



# SouthWest Sentinel

March 2006

monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

SWCAC meetings  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays  
7:00 p.m.  
Carolina Pines  
Community Center  
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831-6099

City Council Office:  
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  
Robert Stewart  
831-6435

Housing Inspections  
807-5110

Graffiti Hotline:  
831-6001  
[graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us)  
Gang Tip Hotline  
890-3904

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 13, 2006 7:00 P.M.**

## Agenda

1. **District 26 Police report, including an update on the armed robbery at occurred on Sierra Drive** – Officer Upchurch
2. **Parks and Recreation report** - Robert Stewart
3. **Sidewalks and multi-purpose paths**—Do you want/need a sidewalk in front of your home? Do you want to be able to walk safely for your health? Would you like to be able to walk safely to Raleigh Oaks Shopping Center? What happens if the City decides to put sidewalks on your street? Will adding sidewalks/multi-purpose paths cost you money and if so, how much? These questions will be answered by Eric Lamb, Manager of Transportation Services Division, City of Raleigh.
4. **Section 8 Housing** - Is the house next door to you or across the street a “Section 8” house? What does that mean to you and your family? Allison Hapgood is the Raleigh Housing Authority staffer who will educate us about all issues related to Section 8 housing that exists throughout the SW CAC area.
5. **Discussion of the PROP – it does affect you!**

## Highlights of February SW CAC meeting

Officer Jack Moorman gave an overview of what is happening in District 26. Robert Stewart gave information about upcoming Parks & Rec. activities available for ALL ages and highlighted summer plans for our youth and volleyball matches. The booklet containing lists of summer programs is available at our community center. Nicole Sullivan, chair of Central CAC and member of SERA, explained CPTED – Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, a way to become proactive as we fight crime at the neighborhood level.. She invited us to attend one of the two sessions that will train us on ways to design areas around our homes and businesses in such a way that we can discourage crime from happening around us. Call 807-8463 for details. Next Kathryn Beard, of the Transportation Department, shared a wealth of information about traffic-calming measures and what we need to do in order to get on the list of neighborhoods that want traffic-calming devices on their streets. She also discussed the pros and cons of such measures. You can go to <http://www.raleighnc.gov>, type in traffic calming and get loads of information. The rezoning case, Z-18-06, was withdrawn. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 P.M. after door prizes were presented.

*If you live in the SouthWest CAC area, you are a member of SW CAC. We need your presence and opinions at each SW CAC meeting as we work together to make all communities in the SouthWest CAC area better, stronger and safer.*

## *City of Raleigh Community Services Department News: Getting Involved*

### ***Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants 2005-2006***

The Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grant Program awards grants up to \$5,000 to neighborhood-serving or neighborhood-based organizations and individuals to initiate projects designed to benefit your particular neighborhood. Projects can be physical or social in nature, but must *emphasize neighborhood input and involvement*, and be able to prove how the project will benefit the neighborhood. Call 831-6100 for details.

**September: 'Neighborhoods Month'.** Every Day, Every Month. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange! September 8 & 9.

### ***Neighborhood Clean-Ups***

Spring is just six weeks away. These community activities will start in the month of March. Coordinated by SWS and Community Services is a great opportunity to improve your neighborhood while getting people of

### **Raleigh Summer youth Employment Program**

More than 150 summer jobs will be made available for local youth through the City of Raleigh's Summer Youth Employment Program. The program, administered by the City's Community Services Department, is designed for young people between the ages of 14 and 18 who live in the Raleigh City limits. The program seeks to develop good work habits and to stress both education and job experience as a prerequisite to a successful future. Youth selected for summer jobs will work between 20 and 35 hours each week. First-year participants in the program earn \$5.50 per hour. Returning employees will be a slightly higher rate. Personal and career development workshops are conducted during the summer. For more information, contact Linda Graham at 831-6125, email [linda.graham@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:linda.graham@ci.raleigh.nc.us)

Dates and community centers locations for interviews are:

Tuesday, March 7 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) Tarboro Road  
Tuesday, March 21 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) Biltmore Hills  
Thursday, March 9 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) Lake Lynn  
Thursday, March 23 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) Chavis  
Monday, March 13 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) Green Road

all ages involved. Plan it good, plan it great. You will have our support. If interested on planning one, call your community specialist at 831-6099.

