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BUILDING INSPECTION NEWS

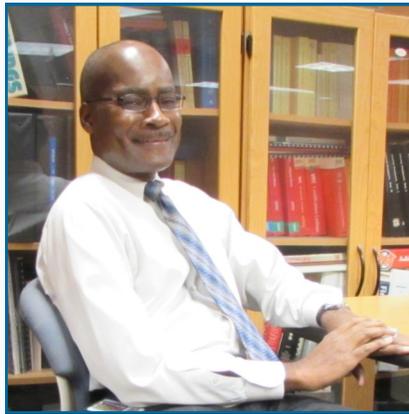
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SESSION NAMED ASSISTANT BUILDING OFFICIAL

Dallas Building Inspection has named a new Assistant Building Official. Little David Session has been with the City for more than 27 years and has held the positions of Commercial Plans Review Manager, District Field Inspection Manager, and he has been the Chief Building Inspector since 1999. He was appointed as Assistant Building Official effective July 22nd.

David has lead the process for Dallas' adoption of the International Building, Residential, Existing Building, and Energy Conservation Codes, and the ICC/NSSA Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters. He has a comprehensive understanding of the entire Building Inspection organization

and is the "go-to" person for many contractors, developers and citizens. Prior to working for the City of Dal-



David Session

las, David served as Building Official for the City of Lancaster, Texas.

Chief Building Official Larry Holmes said "David's experience and expertise make him an ideal Assistant Building Official over our field operations."

Dedicated to the development of construction codes, David serves the code community by participating on the North Central Texas Council of Governments Building & Residential Advisory Board and the Energy and Green Advisory Board. He also serves as a member of the International Code Council Evaluation Committee (ICC-ES) with 10 other Code Officials from around the nation. David was a member of the PRIME BEEF Civil Engineering Squadron of the United States Air Force and is a Vietnam Era Veteran.

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SOUTHWEST DISTRICT GETS NEW LOCATION

After being located in the Oak Cliff Municipal Center for several years, the SW District Office is now housed in their own new facility at 2730 Coombs Creek Drive, and is accessible via the private drive along the back of the Sierra Vista Plaza Shopping Center.

A Grand Opening was held on Monday, June 8th to celebrate the opening of this new District Office.



2730 Coombs Creek

BUILDING INSPECTION FILLS MANAGER POSITIONS

In the past few months, Building Inspection has announced five appointments to managerial positions that were vacated due to retirement or reassignment.

Alex Barkume has been promoted to the position of Permit Center Manager, responsible for the operation of the Building Inspection Permit Center. Alex has been with the City since 2010 and has worked as a Housing Inspector and Sr. Plans Examiner for both the Residential Team and Express Plan Review Team. Before coming to the City he had 10 years experience as a general contractor in California.

Byron Williams has been promoted to District Manager over the Southeast District Inspection Office after

the retirement of Cary Pritchett. Byron has been with the City six years, two of those as a Sr. Inspector. He has a combined total of 25 years of experience in construction and inspection.

Carolina Yumet has been promoted to Manager over the Commercial Plan Review group in the Permit Center. Carolina came to the US in August 2012 and was hired by the City in November 2012 as a Sr. Plans Examiner. She obtained a degree in Architecture in 2002.

James McKey has been promoted to District Manager over the Southwest District Office. James has been with the city eight years, two years as a Sr. Inspector. Previously he was a Field Engineer

with a large commercial construction company and a private Real Estate Inspector.

Bobbie Reagor was promoted to Manager over the Consultation Group in the Permit Center. Bobbie has been with the City for 19 years. He has been with Building Inspection since 2004 promoting through the ranks from Trades Office Assistant, to Sr. Plans Examiner and now to Manager. Bobbie is a member of the Cedar Valley College Business Advisory Committee.

By promoting these valuable employees from within, Building Inspection preserves a wealth of knowledge and experience in the organization.



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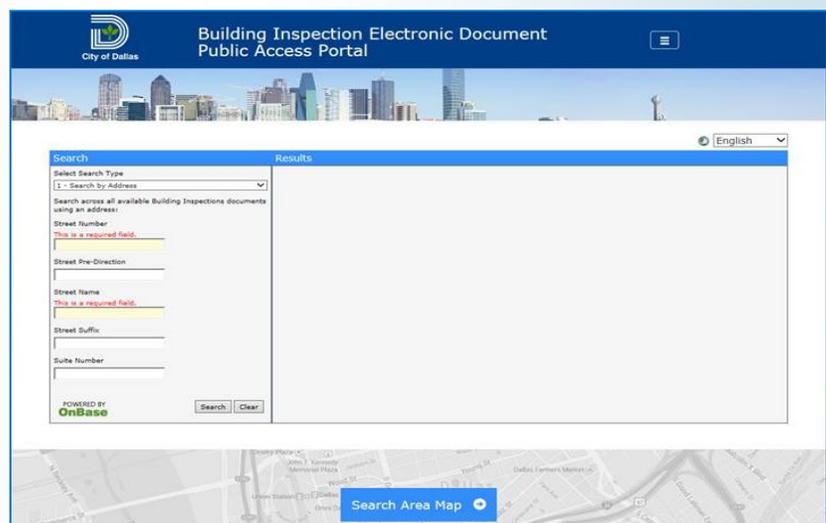
James McKey



Bobbie Reagor

NEW ONLINE RECORDS SYSTEM COMING

The City recently completed work on the first phase of a new electronic document management system. One feature of this new system is the public portal which will enable on-line access to building and construction records by simply entering the address of any property in the City. There will soon be a link to this portal on the Dallas Building Inspection's web page. Coming soon: As an alternative to entering a known street address, the public will be able to search City permit and other construction records by clicking on a location on a map.



BI JOINS IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On April 24th, several employees represented Dallas Building Inspection at the 6th Annual Community Outreach Code Conference at City Hall. The event was hosted by Councilmember Carolyn Davis. City departments and outside agencies handed out information and conducted informative



Alex Barkume conducts the Building Inspection information session



SW District Manager James McKey at the BI exhibit

sessions to educate neighborhood stakeholders on how to use vital code information to develop sustainable communities. Permit Center Manager Alex Barkume gave an informative overview of Building Inspection practices and procedures to conference attendees.

ETHEL GASTON-GREEN RETIRES

After more than 34 years of devoted service to Building Inspection customers, Ethel Gaston-Green has retired.

Ethel started her career with BI while still in High School as a Vocational Office Education (VOE) Student and was hired to a full-time position in 1981. While spending her entire career in Dallas Building Inspection, she worked as a receptionist, secretary, sign inspector,



zoning consultant, plans examiner and supervisor. She retired as the manager over residential and conservation district plan review, Board of Adjustment and plans routing.

Ethel has met and assisted a multitude of customers, citizens and co-workers in her 34 years with BI. Her vast knowledge, distinguished leadership and, most of all, her friendship will be will be greatly missed.

We sincerely intend for this publication to assist you in your business by keeping you informed of changes, improvements, code adoptions and other useful information. This periodical will be published quarterly, or as needed. For more information or suggestions, contact the editor, Annette Wallace, at mary.wallace@dallascityhall.com.

GOLD CARD TRAINING

The Dallas BI Residential Team recently conducted the second annual Gold Card Training for residential contractors. The Gold Card Program is a great benefit to these contractors. A session was held in the OCMC Cafeteria in April and another was held at the Dallas Builders Association office in Plano in May. For more information about the Gold Card program, call 214-948-4480.



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