

Larry Riddick named Employee of the Year!

The applause was deafening at the annual Employee Holiday Luncheon as LARRY RIDDICK's name was announced as the 2018 Employee of the Year. He was selected from the Employees of the Month, each of whom was also recognized.



The Employee of the Year receives a \$500 stipend and a Kent County lapel pin or similar appreciation gift. In addition, the employee's name is placed on a plaque displayed in the Kent County Administrative Complex and his or her photograph is displayed for the following year.

Larry started with Kent County in June 2016 and serves as a Custodian in the Facilities Management Office. His primary duties include custodial work, recycling collection, and complex terrazzo floor maintenance in the Kent County Administrative Complex as well as weekend assignments at the Kent County Recreation Center.

Larry is a dedicated employee who earns high praise from supervisors for his personal commitment to maintain a clean and sanitary environment for visitors and fellow employees. He is a dependable employee who can be counted on to complete all assigned tasks in a safe manner and represent Kent County in the most positive way.

After Larry's selection as Employee of the Month for August 2018, Facilities Director Dick MacDonald, said "The work our custodians do is often underappreciated, but it is extremely important in maintaining a safe environment for everyone working in or using our facilities. Larry comes to work every day with a positive attitude and diligently performs his duties in a manner that generates good will from the public and visitors. He is well deserving of this recognition."

The Employee of the Year is selected from among the 12 Employees of the Month by Employee Council. In order to be considered for EOM, County Policy §2-21 requires the individual be a permanent, full-time classified employee or slotted row office deputy who positively promotes Kent County to the public, demonstrates sustained performance, contributes to the achievement of County objectives, distinguishes themselves in other pursuits of County goals, and/or actively participates in community organizations, civic projects, etc.

The 2018 Employees of the Month included:

- January – MELANIE MARINUCCI of the Public Safety Department
- February - KAY KRISS of the Register of Wills Office
- March - ANGIE WISE of the Finance Department
- April - DANIEL TWARDUS of the Planning Services Department
- May - WALLACE WOOTTEN of the Public Works Department (Retired)
- June - ROXANNE PARSONS of the Community Services Department
- July - TOM WILLIAMS of the Public Safety Department

August - LARRY RIDDICK of the Administration Department
September- TOM GATES of the Public Works Department
October - ERIKA BRETSCHER of the Public Safety Department
November - MICHELE LAPINSKI of the Community Services Department
December - TRISH BROWN of the Clerk of the Peace Office

The monthly honorees are also posted on the Kent County Website under the Employee Portal page. <http://www.co.kent.de.us/personnel/employee-portal.aspx>

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