### ***Raleigh Neighborhood College***

The Neighborhood College is a program offered by the City of Raleigh in partnership with Wake County. The Fall 2006 session registration will start in August. It will last 13 weeks with classes that provide information on several different kinds of City services, as well as County services.

Students in the Neighborhood College will have a chance to meet and interact with City staff, County staff, and other Raleigh residents to learn things about government you always wanted to know, but didn't know who to ask! Classes are on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at different City locations. Only 25 students are accepted per session. For more details, contact us at 831-6100.

Monday, March 27 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) Worthdale  
Wednesday, March 15 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) Millbrook Exchange  
Wednesday, March 29 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) Lions Park  
Friday, March 17 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) Roberts Park  
Friday, March 31 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) Method

### ***Neighborhood Association Registry***

This program enhances citizen involvement by providing communication and partnering between various neighborhood organizations in the City of Raleigh, its extraterritorial jurisdiction 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 831-6100.

### **Citizens' Participation & Leadership Institute**

The City of Raleigh Community Services Department has launched a new program designed to give Raleigh citizens the opportunity to build and develop civic leadership skills. The *Citizen's Participation and Leadership Institute* offers an educational program designed to bring out the leadership potential and talents of individuals who wish to grow stronger in their civic engagement with Raleigh's municipal government. Next session will be offered in the evenings during Fall of 2006. Course size are limited. For more about this program, contact Community Services Department at 831-6100.

## ***FYI - PROP Review***

It is time for the first annual PROP review. City Staff is currently working on their report to Council, which will include both positive and negative feedback; what has worked, what may need to be tweaked, what has not worked, etc. City staff feels that all indications thus far (keep in mind the PROP is a 24-month program) show the PROP is working and they have no intention of advising council to get rid of the ordinance. There have been no 'horror stories' as a result of the ordinance - people have not been kicked into the streets, there hasn't been an outcry of rents going sky high, etc. One change that may be presented: everyone makes a mistake, therefore, the first violation will be held in 'slumber' (just as they have done with the administrative fees) and will not become a strike towards getting a PROP until a second violation occurs. So, for the second violation the first is brought out of 'slumber' and 2 strikes are given. This is a solution to a perceived problem - it gives the City an opportunity to make sure they have the correct contact address and can hand out all of the PROP pamphlets, etc/, this way there are no excuses of "I didn't know" if a second violation is issued. Apartment complexes are not getting the same 'protection' from the PROP and the City as other tenants and neighbors living in and around problem single family homes. For

example: since September, in District 26, RPD has issued 200 NPO violations, 111 of those were in complexes over 20 units. Also, RPD is experiencing an increase in activity and calls in apartment complexes. Example: in 365 day period (2005-06), RPD has been to an apartment complex of less than 100 units over 400 times! Obviously, there is a problem. We will not be able to change the 'automatic' PROP 20 unit and under number, but there should be some emphasis on requesting 'repeat offender' complexes over 20 be included, as well as, the criminal activity that can require a PROP. **Currently, criminal activity is not part of the PROP.** What can you do? In addition to Council, please send your comments to Dan Howe ([Daniel.Howe@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Daniel.Howe@ci.raleigh.nc.us)) so he may use them as part of the Staff's review and the report going forward to City Council. If you have experiences or concerns regarding problems with apartments (nuisances or anything else), please voice them as well. As you can imagine, those who oppose PROP or any future regulations will be bombarding Dan and the Council with numerous emails and calls. Please show support for the PROP and your community.

[http://www.raleighnc.gov/publications/Inspections/Housing\\_and\\_Environmental/](http://www.raleighnc.gov/publications/Inspections/Housing_and_Environmental/)

<http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=10312&sid=33>