



SWCAC meetings  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays  
7:00 p.m.  
Carolina Pines  
Community Center  
2305 Lake Wheeler Rd.  
831-6435

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996-3050

City Manager's Office:  
996-3070

Raleigh Police (District 26)  
996-6167

Police Non-Emergency:  
829-1911

Crime Prevention:  
996-3335

Crime Stoppers:  
834-4357

Parks and Recreation  
Nicky Brewster  
831-6435

Trash Pick-up Troubles  
996-6890

Potholes  
996-6446

Graffiti Hotline:  
996-6001  
[graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us)

Gang Tip Hotline  
996-4264

# SouthWest Sentinel

Monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

*January Meeting Cancelled*  
*Carolina Pines Community Center*  
*2305 Lake Wheeler Road*  
*7:00 p.m.*

Message from the Chairperson:

Please take precautions to stay warm and safe during the winter months. Officer Upchurch tells us that there are several things we can do to avoid break-ins. She recommends that citizens:

- Lock your vehicle(s) and leave nothing of valuable visible inside - including removing circles on the inside windshield if you have a portable GPS system
- Lock all exterior doors and windows to your home
- Keep windows covered - especially at night when a potential robber could look in and see that you have a flat screen TV, computer or other valuable electronic equipment
- Leave a radio and some light on when you leave, so robbers will think someone is home
- ALWAYS CALL 911 IF YOU EVER SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE/ACTIVITIES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. Better safe than sorry! And get to know your neighbors and then look out for each other.

We would like to thank the officers at our Southwest Police District for working very, very hard to keep us and our belongings safe.

If you have any ideas or issues that the S.W.CAC needs to address, please feel free to contact me at (919) 772-9460 or [southernalcap@aol.com](mailto:southernalcap@aol.com). Working together and with Councilor Crowder, we can make southwest Raleigh a better place to live and work.

Happy New Year!  
Mary Belle

## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

"To do the greatest good for the greatest number of people while preventing yourself from becoming a victim."

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide police, fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors such as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs.

One also expects that under these kinds of conditions, family members, fellow employees, and neighbors will spontaneously try to help each other.

What can the City of Raleigh do to prepare citizens for this eventuality?

First, present citizens the facts about what to expect following a major disaster in terms of immediate services.

Second, give citizens the message about their responsibility for mitigation and preparedness.

Third, train citizens in needed life saving skills with emphasis on decision making skills, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number.

Fourth, organize citizens into teams so that they are an extension of first responder services offering immediate help to victims until professional services arrive.

The City of Raleigh has created the Emergency Management Division with the purpose of training citizens and private and government employees.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program makes good sense and furthers the process of citizens understanding their responsibility in preparing for disaster. It also increases their ability to safely help themselves, their family and their neighbors.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course will benefit any citizen who takes it. This individual will be better prepared to respond to and cope with the aftermath of a disaster.

For additional information, contact: James Mercer, Emergency Management Director  
919-996-4657 (phone)  
[James.mercer@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:James.mercer@ci.raleigh.nc.us) or  
visit: <http://raleigh-wakecert.org/>

## Recycle and Win Continues in 2010

Raleigh, Recycle and Win! will continue through April 30, 2010. Each week, Solid Waste Services employees check green recycling bins in neighborhoods across Raleigh and select ten winners to receive \$50 Harris Teeter gift cards for recycling correctly. In addition to Harris Teeter, this contest is sponsored by Coca-Cola and the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Here are a few tips to improve your chances of getting rewarded for recycling:

- Place the red-and-white "Give It Back" sticker on your green bin. If you did not receive a sticker, or need a replacement, call Solid Waste Services at 996-6890.
- If you have multiple containers, at least one must have a "Give It Back" sticker. This tells us that you want to participate, and don't mind having your bin(s) inspected by the Prize Patrol team.
- Remove newspapers from their plastic delivery bags, and do not use plastic bags to hold recyclable materials. Grocery and dry-cleaning bags may be recycled at many local grocery stores.
- DO NOT put pizza boxes, yogurt cups or Styrofoam in your bin! Remember, plastic food containers such as deli trays and takeout boxes are not recyclable in Raleigh.
- Recycle only the materials listed on the insert that came with your sticker. If you have questions about what can be recycled, call Solid Waste Services or visit [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov)

Your efforts help divert more than 20,000 tons from the South Wake Landfill each year. Thank you for recycling!

# Neighborhood Services News & Announcements

## NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRY



The Registry is the City's official list of neighborhood-based organizations. Being on the Registry helps improve communication between neighborhood groups and the City. Organizations on the Registry may apply for Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants.

**Contact:** Charlene Willard (919) 996-5718 or [charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us)

## NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT MATCHING GRANTS

Neighborhood-based organizations are eligible for grants of up to \$5,000 for projects that strengthen and improve neighborhoods and enhance a sense of community. The grants help pay for projects designed by residents themselves for the betterment of their neighborhoods.

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## CITIZEN AREA LIAISONS

Citizen Area Liaisons are neighborhood volunteers who serve as the link to various organizations, agencies and resources, including the City. Liaisons help to identify and solve problems in their neighborhood. They get to know their neighbors, conduct neighborhood assessments, arrange meetings and share information and ideas.

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## CITIZEN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

### NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE



The College provides a free series of informative and fun classes on how the City works and what keeps it running. Sessions in Fall & Spring.

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### CITIZENS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Build your civic leadership skills by attending this free educational program. Learn how to become a strong leader in your neighborhood. Class Location: Glen Eden Pilot Park, 1500 Glen Eden Drive. Dinner included. Sessions in Fall & Spring

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