

Chesterfield Times

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NEXT MEETING SEPT. 15, 2009

You are cordially invited to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at Tuley Park Field House, 90th & King Drive. Our special invited guest speaker will be Cook County Assistant States' Attorney Kathy Bankhead from the Burnside Justice Community Center located at 9059 South Cottage Grove to inform our community about the services they provide. In addition, Mr. R. Cornell, Station Manager, Grand Crossing Post Office will be in attendance. All are welcomed.

SILAS PURNELL COLLEGE EXPO – SEPT. 19

CCC will host its' "5th Annual Silas Purnell College Expo" on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Tuley Park Field house, 90th & King Drive. The event will consist of Admissions & Financial Aid Representatives from various Illinois Colleges and Universities and HBCU's (Historical Black Colleges and Universities). This FREE event will also consist of seminars including *Financing Your College Education* and *Choosing Your Major*. You will also be able to REGISTER TO VOTE at this event. All are welcomed.

WE HAD CHURCH IN THE PARK ON AUGUST 22

This event consisted of great preaching, gospel music, praise dancers, health screenings (thank you Carolyn Jones), great food, school supplies give-away, fellowship and more. A special thank you to our participating churches including; Burnside Community Baptist Church, Good Temple MB Church, Gethsemane MB Church, New Bethlehem MB Church, New Covenant Life Church, St. Samuel COGIC, St. Stephens Baptist Church, St. Marks Lutheran Church and YOU.

ACT TEST PREP PROGRAM OFF TO A GREAT START

Recently, CCC began our second session of *ACT Test Preparation Classes*. We have thirty-two (32) high school students receiving tutoring in reading, writing, science and math. We hope to offer this program again in the near future if we receive additional funding.

WHY PARENTS SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN SCHOOL

Benefits to Students

When parents are involved in their children's education, the children are more likely to:

- Earn better grades
- Score higher on tests
- Attend school regularly
- Graduate and go on to post-secondary school

Benefits to Parents

When parents become involved in their children's education, the parents are more likely to:

- Be more confident in themselves as parents and their ability to help their children learn
- Be held in higher opinion by teachers and have teachers expect more from their children
- Enroll in continuing education to advance their own schooling

Benefits to Schools

Schools with involved parents enjoy:

- A better reputation in the community
- Better morale among teachers
- Higher ratings of teachers by parents

FAMILY DOLLAR: THE FACTS

1. Family Dollar (FD) did not consult with our elected officials or community leaders prior to deciding to open at 364 East 87th St..
2. NO AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONTRACTORS PARTICIPATED ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT.
3. There are currently six (6) Family Dollar Stores in the 60619 zip code in addition to an abundance of other Dollar Stores.
4. Our community is in need of a grocery store or produce store.
5. According to the FD website, they open stores in low-income to middle income communities.

WE SAY NO TO FAMILY DOLLAR!!!!