

# Facilities News Quarterly

## Who is Facilities?

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Facilities Management is the pulse of Dallas County. We manage an estimated 6.7 million square feet on a daily basis. We process over 200,000 work orders annually with a staff of 140 people including technicians, administration, and management. Our department is also responsible for minor construction projects and janitorial contract oversight. We operate 24/7. Our County

buildings range in size from under 1000 sq. ft. to over 750,000 sq. ft. We maintain 53 County owned buildings; 27 of these buildings do not have onsite maintenance staff. The County has active buildings that are over 100 years old. The County has several construction projects underway that Facilities is involved in: a new medical facility in NT (MedMod) that will add approx. 175,000 sq. ft., Energy Management, and

\$65,000,000 in hi priority Facilities upgrades just to name a few. We consider our department an important steward of the Dallas County Taxpayers. We strive to provide the best value for the dollar with effective, efficient, and expeditious support to all Dallas County Departments while maintaining the physical assets in a manner consistent with the County's Strategic Plan.

Written by: Greg Gray

### Announcements

- Dallas County has passed jail inspection for 2015.
- Robby Saye's father has passes away. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Dizzy Harris  
Marty Ward  
Ryan Piper  
Paul Wright

## Get to know your editors, Ross Rico and Wendy Aviles

Ross Rico has worked for Dallas County for 1 year and ½. He works out of the Cook Chill engine group. He enjoys spending time with his son and playing sports. His rule to live by is, "The choices you make in life will dictate the life you lead!". What you may not know about him is that he is a member of FHA (Future Homemakers of America) and knows how to sew and crochet. He also previously worked for The Dallas Cowboys. His son is Asher and he is 8

years old. He has lived in Garland for 39 years and graduated from Naaman Forest High School in 1993.

Wendy Aviles has worked for Dallas County for 9 years. She works out of the 9<sup>th</sup> floor group. She enjoys spending time with her family and volunteering with Girl Scouts and the JROTC department at Samuell High School. Her rule to live by is "Never give up because there is always a light at the end of the tunnel. Just keep moving forward".

What you may not know about her is that she is half Mexican and half Cuban. "I really am an open book. I just don't hide anything." She has 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. She has lived in Dallas County for 26 years and graduated from W. W. Samuell High School in 1999.

## Employee Recognition Committee

Our department has created a committee to vote on quarterly awards for staff in the Facilities Department. The committee consist of 2 building techs from every group within our department. Each group nominates 2 employees from their group and presents them to the committee. The committee then votes on who the awardees will be. There are 14 members.

1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2015. Motivator  
Awardee: Scott Beeson –  
George Allen



1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2015 Trench  
Awardee: Dennis Hensel  
– FCCB/ST



## Get to know your fellow co-workers

### Riddle:

*“What occurs  
once in a  
minute, twice  
in a moment  
and never in  
one thousand  
years?”*

Answer: Pg. 3

Guy Faulkner has been working for Dallas County for 20 years. He works out of the Cook Chill engine group and is the Lead Building Mechanic at HHS. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and wood working. His rule to live by is, “I treat other better than I treat myself!”. Something we may not know about him is that his dream car is a 1957 Chevy Belair and knows how to sew and crochet. He has 2 children, 28 year old Mallory and 22 year

old Clinton. He has 2 grandchildren and is expecting twins in December. He has lived 50 years in Garland and graduated from North Garland High School in 1982.

Sandra (Sandy) Garcia has been working for Dallas County for 15 long years. She works out of the 9<sup>th</sup> floor in George Allen. Sandy enjoys running her own business, fishing, and camping. Her rule to live by is, “Do unto

others as you would like for them to do unto you.” Something we may not know about her is that she can work on her own car and is very handy with tools. She has 3 children and a total of 12 grandchildren. She has lived in Dallas County for 45 years. Sandy graduated from Sunset High School but the year is just too much information to make public.

## Community Service Project

Facilities will quarterly take on different community service projects. The projects will range from collecting can goods for food banks to collecting money for “Wounded Warriors”. We would really like to hear from you on what charities we would like to help each quarter. Please

email Wendy Aviles at [waviles@dallascounty.org](mailto:waviles@dallascounty.org) or Carol Johnson at [cejohnson@dallascounty.org](mailto:cejohnson@dallascounty.org) or. We participated in the Dallas County wide food drive collection for The Food Bank in November. We also as a department collected approximately \$1800 for Veteran Services. We are

currently waiting on getting the report from Veteran Services as to how are funds have assisted someone. This will be posted in our next Newsletter.

