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The mission of the Department of General Services (DGS) is to elevate the quality of life for the residents and visitors of the District of Columbia with superior construction, first-rate maintenance and expert real estate management. By building and maintaining safe and green state-of-the-art facilities which foster economic growth and elevate educational environments, our trusted and skillful employees create modern and vibrant communities across the District.

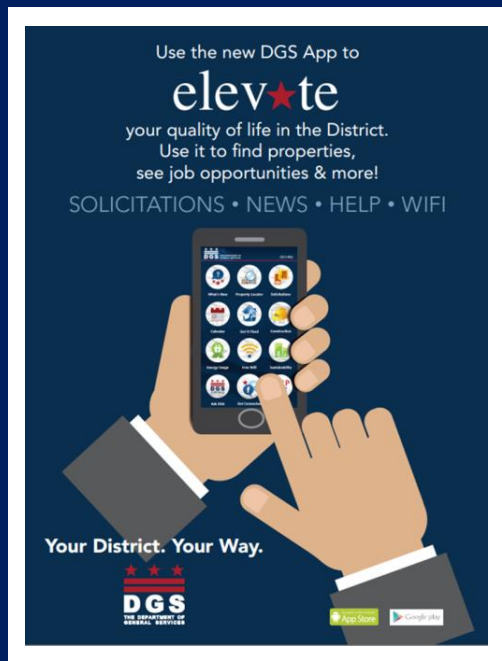
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## NEW DGS APP

DGS is excited to announce the release of our agency's Mobile Application, the "DGS App" available on Android, iOS and Windows devices. You can now search contract opportunities, locations of schools, parks and recreation centers, as well as construction project updates - anytime and anywhere. The DGS App will also allow users to discover all of DC's free Wi-Fi locations as well as track energy usage for district buildings. As one of the city's largest agencies, we continue to move toward a more sustainable DC and as always, continue to elevate the quality of life in the District.

We encourage everyone to visit your mobile app store and search "DC DGS." Download TODAY to have DC resources at your fingertips! Some features include: an agency calendar of events, links to DGS's blog "Elevate" and our social media.

Use the DGS App to stay connected as our agency continues to provide the community with innovative facilities and outstanding service to elevate the quality of life in the District!



## DGS IN THE COMMUNITY



June Locker, Deputy Director of Construction, and Elvis Douglas, Project Manager, join Mayor Bowser and others as they cut the ribbon on the newly construction Fire and Emergency Services (FEMS) Training Tower.

This is the first of many ribbon cuttings and ground breakings we will have with Mayor Muriel Bowser and the new administration showcasing our continuous efforts to elevate the quality of life for District residents, employees and visitors.

## DGS EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT



This month we would like to take a moment to introduce the newest member of the DCDGS team, Katherine Jough. Kathy, as she prefers to be called, is a member of our Legal team. She has returned to the D.C. area after spending a few years living in Chicago.

Before working at the DGS, Kathy worked in the private sector, including a 7-year stint doing pension protection. Although she has used her legal prowess for good before, Kathy still finds the change of pace refreshing. She likes where she is now and hopes to continue practicing real estate law.

Kathy is what most people would refer to as a “dog person.” She has two dogs named Ginnie and Napa (yes, like the valley). Kathy’s love for dogs originally inspired her to be a veterinarian. Luckily for us, she settled for adopting her two little buddies and hopes to rescue more soon. Welcome Kathy!

## DGS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

### Our DGS January 2015 Employee Of The Month: Gregory Williams

Congratulations **Gregory Williams** for being the January 2015 employee of the month. Mr. Williams is a valued employee in our Facility Division's Grounds Maintenance and Support Unit at the Penn Center.

Gregory has been a part of the DGS team since 2012 and has consistently demonstrated professionalism by supporting the maintenance of all DGS recreation centers and swimming pools, landscaping of the District facilities, minor repairs and furniture assembly. Mr. Williams also demonstrates his dedication to exceptional customer service by volunteering for special projects and extended duty assignments.

Mr. Williams’ commitment to giving back to his community does not stop at work. He is also a volunteer chef at the Fort Davis Recreation Center. Rumor has it that his fried fish is a delicacy to rival that of the best chefs in the DMV. Mr. Williams your efforts are noticed and appreciated!



*From left to right: Anthony Peters, Gregory Williams, Deputy Director Harper and Carl Butler*