



City promotes Public Works professionals

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City Manager Shelley Dickstein announces the promotion of two Department of Public Works employees to new positions.

Tom Ritchie, Jr., a career City employee, is promoted to the position of Deputy Director of Public Works. As deputy director, he will be responsible for oversight of operational and administrative functions for the Department's five divisions: Civil Engineering, Fleet Management, Property Management, Street Maintenance and Waste Collection.

Ritchie most recently served as acting director of Public Works and has been manager of the Division of Waste Collection since 2003. He began more than 30 years of City employment during high school as a summer employee at Community Golf club and joined the Division of Waste Collection in 1987. During his tenure there, he implemented the curbside recycling program, as well as GIS- and RFID-enabled systems allowing service improvements and efficiencies.

Keith Steeber, PE, is promoted to the position of City Engineer (manager of the Division of Civil Engineering). Steeber is a career City employee, starting as a municipal inspector in 1982 and serving as engineer, senior engineer, and chief engineer. His accomplishments include design, construction management and supervision of public improvement projects such as streets, Dayton International Airport runways, and neighborhood improvements. He most recently served as acting manager of the division of civil engineering. He earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering at the University of Dayton.

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