

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



National Mission

The mission of the NFBPA is embodied in the organization's commitment to strengthen the position of Blacks within the field of public administration; to increase the number of Blacks appointed to executive positions in public service organizations; and, to groom and prepare younger, aspiring administrators for senior public management posts in the years ahead.

2012 NFBPA Black History Month Planning Committee Members

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EXPLORING OUR PAST, PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of black Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history (Source: *History.com*).

In keeping with this wonderful tradition, this month and moving forward, the Southern Piedmont Chapter challenges those who serve the public to explore our past as we prepare for our future. Public Administrators must know and understand the community in which we live and serve. Also core to our overall mission is the service to those in our community. On behalf of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators – Southern Piedmont Chapter, you are invited to embrace the richness of the African-American heritage birthed within the greater Charlotte community; learn lessons from experienced executives and work “hands on” as we positively impact our community through education, information and service. We encourage you to invest in yourself and give back to your community by “plugging in” to NFBPA’s Black History Month 2012.



NFBPA 2012 BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

The History of Black Charlotte
Thursday, February 2, 2012
12:00-1:00pm
CMGC– Room 267

Dr. Tom Hanchett, Historian,
Levine Museum of the New South
Mr. John Howard, Planner &
Urban Designer,
City of Charlotte

Lunch served at 11:45am

**The Relatives Youth Shelter
Dinner & Activity**
Tuesday, February 7, 2012
5:30-7:30pm
1100 East Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28203

If interested in volunteering to serve dinner or in making a monetary donation, contact Timothy Tibbs at
Timothy.Tibbs@Gmail.com..

**Obstacles & Opportunities
for African-Americans in
Public Service**
Thursday, February 16, 2012
12:00-1:00pm
CMGC– Room 267
Ms. Carolyn Flowers
Chief Executive Officer
Charlotte Area Transit System
Mr. Eric Campbell
Assistant City Manager
City of Charlotte
Lunch served at 11:45am

**CIAA Voter Registration
Drive**
Thursday, March 1, 2012
Charlotte Convention Center
501 S College St Charlotte,
NC

If interested in participating with the Voter Registration Drive please contact Robert Mahoney via email at Rmahoney@ci.charlotte.nc.us.



The History of Black Charlotte

Join local historians John Howard and Dr. Tom Hanchett as they transport us back in time to explore how Charlotte’s African American Community evolved and grew. While plotting the course for our future, we must understand the past.



Dr. Tom Hanchett is staff historian at Levine Museum of the New South. Educated at Cornell, University of Chicago and UNC Chapel Hill, he has a special interest in African-American history. Dr. Hanchett is author of a book about Charlotte neighborhoods: **Sorting Out the New South City: Race, Class & Urban Development in Charlotte**. Some of his other writing explores black Rosenwald schools, the shout band tradition in the United House of Prayer, and the tasty subject of blues-and-barbecue.

John Howard has been an urban designer and planner with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department for over 10 years. He has worked with various government agencies on business corridors, pedestrian safety projects and transit projects such as the Charlotte Streetcar Project and Blue Line light rail project. He has worked extensively with the development community on various rezoning proposals and zoning text amendments. In his new role as a Project Coordinator with the Neighborhood and Business Services department, Mr. Howard manages the 2012 Quality of Life Project. He is a graduate of UNC Charlotte’s College of Architecture and continues to work with the university’s architecture, public history and planning students.



THE RELATIVES YOUTH SHELTER DINNER & ACTIVITY

The Relatives Youth Shelter has been operating since 1974 providing a safe location for youth ages 7-17 who have run away from home, are homeless, or just going through a rough family situation with nowhere else to turn. For up to 14 days, youth are provided a SAFE place to go where they can work with family to resolve any issues they may have.

Services include:

- ◆ 24-hour Crisis Hotline
- ◆ Walk-In Crisis Support
- ◆ Aftercare Services
- ◆ Parenting Support
- ◆ On Ramp Resource Center

NFBPA’s Southern Piedmont Chapter is committed to ongoing community service and partnership to continue to reduce the large number of homeless citizens in our community. If interested in serving dinner and planning an activity for the youth, or if you would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Timmothy Tibbs at Timmothy.Tibbs@gmail.com.



To learn more about The Relatives visit: www.TheRelative.org

Obstacles & Opportunities for African-Americans in Public Service

As seasoned local government employees continue to retire at a rapid pace, more opportunities will exist for public administrators on every level. Join CATS CEO Carolyn Flowers and Charlotte Assistant City Manager Eric Campbell as they discuss potential barriers and opportunities to reaching the next level in your career.



Carolyn Flowers is Chief Executive Officer/Director of Public Transportation for the Charlotte Area Transit System. She is responsible for leading bus and rail service in Charlotte/Mecklenburg County. The system currently has 4 transit centers, 322 buses, 20 rail cars, 99 vanpool and 85 Special Transportation Service vehicles. In FY2010, CATS carried more than 24 million customers with weekday ridership averaging just over 79,000 riders.

Prior to joining CATS, Ms. Flowers was the Chief Operations Officer for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), responsible for leading Metro Bus operations, Freeway Service Patrol and SAFE call box programs. She also served as the Executive Officer of Operations Administration, responsible for administrative and budget oversight for all transit operations. Ms. Flowers also held the posts of Executive Officer of Administration and Deputy Executive Officer for Finance at MTA.

Eric D. Campbell is an Assistant City Manager for the City of Charlotte, and serves as the City Manager’s Office liaison with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police, Charlotte Fire Department, the Community Relations Committee, and Business Support Services (BSS). He also works with Council committees and boards, including the Community Safety and Restructuring Government Council committees.

Mr. Campbell began his public service career in 1987 with the Office of Management and Budget, Arlington County, Virginia. He subsequently served as a budget analyst with the Commonwealth’s Department of Planning and Budget, Richmond, Virginia. He next served in the role of intergovernmental relations administrator with the City of Newport News, Virginia, later becoming a budget management analyst with Prince George’s County, Maryland: followed by director of business management, the Crater Youth Care Commission, Disputanta, Virginia, and finally deputy city manager, City of Portsmouth, Virginia. He comes to Charlotte from the City of Petersburg, Virginia, where he served as Assistant City Manager.



CIAA VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

The Fifteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution guaranteed all U.S. citizens the right to vote. Today more than ever we need to ensure that, regardless of our party affiliation, we are exercising that right. To join NFBPA in this cause during CIAA week, contact Robert Mahoney at Rmahoney@ci.charlotte.nc.us.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

