



SouthWest Sentinel

Monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

Next Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2009

Carolina Pines Community Center
2305 Lake Wheeler Road

7:00 p.m.

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

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City Council Office:
996-3050

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996-3070

Raleigh Police (District 26)
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

Agenda

- I. **Police Report** - Officer Barbie Upchurch
- II. **Parks & Recreation Report** - Nickey Brewster
- III. **NCSU Students Living in Our Neighborhoods** - Due to unavoidable circumstances, Dr. Thomas Stafford was unable to attend our last CAC meeting. His calendar is clear for May 11, so he will join us. Learn what information and instruction about living off-campus the University gives students, what we can do to promote a better town/gown rapport, and how we can contact the University to help us solve problems that arise before they become serious issues.
- IV. **Old and New Business**
- V. **Adjournment on or before 9 p.m.**

BITS AND PIECES...

The historic Bain Water Plant on Fayetteville Street in Caraleigh will be open to the public from 1-5 p.m. on Weekend 1 - May 9 and 10 and Weekend 2 - May 16 and 17. 12 artists will present their work throughout the building. Those works represent their interactions with the space over the past nine months. **You do not want to miss seeing this Art Deco building's interior.**

A request to protect the Raleigh sewer system: please do not cut your grass in a manner that throws the grass clippings into the gutter and streets. If you do those clippings go into our sewers and then clog up the sewer system and **ultimately cost us, the tax payers**, in sewer repairs.

FIRST HILLSBOROUGH STREET PROJECT COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28

Business operators, residents, students and any and all interested persons are invited to attend the first community meeting to provide information and answer questions about the Hillsborough Street Roundabout Project Phase I.

The meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28 in the Hillsborough Street Partnership offices at 2100-200 Hillsborough St. (1 Maiden Lane). The meeting will have an informal floating format that will allow for interested persons to drop by anytime within the 3-hour period.

The City has a \$9.92 million contract with Hamlett and Associates, Inc. for the Hillsborough Street Roundabout Project Phase I, which extends from Gardner Street to Oberlin Road.

The Hillsborough Street Roundabout Project Phase I will have a formal groundbreaking on May 20. The project will convert Hillsborough Street to a two-lane, median-divided facility with on-street parking on both sides, a seven-foot wide raised median, sidewalk bulb-outs at the intersections and mid-block location and several pedestrian signals. Two roundabouts will be constructed, at Hillsborough Street and Pullen Road and at Oberlin Road and Pullen Road Extension/Groveland Avenue. The project will replace the existing concrete and brick sidewalks. The project also includes the replacement of both water and sewer utilities throughout the length of the project as well as LED street and pedestrian lighting.

Council Approves Funding For Water Conservation Incentive Initiative

The Raleigh City Council voted unanimously today to establish permanent funding for a water conservation incentive initiative. The first initiative to be funded is a gravity-flush toilet replacement rebate program. Under this first program, the City will offer \$100 rebates to City of Raleigh water and sewer customers who confirm in accordance with the City's guidelines that they have purchased and installed water-efficient flush toilets to replace their existing flush toilets.

In order to meet the minimum qualifications for the toilet replacement rebate program, the new flush toilets must be "water sense certified" and not use more than 1.28 gallons of water per flush. Over the next few weeks, the City's Public Utilities Department will develop the toilet rebate application/installation certification forms that customers must complete and submit to the City in order to receive the rebate funds. In order to insure that proper water conserving toilets have been installed, the City will conduct random inspection audits at some customer locations that receive the rebate funding.

To provide initial funding for the toilet replacement rebate program, the City will use \$500,000 in unspent funds from its water reuse system account. Annual funding for the water conservation incentive initiative will come from a \$200 increase in sewer nutrient fees, which are collected from all new sanitary sewer customers connecting to the City's sewer system. The sewer nutrient fee increase is effective July 1.

