



Southwest Sentinel

Monthly newsletter of the Southwest Citizens Advisory Council

July 12, 2010

Carolina Pines Community Center

2305 Lake Wheeler Road

7:00 p.m.

SWCAC meetings
2nd Mondays
7:00 p.m.
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Agenda

Monday, July 12, 2010

SWCAC July Cookout

- Where: Carolina Pines Park, meet under the pavilion
- When: July 12, 2010 | 7:00 PM
- Provided: Hamburgers and hot dogs
- Please bring: a side dish to share

Join your neighbors on Monday, July 12 for a cookout. The last time we met, we decided to exchange our regular monthly meeting for an evening under the Carolina Pines pavilion.

The South West Citizens Advisory Council (SWCAC) will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, the fixings, and drinks--please bring a side dish to share.

The cookout will start at 7:00 PM. We will be grilling out at the pavilion in front of the main entrance at Carolina Pines. If you have any questions, please contact Dwayne or Jason (see side bar for contact details).





Community Services News

July 2010

Volunteers step up to assist Raleigh Police Department

Raleigh Police volunteers Doug Donald and Bruce Carper peered through a window of a locked garage. A toddler played in a car inside, unaware of his predicament.

"The baby was having a good time," Carper recalled later. The two volunteers were the first to respond to a call about the child, who had locked himself in the garage. Fortunately, the child was not in immediate danger, so Donald and Bruce kept watch and comforted the child's mother until his father arrived with a garage-door opener.

Donald and Carper told the story recently as the police volunteer program celebrated its first anniversary. Police volunteers perform administrative duties, patrol parks and greenways, aid motorists in trouble and help at special events, among other jobs – such as coming to the aid of mischievous toddlers.

Some police volunteers are members of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, which is administered by the Community Services Department. Donald is among the RSVP volunteers.

Another RSVP volunteer, retired home builder Ken Bluestone, takes reports from burglary victims and has helped find leads that way. Bluestone volunteers eight to 12 hours a week – more than the minimum 15 hours a month that the department requests.

Police Chief Harry Dolan values the volunteers' assistance. "We think it is a wonderful opportunity for our police department to benefit, the community to benefit and the volunteers to benefit," he said.

If you are 55 or older and want to join the RSVP program as a police volunteer, contact Jennifer Robinson-Hartle in the Community Services Department at 996-5727 or jennifer.robinson-hartle@raleighnc.gov. For more information about the police volunteer program, contact Bruce Embry at 996-1118 or rpdvolunteer@raleighnc.gov.

Upcoming Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange offers opportunity to network

Mark your calendar for the Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange, a one-day neighborhood networking and educational event Sept. 18 at N.C. State University's McKimmon Center.

A citizens committee is helping to plan the Exchange, which will offer Raleigh residents the chance to learn from experts and each other about how to help neighborhoods flourish. Registration fee will be \$10.

We'll be sharing more details as they become available. In the meantime, many thanks to these committee members for their work on this event:

- Tsegga Medhin (Northwest CAC), chair
- Viola Bullock (Southeast CAC), vice chair
- Avis Christian (Northeast CAC)
- Arlene Sanders (Mordecai CAC)
- Jacqueline Tavarez (South CAC)
- Charles Upchurch (South CAC)
- Gary Wiggins (Five Points CAC)
- Jackielyanne Tavarez, teen representative

To learn more about the Exchange, contact Charlene Willard at 996-5718 or charlene.willard@raleighnc.gov.

July community dialogue to focus on aging

You are invited to take part in a discussion about how the City of Raleigh should engage people of Baby Boomer age and older.

A community dialogue sponsored by the Human Relations Commission will explore the question "Is Older Better?" from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 24, at the Barwell Road Community Center, 3935 Barwell Road.

This is one in a series of dialogues the Commission is holding on how to ensure access and opportunity for everyone.

To find out more, contact Marionna Poke-Stewart at 996-5726 or mariona.poke-stewart@raleighnc.gov.