

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

City of Savannah to Receive HUD Grants

Congressman Jack Kingston announced that the City of Savannah is the recipient of a series of grants from U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The city will receive a community development block grant (CDBG), an emergency shelter grant (ESG) and a HOME grant to support affordable housing.



Jack Kingston

"The money enables the city to give continued support to the agencies in the area that support that mission which is even more important during this tough economic period", Congressman Kingston said.

The CDBG grant is \$2,707,777 and will cover an umbrella of community wide projects to aid poverty reduction, youth services and funding for agencies that support low income families.

The ESG grant is \$120,231 and will fund

agencies within the city that provide services for the homeless.

The HOME grant is \$1,252,597 and will assist the city in creating affordable housing for low-income families.

"These grant funds will help provide some of the most basic needs of our citizens that we couldn't otherwise provide during this tough economy," said Savannah City Manager Michael Brown. "This is indicative of a very effective local and federal partner-

ship and we truly thank Congressman Kingston for his assistance."

The CDBG program is designed to provide annual grants to states and local units of government to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

The ESG program provides annual grants to state, local and private entities to improve the quality and number of emergency homeless shelters.

The HOME program helps to expand the supply of decent, affordable housing to low- and very low-income families by providing grants to state and local governments to fund housing programs that meet local needs and priorities.

Leadership Savannah Graduates Forty-Two

Leadership Savannah graduated 42 people at a ceremony held on Thursday, June 18 at the Savannah Yacht Club.

This unique program provides the opportunity for its participants to develop an awareness of community successes and problems as well as the knowledge to help meet the challenge of the future.

The following are the graduates from the 2008-2009 class:

Meg Albertson, Cora Bett Thomas; Robert Armstrong, Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung; Bret Bell, City of Savannah; Ashley Bowersox, Sperry Van Ness; Charlie Brazil, Old Town Trolley Tours of Savannah; Jody Buelterman, Gulfstream Aerospace; Dale Carlson-Bebout, Step Up; Steve Cass, Gulfstream Aerospace; Jackie Chavis, Savannah-Chatham Co. Public Schools; Katie Dye, Savannah Economic Development Authority; Wayne Grimes, Georgia

Power; Amy Hernandez Riesinger, American Cancer Society; Kim Herrington, Savannah College of Art & Design; Michelle Hetager, BB&T Bank; Kenny Hill, Savannah Waterfront Association; Salita Hill, Wachovia Bank; Maureen Hoke, O'Brien & Gere; James Lawton, Savannah College of Art & Design; Bates Lovett, Hunter, Maclean, Exley & Dunn; Kirby Mason, Hunter, Maclean, Exley & Dunn; Mike McCarthy, Hancock Askew & Co., LLP; Trent McCurry, United Rentals, Inc.; Derrick Muhammad, Savannah Chatham Public School System; Dave Murkison, Coastal Georgia Center; Billy Norse, Duffy & Feemster; John Paletta, The Georgia Institute for Plastic Surgery; Jon Pannell, Gray & Pannell, LLP; Lee Perry, Carver State Bank; Sherwin Prescott; Adam Ragsdale, RLA, ASLA, Kennedy Ragsdale and Associates, Inc.; Letitia Robinson, Union Mission,

Inc.; Gregory Sapp, Gregory V Sapp PC; Lisa Scarbrough, Coastal Pet Rescue; John Sipple, Cay Insurance Services, Inc.; Rochelle Small-Toney, City of Savannah; Wynn Sullivan, Armstrong Atlantic State University; Drew Wade, Southcoast Medical Group; Julie Wade, Attorney; Anthony Wagner, Melaver/Mouchet; Annette Wilson, Armstrong Atlantic State University; Brianne Yontz, Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce; Mike Young, Chatham Steel Corporation.

Applications for the 2009-2010 class are now being accepted.

Go to www.leadership-savannah.org and click on "Apply" to begin the application process. Applications will be accepted through Friday, July 3 at 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Margaret Mary Russell at 912.644.6432 or mrussell@savannahchamber.com.

Glynn County Confirms Case of Novel H1N1 Influenza Virus

The Glynn County Health Department has received confirmation from the Georgia Division of Public Health that a positive case of the novel influenza A (H1N1) virus has been identified in a Glynn County resident. The 9-year-old female recovered at home.

"We are investigating how the individual may have become exposed to the novel H1N1 virus," said Robert Thornton, Coastal Health District Epidemiologist. "No close contacts of the child have

reported showing any symptoms of the virus."

This is the first case of novel H1N1 infection in the Coastal Health District (CHD) and the 66th confirmed case in the state of Georgia.

This is the only confirmed case of the novel H1N1 virus in the Coastal Health District at this time.

The CHD is comprised of Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, and McIntosh counties.

The symptoms of novel H1N1 flu are similar to that of seasonal flu and include fever, lethargy, lack of appetite and coughing.

Some people with novel H1N1 flu also have reported runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.

Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

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The Coastal Health District encourages all residents to take basic precautions to prevent the spread of germs:

- o Sneeze into your elbow or cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw away the tissue after you use it.

- o Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

- o Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

- o Stay home if you get sick.

The Coastal Health District serves Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long and McIntosh counties in the state of Georgia.

For more information on the novel H1N1 flu, go to the Coastal Health District website at www.gachd.org.

The Wiz Comes to the Lucas Theater

The City of Savannah's Cultural Arts Theatre announced that it will be presenting its summer "big stage" production of The Wiz at the Lucas Theatre for the Arts, July 17, 18, 24 and 25.

This new musical version of the classic 'Wizard of Oz' by L. Frank Baum, features a script by William F. Brown and music and lyrics by Charlie Smalls.

Full of exciting new musical arrangements by musical director Gary Swindell and stunning choreography by Muriel Miller of Abeni Cultural Arts, this is The Wiz as you have never seen it!

Performances will be held July 17 and 24 at 8 p.m.; July 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Lucas Theatre for the Arts, 32 Abercorn Street. Tickets are \$17 general admission; \$12 seniors and students. Tickets are available by contacting the Lucas Theatre for the Arts at (912) 525-5050.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the Board of Education for the City of Savannah and County of Chatham at the Purchasing Department, 208 Bull Street, Room 213, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

10-02 Academic Law Enforcement Training Equipment & Supplies
Closing Date: 07/14/09 @ 11 AM

10-03 Computer Desks for Johnson High School
Closing Date: 07/14/09 @ 2 PM

EB10-01 Professional Learning Community Training
Closing Date: 07/02/09 @ 11 AM

At the time and place noted above, bids will be publicly opened. No extension of the bidding period will be made unless indicated by written addendum. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities or technicalities in proposals received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the Board. The Board has the right to disqualify a bid of any bidder deemed non-responsive to the Board. Bidding documents may be obtained from the Purchasing Department, 208 Bull Street, Room 213, Savannah, Georgia 31401 or they may be downloaded from the District's web site, www.savannah.chatham.k12.ga.us.

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Notice of Availability
Final Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Undersea Warfare Training Range

The U.S. Navy announces the release of the final OEIS/EIS that was prepared regarding the Navy's proposal to establish an Undersea Warfare Training Range (USWTR) offshore of the east coast of the United States. The USWTR would be a 500-square-nautical-mile (NM²) area of the ocean instrumented with undersea cables and sensor nodes and used for anti-submarine warfare (ASW) training.

The environmental impact statement is available to the public on the Internet at <http://projects.earthtech.com/USWTR/> and at the following location:

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