



SouthWest Sentinel

monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

SWCAC meetings
2nd Mondays
7:00 p.m.
Carolina Pines
Community Center
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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

Gang Tip Hotline
890-3904

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NO NOVEMBER MEETING...

Because November 12 is Veteran's Day, celebrate our brave soldiers, present and past, on that day and attend two of the three November meetings listed below.

CARALEIGH COMMUNITY WATCH -

Monday, November 5, 7:30 p.m., 118 Summit Avenue

There will be a very important discussion of a infill project, planned for Maywood Avenue, that divides a lot so that another house can be built beside the existing house. The designer of the project will be present.

PLEASANT RIDGE/RAMSGATE COMMUNITY WATCH -

Monday, November 5, 7:00 p.m., Temple of Pentecost (formerly First United Pentecost Church), 2312 Lake Wheeler Road- drive around to the back and look for the signs.

Speakers at this meeting include Police Chief Dolan, Crime Prevention Officer Barbie Upchurch, and Lyn Buck of the SPCA of Wake County. Also there will be a Cookie Exchange - bring a couple dozen of your favorite homemade cookies, share, taste others' cookies, and take some home.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR NEXT GENERATION -

Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., McKimmon Conference and Training Center, NCSU, 1101 Gorman Street (corner of Gorman and Western Boulevard with great amount of parking space!)

We are part of the first round of city-wide public workshops that will help develop the vision for our future and determine how we will manage growth and our precious resources. Come to the meeting and share your thoughts about economic growth, quality neighborhoods, historic preservation, parks and greenways, transportation networks. You can make a difference if you choose to get involved.

Raleigh's population today: 368,000

Raleigh's projected population in 2030: 700,000

NEXT SW CAC MEETING-DEC. 10, 2007

Community Services Department



Now accepting applications for Spring 2008 Leadership Institute

The Citizens Participation Leadership Institute is a program offered by the City of Raleigh and Shaw University. Classes are free of charge and meet on Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m. with dinner served each session in the Shaw University cafeteria. The Community Services Department is now accepting applications for the Spring 2008 classes. 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 Spring, 2008 session is currently planned to start in March. Classes are free of charge and meet on Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m. with dinner served each session in the Peace College cafeteria. 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.



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.



Neighborhood Association Registry

This program enhances citizen involvement by providing communication and partnering between various neighborhood organizations 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

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2008 Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange



The 5th Annual Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange is scheduled for September 19 & 20, 2008 at the new Raleigh Convention Center! The event consists of interactive information sessions addressing neighborhood related issues. Dynamic keynote speakers share neighborhood empowerment successes from other cities. Please join us as we seek to maintain the high quality of life our citizens currently enjoy. We look forward to your attendance at next year's conference!

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.