



SouthWest Sentinel February 2006

monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 13, 2006 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. **District 26 Police report** – Officer Upchurch
2. **Parks and Recreation report** - Robert Stewart
3. **CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)** training information- Nicole Sullivan, member of the SERA-Public Safety Issue Team, will tell about this approach to addressing crime in our neighborhoods and how we can sign up for training sessions that teach us how to make our homes and neighborhoods safer for everyone.
4. **Section 8 Housing** - Allison Hapgood is the Raleigh Housing Authority staffer who will educate us about all issues related to Section 8 housing that exists throughout the SW CAC area.
5. **Rezoning case Z-18-06** - petitioner, David J. Martin Irrevocable Trust, seeks to change 3.64 acres on Durham Drive from Industrial-1 to O&I-1CUD. To read about case link to <http://www.raleighnc.gov/rezoning>
6. *Old business*
7. *New business*

Reminders...

The public, high school students, parents and teachers are invited to the annual Open House at the College of Textiles on the Centennial Campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. February 11. No registration is required. This a great opportunity to see how textiles have evolved and how Kevlar (think protective materials for our police officers and for our soldiers) and other valuable materials are created. If you have never toured Centennial Campus, you should plan to attend this event.

FROM THE JANUARY SW CAC MEETING...

At the January 9 SW CAC meeting we learned about our neighbors residing at Lennox Chase on Lake Wheeler Road. The 37-unit complex is the first supportive rental housing project in Raleigh, and as such, is quite successful with its low occupancy turnover. Each studio apartment contains approximately 500 square feet. For more details, check out their web site. http://www.dhic.org/apartment_communities/wake_co/lennox_chase.html.

From Ana Kimsey, of the Community Development Department we learned about their programs which includes a new pilot forgivable loan program for housing rehab for households earning less than 50% of the area median income (e.g., up to \$35,650 for a family of four) who own a home in a low-income census tract. The first \$10,000 can be forgiven after five years and another \$35,000 forgiven after 15 years if program requirements are met. For many this will mean no payments need to be made to the City. Call the Community Development at 857-4330 or go to http://raleighnc.gov/publications/Community_Development/Pilot_Program_Fact_Sheet.pdf.

SWCAC meetings
2nd Mondays
7:00 p.m.
Carolina Pines
Community Center
2305 Lake Wheeler Rd.

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Mary Belle Pate
772-9460

Community Specialist:
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831-6099

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
Robert Stewart
831-6435

Housing Inspections
807-5110

Graffiti Hotline:
831-6001
graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us
Gang Tip Hotline
890-3904

Next we learned all about The Oaks of Carolina from Director Sissy McCoy and Director of Nursing Services Lynn Adams. UHS-Pruitt chose the Lake Wheeler Road site for its 150-bed nursing center. This is not your ordinary nursing home. The spacious building contains a rehabilitation therapy facility, an Alzheimer's facility, upscale dining, concierge services, activity center, chapel and coffee shop. Both ladies were totally enthusiastic about The Oaks of Carolina and invited us to the ribbon-cutting held Thursday, January 11.