## Our Veteran Spotlight

Ross Rico Sr. retired from Dallas County as a Building Mechanic in 2010. He graduated from South Garland High School and was born in Dallas and raised in Garland. He served 6 years in the Army and was a gunner on the Steppenwolf and several gun trucks in the 512<sup>th</sup> TC (Transportation Company) during the Vietnam War. He was awarded a silver and bronze star as well as 2 purple hearts. He

passed away March 5, 2014. I knew Rico for a short period of time but know he was a great man. He was always a hard worker and has passed those ethics to his son Rico Jr., who now works for Dallas County as well. He always had a smile on his face and you would never be able to tell if he was down or going through something. He always put everyone before him. Many saw

him as a second father figure and would seek him for help and advice. He was truly an American Hero!



Written by: Wendy Aviles

### Riddle Answer:

*The letter M.*

### Promotions:

Tony Andrews  
 Robby Saye  
 Dario Gauna  
 Johnny Austin  
 Juan DeLa Rosa

## Did you know?

Did you know that because you work for Dallas County, you can save some money on your AT&T, Verizon, Sprint, and T-Mobile cellphone bill? AT&T – 15% discount call 611 from your cell. Code is 63830.

Sprint –  
[www.sprint.com/verify](http://www.sprint.com/verify).  
 Code is GLLTX\_ZZZ.

Verizon will be 25% discount. –

[www.verizonwireless.com/](http://www.verizonwireless.com/) discounts. Code is DIR-Dallas County – NDIR07 EMPL.

T-Mobile – 17% discount. Call 866-465-2662.

LA Fitness-2690 Haskell Ave., Dallas, TX 75204 offers Dallas County employees membership for \$44.95/month. Call Chase Taylor: 214-530-

0005.

The Texas Club offers Dallas County Employees a membership for \$50/month (monthly) or \$44/month (prepay year). Contact Angela Glasscock: 214-761-6313 or visit [www.thetexasclubfitness.com](http://www.thetexasclubfitness.com).

### New Hires:

Daniel John  
 Gary Paschall  
 Saul Carillo  
 Jeffrey Robinson  
 Jonathan Hayden  
 Punnoosebaby Puthiampurathu  
 Pablin Vela  
 Spencer Johnson  
 Kumar Pila

## Safety/Household Tips

Clean and vacuum dust from vents, baseboard heaters and cold-air returns. Dust build-up in ducts is a major cause of indoor pollutants and can increase incidences of cold-weather illnesses. Consider hiring a pro to clean hard-to-reach

ductwork. Caulk exterior joints around windows and doors. Caulking helps keep your house weather-tight and lowers heating and cooling bills. It can also help keep insects and

other "critters" out of your house. When you caulk before painting, it eliminates edges where the paint may start to peel.

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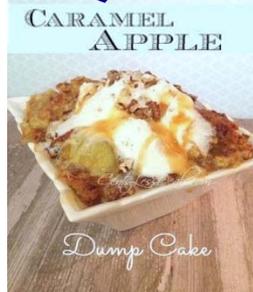
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**Are we on the  
Web?**

**Under  
Construction.  
Coming soon!**

## Recipe of the Quarter



### Ingredients:

- 2 cans of apple pie filling (you can also use cherry, blueberry, etc.)
- 1 box of yellow cake mix
- 2 sticks of butter, melted (1 cup)
- ½ cup caramel sauce (like you would put on ice cream)
- ½ tsp cinnamon (optional)
- ½ cup chopped pecans (optional)
- Whipped cream for garnish (optional)

### Instructions:

1. In a greased 9x13 dish, mix apple pie filling and caramel sauce.
2. You may add in the ½ tsp cinnamon if desired.
3. Spread evenly in pan.
4. Pour dry cake mix directly on top of the pie filling and spread evenly.
5. Top with melted Butter and pecans (optional).
6. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until top is golden brown and apple filling is bubbly around the edges.
7. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream.
8. Enjoy!

## We survived winter and jail inspections for 2015!!!!

That's right! We passed our jail inspections for 2015. Thanks to all the guys that assisted with this. This process can not only save Dallas County money but jobs as well. Great work everyone!

We would also like to thank everyone that made it to work during inclement weather. When Dallas County closed most of Facilities still has to come in to work. Other departments don't know that. All they see is that when they do come to work

everything has been de-iced, snow/ice has been shoveled to the side, and the heat in the buildings is working properly. That's because of all of you. Thank you for everything that your do. A special thanks to you will be coming soon on April 8<sup>th</sup>!!!!!!

