



SouthWest Sentinel

monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

SWCAC meetings
2nd Mondays
7:00 p.m.
Carolina Pines
Community Center
2305 Lake Wheeler Rd.
831-6435

Chairperson:
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772-9460

Community Specialist:
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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

Gang Tip Hotline
890-3904

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Next meeting: Monday, June 11, 2007

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

AGENDA

1. Raleigh Police Department report – Captain Mise/Officer Upchurch
2. Parks and Recreation Department report – Nicky Brewster
3. Inspections report and issues – Jerry Mahler, City of Raleigh Housing Inspector
4. SKATE PARK – Carolina Pines Park is one of two city parks being considered for the first and only city-wide skate park in the City of Raleigh. The other location under consideration is the Marsh Creek Park that is located just off four-lane New Hope Road. If Carolina Pines Park is selected, the skate park area will be between the community center building and the volleyball courts (where we have asked for handicapped parking for those citizens who cannot walk down the long ramp or long walkway). Parks Planner David Shouse will be at the meeting to discuss all issues that a skate park brings – including increased traffic from all over the city.
5. We Are Neighbors program – Citizens in the Peach Road/Robinwood area have begun efforts to improve their community. This is our opportunity to learn what they are doing and how we can help.
6. Old and new business

REMINDER: when cleaning your yard, please do not rake and/or use your leaf blower to put yard waste into the street/gutter. Such debris clogs sewer lines and leads to major, expensive problems that ultimately add to our taxes.

THANK YOU: The Raleigh Parks Maintenance Crew, led by Charlie Cole, does a fabulous job maintaining some of the city right-of-way areas in our CAC. If you see them working, stop and let them know you appreciate the fine job they do.

Community Services Department



Now accepting applications for Fall, 2007 Leadership Institute

The third class of the *Citizens' Participation Leadership Institute* graduated Thursday, April 26, 2007 at the Historic Tucker House. The Community Services Department is now accepting applications for the Fall, 2007 session which is scheduled to begin September 6, 2007. You can obtain an application on line at www.raleigh-nc.org or contact Kevin Smith at 831-6117. Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

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.

Fall, 2007 Registration Opens for Raleigh Neighborhood College



The Neighborhood College is a program offered by the City of Raleigh in partnership with Wake County. *The Fall, 2007 session begins September 6th* and lasts 13 weeks. Participants receive in-depth information on the services provided by City of Raleigh and Wake County governments. Students in the college will interact with City and County staff and other Raleigh residents to expand knowledge of municipal government processes and how to use this knowledge to improve your neighborhoods. Classes are free of charge and meet on Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m. with a light dinner served each session. Only 25 students are accepted per session. For more details, including brochure or application, contact 831-6095 or e-mail

Charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

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.

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!



"Save the Date"



WHO: All Raleigh Citizens
WHAT: 4th Annual *Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange*
WHEN: Friday, September 14, 2007
Saturday, September 15, 2007
WHERE: Jane S. McKimmon Center
1101 Gorman Street at Western Blvd.
WHY? Hear engaging topics of community interest and actively participate in enhancing our quality of life for the future and well-being of our very own Raleigh neighborhoods.
For further information, contact
Charlene Willard, Community Specialist
charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us or call 919/831-6095

City of Raleigh Aquatic Study

This study shall assess both the quantity and quality of aquatic leisure services and opportunities provided by the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department and will also include a review of existing public and private pools; a market and demographic analysis; needs assessment; potential costs; recommended implementation and a prioritized strategy for the future. The study will have an active public participation element that will consist of stakeholder meetings, public meetings, survey and study website. **Below is a list of remaining public meeting dates, times and locations.**

Tuesday July 24th 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

LOCATION:

Municipal Building
(Rm 201 – City Council Chambers)
222 West Hargett Street
Raleigh, NC 27602

Visit www.raleighnc.gov/parkplan under Aquatic Study for more information.

Comments and questions are welcome and may be sent to: aquaticstudy@ci.raleigh.nc.us or call 890-3285 for more information.

