't readily digested so it sits with you and eventually turns into fat. With Weight Watchers I can eat as many as three snack bars which for me as a diabetic is like eating 1 apple."

Dionne isn't exactly willing to share how much weight she has lost, but she is

excited about treating herself to a shopping spree for new clothes in a smaller size.

Do you have a goal to eat healthier, shed some pounds or perhaps get in better shape? Dionne invites you to join her and several other employees who are achieving better health through the City of Atlanta Employee Wellness Programs.

For more information employee wellness contact the Department of Human Resources.



Dionne Benton
Senior Traffic Engineer

- Valerie Bell-Smith
Editor
Email: vbell-smith@atlantaga.gov

We are on the web! www.atlantaga.gov



Congratulations to Dionne Benton, Senior Traffic Engineer in the Office of Transportation. Dionne has received the Weight Watchers Lifetime Membership Award!

Dionne is a proud member of the City's Wellness Program with Weight Watchers. The program started in October 2012 with approximately 40 employees. Since that time she has remained consistent in the program. With her new award, she has also been identified as the first City of Atlanta employee to reach and maintain her weight goal for six weeks. "By eating right and exercising I have been able to achieve my weight loss goals. Thanks to the City's

We are the Department of Public Works. How may we be of service to you?

Adopt A Spot

Atlanta Streetcar

Bulk Waste Collection

Fleet Services

Graffiti Removal

Household Garbage Collection

Illegal Dumping

Pothole Repair

(404) 330-6333

Email: publicworks@atlantaga.gov



Ready for football!
Please pay attention to posted parking regulations, park in authorized parking locations. Show care

for city neighborhoods by properly discarding waste of when tailgating.



Follow us online! www.facebook.com/atlantapublicworks