



# SouthWest Sentinel

monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

**Next meeting: Monday, January 8, 2006**

**Carolina Pines Community Center  
2305 Lake Wheeler Road  
7:00 p.m.**



1. Raleigh Police Department report – Captain Mise/Officer Upchurch
2. Parks and Recreation Department report – Nicky Brewster
3. Dog Park at Carolina Pines Park? – Join the discussion about the possibility of such a park. If we support a dog park, will Raleigh Parks & Rec. support buying park land in the Lineberry/Pleasant Ridge area?
4. Request for a permit to sell alcoholic beverages at Volume II Tavern, 658 Maywood Avenue.
5. Another Board of Adjustment case – Mark W. Albrecht, property owner, appeals for a Special Use Permit per Code Section 10-2144 to operate a limited home business (a mobile carpentry installation service) with 1 outside employee in the Residential – 4 zoning district at 2400 Lake Wheeler Road.
6. SW CAC requests for Raleigh City Council Budget Hearing that will be held Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.
7. Updates on issues discussed in 2006, including Renaissance Park.
8. Topics/issues for SW CAC 2007 meetings.



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

**Chairperson:**  
**Mary Belle Pate**  
772-9460

**Community Specialist:**  
**Rebecca J. Brown**  
831-6100  
[R.J.Brown@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:R.J.Brown@ci.raleigh.nc.us)

**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**  
Nicky Brewster  
831-6435

**Graffiti Hotline:**  
831-6001

[graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us)  
**Gang Tip Hotline**  
890-3904

# City of Raleigh COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



## *Immanuel Kant's Categorical Imperative*

*What kind of world would it be if everyone behaved as I do?  
What kind of schools would we have if every parent paid as little attention to them as I do?  
What kind of neighborhood would mine be if all my neighbors paid the same attention to it that I pay?*

**ALL ABOARD, RALEIGH CITIZENS !  
COME ONE, COME ALL .....LAST CALL FOR LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE APPLICATIONS  
Registration Deadline is January 11, 2007**



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The *Citizens' Participation Leadership Institute* has been accepting applications for the upcoming 2007 session, which will commence on January 25, 2007 and run through April 19, 2007. You can obtain an application on line at [www.raleigh-nc.org](http://www.raleigh-nc.org) or contact Charlene Willard at 831-6095 ([Charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us)). Don't be left behind this time!

## **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 or e-mail [Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us).



## *Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants 2006*

The Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants Program awards grants up to \$5,000 to neighborhood-serving or neighborhood-based organizations and individuals to initiate projects designed to benefit your neighborhood. All recipient groups must be enrolled with our *Neighborhood Association Registry*. Projects can be physical or social in nature, but must emphasize neighborhood input and involvement and be able to demonstrate how the project will benefit the neighborhood. Let's do it! For details call 831-6100 or e-mail [Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us).

## *Raleigh Neighborhood College*

The Neighborhood College is a program offered by the City of Raleigh in partnership with Wake County. **Registration has begun for Spring 2007.** 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 the things about government you always wanted to know, but didn't know who to ask! Classes are on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at various City locations. Only 25 students are accepted per session. For more details, including brochure or application, contact us at 831-6100.



## *Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange: "Many Neighborhoods . . . One Raleigh!"*

The Neighborhood Exchange Citizens Committee in partnership with the City of Raleigh's Community Services Department held its third successful Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange on September 8-9, 2006 at the Raleigh Sheraton Downtown. Dynamic presentations by citizens and City of Raleigh staff provided useful and timely information. This event will convene annually every September as it has been proclaimed Neighborhoods Month in the City of Raleigh. Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange in September 14 - 15, 2007. Stay tuned for additional information! For details about previous and upcoming Neighborhood Exchanges call 831-6100.





**An Open Letter and Call to Action for all the  
Good Citizens of the Honorable, Prestigious, and Distinctive  
Municipality of Raleigh, NC**

Dear Fellow Citizens:

Do you feel that your local city government has become dull, lifeless and boring – full of text changes, repetitive ordinance rhetoric, reams of red tape, droning staff monologues at City Council meetings?

If so, you may have become a victim of an adverse malady called “beleaguered, bewildered citizen burn-out.” Left untended, this terrible affliction can lead to a dreaded, terminal condition known as “apathetic malaise syndrome” – more commonly known as a.m.s. Symptoms are insidious and vary widely, but may include little involvement in municipal affairs, distaste for government activities and requirements, and a lack of concern as to what is occurring in one’s very own neighborhood! Beware – this condition can be *highly contagious* and once it gains a foothold, can even spread to other neighborhoods near you - and before you know it, it can race out of control into a full-blown citydemic!

So friends, colleagues and Raleighites ... come to the aid of your community! Now is the time to take a stand against this foul affliction!

How, you may ask? Simple --- Get involved – first start caring about your own neighborhood and immediately begin to take steps toward citizen involvement! It can begin with a small dose, such as signing up for your CAC newsletter. Then, to expedite your recovery, actually go out and attend one of those meetings! Introduce yourself to the chairperson – look for opportunities to help. Consult the city’s website, explore the possibility of sitting on a board or commission. Attend the Raleigh Neighborhood College! Try the Citizens’ Participation Leadership Institute! Get on board to help out with the 2007 Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange ... or participate in the many other offerings that the Community Services Department has for each and every one of you! Don’t take this lying down – get up on your own two feet and shuffle out of your front door. If that fails, try picking up the telephone and dialing the Community Services Department at 831-6100. There *is* a way – now is the time for all good citizens to come to the aid of our communities!

So, don’t just sit there, get moving – and if you need a little more prodding still – then give ME a call and I will personally come over and provide a few sticks of dynamite to get you up out of that chair!!!! Tell me now – do you still need any more encouragement?????

Sincerely,  
Zelda Knowsalot