For more information on the gravity-flush toilet replacement rebate program, contact Cinnamon Williams in the City's Public Utilities Department at 857-4540 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In other action today, the City Council asked the City administration for more information regarding a proposed 17 percent increase in water and sewer rates. Council members will discuss the proposed rate increase at their April 21 meeting.

For more information, contact [Dale Crisp](#), Public Utilities Department Director at 919-857-4540.

TWO LANDLORD TRAINING CLASSES REMAINING FOR 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 **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 St.

The training course is approved for continuing education credits from the North Carolina Bar Association (six hours) and the 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 required to pre-register because seating is limited. For program or registration information, including registration fees; contact Christine Alston at the City of Raleigh Community Services Department, 996-6100, or email Christine.alston@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

Since 2006, nearly 300 participants have enrolled in the City's landlord training 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.

Join Your Neighbors and Help Plan the Historic Preservation of the South Park-East Raleigh Neighborhoods!

On Tuesday, April 21, NC State University's College of Design in partnership with South Park-East Raleigh Neighborhood Association (SPERNA) Preservation and Education History Program Committee, led a Community Design Visioning Workshop for South Park East Raleigh area residents and stakeholders at John P. "Top" Greene Center, located at 401 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Raleigh. The focus of the program was to increase awareness of the African-American influence in the City of Raleigh primarily focusing on the historic South Park and East Raleigh Neighborhoods.

The College of Design project team presented a training presentation that addressed the priorities to discuss on that evening. Small group discussions were facilitated allowing participants to discuss their ideas and expectations about the preservation and future of their neighborhoods. This workshop was an opportunity for the residents to come together and begin to communicate about what they envision to preserve and promote the recognition of the South Park - East Raleigh area. This process will help create the vision for South Park-East Raleigh area and honor its historic assets including landscape, architectural structures, and green space while enhancing its character to be enjoyed for years to come.

A follow-up public presentation summarizing the workshop process and its preliminary results will be held on Tuesday, May 19th, 2009 at 6:00pm at John P. "Top" Greene Center.

The College of Design project team will also provide updates on the South Park-East Raleigh Preservation and Education History Program on Tuesday, June 16th, 2009 at 6:00pm at the John P. "Top" Greene Center. This public presentation will specifically address the design action plan and the priority projects to be pursued in the development of the project.

This project is a joint venture between NC State University's College of Design, South Park-East Raleigh Neighborhood Association (SPERNA), Raleigh City Museum, Richard B. Harrison Library, City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department, Shaw University, and the Central Citizens Advisory Council. For additional information please contact F. Lonnette Williams, flonnetewms@bellsouth.net or the Archives Program at the Top Greene Center, 919/831-6527.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITIZEN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES



A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR RALEIGH CITIZENS

Come learn how your tax dollars help make Raleigh's quality of life truly exceptional! We are offering an informative overview of Raleigh's city government operations and activities.

FALL SESSION 2009: Cost: no charge (dinner included)

Class meets Thurs. 6pm - 9 p.m. at Peace College (12 classes) **CONTACT:** Kevin Smith

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Enhance your leadership potential and grow stronger in your civic engagement with Raleigh's municipal government, JOIN

Citizens Participation Leadership Institute (CPLI).

Fall Session 2009: Cost: no charge (dinner included)

Class meets Thurs. 6pm-8pm, at Shaw University (8 classes) **CONTACT:** Charlene Willard

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REGISTRY



We offer a registry program for different types of neighborhood groups, such as neighborhood associations, garden clubs, homeowners associations, community watch programs, etc. Contact your neighborhood leaders and have them complete a Neighborhood Association Registry application. It's FREE to register.

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CITIZEN AREA LIASON

WANT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S QUALITY OF LIFE?

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.

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SEPTEMBER CELEBRATES NEIGHBORHOOD MONTH



Join other Raleigh citizens for interactive information sessions addressing community issues. Dynamic keynote speakers share neighborhood empowerment

successes from other cities. *Do 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.

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. **CONTACT** Sheila Lynch at 996-6100 if you are interested in serving on this committee.