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## Benefits/Feature: Saving for the future

Your career with the USPTO will not only take care of your life now, but help you prepare for your life after your career is over. We have several programs – retirement, savings bonds and our Thrift Savings Plan – that will help you ensure comfort and stability past your employment with USPTO.

### Retirement

U.S. Federal Government employee retirement is recognized as the gold standard for retirees nationwide and worldwide. Currently it is being made even better through the efforts of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Retirement Systems Modernization (RSM) Program.

### Savings Bonds

USPTO employees can participate in a Federal Investment Program that is focused on the long-term security and earning power of United States Government Savings Bonds.

### Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)

The TSP is a retirement savings plan administered by The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board to provide Federal employees with many of the same savings and tax benefits that 401(k) plans offer the private sector.

## Living & Working in D.C.: Neighborhoods & their Nightlife

**Adams Morgan.** This DC neighborhood marks a vibrant center celebrated for its diversity and eccentricity. In addition, this bustling neighborhood of international sights, sounds, and aromas, offers a multi-cultural bazaar of one-of-a-kind shopping and dining opportunities. At night, Adams Morgan transforms into one of the city's hotspots for music, dancing, and bars. It is only one local favorite with the city's young professionals.

**Old Town Alexandria.** One of the more historical areas, Old Town offers a family-oriented scene with plenty of shopping and dining. Right on the river, you'll have your pick of great seafood restaurants. It's a perfect afternoon destination on a nice day.

**Clarendon.** This Arlington, VA neighborhood has boomed with young post-college residents and attractions in recent years. There's a surplus of great neighborhood restaurants that turn into booming singles bars on the weekends.

**Georgetown.** The neighborhood grew up around the university, so it attracts lots of young people as you might imagine. In addition to college bars, it's also home to some very upscale dining -- like the historic 1789 and Hook, which is quickly becoming one of the city's premiere restaurants. It's also a great shopping destination, with all of the names you'd expect to find in a nice mall.



## FROM PTO

For the month of June, a total number of 141 new employees joined the USPTO, which 126 were hired as new Patent Examiners.

As of June 30, the USPTO has received a total of 338,923 Utility, Plant, Reissue applications, which 237,694, or 70% have been filed electronically.

## FAST FACTS

**It's summertime! Everyone gets the urge for picnics with friends and family re-unions, soaking in the beautiful skies. Here are a few inventions that have had an impact on summertime.**

- Ellsworth B.A. Zwoyer of Pennsylvania patented a design for charcoal briquettes in 1897.
- Douglas Laboratories Corporation registered "Coppertone" trademark on January 25, 1955.
- On September 9, 1843 Nancy Johnson got a patent on a machine to make ice cream by hand. This was an ingenious device that provided a real treat to everyone in the U.S., if not the world.

Want something to help keep you cool during the summer heat. Try "A Cool Drink." Recipe below.

### Ingredients:

6 cups cold water  
4 cups fresh orange juice  
1 cup fresh lime juice  
2/3 cup sugar  
1/4 cup grenadine  
4 teaspoons orange-flower water (optional)  
20 lime slices (optional)

### Directions:

Combine first 6 ingredients in a pitcher, stirring until sugar dissolves. Chill. Serve over ice; garnish with lime slices, if desired. It is also loaded with Vitamin C, so it's good for you too!

Serves 10.

