



SWCAC meetings
2nd 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

R.J.Brown@ci.raleigh.nc.us

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

5085

Next meeting: Monday, September 10, 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. Raleigh Parks & Recreation Bond
5. Preservation of city-owned, historic cemeteries, including Mount Hope which is located in SW CAC – Jane Thurman
6. Old and new Business

SouthWest CAC, like RCAC and the other 17 CAC's, are not political in nature. However, as your chairperson, I must remind each of you how very important it is to make your voice heard in each and every City of Raleigh election for bonds and/or for Councilors. Your vote is important because it shows that you care about what happens in our neighborhoods and it lets elected and non-elected officials know that you care. It's part of that "squeaky wheel gets attention" effect. You have never been and never will be told how to vote at a SW CAC meeting, but you will always be encouraged to exercise that most treasured right/responsibility. Learn all you can, put voting on October 9, 2007, on your calendar and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

Community Services Department



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!

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.



Now accepting applications for Spring 2007 Leadership Institute

The Fall 2007 session is scheduled to begin September 6. The Community Services Department is now accepting applications for the Spring 2008 classes. You can obtain an application on line at www.raleigh-nc.org, contact Kevin Smith at 831-6117 or e-mail Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

Spring 2008 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 will begin on September 6th and lasts 13 weeks. 25 participants are set to 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.

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 or Sheila Lynch at 831-6136 or e-mail sheila.lynch@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

SAVE THE DATE!

Public Realm: How Do We Create a Pedestrian-Friendly City?
September 20, 2007, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts, Kennedy Theater
Downtown Raleigh, NC

The public realm is the space between buildings. It includes all public spaces, streets, alleys, sidewalks, parks, plazas, and open space. It also is the classroom for teaching civic engagement. A successful public realm creates interesting and engaging experiences for the people who use it.

The Raleigh Department of City Planning will present this lecture to address the challenges of creating a high-quality public realm. The lecture is free to the public.

The lecture will feature presentations by Adrienne Schmitz, Director, Residential Community Development, Urban Land Institute and Walter Kulash, P.E., Principal and Senior Traffic Engineer for Glattig Jackson Kercher Anglin, Orlando, FL. Both presenters will discuss how a high-quality public realm is vital to our ability to succeed as a place where people want to live, work, and visit. There will be a question-and-answer session following the lecture.

To register or more information visit www.raleighnc.gov/lectureseries or call Trisha Hasch at 807-8480

Find directions to the Performing Arts Center and parking locations at www.progressenergycenter.com and click on "An Evening Out." For information about public transportation, visit www.gotriangle.org. The venue is a 10-minute walk south from Moore Square transit station. For overnight accommodations in Raleigh, click on www.visitRaleigh.com.

Spread the word. Thank you!

Rate the walkability of your neighborhood: <http://www.walkscore.com>



New Video Shines Spotlight on Waste Services

Have you ever wondered where your bottles and cans go after they leave your recycling bin? Are you curious why yard waste isn't allowed in your garbage cart? Learn the answers to these questions—and more—by watching "All about Solid Waste Services," a new program on the Raleigh Television Network! The video, produced by the City's Public Affairs Department in collaboration with Solid Waste Services, airs frequently on RTN Channel 11. Residents without Time Warner cable television can watch the program anytime using the RTNSV streaming video service available online. Visit www.raleighnc.gov/rtn to view the streaming video or download the weekly schedules for all four RTN channels. Unlike previous programs about solid waste, this video features real drivers and service workers talking about their jobs. Take a look and you will see that Solid Waste Services is about much more than just trash.

Plaza West Recycling Drop-Off Center Closes for Good

The drop-off recycling center at Plaza West Shopping Center closed permanently on August 23, 2007. The center's property manager ended the agreement, and all of the recycling collection containers have been removed from the site off Jones Franklin Road. Raleigh residents and small business owners can continue to recycle at the remaining drop-off centers. All six centers accept all 14 materials that can be recycled curbside, and most of them also have containers for recycling cell phones and printer and toner cartridges. To find the drop-off center closest to you, visit www.raleighnc.gov/recycling or call 831-6890.



City of Raleigh Community Development Department Annual Performance Report

Notice of Availability for Comment: CAPER

The City of Raleigh's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) will be available for citizen comment for the period of August 27 to September 14, 2007. This report will summarize how the City utilized Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, and City funding in carrying out its approved housing and community development strategy from 7/1/06 - 6/30/07. The CAPER will be distributed to the City Clerk's office, and a summary will be available on the website, www.raleighnc.gov, under the Community Development home page and from the Community Development Department, 310 West Martin Street, Suite 101. Citizens will have until September 14, 2007 to review and submit written comments. Comments can be sent to the Community Development Department, P.O. Box 590, Raleigh, NC 27602. To request a copy, email Ana.Kimsey@ci.raleigh.nc.us or call 857-4330 (voice) or 890-3107 (TDD).

2008-09 Action Plan

The City of Raleigh will follow the adopted Citizen Participation Plan to complete the 2008-09 planning process. The Community Development Department (CD) will conduct several public meetings to access public and stakeholder input on housing and community development needs in Raleigh and comments on the draft Plan when it is developed. CD proposes to conduct a public meeting on **November 8, 2007** to get citizen input on needs and comment on the operation of existing programs. A public hearing will be held in April 2008 in the City Council Chambers.

