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ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The Annual Action Plan, part of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that identifies an entitlement community's priority housing and community development needs for Raleigh residents with very low-, low-, and moderate incomes and the strategies the community developed to address them.

The department's Community Development Division worked to complete the City's FY 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by the May 15 due date. This was the third implementation year of the 2016-2020 Five Year Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan was prepared in accordance with the City Council adopted Citizen Participation Plan contained within the Consolidated Plan.

As a HUD entitlement community, Raleigh receives an annual allocation for three grants: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). And as an entitlement community Raleigh is required to hold two public hearings, the first of which occurs at the beginning of the planning process to obtain input from citizens on housing and community development needs and priorities. A draft of the Annual Action Plan is then created and a second public hearing is held to receive views on the draft. The first public hearing was held on December 6, 2016 and the second will be on May 2. In addition, less formal meetings were held in several locations during the fall of 2016.

On March 16, a draft plan comment and review meeting was held at the Chavis Community Center, which began the 30-day public comment period for the draft plan ending on April 17. The Annual Action Plan will be presented to Council for approval on May 2.

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Medicine Drop-Off Dates

Public Invited to Drop off Expired or Unwanted Medications at Four Raleigh Locations on April 29

Citizens are invited to drop off unwanted or expired medications at one of four participating Raleigh pharmacies during a Prescription Medication Drop-Off Event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29. All collected medications will be disposed of safely. The City of Raleigh Substance Abuse Advisory Commission and the City's Police, Housing and Neighborhoods/Community Engagement Division, and Public Utilities departments are sponsoring the free event to help prevent the abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Citizens can take their unneeded or expired medications to the following locations:

- Blue Ridge Pharmacy, 2601 Blue Ridge Road (across from Rex Hospital)
- Falls River Pharmacy, 10930 Raven Ridge Road
- Hayes-Barton Pharmacy, 2000 Fairview Road
- Josef's Pharmacy, 2100 New Bern Avenue

For more information, contact Cathey Ector in the City's Community Engagement Division at 919-996-6100 or cathey.ector@raleighnc.gov

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The 14th Annual Raleigh Fair Housing Conference

April 28, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

NCSU McKimmon Center (1101 Gorman Street)

This year's keynote speaker is Mr. Theodore Shaw, director of the UNC Center for Civil Rights and former director-counsel and president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. Panel discussions will address disabilities, reentry, criminal history exclusion and its impact on fair housing. For more conference information, visit: <https://goo.gl/Jv86lt>

*This conference is funded in part through a grant under the Fair Housing Initiatives Program with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

NEW ON THE RALEIGH NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRY

Ridgeloach NA - Midtown CAC

Gresham Trace Neighborhood - North CAC

Idlewild Community Association - North Central CAC

Charleston Park - Northeast CAC

Evans Mills HOA - Northwest CAC

The Ridgcroft Condominium - Northwest CAC

Westborough Community Association - Northwest CAC

Crosslink HOA - South CAC

Neighborhoods of Walnut Creek HOA - South CAC

Learn more about the benefits of joining the Registry at www.raleighnc.gov

(Search "neighborhood registry") or call 919-996-6100.

Abandoned and Nuisance Motor Vehicles

Our Code Enforcement Division works hard to make sure that Raleigh is a safe and attractive city in which to live, work, and play by enforcing City Codes. They receive complaints and reports about a wide variety of issues. A frequent concern is the request for removal and disposition of vehicles considered to be a nuisance or abandoned. It helps to understand just what is an abandoned vehicle and a nuisance vehicle. Here are some guidelines.

An abandoned motor vehicle is one that has been left on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant, or lessee for more than two hours.

A nuisance motor vehicle is one that is on public or private property that is determined and declared to be a health or safety hazard, a public nuisance, and unlawful, including a vehicle that:

- is a breeding ground or habitat for mosquitoes or other insects or rats and other pests;
- is a point of heavy growth of weeds or other noxious vegetation more than eight-inches-high;
- retains pools/ponds of water;
- is a collection point for combustible items (gasoline, oil, other flammable or explosive materials like boxes, paper, refuse) and/or garbage, food, or animal waste;
- has parts with jagged or sharp edges that may injure members of the public or trap them inside;
- is in a location where it is in danger of falling, rolling, or turning over;
- or has been declared a health and safety hazard and public nuisance by the Raleigh City Council.

If you'd like more information about the code regulating the removal of abandoned and nuisance motor vehicles please click on the link below.

