

PIPELINE



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE: David Clayton Retires from DC Gas

After three decades of dedicated service, David Clayton is retiring from DC Gas, leaving behind a legacy of expertise, leadership, and genuine care for customers and colleagues alike.

David's career at DC Gas began in the construction crew, where he spent his early years installing service lines and learning the trade under the guidance of seasoned mentors.

In 2000, David became the first staff member of the newly formed DC Gas Connections crew, focusing on installing gas piping and appliances. Over the years, his work laid the foundation for the growth of the Plumbing Department, which expanded to three crews under his leadership. In 2018, David moved into the DC Gas Service Center and Showroom, where he managed customer service, appliance sales, inventory, and crew scheduling.

"David's mark on DC Gas cannot be overshadowed," says Jayson Higdon, General Manager. "The DC Gas plumbing department today is, in large part, successful because of David Clayton. He was the first staff member of the plumbing department in 2000, and has been the manager of the plumbing department for the last decade. More important than David's mark on the success of DC Gas, he influenced countless individuals during his 30-year tenure here, both customers and co-workers. David genuinely cares about people, and his approach to customer service reflects that about him. In my decade of service with David, not one time did I ever field a complaint

regarding David's handling of a customer's need. We need more David Claytons in the world today."

David recalls some of his proudest moments, including pioneering the installation of Rinnai tankless water heaters in 2001 at DC Gas, a project that required patience, training, and expertise. "Through hard work, our guys became experts on installing, troubleshooting, and servicing natural gas tankless water heaters. We now install more than 300 tankless water heaters each year," he said.

Looking back, David emphasizes that the relationships he's built are among the most meaningful parts of his career. Guided by Christian principles, David has always prioritized doing the right thing, treating others with respect, ensuring customer satisfaction, and putting safety first.

As he steps into retirement, David is looking forward to spending time with his wife Becky and their three granddaughters, as well as exploring some of America's natural wonders, including Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, and the Tetons.

Reflecting on his 30 years at DC Gas, David humbly shares, "I'm just humbled and thankful to everyone who helped me along this journey in life. I appreciate our Board of Directors and Management team for their



David Clayton

support and encouragement over the years. To all my coworkers through the years, I thank you for making a lasting impression on my life. If I can ever help you in any way, please give me a call. It's been fun."

David Clayton's dedication, integrity, and commitment to service have left an indelible mark on DC Gas and the community it serves. While he will be greatly missed as he moves into retirement, his legacy will continue to influence the company and its customers for years to come.



The lasting friendships that I've made with customers and coworkers have made me a better man. For that I am most thankful.



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RECIPE:

PEACH SALSA PORK TENDERLOIN

Ingredients

- 1 pork tenderloin
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tbsp fish sauce
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tsp grated ginger
- ¼ cup vegetable oil

Salsa Ingredients

- 2 roasted red peppers
- 6 whole peaches, skinned
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 pint rainer cherries
- ½ cup blueberries
- 1 shallot, minced
- 1 jalapeno, deseeded and minced
- ¼ cup lime juice
- 1 tbsp honey
- 3 tbsp chopped cilantro
- 1 tbsp kosher salt
- 2 tsp black pepper

Directions

Combine marinade ingredients and add tenderloin. While pork marinates, start grill on high and begin roasting peppers. Reduce heat to medium, skin and halve peaches, brush with oil and add to grill. Grill peaches for 6 minutes, turning every 2 minutes, until caramelized. Add cherries, grill for 5 minutes, and remove to cutting board. Chop peppers, peaches, and cherries into small pieces and add to a bowl. Combine remainder of salsa ingredients with fruit mix and let rest for 1 hour. Keeping grill at medium-high temp, add tenderloin. Grill for 3 ½ minutes, turning an opposite 45 angle each time for perfect grill marks. Allow tenderloin to rest under foil for 10 minutes before serving. Slice into thick medallions and serve with peach salsa.

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