

Fleet Spotlight: Dereck Jones, Auto Mechanic, NYC Parks

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It's not quite spring, but it's never too early to start thinking about parks and the outdoors. This week's fleet spotlight is Dereck Jones, a diesel mechanic at NYC Parks 5-Boro Central Fleet Garage on Randall's Island.

Dereck joined NYC Parks in August 2014 after many years in private sector repair. Dereck works on a wide variety of fleet units for parks from snow plows to grass tractors. As part of our shared services program, Dereck also helps service DEP fleet units that operate from the Wards Island Waste Water Treatment Plant. This part of our citywide consolidation program has been very successful with low down rates.

Dereck commented on the camaraderie at Parks including "the work environment, and how everyone is respectful and helpful."

Dereck resides in Brooklyn and loves being a father to five children. Thanks to Dereck and best wishes on a long and productive career with fleet.





Happy Retirements: Armando Lisojo, DCAS and Cliff Adams, Parks

Speaking of long and productive careers, we also want to congratulate two stalwarts of the fleet program on their retirements this month.

Armando Lisojo was the original mechanic inspector at DCAS and retired after 39 years. In 1981, he joined the city as an auto service worker and left as our senior auto mechanic and technical field inspector serving DCAS client fleets.

Armando helped create the inspector role and trained all our existing inspectors. He was also an enthusiastic driver of his all-electric DCAS GM Bolt.

Cliff Adams was a quality assurance specialist at NYC Parks. He joined Parks in 1985 and was the auto parts expert for decades at the 5-Boro Garage.

Parks operates a particularly varied fleet of on and off-road vehicles. Cliff was the expert on where and how to get the parts and components needed to keep this fleet on the road, and assisted as the City made the transition to the strategic parts contract through DCAS.

Armando and Cliff represent the best of Fleet and City service. Both were dedicated and skilled technical professionals, great colleagues, and even better people. We will miss them!



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