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National Forum for Black Public Administrators Charters Chapter in Savannah



Standing L-R: Carolyn H. Bell, MarRonde' Lotson, Kathey Porter, Assistant City Manager Rochelle Small-Toney, Major Terry Enoch, Carl Palmer; Seated L-R: Alderman Van Johnson, Captain Kimberly Middleton, Israel G. Small, Col. McArthur Holmes.

In 2007, several local public employees came together and established a local chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. NFBPA was founded in 1983 and serves as a support organization for the growing number of Black public managers and administrators throughout the country. The primary mission is to increase the number of African-Americans and minorities appointed to executive positions in state and local government agencies; to enhance the capacity of currently positioned minorities

in public service; and to groom younger, emerging administrators for the challenges of executive management positions in the future.

The local chapter, recognized as the fastest growing chapter in 2007, has more than 70 members dedicated to furthering the mission and goals of NFBPA. Nationally, NFBPA has over 2,600 individuals representing more than 350 cities and counties, in 40 states. Together NFBPA members manage over \$60 billion in public funds and are responsible for making critical product and service

purchasing decisions.

Chapter president, Alderman Van Johnson said, "Savannah has a number of African Americans holding leadership positions in government, education, public safety and more. The City was well positioned to begin this chapter to support those leaders and to nurture future leaders entering the marketplace from area colleges and universities. We welcome the support of the community as this organization continues to grow."

For more information contact Margaret Williams at 631-0517.

Attention Savannah Community

Your presence is requested to participate in the city's 4th Annual "BREAK-THROUGH: An Explosion of Parent Unity in the Community" (A Three Day Community Event). This event is designed to help children become successful academically, socially and morally by creating parental awareness and involvement in the lives of children at home, in school and in the community.

The "Walk for Positive Parenthood" will be held on August 9, 2008 at the Savannah Civic Center at 10:00 A.M.

The walk route will

assemble at the Savannah Civic Center at 9:30 A.M. enroute towards the Civic Center to Barnard to Broughton and then to Bull Street. Once walkers reach Bull Street they will be welcomed by the School Superintendent at the Board of Education, then proceed on Bull to Liberty then back to the Civic Center. Finally everyone will assemble at Jenkins High School Auditorium for the Parental Forum/Information & Education session and back-to-school give-a-way.

For more information contact Dr. Pat Harris or Dr. Virginia Morrison at 912.354.2273.

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