SPECIAL PLACES IN SOUTHWEST CAC: CARALEIGH MILL

Caraleigh Mill, located at 421 Maywood Avenue, is a designated a Raleigh Historic Landmark and is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places. As one of three surviving late nineteenth century textile mills in Raleigh, the original 1892 mill building is an excellent example of the then-popular Italianate style of architecture that was widely adopted for industrial buildings. Hallmarks of this style, including full-height pilasters surmounted by brackets, decorative brickwork, and segmental-arched windows, remain intact and are grandly displayed on the two-story brick building. The roof is opened by an intact monitor that allows natural light into the interior of the main building. The original 1892 mill building was quickly joined by a rear brick addition in 1900, and later expansions to house furnaces, machine shops, and warehouses date from around 1910, 1919 and the late 1950s. The mill complex gave rise to a late-nineteenth, early twentieth-century mill village of small brick and frame houses that stands today as an extremely rare surviving example of period workers' housing in Raleigh. The Caraleigh Mill company was chartered in 1891 by a group of prominent Raleigh businessmen. The president of the company was Alfred Augustus Thompson who served as mayor of Raleigh from 1886 to 1887, and who also was president of the Commercial National Bank. Mr. Thompson and his board purchased a tract adjacent to the Norfolk-Southern Railroad in what was then an undeveloped section south of the Capital City. Brick for the building construction was provided by Goodwin's brickyard located on present-day US 401, and a spur line was constructed from the railroad to the mill building. Maywood Avenue, the main street of the adjacent mill village, was laid out, and the Caraleigh Mill, so named to commemorate "Carolina" and "Raleigh," commenced production of sheet goods. Between 1892 and the late 1920s, the mill company flourished and claimed the distinction of being the largest of the six mills in Raleigh. In 1892, the mill employed 235 adults who earned \$12 to \$13 a week, and by the 1920s, workers were earning between \$40 and \$50 a weeks. However, the mid-1920s saw a gut of textile manufacturing capacity in the United States, and that, together with the 1929 crash, precipitated the closing of Caraleigh Mill in 1929. In 1938 the mill was reopened under new management, and in 1943 was sold to the Lawton Company that produced raw yarn. In 1952, the mill again changed hands and was renamed American Woolen, and was then transferred to the Fred Whitaker Company that produced synthetics there from 1956 to 1999. When the mill closed in 1999, it attracted broad interest from developers who wished to redevelop the property. Ultimately, Vaughn King, a local builder and developer, acquired the property and converted it into a condominium community that showcases the building's original heavy-timber construction, hardwood floors, and expansive natural lighting. These historic features, together with modern amenities including a clubroom, fitness center, putting green, and dog park, have attracted a vibrant new community to the historic Caraleigh neighborhood. This combination of the historic architectural ambiance together with 21st-century convenience within a mile of downtown Raleigh gives the Southwest CAC a unique resource that makes us very special. (by SWCAC member Linda Edmisten)



Ask Zelda



Dear Zelda:

How was your Christmas this year? I know you were probably hobnobbing with the stars again up in Aspen or somewhere equally as glamorous. I have just been amazed at your meteoric rise to fame here in the good ole City of Oaks. I'm such a great fan of yours – you have become quite a leader in our local government – I'm just dripping with envy. Being kind of a shy guy, I have been trying to get up the courage to write this letter and humbly ask you a few things about leadership. I really would like to get past my shyness and become a stronger contributor to this wonderful place where I live and become more active in keeping our quality of life intact. I know that involves becoming more active, but I'm just a common bloke with no leadership abilities – speaking in public scares the bjeeevies out of me and I'm afraid the audience would crack up if I even tried to address City Council – I don't know the first thing about networking (does that have anything to do with local TV stations?) – I haven't the foggiest notion on how to gather the support of other citizens in my neighborhood – I'm a poor communicator, both orally and in the written word – and if I tried to conduct a meeting, I would probably collapse at the podium.. Is there any hope for me?

Sincerely,

Mr. Jay Dufus

Dear Mr. Dufus,

*Why yes, I do have hope for you! As luck would have it – I have just the prescription for “what ails you.” I have the antidote for your problem. Now, I must admit, most citizens out there are not as bad off as you are, but I'm going to take you on as a special case. If I can help you, I can help anyone! I haven't met a problem I couldn't tackle with great finesse, and you will be no exception – I'm absolutely sure!!! The City of Raleigh Community Services Department is offering a new leadership development program called the **CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE**, starting in March 2006. There will be 15 class sessions on Thursday evenings that will give you tips, skills and actual practice sessions for developing or improving your leadership skills. No need to worry about paying for those high-priced seminars – this one is currently being offered at no charge and is geared toward helping improve skills and knowledge for becoming more effective right from the grassroots level – so you can make improvements starting right in your very own neighborhood!. This is definitely for the person who is looking to become more involved in his community and local government. However, there is one **warning** – participation may become habit-forming, leading to a constant desire to improve one's neighborhood which will surely have the side-effect of improving Raleigh. So, be very careful when you make this commitment - first, your neighborhood, then Raleigh, then the world!!! Are you craving more information? Well, take a look at the course line-up below, and then **give us a call down at Community Services (831-6100)**. We will keep you posted on developments – and the chance to sign-up for the first ever founding class in this premiere civic educational experience!!!!!! Don't miss your chance to get on this train - spaces will be limited and only a limited number of tickets will be available for the spring session. So, quit whining and get moving!*

