



SouthWest Sentinel – May 2006

monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

SWCAC meetings
2nd Mondays
7:00 p.m.
Carolina Pines
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831-6311

Crime Prevention:
831-6740

Crime Stoppers:
834-4357

Parks and Recreation
Robert Stewart
831-6435

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807-5110

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890-3904

NEXT MEETING: May 8, 2006 TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. District 26 Police report – Officer Upchurch
2. Parks and Recreation report – Robert Stewart
3. Rezoning case: Z-32-06 is a request to rezone 1.13 acres from O&I-1 CUD to BUS CUD. O&I-1 CUD requires Planning Commission approval and BUD CUD requires none. The location, 2908 Garner Road, is on the edge of our CAC and is surrounded by residential uses. Our adjacent South CAC discussed and voted against this case at their last meeting; they are affected by whatever is built on this corner lot. **YOU MAY FEEL THAT THIS CASE IS DOES NOT AFFECT YOU AND THEREFORE IS UNIMPORTANT. NOT TRUE!!!! WE ALL NEED TO BE PRESENT AND VOTE. NEXT TIME A REZONING LIKE THIS MAY BE VERY CLOSE TO YOU AND YOU WILL WANT EVERYONE IN OUR CAC TO SUPPORT YOU WITH THEIR VOTE. RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION NEED TO HEAR MANY VOICES EXPRESSING THEIR OPINIONS. THAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU COME TO A SW CAC MEETING, LISTEN AND THEN VOTE. YOUR VOTE AND THAT OF OTHERS, IN TURN, WILL BE GIVEN AT THE JOINT COUNCIL-PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MAY 18, 2006.**
4. Old business
5. New business
 - a. Another Board of Adjustment case
 - b. The grand opening of Historic Yates Mill County Park
 - (1) Another asset to our community
 - (2) Historic information (see back of this page)bert Stewart

Yates Mill

Historic Yates Mill County Park

The Southwest CAC is home to two related historic and natural resources that are unique in the city of Raleigh. Yates Mill, which definitely dates from around 1810 to 1820, but is thought to have structural elements dating to the mid-1750s, is located on Steep Hill Creek at the intersection of Lake Wheeler and Penny roads. The mill and its adjacent millpond and stone dam are designated Raleigh Historic Landmarks and are also listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Of the known 18th-century grist mills in the Raleigh area, only Yates Mill survives.

Built as a grist mill, Yates Mill served the surrounding farmers by milling crops of corn and wheat, and producing animal feed. The structure's water wheel, at one time or another also generated the power to mill lumber and card wool. In the early 19th century, the complex was owned by William Boylan, for whom Boylan Heights was named, and sometime before 1861, was purchased by a partnership composed of James Dodd, Thomas Briggs, James Penny, and William Primrose. Mr. Penny then bought out his three partners, and during the Civil War, sold the mill complex and its surrounding 600 acres to Phares Yates whose name remains associated with the property. The mill remained operational through the early years of the 20th century, and many Raleigh citizens recall using cornmeal from Yates Mill in their kitchens. In the mid-20th century the mill complex and its surrounding acreage were purchased by A.E. Finley, a Virginia native who settled in Raleigh in the 1920s and started the North Carolina Equipment Company. Mr. Finley, who went on to become a very successful businessman and noted philanthropist, added to his Yates Mill property purchase, and assembled about 1,000 acres of agricultural land on both sides of Lake Wheeler Road by the late 1950s. Then, in the early 1960s, when North Carolina State University was scouting the area for a large tract on which to establish a research farm that was convenient to its central campus, they asked Willie York to broker a deal with Mr. Finley to acquire his southwest Raleigh tract. Mr. York was successful, and the research farm was established on both sides of Lake Wheeler Road where it remains operational today.

