



# SouthWest Sentinel

monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

**Next meeting: Monday, March 12, 2007**

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

## AGENDA

1. Raleigh Police Department report – Captain Mise/Officer Upchurch  
Do you know what CPTED is? Officer Upchurch will educate us on the principles of CrimePreventionThroughEnvironmentalDesign and how we can apply those principles to our homes and yards.
2. Parks and Recreation Department report – Nicky Brewster
3. Inspections report and issues – Jerry Mahler, City of Raleigh Housing Inspector
4. RADA (Raleigh Area Development Authority) has created a mortgage plan that promotes home ownership for a larger number of Raleigh citizens. Learn from James R. Stroud, RADA Vice-President and Senior Mortgage consultant, about affordable mortgages and what we can do to encourage home ownership in our neighborhoods.
5. The SW CAC Community Appearance Award winner will be decided at this meeting. Please look around the entire SW CAC area for an individual, group, yard, or business that deserves to be recognized for his/her/their/its contribution to SW Raleigh. At this meeting we will vote for our winner who will be honored in June by the RCAC.
6. Updates:
  - a. A park in the Trailwood/Lineberry area
  - b. The carwash at the corner of Tryon and Trailwood
  - c. A dog park at Carolina Pines Park – date for public discussion is March 14; location is Carolina Pines Community Center.

*By living in the part of Raleigh roughly bound by streets named Trailwood, Tryon, Hammond/Rush, Western and Avent Ferry, each of us is automatically a member of SouthWest CAC. Hopefully at least one person from each neighborhood within the CAC will attend the meetings to learn about concerns, events and issues that in one way or another affects every one of us. Working together we can make southwest Raleigh an even better place to live.*

SWCAC meetings  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays  
7:00 p.m.  
Carolina Pines  
Community Center  
2305 Lake Wheeler Rd.  
831-6435  
Chairperson:  
Mary Belle Pate  
772-9460

Community Specialist:  
Rebecca J. Brown  
831-6100

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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  
NickyBrewster  
831-6435

Trash Pick-up Troubles  
831-6194

Potholes  
831-6446

Graffiti Hotline:  
831-6001

[graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us)

Gang Tip Hotline  
890-3904

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## *Special Places in SouthWest CAC -*

### *The E. B. Bain Water Treatment Plant*

Located at 1810 Fayetteville Road on Walnut Creek, the E. B. Bain Water Treatment Plant was constructed in 1939 – 1940 on the site of the 1887 water treatment plant that served the City of Raleigh. Noted as the most handsome industrial building in the city, the massive brick, tile, and metal Bain Water Treatment Plant was designed by architectural engineer William C. Olsen in a restrained classical/Art Deco motif. The \$700,000 construction of the building was funded by a City of Raleigh bond issue and the Depression-era federal Public Works Administration (PWA).

The nearly eight-acre site located just south of downtown Raleigh contains the massive, elegant brick treatment house and three clear storage reservoirs. The treatment building is entered through the head house into a generously-dimensioned two-story lobby with a mezzanine circling the upper level. The mezzanine is gained by a monumental stair defined by decorative wrought iron balusters and solid oak handrails. The railings are repeated on the mezzanine that is supported by tall, narrow columns with fluted capitals. The walls of the lobby and the mezzanine are finished with ashlar plaster above a glazed tile wainscot, and the floors are red quarry tile. The mezzanine space is illuminated by original segmental-arched doorways with double French doors, sidelights, and transoms, and the building retains original elegant bronze Art Deco pendant lights and wall sconces. In all, the building's proportions and attention to design detail reflected the stringent standards of the 1930's for federally-funded public building projects. As such, it is easy to understand why the Bain Water Treatment Plant is noted as an excellent example of the high level of design for utilitarian structures produced under the PWA sponsorship.

Large-scale drinking water treatment started in Raleigh in 1887 on Walnut Creek from which the city's water supply was drawn. The original operation was undertaken by the privately-held Raleigh Water Company under a franchise granted by the city. After experiencing financial difficulties, the company was acquired by the Wake Water Company in 1901, and upon its insolvency in 1913, the City of Raleigh acquired the water system. Over the next 30 years, as the city's population grew, additional water sources along Walnut Creek were added, starting with Lake Raleigh in 1914, and then Lake Johnson in 1923. By 1925, the Walnut Creek plant was treating four million gallons a day, and by the 1930's, it became apparent that while the city had an adequate supply of raw water, the treatment plant had to be upgraded to handle it. The city applied for a PWA grant to fund forty-five percent of the \$700,000 project, and a city bond issue provided the remainder of the amount. (\$700,000 in 1940 equals about \$9,314,968 in 2005; quite an undertaking for a Depression-strapped city.) The finished plant was dedicated on June 18, 1940, and named by Mr. Ernest B. Bain who had spent a 40-year career as plant superintendent at the site.

