



SouthWest Sentinel

Monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

October 12, 2009

Carolina Pines Community Center

2305 Lake Wheeler Road

7:00 p.m.

SWCAC meetings

2nd Mondays

7:00 p.m.

Carolina Pines

Community Center

2305 Lake Wheeler Rd.

831-6435

Chairperson:

Mary Belle Pate

772-9460

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Community Specialist:

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City Council Office:

996-3050

City Manager's Office:

996-3070

Raleigh Police (District 26)

996-6167

Police Non-Emergency:

829-1911

Crime Prevention:

996-3335

Crime Stoppers:

834-4357

Parks and Recreation

Nicky Brewster

831-6435

Trash Pick-up Troubles

996-6890

Potholes

996-6446

Graffiti Hotline:

996-6001

graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us

Gang Tip Hotline

996-4264

AGENDA

1. *Police Report – Officer Upchurch*
2. *Parks and Recreation Report – Nickey Brewster*
3. *Senator Josh Stein – Learn about the NC Legislature from Senator Stein.*
4. *Community Gardens:*
 - *Can community gardens unite neighborhoods?*
 - *Did you know we can get grant monies to clear and prepare our community gardens spaces?*
 - *What are the steps in creating a community garden?*
 - *Are YOU willing to commit to making a community garden a reality?*
5. *Good things happening in Caraleigh at Eliza Pool Park*
6. *Old and New Business*
7. *Adjournment*



Notes of Interest – September 14th, 2009 SW CAC Meeting

1. *Officer Upchurch :*
 - *Reminder to keep doors and windows locked*
 - *Don't leave items of interest – ie: GPS – Cell Phones – Laptops visible in vehicles.*
 - *Call 911 if you see suspicious activities in your area.*

2. *Nickey Brewster – Raleigh Parks and Recreation:*
 - *Carolina Pines Park and Community Center are really geared up for the fall and winter sports (both basketball and cheerleading) school track-out days with lunch and activities for all ages. Stop by the CP Community Center and check out the activities that you and your children will enjoy.*
 - *Don't forget the Senior Club which meets the second Wednesday of each month from 10:30 – 12:00 noon.*

3. *NC House Representative Deborah Ross:*
 - *Shared with us an over view of the 2009 Legislative Session in the NC General Assembly.*

 - *The NC General Assembly began this session with a \$ 4 ½ billion dollar deficit, and although the Federal Stimulus monies that NC received helped to balance this years budget, we need to remember that this was a one time infusion of money and can not be counted on for future budgets. To learn where our share of the stimulus money is being distributed go to: www.ncrecover.gov/*

Issues covered during this session included:

- *\$ 6 million dollars to keep Dorothea Dix Hospital open.*
- *A comprehensive way to have more transit by giving more options to local governments and incentives for housing around transit stops.*
- *Keeping the Governor Morehead School open and authorizing a study of schools for the blind and deaf.*
- *A crack down on “debt buyers”*
- *Passing the False Claims Act (giving people who cheat the State increased penalties).*

Looking forward to the 2010 Legislative Session –

- *Reviewing Election Laws*
- *Looking at new ways to generate additional revenue.*
- *“Green Square”(the property that the old Department of Education Building is on.)*
- *Blount Street Project (north of the Governor's Mansion)*
- *Improved transit*

Representative Ross stated that she wanted all of us to feel free to contact her at any time with any further questions or concerns. Email address : Deborah.ross@ncleg.net

4. Carolina Pines Lake Dam Project: Scott Bryan Project Manager

The Carolina Pines Dam was built between 1946 – 1952, the City of Raleigh took over the maintenance on the dam in 1978.

Carolina Pines Dam has overtopped twice and is on the city lake preservation list. The state of North Carolina has designated the dam as a “small, high hazard dam.” As a result, the people who live in Oleander Park should get flood insurance if they do not already have it.

*Plan details were given with the announcement that Lake Wheeler Road **WILL BE CLOSED** for approximately six – eight (6-8) months beginning in December (weather permitting) or January between Oleander and Henslowe, therefore, anyone traveling between Lake Wheeler Rd and South Saunders St. will have to find an alternate route for that period of time.*

Lake levels will be lowered by approximately 4 feet during the construction period. As the project begins, citizens along Carolina Pines Avenue will be receiving more information from the city and information will be published in the News and Observer.

