

Chairman Liakakis Collects Supplies for Haitian Relief

County Commission Chairman, Pete Liakakis is continuing to collect supplies for county-wide effort to respond to the tragedy in Haiti.

Savannah Responds has established a drop off location for donations in the vacant lot at the corner of Mall Boulevard and Abercorn Street with collections running through Sunday, January 31.

Hours of collection are from 8AM to 8PM seven days a week.

Donations that are needed are: Canned Foods, Cereals, Rice, Bottled Water, Paper Products, Toothpaste and Brushes, Soap, Alcohol, Disinfectants, Rope, Tarps, Mops, Brooms, Bucks, Hammers, Screwdrivers, Pliers, Shovels, Axes, Rakes, Saws, Drills, Gloves, Flashlights, Lanterns, Batteries, Generators, Chain Saws, Tents, Sleeping Bags and New Clothes.

Savannah Responds

was founded by Chairman Liakakis in 1961 to provide aid to the Savannah area and other places hit by floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters.

Throughout the years food, goods, equipment and volunteers have been sent to locations as far away as Italy and as near as Charleston, SC and South Florida, in addition to here.

For additional information call (912) 233-2876

Sports with Walter Moore

Lady Tigers Scare Ga. Tech

Savannah State put a scare into 22nd ranked Georgia Tech on January 21 in Atlanta but the Yellow Jackets woke up in the second half and went on to roll to a 80-51 win. SSU led 26-22 with 2:44 left in the first half but Tech ended the period with eight straight points for a 30-26 halftime advantage. Tech out-scored SSU 50-25 in the second half. Courtney Long led SSU (8-15) with a game high 15 points. Crissa Jackson added 13 points and four assists. Long also had seven rebounds. Savannah State fell at North Carolina Central 50-46 on Jan. 18. SSU sliced a 16 point deficit to four but could not get any closer. Long had 13 points, six rebounds and four steals for SSU. Jackson added nine points, five steals and four rebounds. Carlita Johnson and Alisha Nelson had 12 rebounds each.

SSU Men Win Third In A Row

Tracy Rankins hit two free throws with one second left to give Savannah State a 68-



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66 win over Longwood at Tiger Arena on January 23. Preston Blackmon made two free throws with two seconds left to tie the game at 66. Patrick Hardy scored a game high 17 points for the Tigers (8-12). Blackmon added 13, Rankins 12 and Arnold Louis grabbed 10 rebounds. SSU led by eight early in the second half but had to withstand a Lancer rally. The Tigers defeated North Carolina Central 46-44 in overtime at Tiger Arena on Jan. 20. SSU trailed 13-5 at the half but rallied to send the game into an extra period tied at 36 as Rashad Hassan made a layup with eight seconds left. In the overtime, Hassan scored five

points and pulled down five rebounds. Hassan had 14 points and nine boards and Louis had 10 rebounds.

Tigers Run At ETSU

Amara Jones claimed 2nd in the women's 400m race and 3rd in the 400m race to lead the Savannah State indoor track team at the 32nd Niswonger Invitational hosted by East Tennessee State on January 22 & 23. The women's 4x400m relay team was 6th and Amber Hughes was 8th in the triple jump. Marcus Stallworth was 6th in the men's 60m hurdles and the men's 4x400m relay team finished 8th.

Recruits Visit SSU

The Savannah State football program hosted 13 recruits on January 23. As well as touring the campus, the recruits and their parents also attended the SSU basketball game with Longwood. Of the visitors, 12 are in high school and one is looking to transfer from a Division I school. Head coach Robby Wells expects to have more recruits visit on Jan. 30.

Hungry Club Forum to Hear Harris Neck Land Trust Plan

On Saturday February 6, 2010, at 9:30 AM, Dave Kelly, coordinator of the Harris Neck Community Land Trust, will present the organization's economic and community development plans at The Hungry Club Forum of Savannah, Inc. (HCFS).

The presentation will be the main feature of The HCFS's monthly community breakfast forum and roundtable, to be held in the Multipurpose Annex of the West Broad Street YMCA, located at 1110 May Street, near W. Gwinnett Street.

Many of Savannah's African Americans have roots in the Harris Neck community located in the McIntosh County, GA area of



David Kelly

Liberty County.

The Harris Neck Justice Movement is at the center of the effort to reclaim, from the federal government, the 2,824 acres of land for its rightful owners.

Dave Kelly is a writer and community organizer

with a diverse background, starting in publishing, then shifting to corporate communications and public relations. After leaving the corporate world in New York, Kelly moved to New England where he produced and hosted an environmental and social issues radio program called "Our Sustainable Future."

He transitioned into the social justice arena, and for most of last 15 years, has worked in the non-profit sector, concentrating on issues of education and training, jobs creation, homelessness, and eco and heritage tourism.

For more information, please contact Julia Wright at 233-0855 or Diana Harvey Johnson at 927- 8425.



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Free Tax Returns Available at Super Saturday Event

The City of Savannah is proud to take part in the first of four Free Tax Return Preparation Super Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Fahm Street.

Residents can get their tax returns prepared for FREE by IRS-trained volunteers. For the first time, this year residents will also have the option of receiving a low-cost Alternative Rapid Anticipation Loan (ARAL). Offered for a fraction of the cost charged at commercial tax preparation sites, ARALs allow you to get your refund within 48 hours. These rapid refunds are only available through Feb. 13.

The other three Super Saturdays will be held at the Coastal Georgia Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 30, Feb. 6, and Feb. 13.

The City of Savannah's Economic Development Department is sponsoring four other Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites through April 15. They are located at: Moses Jackson / Golden Age Center, 1210 Richards Street, Savannah (Open Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Savannah Entrepreneurial Center 801 E. Gwinnett Street, Savannah (Open Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) Neighborhood Improvement Association, 1816 Abercorn Street, Savannah (Open Thursdays, 5-8 p.m.)

St. Mary's Community Center, 812 West 36th (Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m.)

These and more than a dozen other VITA sites throughout the community are part of the larger Chatham-Savannah Asset Development Coalition, and can be found on the organization's website at csadc.net or by calling 447-5577.

Last year volunteers at the VITA sites prepared 3,828 tax returns, helping residents claim \$4.1 million in refunds, including \$2.2 million in Earned Income Tax Credit available to those on limited incomes.

Those who attend the Super Saturday events or any of the VITA sites should bring a valid identification, Social Security card for all family members who will be claimed on the return, and any W-2, 1099, interest income or child care information forms.