



SouthWest Sentinel

monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

SWCAC meetings
2nd 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

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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Next meeting: Monday, July 9, 2007

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

AGENDA

1. Raleigh Police Department report – Officer Upchurch
2. Parks and Recreation Department report – Nicky Brewster
3. Inspections report and issues – Jerry Mahler, City of Raleigh Housing Inspector
4. Yard waste concerns – Bianca Bradford, Raleigh Solid Waste Services
5. Duties and responsibilities of At-large Councilors – Joyce Kekas
6. The PROP – SERA endorsement of Criminal behavior
6. Old and new business

CONGRATULATIONS: The Dog Park at the Caraleigh Mills Condos was recognized as the Southwest CAC honoree at the annual RCAC Neighborhood Recognition Awards ceremony, held June 20, 2007.

REMINDER: July 2 was the first day of water conservation regulations. It is possible to have beautiful flowers, shrubs and trees and at the same time conserve water. Keys to success include the right soil amendments that retain water, mulches and watering early or late on your designated days.

ENTERTAINMENT/FUN: 4620 Lake Wheeler Road is the site for fishing, picnics, tours and other events. What's there? Historic Yates Mill Country Park. For more information, call (919) 856-6675 or check out the web site - www.wakegov.com/parks/yatesmill.

Community Services Department



Now accepting applications for Fall, 2007 Leadership Institute

The third class of the *Citizens' Participation Leadership Institute* graduated Thursday, April 26, 2007 at the Historic Tucker House. The Community Services Department is now accepting applications for the Fall, 2007 session which is scheduled to begin September 6, 2007. You can obtain an application on line at www.raleigh-nc.org or contact Kevin Smith at 831-6117. Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

Celebrating Neighborhoods Month

The quality of life in our city depends upon the quality of our neighborhoods. The city of Raleigh has been on the cutting edge of encouraging neighborhood involvement in the governance process, through our Citizen Advisory Councils (CACs), in order to improve the quality of its neighborhoods and the general quality of life in our city. The importance of our neighborhoods and participation of our citizenry has been further underscored by celebrating our neighborhoods during the month of September. Annually, the Mayor issues a proclamation designating September as "Neighborhoods Month". A citizens committee is currently planning weekend outdoor activities to celebrating individual neighborhoods. These outdoor activities may consist of a parade, tours of neighborhoods and a closing picnic or the hosting of a picnic in individual neighborhoods for those touring that particular community. For more information on Neighborhoods Month Celebrations, please contact Linda Graham at 919-831-6125 or linda.graham@ci.raleigh.nc.us. We look forward to your participation.

Fall, 2007 Registration Opens for Raleigh Neighborhood College



The Neighborhood College is a program offered by the City of Raleigh in partnership with Wake County. *The Fall, 2007 session begins September 6th* and lasts 13 weeks. Participants receive in-depth information on the services provided by City of Raleigh and Wake County governments. Students in the college will interact with City and County staff and other Raleigh residents to expand knowledge of municipal government processes and how to use this knowledge to improve your neighborhoods. Classes are free of charge and meet on Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m. with a light dinner served each session. 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.

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 831-6117 or e-mail Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us.



Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants 2007

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 831-6117 or e-mail Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

2007 Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange

The *Neighborhood Exchange Citizens Committee* in partnership with the City of Raleigh's Community Services Department is coordinating this year's event. This committee will take the lead role in developing and executing plans for the upcoming annual Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange. Mark your calendars for our *4th Annual Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange on September 14 - 15, 2007 at the McKimmon Center, N.C. State University*. For more information, please contact Charlene Willard at 831-6095 (Charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us) and remember to stay tuned for additional information!



"Save the Date"



WHO: All Raleigh Citizens
WHAT: 4th Annual *Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange*
WHEN: Friday, September 14, 2007
Saturday, September 15, 2007
WHERE: Jane S. McKimmon Center
1101 Gorman Street at Western Blvd.
WHY? Hear engaging topics of community interest and actively participate in enhancing our quality of life for the future and well-being of our very own Raleigh neighborhoods.
For further information, contact
Charlene Willard, Community Specialist
charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us or call 919/831-6095

City of Raleigh Aquatic Study

This study shall assess both the quantity and quality of aquatic leisure services and opportunities provided by the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department and will also include a review of existing public and private pools; a market and demographic analysis; needs assessment; potential costs; recommended implementation and a prioritized strategy for the future. The study will have an active public participation element that will consist of stakeholder meetings, public meetings, survey and study website. **Below is a list of remaining public meeting dates, times and locations.**

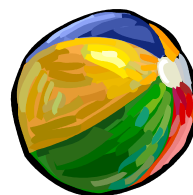
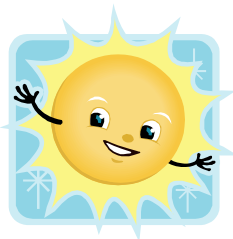
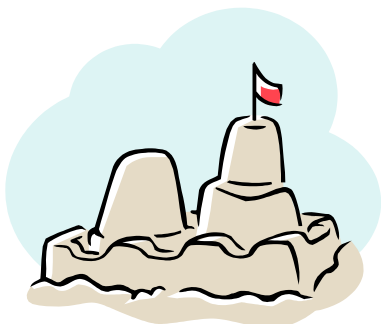
Tuesday July 24th 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

LOCATION:

Municipal Building
(Rm 201 – City Council Chambers)
222 West Hargett Street
Raleigh, NC 27602

Visit www.raleighnc.gov/parkplan under Aquatic Study for more information.

