



# SouthWest Sentinel

monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

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

Chairperson:  
Mary Belle Pate  
772-9460

Community Specialist:  
Rebecca J. Brown  
831-6100

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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](mailto:graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us)

Gang Tip Hotline  
890-3904

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**Next meeting: Monday, August 13, 2007**

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

## AGENDA

1. Raleigh Police Department report – Officer Upchurch
2. Parks and Recreation Department report – Nicky Brewster
3. Inspections report and issues – Jerry Mahler, City of Raleigh Housing Inspector
4. Question - Exactly what does an At-large Raleigh City Councilor do? Join us and learn about the varied responsibilities and experiences of At-large Councilor Joyce Kekas.
5. Raleigh water regulations – Edward Buchan, Raleigh Water Conservation Specialist, has offered to share information regarding irrigation rules and conservation measures to make sure we follow the plan in order to avoid penalties (\$).
6. Old and new Business



## SEVERAL REMINDERS...



**DOG PARK...** All dog lovers are invited to help continue creating the Carolina Pines Dog Park near the ball fields at Carolina Pines Civitan Park (2305 Lake Wheeler Road) on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Our last volunteer day was a great success, and we look forward to having an even better day this time. The harder we work the sooner dogs and dog owners will be able to enjoy the space amongst the trees. There will be activities suitable for people of all abilities and ages, so bring your family and your friends, but please leave your four-legged friends at home until the park is ready. Sturdy footwear (tennis shoes work fine) and proper attire (they may get a little dirty) are highly recommended. If anyone has any questions, please contact Patrick Cooney at [patrickcooney@hotmail.com](mailto:patrickcooney@hotmail.com). See you there!!!!

**ENTERTAINMENT/FUN:** 4620 Lake Wheeler Road is the site for fishing, picnics, tours and other events. What's there? Historic Yates Mill Country Park. For more information, call (919) 856-6675 or check out the web site - [www.wakegov.com/parks/yatesmill](http://www.wakegov.com/parks/yatesmill).



**THOSE THINGS WE CAN'T JUST TOSS INTO THE TRASH CAN...** We can dispose of household hazardous wastes such as batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, paints, lacquers, lighter fluid, pesticides and mercury thermometers, but not by putting them in our trash can. Wake County owns and operates two collections centers for these items. Visit the center on our side of Raleigh on the third Saturday of each month if you have any items for disposal that appear on the list of acceptable materials available at [www.wakegov.com/recycling/residents/houshazwaste.htm](http://www.wakegov.com/recycling/residents/houshazwaste.htm).

The site is:

**South Wake Solid Waste Management Facility  
South Wake Transfer Station  
6000 Old Smithfield Road  
Apex, NC 27502  
Third Saturday of each month  
7 a.m. – 3 p.m.**



**PRESCHOOLERS AND PETS PROGRAM...** The SPCA Curtis Dail Pet Adoption Center offers this program that is designed to hold the attention of preschoolers and to instill simple lessons of kindness toward animals. Programs are 30 minutes in length and are different each month. Upcoming program dates are: August 29, September 19, October 17, November 14, and December 12. You can visit the SPCA web site and watch an NBC-17 news video profile of this program and sign up online to attend an upcoming Preschoolers and Pets Program at [www.spcawake.org/education](http://www.spcawake.org/education). The Center also holds programs for adults to improve bonding with our pets. Information about the August 14 through December 11 programs will be available at our CAC meeting.

**Five SW CAC members bought a brick (that contains our CAC name) for the sidewalk at the SPCA. When you visit the Center, look in the second large section of bricks to the left of the entrance. There you will find ours.**

# Community Services Department



## *New Neighborhood Improvement Grants 2007*

Beginning July 1, 2007, changes have been made to the neighborhood grant program. The revised program now makes available grants of up to \$2500 for the purpose of neighborhood improvement. Grants are only available to registered neighborhood associations within the defined low to moderate income areas. The program seeks to empower and strengthen neighborhoods while fostering an enhanced sense of community within Raleigh neighborhoods. For details call 831-6117 or e-mail [Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us).

## *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](http://www.raleigh-nc.org), contact Kevin Smith at 831-6117 or e-mail [Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us).



## *Citizen Area Liaisons*

Citizen Area Liaisons act as a liaison between neighborhood residents and any organization, agency, and resource, including but not limited to the City of Raleigh. Duties include arranging neighborhood meetings (on an as – needed basis), leading neighborhood discussions on issues facing the area, reporting necessary information to appropriate resources and sharing information and ideas with other area leaders. 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. For more information, contact Luis Olivieri-Robert at 831-6099 or e-mail [Luis.olivieri-robert@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Luis.olivieri-robert@ci.raleigh.nc.us) or Sheila Lynch at 831-6136 or e-mail [sheila.lynch@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:sheila.lynch@ci.raleigh.nc.us).

## *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 6<sup>th</sup>* 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us)) and remember to stay tuned for additional information!