The Bain Water Treatment Plant supplied the city through the early 1960's, when it became apparent that the city was outgrowing the Walnut Creek water supply. In 1967 the E. M. Johnson Plant on the Neuse River was put on line and the two plants worked in tandem until July, 1987, when the Bain plant was taken out of service. The future of the handsome 1940 building was uncertain until it was listed as a Wake County Historic Landmark in 1996, and several historic preservation-oriented developers vied for the opportunity to develop plans for the adaptive re-use of the complex. Today noted Raleigh downtown developer Greg Hatem owns the property and is considering appropriate uses for it.

Historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., noted that the PWA "left behind a splendidly-improved national estate," a proud part of which is the E. B. Bain Water Treatment Plant in the SouthWest CAC.

[Many thanks to Linda Edmisten who researches and writes *Special Places in the SouthWest CAC*]

# Community Services Department

Immanuel Kant's Categorical Imperative



*What kind of world would it be if everyone behaved as I do?  
What kind of schools would we have if every parent paid as little attention to them as I do?  
What kind of neighborhood would mine be if all my neighbors paid the same attention to it that I pay?*



## ***Raleigh Neighborhood College***

The Neighborhood College is a program offered by the City of Raleigh in partnership with Wake County. The Spring session will begin March 1 and last 13 weeks. Participants receive information on the services provided by the City of Raleigh as well as County services. Students in the Neighborhood College will interact with City staff, County staff, and other Raleigh residents to learn the things about municipal government and how to use that knowledge to improve your neighborhood. Classes are on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with a light dinner served each session. Classes meet at various locations throughout the city. Only 25 students are accepted per session. For more details, including brochure or application, contact 831-6100 or e-mail [Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us). **We are currently taking registration for Fall 2007.**

## ***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 or e-mail [Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us).



## ***Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants 2006***

The Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants Program awards grants up to \$5,000 to neighborhood-serving or neighborhood-based organizations and individuals to initiate projects designed to benefit your neighborhood. All recipient groups must be enrolled with our *Neighborhood Association Registry*. Projects can be physical or social in nature, but must emphasize neighborhood input and involvement and be able to demonstrate how the project will benefit the neighborhood. Let's do it! For details call 831-6117 or e-mail [Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us).

## ***Spring 2007 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE Class to Commence; Sign-up now for the Fall 2007 Session.***

The third class of the *Citizens' Participation Leadership Institute* commenced on January 25, 2007 and runs through April 19, 2007. The Community Services Department is opening its registration for the Fall, 2007 session which is scheduled to begin August 31, 2007. You can obtain an application on line at [www.raleigh-nc.org](http://www.raleigh-nc.org) or contact Charlene Willard at 831-6095 ([Charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us)).



## ***2007 Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange News: Executive Committee formed from Citizen Volunteers throughout Raleigh***

The *Neighborhood Exchange Citizens Committee* in partnership with the City of Raleigh's Community Services Department held its first meeting in January, 2007. This committee will take the lead role in developing and executing plans for the upcoming annual Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange. Mark your calendars for our **4th Annual Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange on September 14 - 15, 2007 at the McKimmon Center, N.C. State University**. For more information, please contact Charlene Willard at 831-6095 ([Charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us)) and remember to stay tuned for additional information!

## **Bond Issue for Park, Greenway Improvements Presented To Council**

A proposed \$97.6 million bond issue for parks and greenway improvements was presented today to the Raleigh City Council. Council members are considering a proposal to ask Raleigh voters to approve the bond referendum.

Council members directed the City's Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board to review and comment on the projects in the proposed bond referendum. The council plans to discuss the bond issue further at its March 20 meeting. If the council approves the proposal, a date will be scheduled to hold the bond referendum.

If approved, the bond referendum would include:

\$13.6 million for unfunded projects that voters approved in the 2003 parks and greenway referendum;

\$13 million for assisting in the acquisition, design and development of the Neuse River Greenway;

\$30 million for park land acquisition;

\$4.7 million to expand the capacity of current facilities; and,

\$36.3 million for new facility development.

*For More Information Contact:*

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Parks and Recreation Department

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## **Sam's Club To Offer Mini-Recycling Drop-Off Center**

A new mini recycling drop-off center is now open at the Sam's Club store located at 2537 South Saunders St. Two roll-off boxes have been set up at this recycling drop-off center. The following materials will be collected in each of the recycling containers.

The fiber recycling drop-off box accepts:

- White paper, including opened junk mail;
- Newspaper and all inserts;
- Magazines and catalogs; and,
- Flattened paperboard.

The container recycling drop-off box accepts:

- Food and beverage cans;
- Aluminum foil and trays;
- Plastic **bottles** and plastic beverage rings;
- Glass food and beverage containers;
- Table-top cartons; and,
- Aseptic drink boxes

Unlike the other City of Raleigh Recycling drop-off centers, this site does not accept corrugated cardboard, printer cartridges or cell phones.

*For More Information Contact:*

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Solid Waste Services Department

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