



## 2008-09 Youth Commission Sworn In



2008-2009 Chatham County Youth Commissioners

This morning, the Honorable Pete Liakakis, Chairman of the Chatham County Commission gave the oath of office to 41 Chatham County Youth Commissioners, appointing them to serve as the representatives of youth of Chatham County. Thirteen of these young people are new candidates and 28 are returning for another

term. "These are among the best youth Chatham County has to offer," said Van R. Johnson, II, Youth Commission Director. He added, "Respect, Success, Influence, Integrity and Leadership is the new definition of cool." The Youth Commission was founded by Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas in 1992. 2008

summer activities included tours to Gulfstream Areospace, Hunter Army Airfield, St. Joseph's/Candler, the Chatham County Jail and Records Court and attendance at the Chatham County Commission, Savannah-Chatham School Board and Savannah City Council meetings. Since its inception, over 350 Chatham County

youth have graduated from the program and are all over the country doing positive things and are active in the communities in which they live.

This program has been replicated in Fulton County (Atlanta), GA, Alachua County (Gainesville), FL, Savannah, GA (Savannah Youth Council), Prince George's County, MD, Cass County (Fargo), ND and Dougherty County, (Albany), GA with Youth Commissions soon to be started in DeKalb County, GA, Newnan, GA, Peachtree City, GA and Athens-Clarke County, GA.

For more information on the Chatham County Youth Commission, please check out [www.ChathamYouth.com](http://www.ChathamYouth.com)

## Savannah Branch NAACP Encourages Voter Participation

The Savannah Branch NAACP would like to encourage ALL registered voters in Chatham County to head to the polls and become permanently ETCHED in U.S. History simply by VOTING in the PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION on November 4, 2008. If you are not a registered voter, you have until OCTOBER 6, 2008 to register if you want to vote in this General Election. The NAACP would also like to share a few pertinent facts:

- Did you know that your name may have been purged (REMOVED) from the voter rolls if you did not vote in the last two General Elections? This means you cannot vote unless you RE-REGISTER BY OCTOBER 6, 2008.
- Finally, did you know that a Convicted Felon, in the state of Georgia, IS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER TO VOTE, if he/she has completed the sentence and is no longer on parole or probation?

**REMEMBER, GET OUT AND VOTE NOVEMBER 4TH!**

## Declaration of Independence Arrives in Savannah

Cricket Activities include: Welcome & reading of the Declaration by Savannah Dignitaries; Performances by AWOL; Light refreshments; Prize drawing for FREE Ipad Shuffle, Bluetooth headsets and other great prizes; Children's hands-on activities; Readers Theater; Voter registration; FREE tours of the Massie Heritage Center; Gifts for the first 1000 attendees; and more.

The public viewing begins at 10am with a day of activities until 3pm. The event offers FREE admission and FREE parking with FREE trolley transportation from the north end of Kroger parking lot at the corner of Habersham & Gwinnett Street.

For more information, please contact Joe Driggers, IN THE KNOW Marketing & Public Relations at 912-596-6208.

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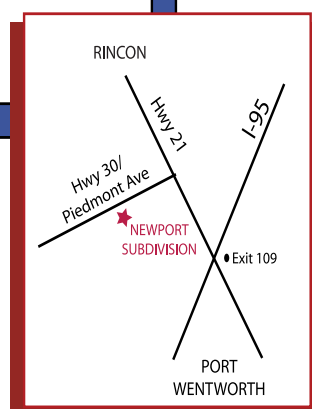
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