



Voter Registration Drive

Saturday, September 20, 2008

on Greene Square at 123 Houston Street, 11AM - 4PM

In addition to registering to vote, persons without valid government approved IDs can have ID made on the scene.

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Captain Jones Named Fire Officer of the Year



Captain William L. Jones

The Southside Optimist Club and Savannah Fire proudly recognize Captain William L. Jones as the 2008 Fire Officer of the Year. Captain Jones was honored with the award at an Optimist Club luncheon.

Captain Jones has 30+ years of experience on the Savannah Fire Department. He currently serves in charge of Engine 9 on Savannah's Eastside. He also regularly serves in the capacity of Battalion Chief. Jones is a well respected leader, mentor, and member of the City of Savannah's Fire Department.

Sustainable Fellwood Breaks Ground



City officials and community leaders join in the Sustainable Fellwood Groundbreaking Ceremony.

Savannah's Westside is entering a new era with the redevelopment of Sustainable Fellwood. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, for the mixed-use, mixed-income redevelopment which 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.

Sharpton's Rallying Cry: 'We Will Never Have This Opportunity Again'



Rev. Al Sharpton

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – The Rev. Al Sharpton, saying "We'll never have this opportunity again," took to the streets for what appeared to be an emergency cross country tour this week, hoping to rejuvenate the Obama excitement that appeared to have significantly waned after the Democratic National Convention last month.

"What we've got to tell people is what's at stake; that we're dealing now with the new unemployment. Unemployment is higher than it's been in four years, we are seeing the education and health care of our people as worse than it ever was... We can not afford to not vote," Sharpton said in an interview

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Mayor Honored as "Healthy Hero" by AMERIGROUP

Contributions to Support the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum and West Broad Street YMCA

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. – The AMERIGROUP Foundation has announced that Savannah, Ga., Mayor Otis Johnson has been honored with its "Healthy Heroes" award. The occasion was celebrated in two ceremonies at the Savannah City Hall and the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum.

"AMERIGROUP is pleased to honor those who work tirelessly to make a difference in our communities, and Mayor Johnson certainly fits that description," said Dr. Tunde Sotunde, CEO of AMERIGROUP Community Care in Georgia. "In addition, we are pleased to support the work and mission of both the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum and the West Broad Street YMCA, the worthy organizations which Mayor Johnson has commended."

The AMERIGROUP Foundation Healthy Heroes Award recognizes leaders, teachers, schools or community based organizations who demonstrate leadership by improving the overall well-being of the community, enhancing health-related initiatives, or serving as advocates for the financially vulnerable or disadvantaged in the area of health promotion or related programs.

To commemorate Mayor Johnson's commitment to the community, the AMERI-



L-R: Dr. Billy Jamison, Mayor Otis Johnson, Deborah Enoch, Yvonnia Brown, Dr. Tunde Sotunde, Carolyn Blackshear, Elizabeth C. Jackson.

GROUP Foundation will present a \$500 contribution to both the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum and the West Broad Street YMCA.

"The AMERIGROUP Foundation's commitment and many contributions focused on encouraging healthy families and communities

have been a great help to the people of Savannah," Mayor Johnson said. "We are all grateful for their support of local organizations like the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum and the West Broad Street YMCA that assist and enrich the lives of those in our

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