Sincerely,

Zelda Knows@lot

Introducing

The Citizens' Participation & Leadership Institute

A citizen's guide to developing civic leadership skills

Goal Oriented Civic Leadership Development Series

Sponsored by the City of Raleigh Community Services Department

"A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm."~ Henrik Ibsen

Vision: The City of Raleigh Community Services Department seeks to reach out and identify citizens who want to become exemplary leaders within their neighborhood, their community and ultimately, in the City of Raleigh. We are seeking those citizens who want to be a part of positive change in Raleigh and who are willing to put forth extra effort in order to achieve greater understanding of the responsibilities and benefits of positive, goal oriented leadership

Mission: To offer each and every citizen in the City of Raleigh the opportunity to discover leadership skills and knowledge to promote and enhance their civic engagement. Toward this goal, the City of Raleigh will work to educate participants from diverse backgrounds, develop stronger working relationships, identify and build leadership within groups and provide a stronger basis for interaction within the City of Raleigh and its populace.

Track 1: LEADERS IN THE KNOW (5 class sessions)

These sessions explore techniques of leadership and group processes. Skill sets are defined and identified to foster leadership development. Emphasis is placed on leadership styles and the responsibilities of leadership. Upon completion, students will have access to the foundation for identification and analysis of a personal philosophy and style of leadership and will be able to integrate these concepts in various practical situations.

- 101. WHAT IS A LEADER? - March 2
- 102. RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP: - March 9
- 103. LEADING FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE PACK: March 16
- 104. LEADERSHIP IN ACTION: - March 23
- 105. IN THE LEADER'S CIRCLE: - March 30

Track 2: THE LEADER AS COMMUNICATOR (5 class sessions)

This course will provide instruction and experience in oral and written types of communication to be used within a formal or informal setting or group discussion. Upon completion, participants should have the basic information and tips needed to further develop their verbal and written communications as well as confidence-building techniques for presentations and working with groups.

- 201. CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD COMMUNICATOR -April 6
- 202. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: Practicing Your Skills April 13
- 203. PERSONAL PRESENTATION: Your Chance to Shine! - April 20
- 204. A MODEL PRACTICE SESSION - April 27
- 205. RECOGNIZING DIVERSITY - May 4

Track 3: THE ART OF FACILITATION (5 class sessions)

This course will provide instruction and techniques for group and meeting facilitation. Upon completion, participants will gain the basic skills to facilitate meetings in an orderly and efficient manner.

- 301. BASIC GROUP FACILITATION: TIPS & TECHNIQUES - Thursday, May 11, 2006
- 302. MAINTAINING DECORUM - Thursday, May 18, 2006
- 303. CONFLICT RESOLUTION & PROBLEM SOLVING - Thursday, May 25, 2006
- 304. BUILDING YOUR SUPPORT BASE - Thursday, June 1, 2006
- 305. NETWORKING & SHARING- Thursday, June 8, 2006

Community Services Department News

Raleigh Neighborhood College

The Neighborhood College is a program offered by the City of Raleigh in partnership with Wake County. The Spring 2006 session registration will start in January. It will last 13 weeks with classes that provide information on several different kinds of City services, as well as County services.

Students in the Neighborhood College will have a chance to meet and interact with City staff, County staff, and other Raleigh residents to learn things about government you always wanted to know, but didn't know who to ask! Classes are either on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at different City locations. Only 25 students are accepted per session. For more details, including brochure or application, contact us at 831-6100.

Citizen Leadership Development

The Community Services Department has worked hard to design a leadership-training event for you and your neighbors. We are aligning a series of thought-provoking workshops geared to sharpen your skills in community building. Now is the time to organize your neighbors, colleagues, and friends to be a part of the Leadership Development Workshops. See article above.

Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants 2005-2006

The Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grant Program awards grants up to \$5,000 to neighborhood-serving or neighborhood-based organizations and individuals to initiate projects designed to benefit your particular neighborhood. Projects can be physical or social in nature, but must *emphasize neighborhood input and involvement*, and be able to prove how the project will benefit the neighborhood. Let's do it! Call 831-6100 for details.

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 831-6100.

September: 'Neighborhoods Month'. Every day, Every month. Coming soon: 2006 events: 3rd Annual Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange! SEPT. 2006 Mark your calendars.

Neighborhood Clean-Ups

Spring is just six weeks away. These community activities will start in the month of March. Coordinated by SWS and Community Services is a great opportunity to improve your neighborhood while getting people of all ages involved. If interested on planning one, call your community specialist at 831-6099.

