

This week, in our **Amazing Savannah Women** series we are continuing the theme “Firsts” with Savannah’s first elected alderwoman, Dr. Harris K. Lentini. Dr. Lentini, a native Savannahian, was born in 1938 and lived her life in service to the Savannah community. She was a lifelong educator, teaching at Savannah High School before serving as the science coordinator for the Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools and later as Director of the Oatland Island Science Education Center. Dr. Lentini was active in many non-profit organizations, including the American Association of University Women and the Girl Scouts. In the early 1970s, she co-founded Safe Shelter, an organization dedicated to helping victims of domestic abuse. She was also an accomplished artist, skilled in paper crafts such as paper making and marbling. Later in life, she explored pottery and sculpture. In 1978, she ran for a seat on City Council and became Savannah’s first female member of Council elected by the people. She served one term representing the 6<sup>th</sup> district, from 1978-1982. Her trailblazing paved the way for the women who have since served as alderwomen and mayors. Dr. Lentini passed away in 2013.

If you have additional photographs or biographical information of Dr. Harris K. Lentini, please contact the Municipal Archives at [archives@savannahga.gov](mailto:archives@savannahga.gov).