

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Local Grandparents Head Back to School

School days are now upon us, local children, teachers, and administrators aren't the only ones packing their lunches and sharpening their pencils. Preparations were also underway for the volunteers of the Foster Grandparents Program of Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc., to return to local elementary schools where they assist in providing services to students with special or exceptional needs.

"As America goes back to school, our Foster Grandparents join thousands of Senior Corps volunteers who serve in school settings throughout the country," says Debbie W. Walker, Foster Grandparent Director. Nationally, one-third of all Foster Grandparents help young children with special

needs improve their literacy skills by serving in public and private schools. Roughly the same number of Foster Grandparents address early childhood intervention issues by working with children in Head Start programs and day care centers.

"The Foster Grandparent harnesses the time, talent, and experience of one generation for the benefit of another," says Ms. Walker. "The impact that a relatively small group of senior volunteers can have on students and an entire school is truly remarkable."

If you are interested in becoming a Foster Grandparent, please contact Debbie W. Walker or Linda H. Fields, Project Coordinator at the Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc., at 912-234-7842.

Young Democrats looking for Members

CCYD PRESENTS: Regular Meeting, looking for members to join, accepting nominations for executive board positions.

The Chatham County Young Democrats is looking for members to join and is also seeking interested persons to self-nominated executive board positions. The positions open include President, V.P. of Community Outreach, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The regular meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11, at the Democratic Party Headquarters, 109 West Victory Drive, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The featured guest speaker is Alderman Van Johnson, along with members of the Chatham County Youth commission. The hot button issue up for discussion in Chatham County is: **Is it time**



Alderman Van R. Johnson, II for the City of Savannah to ban below-the-rear baggy pants?

The Chatham County Young Democrats is the county's official youth arm of the Chatham County Democratic Committee (CCDC). Members of the organization strive to make a positive difference in the community by working within the political process and upholding the principles of the Democratic Party. Membership base reflects the broad diversity of youth in Chatham County including college students and young professionals.

The strategic vision of the Chatham County Young Democrats is using community outreach to get 30,000 additional young people throughout Georgia to vote Democratic by 2010.

Visit: www.chathamyoungdems.com for more information.

14-year-old Missing for Almost a Month

Metro Police are seeking the public's assistance in locating 14-year-old, Ulaysha (you-lay'-sha) BACON. Miss Bacon has not been seen since August 18 and her family is particularly concerned, as are police, that she did not return to school on Tuesday. Miss Bacon ran away from home several times in July, but was spotted by friends and acquaintances in different areas of Savannah. As of August 18, police have had no confirmed sightings of the teen.

Miss Bacon is known to frequent the Harmon Creek and Edgewater area, Oak Forest Apartments, Yamacraw Village, West Chatham, Kayton Homes and the area of 39th and Waters.

She is 4'6" tall, and weights about 140 pounds. She may be attempting to disguise herself in boy's clothing.

Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of



Ulaysha Bacon

Ulaysha Bacon is asked to call Metro Police Special Victim's Unit at 912.651.6742 or Crime Stoppers at 912.234.2020.

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youth. He has worked locally with Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, Hubert Middle School, and parents and students to empower and motivate them toward improving and exceeding their educational goals. He was named one of the top 50 speakers and experts in education today by Insight Publishing and one of the top 10 speakers of the International

Speakers Bureau. There will also be a presentation from the Youth Futures Authority's Young Voices Youth Advisory Council delivering the "State of Our Youth." This opening session is free and open to the public. A light dinner will be served prior to the start of the program. Families, youth, and youth organizations are strongly encouraged to attend.

On day two, Friday, September 26th, from 8:00am - 12noon, the Community Issues Breakfast will include an acknowledgement of the Vision Awards recipients and the release of the 2007 Community Profile. Breakout work-sessions will

include topics of: Ensuring Educational Success, Child Health (Teen Pregnancy), and Juvenile Delinquency/Parental Responsibility.

Registration for the Summit is \$30.00 per person and includes the Summit Breakfast. You may download a copy of the registration form online by visiting the website at www.youthfutures.com or by contacting the office at (912) 651-6810 for more information.

The Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority is proudly sponsored by the City of Savannah, United Way of the Coastal Empire, the Georgia Family Connection Partnership.

Sustainable Fellwood Groundbreaking set for Sept. 16

Savannah's Westside is entering a new era with the redevelopment of Sustainable Fellwood, set to break ground Sept. 16, 10 a.m. The mixed-use, mixed-income redevelopment will offer "green" affordable housing. Residents as well as the environment will benefit from the energy efficient heating and air conditioning units and water heaters.

The new development at the 27-acre site serves as a principal component of the City of Savannah's Westside Development Revitalization Plan. Sustainable Fellwood replaces Fellwood Homes, the first public housing project in Savannah.

Sustainable Fellwood is designed to be a walkable, enjoyable community that preserves as many of the mature trees as possible, with new trees planted as well. The redevelopment is widely considered a national showcase for environmentally-responsible community planning.

Savannah area high school and college students have a chance to put their stamp on this new community by entering the Sustainable Fellwood logo contest. For more information, visit www.SustainableFellwood.com <<http://www.sustainable-fellwood.com/>> .

The groundbreaking is open to the public and will be held at the south end of the construction site on Richards Street (across the parking lot from the Lady Bamford Center). A reception will follow in the Moses Jackson Center, 1410 Richards Street, at the corner of Richards and West Street.

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