When the project is finished, this section of Lake Wheeler Road, because it is a 41 foot wide minor collector street, will have curbs and gutters and a sidewalk. The project will cost approximately \$ 1.1 million.

Join us for the next meeting of the South West CAC on October 12th for all of the meeting details not just the highlights!

October ESL Classes

Spanish for Kids

Children learn foreign languages much more easily than adults do. Now is the perfect time to give your child a jump start on learning Spanish. In this class, kids will learn basic greetings, shapes, dates, colors, shapes, and more. They will also learn Spanish songs and break open a piñata! Class is held at Brier Creek Community Center held every Wednesday from 6 – 7 pm starting October 7th and running to October 28th. The cost is \$30 for participants 6 – 11 years old.

Robbery Prevention

Across North Carolina there have been an increased number of robberies. A Raleigh Police Officer will teach participants robbery prevention and how to keep you and your loved ones safe. This free class is open to all ages and held at Barwell Road Community Center on Wednesday October 7th from 8 – 9 pm.

For more information e-mail eslstaff@ci.raleigh.nc.us or call 919-831-6844.



City of Raleigh's Landlord Training Program



Approved NC Real Estate Commission CE & State Bar CLE Electives, & PROP Course

The City of Raleigh, in partnership with property managers and the legal community, has prepared a training course to help landlords enhance the quality of living on their properties.

The course includes information on applicant screening, rental agreements, warning signs of drug and gang activity, crisis resolution, and the Probationary Rental Occupancy Permit (PROP) and Rental Dwelling Registration ordinances.

This 1-day course provides practical tips on how to reduce the likelihood of nuisance violations and drug, gang and illegal activity occurring in and around rental property.

Approved Training Course:

- NC Real Estate Commission CE Elective (4 hours)
- NC State Bar CLE Elective (6 hours)
- Satisfies PROP ordinance training requirement

For registration information, contact
Christine Alston at (919) 996-6100 or
Christine.alston@ci.raleigh.nc.us

Date: February 18, 2009
May 20, 2009
October 14, 2009

Time: 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM*
**Registration begins at 8:00 AM. Course starts at 8:30.*

Location:
971 Harp St, Raleigh
Raleigh Housing Authority
Multi-Purpose Room

General Registration:
Pre-registration & reserved seat: \$25

NCREC CE Registration:
Pre-registration & reserved seat: \$25

State Bar CLE Registration:
Pre-registration & reserved seat: \$175

Registration fee covers cost of training manual, handouts, lunch, and CE credits (if applicable). Light refreshments also will be provided.

Neighborhood Services News & Announcements

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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NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM

Neighborhood-based associations are eligible for grants of up to \$5,000 for projects that strengthen and improve neighborhoods and enhance a sense of community. The City's Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grant Program provides funds for projects designed by residents themselves for the betterment of their neighborhoods. To apply for a grant, a neighborhood association must be listed on the Neighborhood Registry or have a working partnership with a Citizens Advisory Council.

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CITIZEN AREA LIAISON

WANT TO ORGANIZE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?
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.

CONTACT: Luis Olivieri-Robert (919) 996-5714 • Sheila Lynch (919) 996-5713

CITIZEN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Everything you always wanted to know about the City of Raleigh, but were afraid to ask...



Raleigh Neighborhood College provides a free series of classes on how the City of Raleigh works and what keeps it running. Informative and fun sessions with other knowledge thirsty Raleigh citizens.

APPLY: Fall 2009 session - Thursday nights from Sept. 10—Dec. 3 at 6:00PM (Graduation Dec. 3rd) Peace College, (Dinner served at 5:30 PM)

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CITIZENS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Residents of Raleigh can develop and build on their civic leadership skills by attending the Citizens Leadership Academy. The Academy is a free educational program for those who wish to become stronger neighborhood leaders and more active participants in civic life.

APPLY: Fall 2009 session - Thursday nights from Sept. 3—Nov. 19 (6PM—8PM) Glen Eden Pilot Park Neighborhood Center, 1500 Glen Eden Drive, Raleigh (Dinner served at 5:30 PM) **CONTACT:** Kevin Smith (919) 996-5716 • kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us