Comments and questions are welcome and may be sent to: aquaticstudy@ci.raleigh.nc.us or call 890-3285 for more information.





RALEIGH WATER CUSTOMER YEAR-ROUND LAWN IRRIGATION RULES - Questions & Answers

On May 15, the Raleigh City Council approved mandatory year-round lawn irrigation water conservation measures for City of Raleigh water customers. Below are answers to the most frequently asked questions about the new rules.

Q: When do the new year-round lawn irrigation water conservation measures take effect?

A: Monday, July 2, 2007

Q: Who will be impacted by the new mandatory rules?

A: The new measures will apply to all City of Raleigh water customers, including those in nearby towns that have merged their water and sewer systems with Raleigh and now receive water from the Capital City. Those towns are Garner, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Knightdale, Wendell and Zebulon.

Q: Which lawn irrigation systems are covered by the new year-round lawn irrigation water conservation rules?

A: Specifically, the regulations will apply to the use of automatic and non-automatic irrigation systems and hose-attached sprinklers. Beginning July 2, Raleigh water customers will be allowed to use these types of lawn irrigation systems only three days a week to water lawns and outdoor plants. Raleigh water customers who have odd-numbered addresses can water anytime of day on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Even-numbered addresses can water anytime of day on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Lawn watering by automatic or non-automatic irrigation systems or hose-attached sprinklers is **not** allowed at all on Monday.

Q: What if I use a hand-held water hose to irrigate my lawn and outdoor plants?

A: City of Raleigh water customers who use hand-held hoses will be exempt from the mandatory year-round rules and can water lawns and outdoor plants at anytime, but must be holding the hose.

Q: What are the penalties for violating the year-round lawn irrigation water conservation rules?

A: A written notice will be issued for a first violation of the mandatory measures once observed by Raleigh Public Utilities staff. A second violation will be a \$50 fine, and a third violation will result in a \$200 civil penalty. A fourth violation will be interruption of the customer's water service till compliance with these requirements is assured.

Q: Why is the City of Raleigh implementing these mandatory year-round lawn irrigation rules?

A: The new rules were among the recommendations made by the City's Water Conservation Task Force in a comprehensive report to the City Council in the summer of 2006. New water supply sources are very expensive and very difficult to develop. The City is implementing the new water conservation rules to extend the capacity of the City's current and future water supply sources, especially in times of severe drought. Several North Carolina municipalities already have similar lawn irrigation restrictions, including Cary, Greensboro and Fayetteville.

Q: In addition to complying with the new mandatory year-round lawn irrigation water conservation rules that go into effect on July 2, what can City of Raleigh water customers do voluntarily to help conserve water?

A: For more information, please visit the City's website at www.raleighnc.gov or contact the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department, 857-4540, or the City's Public Affairs Department at 890-3100.





Sec. 8-2175. MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS.

It *shall* be unlawful for any *person* to use water from the *public water supply system* of the *City* in violations of the following mandatory water *conservation* restrictions:

- (a) All Stage 1 mandatory conservation restrictions and rules as set forth by any ordinance adopted by the City Council.
- (b) All Stage 2 mandatory conservation restrictions and rules as set forth by any ordinance adopted by the City Council.
- (c) Every day mandatory water conservation restrictions
 - (1) To use water from City of Raleigh *public water supply* for *automatic and non-automatic irrigation systems* and for *hose end sprinklers* except:
 - a. *Properties* with **ODD** numbered addresses *may* water lawns and landscapes only on **TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY**.
 - b. *Properties* with **EVEN** numbered addresses *may* water lawns and landscapes only on **WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY and SUNDAY**.

No automatic or non-automatic irrigation systems or hose end sprinklers shall be operated on MONDAY.

Notwithstanding the limitations of subsections a and b above, *City certified automatic irrigation system* installations *approved* pursuant to section 8-2169 *may* be operated on the days and at times determined by the system controller sensors for weather, soil and other conditions in order to maximize the efficiency of water use and minimize the consumption of water or as necessary for testing and calibration of the system controller. But no *certified automatic irrigation system* approved by the *City* *may* operate during a Stage 1 water conservation restriction period except in conformity with applicable Stage 1 requirements. A placard issued by the City's Public Utilities Department *shall* be displayed on the street yard of the *property*.

- (2) Violations of Section 8-2175(c) *may* be punished by any of the means available to the City pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-175. A written warning will be issued for the first violation of 8-2175(c). A civil penalty of \$50.00 *shall* be assessed for the second violation of Section 8-2175(c) and a third violation *shall* result

in a civil penalty of \$200.00. A fourth violation will result in interruption of water service to the offending customer. The City will issue written notification to the customer and occupant of intent to interrupt water service and twenty-four (24) hours later will interrupt water service. If water service has been interrupted due to repeat violation of Section 8-2175(c), service will not be re-instated until the Public Utilities Director has determined that the risk to the City water supply has been alleviated or the Public Utilities Director is otherwise assured of compliance.