



SouthWest Sentinel

Monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

November 9, 2009

Carolina Pines Community Center

2305 Lake Wheeler Road

7:00 p.m.

SWCAC meetings
2nd Mondays
7:00 p.m.
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Raleigh Police (District 26)
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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
Will be giving us safety tips along with alerting us to crimes in our neighborhoods.
2. Parks & Recreation report - Nickey Brewster
Nickey will be sharing with us the many activities for children of all ages, including school track-out days.
CP Community Center also coordinates activities (including trips) for our seniors.
3. Commercial Activity at the corner of South Wilmington Street and Tryon Road
the plan for Renaissance Park includes three blocks of retail with this corner corner block being developed first. At this time Amelia Park LLC the parent of Renaissance Park, is planning to fill that first block with GOLDEN CORRAL and Strayer University. Representatives from Amelia Park LLC and Golden Corral will join us to discuss their plan and to hear our ideas.
This will be the time to express your opinions about what type of businesses you will be willing to support in that area.
4. America Recycles Day
5. Old and new business
6. Awarding of door prizes - this time from the SPCA of Wake County
7. Adjournment on or before 9:00 p.m.

The Police Department has recently released its 2009-2014 strategic plans. Please link on the following to review:http://www.raleigh-nc.org/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_138213_0_0_18/RPD_Strategic_Plan_2009_2014.pdf

Notes of Interest – November 9th , 2009 SW CAC Meeting

SPECIAL NOTE...

On Wednesday evening, October 21, RCAC and Southwest CAC awarded its 2009 Neighborhood Recognition Award to Centennial Parkway/NCSU Centennial Campus Development.

Accepting the award for the University were Belinda McKoy, Deputy Director for NC State Grounds Management and Horace Blue, Centennial Campus Zone Grounds Manager.

NCDOT designed and built Centennial Parkway and then left its maintenance to NCSU and the City of Raleigh. The NCSU side was always well-maintained. In recent years NCSU voluntarily took over the entire maintenance task. The University has added plant materials to the median. They continue replacing trees and shrubs as needed along with keeping the grass cut on the median and both sides of the road. And...they "manicure" the curbs and keep the trash picked up.

Centennial Parkway now is one of the most attractive streets in all of southwest Raleigh! Thank you, again, NCSU and Centennial Campus Development team.

Pictured Below:

Council Member-At Large – Russ Stephenson – Award Recipients : Horace Blue & Belinda McKoy – South West CAC Chairperson - Mary Belle Pate





FTC RELEASES NEW VIDEO FOR CONSUMERS FACING DEBT COLLECTION

During uncertain economic times, it's especially important that people not only know how to manage their debt, but also their interactions with debt collectors. To remind people of their rights – and debt collectors of their obligations – the Federal Trade Commission is featuring a [new video](#) at www.ftc.gov/MoneyMatters. The video is also [available in Spanish; just click this link](#).

The video highlights the rights of consumers whose debts have gone into collection, and the rules of behavior for debt collectors. And it has a friendly reminder that asserting your rights gives you a voice, but doesn't make your debt disappear.

The FTC's Money Matters website offers a wealth of information about spotting and avoiding scams and rip-offs when dealing with mortgages or loan modifications, using job placement services, and applying for credit and loans, in addition to coping with debt.

We hope you'll take a look at the two-minute animated video and www.ftc.gov/MoneyMatters, post a link to it, and share our resources with your network. In addition, please feel free to read, download and distribute the [FTC's consumer alert](#) and our [Facts for Consumers publication](#) on debt collection. These and other materials are also available at the [FTC's website in Spanish](#). FTC educational products are in the public domain: there's no copyright, and everything is available for free from www.ftc.gov/bulkorder.

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CITY OF RALEIGH TO COLLECT GREASE AT THE CURB AS PART OF PILOT PROGRAM TO PREVENT SEWER OVERFLOWS

During the holiday season, Raleigh residents will be able to dispose of cooking oil by setting it on the curb along with their garbage, recycling and yard waste. The City Council voted **unanimously** to approve a pilot program for curbside grease collection.

The goal of the pilot program is to protect the environment by keeping cooking grease out of the City's sewer system and preventing sewer overflows. The collected grease will be converted to biofuels, a renewable source of energy used to power vehicles, heat homes and cook food.

The pilot program for curbside collection of unused or unwanted cooking oil will be conducted for two and a half months during the holiday season months of November, December and January. The holiday season was selected for the program because of the high amounts of grease usually generated at this time from holiday gatherings. Churches and synagogues in Raleigh will be able to participate in the pilot program, in addition to the approximately 110,000 households in the Capital City that receive recycling, trash and yard waste collection from the City. The service will be provided for free.

The pilot program will be a joint effort of the City of Raleigh's Public Utilities, Solid Waste Services and Public Affairs departments and Triangle Biofuels Industries Inc. Triangle Biofuels will reimburse the City 25 cents for each gallon of cooking oil collected, and convert the material to biofuels. Only animal or vegetable cooking oil will be collected at the curb in the pilot program. Motor oil and other petroleum products will not be accepted and should continue to be taken to Wake County's drop-off facilities at 9037 Deponie Drive in Raleigh or 6130 Old Smithfield Road in Apex.

With the pilot program, Raleigh residents and places of worship will have to call the City's Solid Waste Services Department, 996-6890, to arrange for the curbside collection of animal or vegetable cooking oil. The oil must be placed in a sealable and preferably clear container marked as "cooking oil." Examples of containers that can be used are milk jugs, juice cartons with screw-on caps, coffee cans or the cooking oil's original non-glass container. Glass containers will not be accepted. Households will place the container with grease on the curb on their designated weekly trash collection day. The City will make arrangements with churches and synagogues to pick up their cooking oil. The amount of cooking oil to be collected from each household or place of worship must be at least half a gallon. City Solid Waste Department vehicles will take the collected cooking oil to two large bulk containers provided and maintained by Triangle Biofuels.

Only Raleigh households, churches and synagogues will be allowed to participate in the curbside grease collection pilot program. The program will not be extended to residents and places of worship in the six outlying towns served by the City of Raleigh's Public Utilities Department --- Garner, Knightdale, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell and Zebulon.

The Town of Cary conducted a similar curbside grease collection pilot program during the holiday season last year. Cary officials said the pilot program was very successful. To prepare Capital City residents, the City of Raleigh will make additional public announcements about its curbside grease collection pilot program as the holiday season approaches.

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.

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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