



# 7:30 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012

Mordecai CAC meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except July & August)  
at Trinity United Methodist Church  
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## AGENDA

### **Welcome (5 minutes)**

Approve January CAC meeting minutes

### **Police Report (10 minutes)**

Officer Taylor will update the community regarding any new activities in the community.

*Senior Officer C.C. Taylor, Raleigh Police Department  
Downtown District Crime Prevention Officer*

### **Parks & Recreation Report (10 minutes)**

Mordecai House

### **Transportation Operations (15 minutes)**

Rebecca Duffy and Jed Niffenegger will discuss the Wake Forest Road pedestrian crossing request submitted through SeeClickFix.

### **Raleigh Public Record (10 minutes)**

Jennifer Wig, assistant editor of the nonprofit online news publication, will talk about what they do and their interest in learning more about our neighborhood and story ideas



## Mordecai CAC Minutes - Tuesday, January 10, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.

### **Welcome 7:30**

Rebekah Weber welcomed everyone. 29 people in attendance

### **Parks and Recreation Report, Allison Jones Marsh**

Allison is a full time city employee. She coordinates corporate events through parks and rec. Facilities include indoor gyms, trips and tours, trolleys, luncheons.

### **Oakwood Cemetery, Robin Simonton, Executive director**

Oakwood Cemetery is not only a final resting place but is also a park, an outdoor museum, and a neighborhood garden. Tours and volunteer opportunities are offered through the "Friends of Oakwood." The cemetery is trying to be very alive, with lots of people enjoying the property. They have many events coming up in the next few months, including special tours and a photography event. You can follow them on Facebook and Twitter. They would love to have a new web site if any designers want to volunteer! Please contact Robin if you have any questions about the cemetery.

### **Traffic Committee and Person Street Partnership Update:**

#### **Philip Bernard**

We had a great turnout for the open house held on the first Friday in December. Architecture professor Tom Barrie's senior class presented their semester projects on streetscape visions for the Person Street corridor. The idea behind it was to get people to start thinking about the many possibilities that exist in that Person Street business district. Thanks to the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood and the Friends of Mordecai and John Mims, property owner, for their contributions towards the First Friday Open House.

Business Update: Seneca 5 is renovating the old bank building, there is a new discount salon beside Pie Bird, Rapid Fitness is moving in the old Super 10 location, Nicole's Gallery is moving over one space next door, the "Barbershop Gallery" is finished and artwork is in the window boxes. Raleigh City Farm is moving forward, and hopefully we'll be seeing something going this spring.

Upcoming: Wake Forest Road corridor study. There will be a citizens input meeting this summer. Stay tuned!

Glascok Street speed bumps will be installed soon. There are white marks on the road so residents can comment on their location.

They are in the section of Glascok between WFR and Brookside. Residents in that section will be notified when the public comments are being taken.

### **Police Report Senior Officer C.C. Taylor, Downtown District Crime Prevention Officer, Raleigh Police Department**

We ended 2011 with a decrease in crime, except for in robberies and burglaries.

The RPD is receiving some new officers and the downtown district boundaries are expanding. Officer Taylor is on our Google list and is aware of the recent discussions about Capital VIP. He has been in touch with the owner and assured us that she wants to fix the problems with the club and make it a good neighbor. The club has eliminated hip hop night and this has eliminated some of the issues.

Officer Taylor reminded us to use SeeClickFix to report neighborhood problems in addition to contacting the police.

### **Blount Street Commons Rezoning**

City Planner Elisabeth Alley introduced herself and Michael Perch, one of the attorneys for the project. Contact them with questions: Elisabeth Alley 807-8477 ; Michael Birch, attorney with K&L 743-7314 office

This rezoning case involves changes to a residential building planned for the corner of Wilmington and Polk Streets. This is not in our CAC but they wanted to present to us since we are neighbors.

Developer LNR is planning to construct a five story residential apartment building. The rezoning case adjusts the height to the property so they can do a five story building with a uniform height of 62 feet. The appearance commission recommends a building that blends in with the historic neighborhood, rather than the government buildings across the street. They are committed to wide sidewalks along Polk and Wilmington, a completely "wrapped" parking deck, and an attractive façade.

### **New Communication Chair Intro, Reid Serozi**

Reid Serozi has recently stepped down as the CAC Co-chair. He welcomed new Co-chair Kim Gazella. Reid is moving into a new position, Communications Chair. He presented an overview of the different communication channels. More information is of course online at <http://mordecaicac.org>.

