



The Chickasaw Voice

SAVE THE DATES

Urban League

L'VILLE CAREER EXPO

March 13, 2009, 10am to 5pm
KY Int'l Convention Center
221 S. 4th Street, www.lul.org for
information. Free.

Urban League

Parent Leadership Academy Each Saturday, Mar. 7-Apr. 11 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

1535 W. Broadway
Call 566-3381 or e-mail
awilliams@lul.org for more
information and registration.

Chickasaw Federation, Inc.

Chickasaw Neighborhood Monthly Business Meeting Every 4th Thursday @ 6:30 pm Flaget Center, 4425 Greenwood

L'ville NAACP Monthly Meeting Every 3rd Monday @ 7pm 1245 Catalpa Ct., 502.776.7608

L'ville Urban League Young Professionals Monthly Meeting Every 2nd Monday @ 6pm 1535 W. Broadway, 502.561.6830

Kentucky Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression Every 1st Tuesday 3208 W. Broadway, 502.778.8130

Rubbertown Emergency Action (REACT) Call 502.551.4734 for meeting time and location information.

Central H.S. Alumni Association Monthly Business Meeting Every 2nd Thursday @ 6:30pm CHS, 1130 W. Chestnut

To add your event, send information to
chickasawunity@yahoo.com or send to Chickasaw
Federation, Attn: Community Events, 1205 S. 41st
St., 40211

PRESIDENT OBAMA PROMOTES NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION

On January 20, 2009, Barack Obama was inaugurated the 44th President of the United States, an honor he earned through the unprecedented neighbor-to-neighbor campaign that crossed all ethnic and socioeconomic groups. From the start of his campaign and even now as President, Obama continues to promote hope that inspires change. His formula for change, a bottoms-ups approach, require neighbors working together to address individual, community, local, state and national issues.



President Obama and the First Lady Michelle Obama started the inaugural night at the *Neighborhood Ball*, a first-time event for the U.S. presidential inauguration. The Neighborhood Ball was the premier inaugural event and according to President Obama, to represent "an inauguration for all Americans." The event was linked to neighborhoods across the country by Webcasting and text messaging.



The Chickasaw Federation, Inc. worked for over 20 years to galvanizes area residents, businesses, and community representatives to change conditions to improve the quality of life of the Chickasaw neighborhood. We hope that you are encouraged and inspired by President Obama to be an agent of change in your neighborhood.

The Chickasaw Federation is purposed to give voice to neighborhood economic development, housing, health and environment, safety and emergencies, support resources, and dutiful representation of the Chickasaw area. We need your participation and membership to intensify the needed change in Chickasaw.

We welcome your support and participation to preserve the essence of the **Chickasaw neighborhood – a Great Place to Live, Work and Play.**

Kentucky Center for African American Heritage

This spring, the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage will open with programs, exhibits and activities that celebrate the cultural, historical, political and artistic contributions Blacks have made to the region of Kentucky.

The Heritage Center is a \$7 million facility located at the former railcar warehouse in the Russell neighborhood of West Louisville. You are encouraged to support the Center's completion and opening. Your donations are welcomed!!!



REPRESENT!!!

As citizens we check the political process by contacting our area representatives to address the issues and concerns of our communities – to represent our interests.

Find below the political officials that represent the Chickasaw neighborhood.

Chickasaw Neighborhood Government Representatives

Judith Green (D)
City-Metro Council Member, District 1
(502) 574-1101

Jerry Abramson (D)
Louisville-Metro Mayor
(502) 574-2003

Reginald Meeks (D)
KY State Representative, District 42
(502) 772-1095

Gerald A. Neal (D)
KY State Senator, District 33
(502) 584-5800

Steve Beshear (D)
Kentucky Governor
(502) 564-2611

John Yarmuth (KY-D)
U.S. State Representative, 3rd District
(502) 582-5129

Mitch McConnell (KY-R)
U.S. State Senator
(502) 582-6304

Barack Obama
U.S. President
(202) 456-1111/(202) 456-1414

Call 311 for local information or to report a local concern. Call 911 for emergencies or to report a crime.

Student Letter Gets Playground Set for Foster & Chickasaw



Kaylee Grant, a student at Stephen Foster Elementary, sent an impressive letter to Councilwoman Green requesting funding to install playground equipment reporting that "all we have is blacktop with lines. It gets really boring playing the same games...I just wish I could be inside finishing my work." Her letter was submitted with a petition with more than 45 signatures from classmates and others in the school.

Green was impressed by the team-based approach the Foster students displayed to address problems with both school and neighborhood recess. Green expressed that she was encouraged to grant \$25,000 for the project when she was assured that the playground would be available also to Foster students and neighborhood children.

YOUTH WEBMASTER NEEDED!!!



The Chickasaw Federation is accepting proposals from area youth to create and manage the organization's website, e-mail contacts, Facebook account, Myspace account and other mediums.

Your proposal shall include a cover letter, resume, printed sample or example of your work, and parent/guardian consent letter. Also include a proposed stipend for your work, keeping in mind that we are a non-profit organization. For more information, e-mail chickasawunity@yahoo.com.

SUBMIT YOUR SKILLS!!!



IS THERE ANY STIMULUS FOR CHICKASAW?

Key local officials are currently meeting to determine how to spend \$421 million to stimulate the Kentucky economies. To ask if there is any stimulus for Chickasaw is a relevant question. Chickasaw has its share of foreclosures, blighted properties and conditions that need immediate stimulus.

Chickasaw, a small but significant neighborhood in West Louisville, has gone unmentioned in local stimulus initiatives. For example, both Shawnee and Park du Valle neighborhoods, that border Chickasaw, are continually targeted for revitalization projects. The Shawnee is a recipient of the *Weed & Seed* grant program for area restoration, community policing, and crime reduction. The Louisville Metro *Neighborhood Stabilization Program* that targets the Shawnee, Portland, Park du Valle, Smoketown/Shelby Park, and Newburg neighborhoods provides for redevelopment of blighted properties and home ownership assistance.

Chickasaw, traditionally a stable neighborhood, has decelerated due to the grim economy and area blight and infrastructure needs. Creating opportunities for area young adults and youth is paramount, as well as support activities for seniors and community. Nevertheless, Chickasaw is first stimulated when residents take action to change and maintain quality living.

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