By the late 1980s, historic Yates Mill was near ruin and collapse. But through the dedicated efforts of the non-profit Yates Mill Associates, Inc. and the North Carolina State University administration, the building, water wheel, stone dam, and millpond have been restored and returned to their historic working condition. In addition, the university, together with the Wake County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department, has established the 600-acre Historic Yates Mill County Park on land historically associated with the mill complex. This green-space gift to rapidly-developing Raleigh and Wake County, along with the university research farm on Lake Wheeler Road, creates a unique agricultural southern entrance into urban Raleigh that lies just north of the area along Tryon Road.

The 250th anniversary celebration of Yates Mill was held on April 29, and the public grand opening of Historic Yates Mill County Park will be held the weekend of May 20-21 (for more information visit www.wakegov.com/parks/yatesmill/, or call 856-6675). The Southwest CAC is, indeed, very fortunate to have these wonderful historic and natural resources on our doorstep.

City of Raleigh COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Citizens' Participation Leadership Institute - Fall 2006 Session

The Community Services Department, in partnership with Shaw University, launched its first Citizens' Participation Leadership Institute on March 2, 2006. We have worked hard to design a leadership-training event for you and your neighbors. We have aligned a 15 week series of thought-provoking workshops geared to sharpen your skills in community building. The spring session is full, so now is the time to start thinking about signing up for the Fall 2006 session, which is scheduled to commence on August 31, 2006. Open registration has begun! For further information, please contact Charlene Willard at 831-6095, email her at charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us or visit us on the web at www.raleighnc.gov.



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.

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 for a September start. 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 the things about government you always wanted to know, but didn't know who to ask! Classes are either on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at various City locations. Only 25 students are accepted per session. For more details, including brochure or application, contact us at 831-6100.



Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants 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 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. Let's do it! Call 831-6100 for details.

September: 'Neighborhoods Month'. Every day, Every month. September has been designated as Neighborhoods Month by the Raleigh City Council. In conjunction with this event, the Neighborhood Exchange Citizens Committee in partnership with the City of Raleigh's Community Services Department will host the Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange. This event will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 8-9, 2006, at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel located at 421 S. Salisbury Street in downtown Raleigh. Stay tuned for additional information!



Neighborhood Clean-Ups

Spring is here. Coordinated by SWS and Community Services is a great opportunity to improve your neighborhood while getting people of all ages involved. It can be a great way to start your neighborhood association. Plan it good, plan it great. You will have our support. If interested on planning one, getting support, and having it done, call your community specialist today at 831-6099.

RALEIGH CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL TO HONOR NEIGHBORHOOD RECOGNITION AWARD WINNERS

The City of Raleigh Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) has named 11 recipients of the eighth annual Neighborhood Recognition Awards.

The award recognizes individuals, businesses and groups that have made significant efforts to enhance the appearance of a property, street or neighborhood. These efforts include enhancing the visual environment, preserving the character of the area, improving the landscape, preserving or enhancing the natural environment or making significant contributions to the well-being of CAC.

Recipients of the 2006 Neighborhood Recognition Awards are:

- South Park – East Raleigh Archives Project Central CAC
- Quail Properties, Inc – Quail Corners Falls of Neuse CAC
- Mr. Dennis Poteat Five Points CAC
- Service Raleigh Hillsborough & Wade CACs
- Mr. Thomas Oglesby Mordecai CAC
- City of Raleigh Community Development Dept. North Central CAC
- Mr. Balion Mitchell – 3108 Burntwood Circle South CAC
- Dr. & Mrs. Frank B. Weaver – 1501 E. Davie St. South Central CAC
- The Oaks of Carolina – 2420 Lake Wheeler Rd. Southwest CAC
- Get to the Greenway! Glenwood CAC
- Method Civic League West CAC

The Neighborhood Recognition Awards will be presented at a ceremony on Wednesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the Avery Upchurch Government Complex, 222 W. Hargett Street. A reception will begin at 6 p.m. The Raleigh Citizens Advisory Council is made up of the chairpersons of the City's 18 Citizens Advisory Councils (CACs). All residents are encouraged to participate in their community CAC. The 18 CACs meet monthly or bi-monthly, with leadership elected from among the members of each CAC. Anyone interested in participating in their neighborhood CAC should call the City of Raleigh Community Services Department at 831-6100.