We encourage neighbors at the very minimum to join our new **E-mail Alert List**.

There will be no more than two messages posted there each month, reminding you of important neighborhood events. If you are on the Google list you should have been added to it automatically.

We also have the monthly **CAC Newsletter** that is mailed or e-mailed to you.

### **Other communication channels:**

**MordecaiCAC Facebook page**

**Mordecai CAC Google Group**

### **SeeClickFix update, Rebekah and Reid**

Our neighborhood loves SeeClickFix. We have had potholes fixed, lights repaired, park benches installed, and many issues brought to the attention of city representatives. Please use SeeClickFix to report problems.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:34**

**Dana Deaton, Secretary**



# Community Services News

February 2012

## Midtown and Atlantic CACs take shape

Residents of northern Raleigh are organizing two new Citizens Advisory Councils: Midtown and Atlantic.

This is the first major change in CAC boundaries since the City of Raleigh established them 38 years ago.

- **Midtown CAC** unites neighborhoods in the North Hills area. It encompasses most of the area now served by Falls of Neuse and Six Forks CACs, which will cease to exist.
- **Atlantic CAC** represents neighborhoods along Atlantic Avenue to the east of Midtown. It takes in parts of Falls of Neuse, Six Forks and Northeast CACs.

Later this year, a third new CAC will be carved from the Northeast CAC district, with Interstate 540 as the dividing line.

The Raleigh Citizens Advisory Council – made up of the leaders of all the individual CACs in Raleigh – recommended the changes in response to growth and development patterns that have taken place over time. The Raleigh City Council approved the changes last year.

To learn more about the new CACs, contact Luis Olivieri-Robert at 996-5714 or [luis.olivieri-robot@raleighnc.gov](mailto:luis.olivieri-robot@raleighnc.gov).

## Interviews for Summer Youth Employment start March 6

Youth ages 15-18 who are interested in summer jobs with the City of Raleigh should plan to attend one of 10 interview and application sessions to be held March 6-28. Those selected for the Raleigh Summer Youth Employment Program will work June 11 through Aug. 10 in light labor, recreation and office positions.

The program, sponsored by the Community Services Department, offers work and life-skills training and mentoring. The pay is \$7.25 an hour for 20 to 30 hours per week.

For information about the program, go to [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov) and search “summer youth” or contact Cathey Ector, Youth Services coordinator, at 996-5730 or [cathey.ector@raleighnc.gov](mailto:cathey.ector@raleighnc.gov).

## Dates set for 2012 sessions of Landlord Training Class

If you own or manage rental property, you can pick up useful information about screening tenants, writing leases and avoiding problems by attending the City of Raleigh Landlord Training Class.

The one-day class will be held three times in 2012: March 14, May 23 and Oct. 10. It will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Raleigh Housing Authority multi-purpose room, 971 Harp St.

Lawyers who take the class are eligible for six hours of continuing education credits from the North Carolina State Bar. Real estate agents receive four credit hours from the North Carolina Real Estate Commission.

For a registration form, go to [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov) and search “landlord training” or call Community Services at 996-6100. Registration is \$25. (\$175 for lawyers seeking credits.)



## New groups join Registry

The Raleigh Neighborhood Registry is growing! The homeowners associations for these neighborhoods recently joined the Registry:

- The Cottages at Whitaker, Five Points CAC
- Addison Reserve, Northeast CAC
- Thorpshire Farm, North CAC
- Villages of Tryon, Southwest CAC

The Neighborhood Registry is the City’s official list of neighborhood organizations. For more information, search “neighborhood registry” at [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov), call 996-6100, or go to [www.surveymonkey.com/neighborhoodregistry](http://www.surveymonkey.com/neighborhoodregistry).

## Spring session of Neighborhood College filled

Raleigh Neighborhood College, a popular series of classes that gives residents an inside look at City government, is full for the spring 2012 session. But the classes will be held again in the fall, and it’s not too early to sign up. To register, go to: [www.surveymonkey.com/neighborhoodcollege](http://www.surveymonkey.com/neighborhoodcollege).

## Names in the news

Northeast CAC has elected **Brad Johnson** as chair and **Amy Simes** as head of the Zoning Committee. Brad is a graduate of Neighborhood College. Amy graduated from Neighborhood College and Citizens Leadership Academy.

**Emrys Treasure** and **Debbie Ford** have been elected co-chairs of East CAC. **Ginger Deason** has been elected secretary.