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

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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

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# SouthWest Sentinel

Monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

December 14th, 2009  
 Carolina Pines Community Center  
 2305 Lake Wheeler Road  
 7:00 p.m.

**\*\*Special Note\*\***

**PLEASE BRING NEW SOCKS AND/OR UNDERWEAR FOR EITHER MEN OR WOMEN TO THIS MEETING.**

*These items will be our Holiday gifts to our neighbors, the Men and Women of the Healing Place for Men and The Healing Place for Women.*

## AGENDA

1. *Police report and safety suggestions – Officer Upchurch*
2. *Parks and Recreation activities - Nickey Brewster*
3. *The Healing Place – Executive Director - Dennis Parnell*
  - Located in Northwest Raleigh, Mr. Parnell will be explaining the purpose of our valuable neighbors, The Healing Place for Women and The Healing Place for Men. Also updating us on their most recent accomplishments.
4. *Major Strategy Session:*  
*Topics to be covered:*
  - Discussion of funding with NCDOT for Railroad Bridge on Tryon Rd.
  - Persuading the City of Raleigh to construct sidewalks on S. Saunders and S. Wilmington Streets.
  - Also discussing with the City of Raleigh the need for a sidewalk to be constructed at least on one side of Maywood Ave. between S. Saunders St. and Lake Wheeler Rd. now.
  - Requesting that the City of Raleigh return the funding originally intended for the section of Tryon Road from Lake Wheeler Rd. to S. Wilmington St. ( The original funding was diverted to complete the widening of Tryon Rd. between Dillard Dr. and Cary.) Those funds should be returned for their original location on Tryon Rd.
  - Discussion concerning the request to Wake Co. Public School System (WCPSS) to build a school between the Peach Rd. area and Renaissance Park.
5. *City of Raleigh Budget Hearing, to be held in January.*
6. *Old and New Business*
7. *Adjournment : 8:55 PM*

*This December meeting needs each of you reading this newsletter to come ready to work together in order to improve our quality of life... and to bring a neighbor with you.*

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!**

**LEGISLATION CHANGES HOW N.C. CITIES CONSIDER  
DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

The North Carolina General Assembly has approved legislation that changes the way Raleigh and other municipalities in the state consider subdivision plans, site plans and variances.

At its Nov. 3 meeting, the Raleigh City Council authorized City Attorney Thomas McCormick and City Planning Director Mitchell Silver to draft a text change that will bring the City's policies into compliance with the new state law. The proposed text change will be presented to the City Council for its consideration.

The new state law takes effect on Jan. 1. Specifically, it will change municipalities' notification process for proposed subdivision plans, site plans and variances. For example, municipalities will have to notify a larger number of citizens who live near the area of a proposed development or variance site. Also under the legislation, municipalities may have to conduct quasi-judicial hearings on proposed subdivision plans, site plans and variances. Municipalities hold quasi-judicial hearings to receive sworn testimony to help determine if a development application complies with their ordinances. The Raleigh City Council must decide whether it, the Planning Commission or both the council and the Planning Commission may hold these quasi-judicial hearings.

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*To Each of you, A very special wish for a wonderfully happy  
And Safe December holiday and a joyous beginning to 2010!*

# 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. 3<sup>rd</sup>) 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](mailto:kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us)