



SouthWest Sentinel

monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

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

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890-3050

City Manager's Office:
890-3070

Raleigh Police (District 26)
831-6170

Police Non-Emergency:
831-6311

Crime Prevention:
831-6740

Crime Stoppers:
834-4357

Parks and Recreation
Nicky Brewster
831-6435

Trash Pick-up Troubles
831-6890

Potholes
831-6446

Graffiti Hotline:
831-6001
graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us
Gang Tip Hotline
890-3904

Next meeting: Monday, February 11, 2008

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AGENDA

1. **Raleigh Police Department report** – Officer Upchurch
2. **Parks and Recreation Department report** – Nicky Brewster
3. **City of Raleigh Senior Corps** – Elizabeth Needham, the coordinator of this program, has lots of information for us. Who knows – she may recruit you to serve.
4. **SW CAC Planning for 2008** – Please bring your ideas for topics/issues that you want the SW CAC to address in 2008. Be sure to include your thoughts about the similarities as well as the difference of all the neighborhoods within our CAC area.
5. **Old and new business**

BECAUSE THIS WILL BE A SHORT MEETING, PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND. WHAT WE DISCUSS WILL AFFECT YOU.

If you know anyone in the low-income bracket and uninsured, please let them know that the Mariam Clinic is holding an open house for the public from 4:30 to 6:30 pm Saturday, February 23. The address is 3126 Blue Ridge Road. This event is a celebration of the Clinic that opened in October and also a means for the public to learn more about the clinic, a nonprofit organization, dedicated to providing weekend health care to low-income, uninsured in Wake and Durham counties. More information will be given at our February 11 SW CAC meeting.

Community Services Department



Now accepting applications for Spring 2008 Leadership Institute

The Citizens Participation Leadership Institute is a program offered by the City of Raleigh and Shaw University. Classes are free of charge and meet on Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m. with dinner served each session in the Shaw University cafeteria. The Community Services Department is now accepting applications for the Spring 2008 classes. Contact Kevin Smith at 831-6117 or e-mail Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us.



Raleigh Neighborhood College – A great experience for Raleigh citizens.

The Raleigh Neighborhood College graduated its most recent class of 17 citizens on Dec. 6, 2007 at Peace College, which is the new home base for the majority of the classes.

RNC is a series of 12 classes which offer an informative overview of Raleigh's city government operations and activities. Come learn how your tax dollars help make Raleigh's quality of life truly exceptional. Dinner is provided prior to the classes. *Now taking applications for the Spring 2008 session. Call 831-6095 or e-mail Charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us.*



New Neighborhood Improvement Grants 2007



Beginning July 1, 2007, changes have been made to the neighborhood grant program. The revised program now makes available grants of up to \$2500 for the purpose of neighborhood improvement. Grants are only available to registered neighborhood associations within the defined low to moderate income areas. The program seeks to empower and strengthen neighborhoods while fostering an enhanced sense of community within Raleigh neighborhoods. For details call 831-6117 or e-mail Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

Neighborhood Association Registry

This program enhances citizen involvement by providing communication and partnering between various neighborhood organizations and City government. The City desires to identify and support existing neighborhood organizations, while encouraging and assisting new neighborhood groups. Our ultimate objective is empowerment of neighborhoods. If you are a member of a Raleigh neighborhood organization, (neighborhood association, garden club, homeowners association, community watch program, etc.) we encourage you to contact your neighborhood leaders and have them complete a Neighborhood Association Registry application. For details call 831-6117 or e-mail Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us.



2008 Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange

The 5th Annual Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange is scheduled for September 19 & 20, 2008 at the new Raleigh Convention Center!

The event consists of interactive information sessions addressing neighborhood related issues. Dynamic keynote speakers share neighborhood empowerment successes from other cities. Please join us as we seek to maintain the high quality of life our citizens currently enjoy. We look forward to

your attendance at next year's conference!



Citizen Area Liaisons

Citizen Area Liaisons act as a liaison between neighborhood residents and any organization, agency, and resource, including but not limited to the City of Raleigh. Duties include arranging neighborhood meetings (on an as – needed basis), leading neighborhood discussions on issues facing the area, reporting necessary information to appropriate resources and sharing information and ideas with other area leaders. See your neighborhood improve and thrive over a period of time and gain satisfaction and pride by knowing that you helped to bring about those changes. For more information, contact Luis Olivieri-Robert at 831-6099 or e-mail Luis.olivieri-robert@ci.raleigh.nc.us or Sheila Lynch at 831-6136 or e-mail sheila.lynch@ci.raleigh.nc.us.