



SouthWest Sentinel

monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

No meeting: Monday, May 14, 2007

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

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

There will be NO SW CAC meeting in May. Enjoy those hours with family and friends!

Updates and other information related to the SW CAC area...

- The Southwest District Update of the Comprehensive Plan has been approved by the Raleigh City Council after many meetings led by Planner James Brantley.

- We have one new subdivision plan that is in the very, very early stages of development. It is S-29-07 and involves 2.16 acres currently zoned R-4 and R-6. An update will be given in June.

- A dog park will be added to the landscape of Carolina Pines Park. It will be located at the far end of the larger parking lot near the large power lines.

- Hopefully you have noticed how well-manicured Centennial Parkway is these days and that new trees and shrubs have been planted on either side and in the grassy median. We thank NCSU for taking over the care and maintenance of this winding thoroughfare. If you happened to drive on Centennial Parkway in late winter and see young people picking up litter there, you saw members of the Phi Psi Professional Textile Fraternity. Our thanks go to them for their efforts in keeping our part of Raleigh clean and beautiful.

- Carolina Pines Park is on the list of Raleigh parks being considered for a skate park. A public hearing will be held May 10, in City Council Chambers, at 6:00 p.m.

- The second budget hearing for the upcoming fiscal year should take place the first Tuesday evening in June. Check the newspaper or go online to raleighnc.gov for the time of the meeting.

- Development of the first 243 residences in Renaissance Park rapidly is taking place, thanks in part to the dry weather. We will have a progress report in June about the retail portion of the plan that includes the northwest corner of Tryon and Wilmington.

- Part B of the Tryon Road widening seems to be finished except for the landscaping. Look for part of the project to be completed in the fall when plant materials have a better chance of surviving than during our hot (hopefully not too dry) summer.

- Check out the web site www.RaleighCAC.org. At last RCAC and the individual CAC's have an online resource easy to access and containing much useful information.

By living in the part of Raleigh roughly bound by streets named Trailwood, Tryon, Hammond/Rush, Western and Avent Ferry, each of us is automatically a member of SouthWest CAC. Hopefully at least one person from each neighborhood within the CAC will attend the meetings to learn about concerns, events and issues that in one way or another affects every one of us. Working together we can make southwest Raleigh an even better place to live.

Community Services Department



Spring, 2007 Leadership Class Graduates.

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 August 31, 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.



Raleigh Neighborhood College

The Neighborhood College is a program offered by the City of Raleigh in partnership with Wake County. The Spring session began March 1 and last 13 weeks. Participants receive information on the services provided by the City of Raleigh as well as County services. Students in the Neighborhood College will interact with City staff, County staff, and other Raleigh residents to learn the things about municipal government and how to use that knowledge to improve your neighborhood. Classes are on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with a light dinner served each session. Classes meet at various locations throughout the city. Only 25 students are accepted per session. For more details, including brochure or application, contact 831-6117 or e-mail Kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us. **We are currently taking registration for Fall 2007.**

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!



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, May 8th 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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.



3rd ANNUAL DOWNTOWN RALEIGH HOME TOUR
MAY 19, 2007, 11 am to 5 pm

www.raleighdowntownliving.com

The Department of City Planning is proud to host the 3rd Annual *Downtown Raleigh Home Tour* on **Saturday, May 19 from 11 am to 5 pm**, highlighting more than a dozen residential properties in the heart of the city. Held the same weekend as *Artsposure*, the self-guided tour showcases the wide variety of housing options available in Downtown, including historic properties and single-family homes, as well as affordable rental units and luxury condominiums. Information on residential projects that are planned or under construction will also be available. The event will be held rain or shine.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by cash or check at the Raleigh Urban Design Center at 133 Fayetteville Street. Children 12 and under are free. Proceeds from ticket sales contribute to funding the Department of City Planning's *Designing a 21st Century City* lecture series. A portion of the proceeds will also be donated to the City of Raleigh, Wake County, and United Way's Plan to End Homelessness.

For more information call (919) 807-8479, email hometour@ci.raleigh.nc.us, or visit www.raleighdowntownliving.com



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