

## Upcoming Birmingham Sister City Visitors

### **Sister City Spotlight- Szekesfehervar, Hungary guests**

June 4-10, 2010 Birmingham will host Jazz artists from our Sister City of Szekesfehervar, Hungary. The guests will be performing at the Preserve Jazz Festival June 6, 2010. Eric Essix local musician was the guest of Szekesfehervar last year and was a big hit. He invited the group to be part of this year's Festival. For more information about the Festival please go to [www.preservejazz.com](http://www.preservejazz.com)

The artists are Zoltan Olah, Balazs Bagy and Attila Rieger. They will be joined by interpreter and Szekesfehervar Administrator Halasz Etelka. Mayor William Bell will meet the group on Monday June 7, 2010.

### **Sister City Spotlight-Vinnytsia, Ukraine guests**

June 11-19 As part of the Open World program Birmingham will host 6 guests from our Ukrainian Sister City of Vinnytsia. Open World is a program that promotes democratization and transparency in government in East European nations of the former USSR. The group will be led by Deputy Mayor Andriy Reva and facilitator Roman Tryzub and the group includes Nataiya Gyzhko, Tetyana Luskavchuk, Serihy Matusyak and Lyudmyla Nikolaychuk. The group made up of staff from Vinnytsia will be studying programs involving business incubators, transparency in government, personnel policies and other issues during their time in Birmingham. While in Birmingham the group will also sign a renewal of the Sister City partnership between the two cities. This signing with Mayor William Bell will occur on Wednesday June 16, 2010.

### **Sister City Visitor Spotlight: Salwa Majali**

In June, **Salwa Majali** will visit Birmingham for a three-week professional development trip. Dr. Majali is from Birmingham's Sister City in Jordan: Karak. There, she works as the Supervisor of the Training Division at the Center for Faculty Development at Mutah University. She is currently finishing a PhD from the University of Jordan in Psychological and Educational Counseling and plans to visit a myriad of local non-profit and community outreach organizations while she is in Birmingham. Her visit will blend her interest in women's and children's issues with her professional goals in faculty development. While in Birmingham, her visits will include JCCEO Early Head-Start, Alethia House, UAB, Birmingham-Southern College, and others. She will be here June 25-July 15, 2010.

**About:** Sister Cities International is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and international communities. It strives to build global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural understanding and stimulate economic development.