



Monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

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

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890-3050

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831-6170

Police Non-Emergency:
831-6311

Crime Prevention:
890-3335

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

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING For:
Hillsborough, Glenwood/Five
Points, Southwest, Wade, West
Wednesday, February 11, 2009
City Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.**

**Special Guest
Mitch Silver, Planning Director
Ken Bowers, Asst. Planning Director
Kristen Rosselli, Interim Director
Community Services Department**

Agenda

- 6:30 Greetings and Introductions**
- 6:45 Consultant and/or Planning Staff Briefing on the Proposed Comp Plan update**
- 7:15 Moderated Panel Discussion between Planning Staff, Consultants, Team Leaders**
- 8:15 Questions and Comments from the Audience**
- 9:00 Adjourn**

Is there a vacant lot near you? What is going to happen to that vacant lot? Are traffic problems affecting how you get from your home to work or to social events? Are there road changes that you think would make traffic flow smoother? Are you frustrated because some business or industry have located in an area or areas you consider inappropriate? Do you want more retail businesses near you? What do you think about the location of parks and recreation facilities - are they conveniently located for you and your family? Do we need more open spaces in Raleigh or should every inch of land be developed? Did you participate in a small area plan? Do you know how that plan has been incorporated into this new plan? Your opportunity to speak up about your concerns and suggestions will be this meeting.

The mechanism for designing more compatible growth, adjusting road uses, adding parks is called the COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2030 and it will indicate/dictate how Raleigh will grow from now until the year 2030. The North Carolina Legislature changed and strengthened the rules governing comprehensive plans throughout the state; therefore, it is important that each and every citizen of each and every city and town closely examine their plan and its changes. Please attend and voice your ideas and concerns.

BRIEF NOTES FROM THE JANUARY 12, 2009, SW CAC MEETING:

Attendance: 21+ residents (some people did not sign in), 4 staff members (Community Services-1,

Parks & Recreation-1, Police Officers-2)

Police report: Officer Upchurch gave the monthly report from 12/05/08 - 01/12/09. She also reported a total of 893 calls for service during this time - a higher than usual number for our district.

Parks & Recreation: Nickey Brewster reported that they will be offering a variety of new programs that will target specific individuals in the community. These programs include money management, weight gain and childcare issues.

Probationary Rental Occupancy Permit (PROP): Officer Draughon reported on the PROP ordinance that became effective 01/01/09. The ordinance targets rental properties that are in violation of the minimum housing, zoning or nuisance Code. The PROP ordinance can be found on the web. Go to www.municode.com -> NC -> Raleigh -> City Ordinances -> PROP. The ordinance starts at #12-2162 and ends with #12-2185. The Inspections Portion of the PROP will be discussed at the March or April SW CAC meeting.

Comprehensive Plan 2030: Our input is vital. Everyone is invited to a public workshop at Moore Square, January 14th from 6-8:30 p.m.

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Raleigh Police Department-----Five-Year Strategic Plan

The Raleigh Police Department is currently developing a five-year strategic plan that will guide the police department in the allotment of time and resources from Fiscal Year 2009 to Fiscal Year 2014.

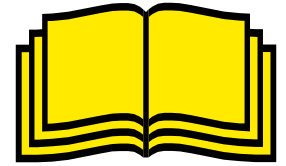
The strategic plan will assist the department as it develops the infrastructure and community-oriented policing services needed to serve a vibrant and growing city. The plan will then develop specific, measurable strategies to accomplish goals set for the next five years.

The Raleigh Police Department is seeking and encouraging input from citizens to help establish its priorities. Residents are invited to attend neighborhood meetings held throughout the city during the next six to eight weeks. The meetings will provide participants a chance to tell us how they think their police department should be structured and how it should operate in the years ahead.

One of these "brainstorming" sessions has been scheduled in your area. It will be held for the **Hillsborough, Southwest and West CAC's on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pullen Arts Center.** Our goal is to have a structured, productive, **one hour** meeting.

Information about the dates, times, and locations of neighborhood meetings will be forthcoming. Please be on the look out for these notifications. It is hoped that residents will attend a meeting near them to participate in this unique opportunity. For more information on this, please contact Sgt. Shawne Anderson, Interim Strategic Planner, Raleigh Police Department, 110 S. McDowell Street, Raleigh, NC 27601, Office: 919-996-1172, Fax: 919-996-7605, shawne.anderson@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

Recycle Phone Books at Drop-Off Centers



Like longer days, the appearance of telephone directories in our driveways is a sure sign of spring. This year, the City of Raleigh Solid Waste Services Department is providing a new service to help keep unwanted telephone directories out of the landfill. Four of the City's seven drop-off recycling sites have special containers for collecting telephone books. The telephone book boxes are labeled with bright yellow banners and will be in place until May 1, 2009. Phone books are made of a low-quality grade of paper, and **can** not be deposited in the boxes designated for other materials. Books must be removed from plastic bags and placed in the box, not left on the ground. **Please do not put phone books in the green recycling bin; they will not be collected by our curbside recycling crews.**

Raleigh residents may also recycle telephone books year round at all eleven Wake County Convenience Centers and the North Wake and South Wake Multi-Material Recycling Facilities. Business owners may recycle phone directories only at the Multi-Material Recycling sites. For a list of Wake County recycling locations, call 856-6186 or visit wakegov.com.

