

SouthWest Sentinel August 2006

monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

MEETINGS: 2nd Monday 7pm Carolina Pines Community Center (2305 Lake Wheeler Road)
NEXT METING: Monday, August 14, 20006

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831-6311

Crime Prevention:
831-6740

Crime Stoppers:
834-4357

Parks and Recreation
Nickey Brewster
831-6435

Housing Inspections
807-5110

Graffiti Hotline:
831-6001
graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us
Gang Tip Hotline
890-3904



Agenda:

1. Police report - Officer Barbie Upchurch
2. Parks and Recreation report - Nickey Brewster
3. Citizens Well-check Program-Sheriff Donnie Harrison
This program is available to seniors, parents, friends of ours who live alone. Sheriff Harrison will give us the criteria for participation and explain how the program works to keep our friends safe.
4. Responsibilities of a Raleigh Housing Inspector - Inspector Jerry Mahler will give an overview of his job, including what constitutes housing violations. We can learn how his issues relate to the PROP.
5. Old business
6. New business

CITY NEWS AND REPORT:

Raleigh Recycling is GROWING! NEW materials will be added to program

One of the most frequent questions asked of the Solid Waste Services staff is why more materials can't be recycled. Staff now has seven positive responses to pass on to Raleigh residents. July 1, 2006 begins a new recycling contract and along with it will come the opportunity to increase what can be placed in the recycling bin and decrease the amount of waste thrown away. The following seven new materials are being added to the curbside recycling program:

- corrugated cardboard (flattened and reduce in size to 3'x3')
- paperboard (such as cereal or pasta boxes and paper tubes)
- non-drink plastic bottles (shampoo, ketchup and lotion)
- gable top containers (such as milk cartons)
- aseptic drink boxes
- aluminum foil and trays (clean)
- soft plastic beverage rings, such as six-pack rings

Recycling Coordinator at (919) 831-6494 or
www.raleighnc.gov/recycling.



Citizens' Participation Leadership Institute – Registration Underway for Fall 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, 2006 first class has just graduated, so now is the time to start thinking about signing up for the Fall 2006 session, with classes scheduled to commence on August 31, 2006. 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.



Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants 2006

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! Call 831-6100 for details.



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 is currently underway for a September 7 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 Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at various City locations. Only 25 students are accepted per session. For details, contact 831-6100.

September: 'Neighborhoods Month'. September has been designated as Neighborhoods Month by the Raleigh City Council. In conjunction with this event, the Neighborhood Month Committee is working hard to devise an event to recognize this proclamation.

Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange: "Many Neighborhoods . . . One Raleigh!" 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 September 8 and 9 at the Sheraton Hotel on Salisbury Street in downtown Raleigh.** Friday's keynote session will be from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with Saturday's session beginning with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:30 am. Registration fees are \$15.00 if received by August 18 and \$25.00 after that date. Call 831-6100 for details and request a registration brochure!