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This is quite a busy election year. The presidential primaries are behind us, and now the general municipal election is on April 5.

With so many important local and national issues at stake, it's good to remind ourselves that voting is an important right and a civic duty. Voting gives each of us a voice to be heard, a way to hold elected officials accountable and to have a say in important issues that affect our community and the nation.

Prop E, the reauthorization of the 1% earnings tax; and Prop F, a \$25 million no-tax-increase bond issue, are on the April 5 ballot. Please visit the Comptroller's section of the City's website to learn more about these important issues and then exercise your voting rights.

March Is Women's History Month



Mayor Francis Slay pinned Victoria Wakeland in recognition of 40 years of service as a City of St. Louis employee.

The pinning ceremony was held in the Mayor's Office in December. Wakeland, an Administrative Assistant

Comptroller's Blood Drive Saves Lives

The Comptroller-sponsored blood drive that was held in City Hall collected enough donations to help 51 people. A big thank you goes to blood donors and volunteers who helped make the event run smoothly in February.

There were 20 people who registered to donate blood and 17 productive units of blood collected. The Red Cross says, "The partnership we have with your office is vital to the American Red Cross and patients throughout the region."

The next blood drive is in August.



Way to Go!.....



Congratulations to **Abdullahi Abdi** who on Feb. 1, was promoted from an Accountant II to a Financial Analyst.

Wakeland Earns 40-Year Pin Recognition

II in the Comptroller's Office, started at City Hospital #1 and has worked in several departments throughout her tenure. We thank her for dedication and service to St. Louis.



Free Tax Preparations Are Huge Benefit



More than 125 low-to-moderate earners, senior citizens and individuals with disabilities, were afforded free tax preparations through an event sponsored by the Comptroller, in partnership with the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) and 1st Financial Federal Credit Union.

Attendees were offered “second chance” free savings and checking accounts, and other asset-building services. The preparations were held on two evenings in February at the William Harrison Education Center, on Cass Ave. Event coordinator LaTaunia Wilder is a Comptroller’s Office Accounting Manager II, and a NABA member.



Welcome New Hires



Monique Kirksey-Womack
Accounting Section
Clerk Typist II
(pictured)

Deneen Sharp
Transportation Center Operations Specialist



It's a Boy!

Payroll Specialist II Antoinette Thomas became a first-time grandmother on Jan. 18, to Clay

Malik Dickens. Baby Clay weighed in at a whopping 9 lbs., 5oz. and 21.5 inches long. He was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, to Antoinette’s son Thomas and his wife Jamilya. Congrats Grandma.

Riding Off on a Harley.....

John DiLiberto, Sr., a telecommunications specialist and Harley motorcycle enthusiast, was treated with a retirement celebration on Jan. 28, after nearly 22 years in the Comptroller’s Office.

His two sons, John Jr., (also a City employee) and Joseph; daughter-in-law Crystallynn and grandson Donovan, were on hand for the farewell. Ahead for him? Long rides on his Harley and more visits to his country retreat are what we hear.



Notable Anniversaries

5 Years: Nicole Shaw
Administrative Assistant I

15 Years: Karl Hlavaty
Accounting Coordinator



Happy Birthday

JANUARY	19	Dorothy Middleton
2	Cynthia Larson	
13	Monique Williams	MARCH
20	Christopher Reed	23
22	Cyril Oparaji	30
		30
		Lisa Harmon

FEBRUARY

1	Mohammad Adil
5	Shalonda Covington
12	Keith Vernell
13	Keith Taylor
14	Sandra Mantia
14	Amy Williams
15	Barnadette Davis
15	Tammy Garrett
18	William Risk

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