



SouthWest Sentinel

monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

Next meeting: Monday, April 16, 2007

Please note that due to Easter Monday, the CAC meeting has been postponed until April 16

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

AGENDA

1. Police report/update – Officer Upchurch
2. Parks & Recreation report – Nicky Brewster
3. Housing Inspections – Inspector Jerry Mahler
4. CPTED – Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – learn what you can do to protect you, your family and your home
5. Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments – what is it and how it affects you?
6. Old business
7. New business
8. Door prize
GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN SW CAC...
 - Benches are being installed along the walking path at Eliza Pool Park.
 - This fall Carolina Pines Park should be the first park in Raleigh to get new exterior, energy-efficient LED lighting.
 - People who live on the south end of Trailwood finally have traffic signals so they can safely turn left onto Tryon Road.
 - Trailwood Drive is safer to drive thanks to the new, lower speed limit.
 - Pi Alpha XI Plant Sale at the JC Raulston Arboretum is April 14/Saturday/8a.m.-4p.m. and April 15/Sunday/10a.m.-3p.m. Information about other events at the Arboretum will be given at our CAC meeting.
 - Because Carolina Pines Avenue is a collector street, all its street lights will be upgraded this fall from 5800 lumen lights to 9500 lumen lights. If you have concerns about the lighting levels on your street, contact Terry Scott, Senior Transportation Analyst, City of Raleigh Public Works at 516-2163 or email her at terry.scott@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

SWCAC meetings
2nd 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
R.J.Brown@ci.raleigh.nc.us

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
Gang Tip Hotline
890-3904

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.

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?*

Celebrating Neighborhoods Month

The quality of life in our city depends upon the quality of our neighborhoods. The city of Raleigh has been on the cutting edge of encouraging neighborhood involvement in the governance process, through our Citizen Advisory Councils (CACs), in order to improve the quality of its neighborhoods and the general quality of life in our city. The importance of our neighborhoods and participation of our citizenry has been further underscored by celebrating our neighborhoods during the month of September. Annually, the Mayor issues a proclamation designating September as "Neighborhoods Month". A citizens committee is currently planning weekend outdoor activities to celebrating individual neighborhoods. These outdoor activities may consist of a parade, tours of neighborhoods and a closing picnic or the hosting of a picnic in individual neighborhoods for those touring that particular community. For more information on Neighborhoods Month Celebrations, please contact Linda Graham at 919-831-6125 or linda.graham@ci.raleigh.nc.us. We look forward to your participation.



Raleigh Neighborhood College

The Neighborhood College is a program offered by the City of Raleigh in partnership with Wake County. The Spring session began 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 831-6117 or e-mail 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 831-6117 or e-mail Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us.



Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants 2007

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.

Spring 2007 Leader Institute

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 or contact Charlene Willard at 831-6095 (Charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us).



2007 Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange

The *Neighborhood Exchange Citizens Committee* in partnership with the City of Raleigh's Community Services Department is coordinating this year's event. 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) and remember to stay tuned for additional information!

