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**Quote of
the Month:**

“Real friends are
the ones who help
you move.”
-Author Unknown

Big move moves towards a close

Employees all smiles about new office space



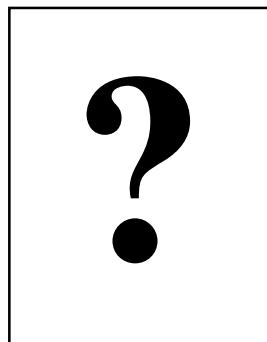
Tammy Garrett moves some of her files and other things to her new desk in Room 311. Garrett is just one of about 35 employees who has moved to a new location over the last couple of months.

The carts, boxes and sore backs are finally in the past for the office sections that relocated recently to 1520 Market St. and for those who moved to new quarters in City Hall.

The finance and development, asset management, telecommunications and real estate sections are now comfortably in place at the Market St. location. The accounting side remaining at City Hall has finished the bulk of their reorganization and should be completely done soon.

Comptroller Green is pleased to see everything working out so well and for everyone’s hard work in making the big move as smooth as possible.

Moving and relocating this many people and all their furniture, supplies, computers and phone lines was no small task. Everyone who pitched in and helped did the office proud and contributed to our future success.



Comptroller’s August Employee of the Month

No Employee of the Month was selected for August. Be sure to nominate a co-worker for the September award.

Office News

Jones' adoption finalized

Transportation center manager **Robin Jones'** family officially got bigger this month when the adoption of her cousin, LaTisha, was finalized. LaTisha was placed in Jones' home on November 2, 2007 as a foster child by the Missouri Division of Family Services. Since then, it has been a challenging time for Jones and her two biological daughters. However, with the love and support of family and friends, the family did the best they could to make LaTisha feel welcome, loved and wanted.

Jones knows first hand that blending a family is a trying process and she experienced daily the ups and downs that a "normal" family experiences. Being the mother of three girls also presents further demands on Jones but she said it is very rewarding and would not have it any other way.

LaTisha is 13 years old and in the 8th grade at Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Middle School.



Test your knowledge with the Trivia Challenge

This month: Retirement trivia



*Congratulations to
Jamalia Lott
for earning one hour
comptime for correctly
answering the August
blood donation trivia.*

1. At what age do you normally become eligible for Medicare?
2. What percentage of social security benefits do you lose when retiring at age 62?
3. What is the maximum dollar amount you can contribute annually to the city's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan?
4. What company manages the city's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan?
5. What does the Bureau of Labor Statistics say the average retirement age in the United States was in 2007?
6. Who is the chairman of the board of trustees of the city's employee retirement system?
7. COLA stands for what related to the city's employee retirement system?

Submit your answers to John Farrell at farrellj@stlouiscity.com. The first to reply with the correct answers wins one hour comptime.

Office News

Head reaches rule of 85



Co-workers streamed into the City Hall office of **Jeannie Head** (center) to congratulate her on her rule of 85 milestone in city service.

Jail bird



Our own **Elaine Harris Spearman** was carted off to jail this month to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Spearman raised \$2,119 for her bail, including \$200 from the office bake sale. Thanks to all who helped.

Happy trails

Good bye to **Vivian Sullivan** who transferred to the corrections division to begin a career as a correctional officer at the St. Louis City Justice Center.



Steele earns 30 year service pin



Employees at 1520 Market St. gathered earlier this month to award **Eunetter Steele** her 30 year service pin. **Ivy Neyland-Pinkston** presented the pin to Steele along with some gifts for her service to the comptroller's office and other city departments.

News & Notes

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As the comptroller's office turns...

Our condolences

The entire comptroller's office expresses our deepest sympathy to **Beth Seright** and her family on the sudden passing of her husband, Thomas. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

The entire comptroller's office expresses our deepest sympathy to **Mike Cook** and his family on the passing of his mother-in-law, Peggy Gillette. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

September Birthdays

Judy Armstrong	5
Anissa Blalock	5
Mike Cook	6
Maria Randazzo	7
Robin Boyce	9
Fred Carslick	9
Angela Johnson	11
Elaine Spearman	16
Beverly Crawford	17
Eunetter Steele	18
Shania Woodhouse	18
Jim Garavaglia	20
Michele Graham	21
Craig Frazier	24

Continuous Service Anniversaries

Lisa Harmon	20 years
Shalonda Covington	10 years

New employee



The office welcomes **Donald Matthews**, a transportation specialist at the Gateway Transportation Center, to the office team.

Smith family honors

Catherine Smith's daughter, Alicia, was a contestant in the Missouri Cooperative-Education Pageant and won a trophy for "Best Resume" and one for "Best Thank You" note in the 16 to 19 year-old age group. Smith's one and a half year-old granddaughter, Diavian, also won the "Miss Rose" internet contest and "Best Eyes" the Missouri Cooperative Education contest.

August Trivia Quiz answers

1. 45%
2. 5
3. Japan
4. O-
5. 7%
6. Salt
7. Sugar