[CHAPTER 7. - REMOVAL AND DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED AND NUISANCE MOTOR VEHICLES](#)



Sale of City Owned Lots

Over the past couple of years, the Community Development Division focused on the re-use of vacant City-owned parcels located in the Martin Haywood and East College Park redevelopment areas in Raleigh's urban core. In November of 2016 the division issued a request for proposals (RFP) for the sale of 23 City-owned lots in the Martin Haywood area and a second RFP for the sale of 98 City-owned lots in the East College Park area.

Martin Haywood:

Martin Haywood is within the Thompson Hunter Redevelopment area and the sale of the 23 parcels will complete the second phase of the Martin Haywood infill project. On December 16, 2016, four responses to the RFP were received from potential builders to purchase the lots to build and sell new homes. The homes will range in price from \$190,000 to \$228,000. Submittals were received from Habitat for Humanity of Wake County and RD Construction Company; Thayer Custom Homes, Inc.; New Legacy/CB Pugh Enterprises, LLC; and Builder of Hope. The 23 homes will be sold to buyers with low and moderate incomes (LMI) and homebuyer assistance will be available through several different programs.

East College Park:

The neighborhood is defined as the area bounded by Oakwood Avenue to the north, Waldrop Street to the east, Boyer Street to the south, and Hill Street to the west. On December 19, 2016, eight submittals were received in response to the RFP process from potential developers to construct and sell homes that will range in price from \$180,000 to \$260,000. The homes will be sold to LMI buyers and homebuyer assistance will also be available. After a thorough review, the evaluation team recommended six builders with a wide range of capacity, including non-profits, small local builders, and those with more experience: Habitat for Humanity and RD Construction Company; St. Augustine University CDC; Thayer Custom Homes Inc.; New Legacy and CB Pugh Enterprises, LLC.; Evergreen Construction Company; and Carolina Cottage Company.

Following public hearings at the March 7 Raleigh City Council meeting, the council adopted a motion to approve the sale of the lots as recommended by staff.

Spotlight on Staff:

Michelle Bandklayder joined the Community Engagement Division in February as a Community Specialist. She is working primarily with citizens in the Midtown, East, Hillsborough, and Mordecai citizen advisory councils. She has a degree in business through Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC-Chapel Hill and is currently pursuing a certificate in Nonprofit Management through Duke University. She previously worked for Special Olympics North Carolina as the Volunteers & Families Manager, and then as the Volunteers & Events Director. Michelle brings lots of experience in grassroots organization and community engagement and is passionate about helping communities grow and strengthen from within themselves. When she is not working, Michelle enjoys running, biking, and swimming, as well as exploring local trails with her dog.

John Niffenegger joined the Community Development Division in March as a CD Program Specialist assigned to the Loans section. John grew up in Cary, and has called Raleigh home for the past 23 years. Before coming to the City, he worked at NC Housing Coalition, a statewide policy and advocacy organization. John is excited about the opportunity to help Raleigh residents gain access to safe and affordable housing. Outside of work, he enjoys biking and making music.

Heather Bruce also joined the Community Development Division in March as a Program Specialist assigned to the Construction section. Heather received her Bachelor's degree from Meredith College and a Masters in Public Administration from N.C. State University. Heather's experience includes teaching elementary school, working as a real estate paralegal, and most recently working with housing counseling grants focused on foreclosure prevention. Heather lives in Holly Springs with her husband, son, two dogs, and two cats. She is excited to join the City of Raleigh and have a position that allows her to work closely with the people that will benefit from our programs.

Spotlight on Staff:

Kimberly Crockett joined the Community Development Division in March as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer (Volunteers in Service to America) Housing Coordinator to assist with implementing the City's first Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Plan. Kimberly will focus on helping Raleigh residents, specifically those earning low-incomes, transition into, or help them remain in, safe, healthy, affordable housing, as well as helping provide job opportunities, employment training and leadership development. She will also be involved in developing best practices for a resource center in the community to provide information and on-site training on affordable housing, job training, employment, and social services. Originally from Stone Mountain, Ga., Kimberly brings extensive local and international experience to her role and specialized in sustainability and capacity building. She holds a Masters of Science in Nonprofit Leadership from La Salle University in Philadelphia. She and her husband, Dr. Hasan Crockett, have a daughter.

Pam Adderley is a Philadelphia native, where she studied social work and human services at Temple University and Lincoln University while working in the challenging fields of Children, Youth, and Family Services. Passionate about empowering victims of abuse, human trafficking, and disenfranchisement, she served as director for a sexual assault and domestic violence counseling center. She worked in program planning and management to empower individuals, agencies, and communities to grow and unify. For fun, Pam loves to try her hand at upholstery and interior decorating. Pam says she is grateful for the opportunity to do more of what she loves and is ecstatic to call North Carolina her new home