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Finding Summer Jobs For St. Louis youth

Finding jobs for teens and other young people is a priority. A lack of money and too much time on their hands could cause some of these youth to turn to crime.

STL Youth Jobs is being launched by a civic collaboration of regional groups and organizations in response to a steep decline in public funding for summer youth employment and a dire need for positive programming for youth, as revealed in a recent city task force on youth violence.

The current focus is on raising funds to create the jobs—which cost \$2,000 each, as well as identifying businesses that are willing to host teen workers for 8-weeks. Prospective employers include businesses, nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations. Some other U.S. cities including Boston, Detroit, Atlanta and Cleveland have similar programs that employ thousands of youth every summer.

The City of St. Louis is providing \$100,000 to fund 50 jobs from Youth at Risk Funds appropriated by the Board of Alderman through the Public Safety Committee. SLATE and the Metropolitan Saint Louis CRA (Community Reinvestment Act) Association will partner to administer this program. The Metropolitan Saint Louis CRA will also coordinate financial literacy training for the students.

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Comptroller Green pictured with KWMU radio host Don Marsh. Also pictured, Bridget Flood from Incarnate Word Academy and 17-year-old Antonio Crawford, an STL Youth Jobs participant.

This summer, *STL Youth Jobs* will focus on neighborhoods in north and south city. In south St. Louis, this includes Dutchtown, Gravois Park and Tower Grove East. In north St. Louis, the targeted areas include Baden, Mark Twain, Penrose and O'Fallon.

These areas were chosen several months ago following some careful analysis by a few different parties—including UMSL. They focused on places in the city with a high population of youth and a significant need when it comes to economic indicators. Those high-risk factors include unemployment and crime.

Meaningful summer employment will provide these youth with constructive ways to spend their time, exposing them to positive adult relationships and helping them to advance their workplace and social skills.



Comptroller's TV show is now airing on STL-TV!

The Comptroller's television show, *It's Your Money with Darlene Green* is back on the air. Our current episode focuses on *STL Youth Jobs*. Because of this effort, more than 240 young people are now employed this summer!

**IT'S
YOUR
MONEY**
WITH DARLENE GREEN

**TUESDAY AT
4:30 PM**

Solar Impulse HB-SIA

by Robin Boyce



The Solar Impulse landed in St. Louis on May 31st after a 21-hour flight from Dallas, Texas.

This new fossil fuel-free airplane got its start in Switzerland where it was built by a team of scientists who are interested in keeping the world **green**. Their hope is that the HB-SIA will be the forerunner of aircraft that will soon shape how the world travels from continent to continent.

The Solar Impulse was flown to the United States from Switzerland in parts aboard a 747. It was reassembled in California by engineers, then made its first U.S. flight to Phoenix. The solar crafts' next stop was Dallas—where it was met by a 14-member ground crew who helped prepare it to travel to St.

Louis. The global kickoff for this trip is called the **Clean Generation Initiative**, a movement of like minded people who are ready for a change.

From St. Louis, the Solar Impulse traveled to Washington, D.C.

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Direct Deposit Bank Fair at City Hall Rotunda

The city is moving toward direct deposit for all employees on July 5, 2013. Those employees who currently have direct deposit will see no change in their payroll. Those employees without a bank account were able to participate in one of three Bank Fairs to choose a traditional bank or credit union.

For employees who do not want to open an account with a traditional bank or credit union, they will automatically receive their paycheck on the Skylight Paycard which offers the direct deposit feature with free access to their paycheck.



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Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Victoria Wakeland on the BeeFit Program's 10-week Weight Loss Challenge. Vicki lost 12.72% of her body weight by the end of the challenge. For her hard work, she received a \$50 gift card to Sports Authority. Way to go Vicki!

