



SouthWest Sentinel

Monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

Next Meeting: Monday, July 13, 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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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

Agenda for July 13, 2009, SW CAC meeting

1. **Police report** - Officer Upchurch
2. **Parks & Recreation report** - Nickey Brewster
3. **Special guest** –
Captain J.C. Perry, the new leader of our Raleigh Police Southwest District.
This is your opportunity to meet Captain Perry and learn what he has planned to keep our southwest part of Raleigh as safe as possible from crime and also learn what you can do to help.
4. **New Raleigh regulations and proposals**
 - a. Dog Tethering Ordinance
 - b. Water restrictions in effect now
 - c. Nuisance Party Ordinance - new implications
 - d. Neighborhood Improvement Grants
 - e. Front Yard Parking proposal
5. **Adjournment at or before 8:30 p.m.**

Special Places in the Southwest CAC Raleigh Municipal Airport

The new planned community of Renaissance Park that is rising in the northwest quadrant of the intersection of South Wilmington Street and Tryon Road is located on the site of the Raleigh Municipal Airport that served this area during the early decades of the airline industry. Dedicated in 1929, only 26 years after Wilber and Orville Wright's historic flight on the North Carolina Outer Banks, the Raleigh Municipal Airport represented the area's leap into the future of 20th- century transportation that was lauded by such local notables as Raleigh *News and Observer* publisher Josephus Daniels and the then Secretary of State, Thad Eure, as well as the nationally- renowned World War 1 Flying Ace, Eddie Rickenbacker who was also the owner of Eastern Airlines. But perhaps the most intriguing personality to attend the Raleigh Airport dedication was Amelia Earhart, the female flyer who captured the imagination of a generation, and who inspired other young women to move into occupations that were heretofore closed to them.

Amelia Earhart was born in Atchison, Kansas in 1897 to a well-to-do family, and, as a child, was regarded as a tomboy. But this happy beginning was soon disrupted by her father's alcoholism, and by all accounts, she had a troubled childhood punctuated by frequent moves and family upheavals. After several tries at various eastern colleges, in 1920 Amelia reunited with her family in California where air racer Frank Hawks offered her a 10-minute ride in his two-seater. This experience changed her life and launched what was to become a legendary aviation career. After learning to fly with the pioneer female aviator, Anita Snook, Amelia set a record for female aviators by being the first woman to fly at 14,000 feet. But this achievement was followed by additional family misfortunes, during which she was obliged to take a series of non-aviation jobs. However, in 1928, following Charles Lindbergh's historic 1927 solo flight across the Atlantic, she was asked to join pilot [Wilmer Stultz](#) and co-pilot/mechanic Louis Gordon on a trans-Atlantic flight to keep the flight log. Thus, as the first woman to cross the Atlantic by air, she became a world-wide celebrity who was greeted in New York City with a ticker-tape parade and invited to the White House by President Calvin Coolidge. In 1932 she became the first woman to achieve a trans-Atlantic solo flight, and in 1935, the first pilot, man or woman, to solo from Honolulu to Oakland, California. These triumphs inspired plans to circumnavigate the globe at the equator, an endeavor that Amelia Earhart undertook with navigator Fred Noonan on July 2, 1937. The pair was lost in the North Pacific Ocean near Howland Island, and neither they nor their airplane were ever found.

Although the Raleigh Municipal Airport that hosted the storied Amelia Earhart is now gone, one vestige of her visit remains in the form of Stinson Drive on the North Carolina State University campus. This street commemorates Katherine Stinson, the first woman to graduate from the School of Engineering. This achievement was inspired by Amelia Earhart's advice to the then 15-year old Katherine who was servicing an airplane on the runway when the famed aviatrix advised her to pursue an engineering education. Ms. Stinson earned an aeronautical engineering degree in 1941, and went on to be the technical assistant the chief of aircraft engineering at the Federal Aviation Administration. As a result of Ms. Stinson's accomplishments, Amelia Earhart's legacy survives in Southwest Raleigh today.

SPECIAL PLACES IN SOUTHWEST RALEIGH

Many thanks to Linda Edmisten for researching and writing this article.

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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.