City of Raleigh Telephone Book Recycling Sites:

- Brennan Station Shopping Center, 3005 Brennan Dr., behind the shopping center at the intersection of Creedmoor and Strickland roads.
- City of Raleigh Yard Waste Center, 900 N. New Hope Road. Open Monday through Saturday from 7:00 am until 4:00 pm.
- Jaycee Park, 2405 Wade Avenue.
- North Boulevard Plaza at Mini City, Capital Boulevard, adjacent to the Food Lion.

For more information, contact Solid Waste Services at 831-6890.

THREE LANDLORD TRAINING CLASSES AVAILABLE IN 2009



The City of Raleigh will again offer a training course to help landlords and property managers enhance the quality of living on their properties. The one-day course, which the City is presenting in partnership with property managers and the legal community, will be held on **Feb. 18, May 20 and Oct. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the Raleigh Housing Authority, 871 Harp Street. This training course is approved for continuing education credits from the North Carolina Bar Association (six hours) and North Carolina Real Estate Commission (four hours).**

The training course will provide practical tips on how to reduce the likelihood of nuisance violations and drug, gang and illegal activity occurring in and around rental property. It will include instructions on implementing effective applicant screening policies and practices, strengthening rental agreements, recognizing warning signs of drug and gang activity, taking the right legal steps to resolve problems, understanding the role of the police, and reviewing the City's probationary rental occupancy permit (PROP) and rental registration ordinances. This is also a PROP-approved program.

Participants are encouraged to register in advance as seating will be limited. The registration form is attached to this email. For program or registration information, contact Christine Alston, Community Services Department, at (919) 831-6100 or email christine.alston@ci.raleigh.nc.us. Since 2006, nearly 300 participants have enrolled in the class. Post-class evaluations of the participants showed that 75 percent were actively planning positive changes to their property and/or management practices and 98 percent found the class to be worthwhile.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REGISTRY

To identify and support existing neighborhood organizations, Community Services offers a registry program for different types of neighborhood groups and associations, such as a 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. It's FREE to register. To Register, contact

Charlene Willard 831-6095 • charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us



RALEIGH NEIGHBORHOOD EXCHANGE

Join other Raleigh residents and citizens for interactive information sessions addressing community issues. Dynamic keynote speakers share neighborhood empowerment successes from other cities.

Does Raleigh's quality of life and other critical issues matter to you? If so, we look forward to your attendance at the 2009 conference! For more information contact 996-6100



WANT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S QUALITY OF LIFE?

Become a Citizen Area Liaison

and serve as a link between your neighborhood residents and any organization, agency, and resource, including, but not limited to, the City of Raleigh. 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 831-6124 • Luis.olivieri-robot@ci.raleigh.nc.us ♦
Sheila Lynch 831-6136 • sheila.lynch@ci.raleigh.nc.us

SEPTEMBER: NEIGHBORHOOD MONTH

September has been designated by the Raleigh City Council as Neighborhood Month. In addition to the Neighborhood Exchange, we would like to have outdoor activities on different weekends to celebrate our neighborhoods. These outdoor activities could consist of a parade, tours of neighborhoods and a closing picnic. A citizens' committee has been formed to help us explore additional ways to celebrate our treasures. Please contact Sheila Lynch at 996-6100 if you are interested in serving on this committee.

A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR RALEIGH CITIZENS

Come learn how your tax dollars help make Raleigh's quality of life truly exceptional! The Raleigh Neighborhood College is a series of 12 classes, offering an informative overview of Raleigh's city government operations and activities. The City of Raleigh, in partnership with Peace College offers this program to Raleigh citizens. **Spring session 2009**

Cost: no charge (dinner included) Class meets Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m. at Peace College

For an application, contact Kevin Smith 831-6117 • kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE: Now Accepting Applications

Do you want to enhance your leadership potential and grow stronger in your civic engagement with Raleigh's municipal government? If so, the *Citizens Participation Leadership Institute (CPLI)* is for you. Offered by the City of Raleigh & Shaw University, CPLI consists of 10 classes. **Spring session begins 2009**

Cost: no charge (dinner included) Class meets Thursdays from 6 - 8 p.m., Estey Hall, Shaw University.

For an application, contact Charlene Willard 831-6095 • charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us

