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**NUMBERS TO REMEMBER**



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## NEW LAW IN NORTH CAROLINA ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO RECYCLE PLASTIC BOTTLES

Raleigh residents should get into the habit of recycling plastic bottles. A new state law that took effect on Oct. 1 bans plastic bottles from being disposed of in North Carolina landfills. The intent of the law is to encourage people to recycle the plastic bottles. Capital City residents can put the plastic bottles in their City-issued recycling bins.

It has been illegal in North Carolina to put aluminum cans in landfills since 1991.

Currently the average Raleigh resident recycles 384 pounds each year. The goal of the City's Solid Waste Department is to increase that number to 451 pounds per year by 2012. The ban on placing plastic bottles in the landfill should help.

In addition to plastic bottles, the City of Raleigh's curbside recycling program collects:

- newspapers and all inserts;
- magazines and catalogs;
- white paper, including junk mail;
- corrugated cardboard;
- paperboard, chipboard and paper tubes;
- steel food cans;
- aluminum beverage cans;
- aluminum foil and trays that are free of food debris;
- plastic beverage rings;
- glass food and beverage containers;
- gable top cartons; and,
- aseptic (drink) boxes.



These items -- along with ink jet and toner cartridges and cell phones without accessories --- can also be taken to any of the

City's seven recycling drop-off centers. Unless otherwise noted, the drop-off centers are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The recycling drop-off centers in Raleigh are located at:

- Jaycee Park, 2405 Wade Ave.;
- Mini City Shopping Center, 4510 Capital Blvd, behind the Taco Bell and adjacent to Food Lion;
- Solid Waste Services Administrative Office at 400 W. Peace St. (7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday only);
- Brennan Station Shopping Center at the intersection of Creedmoor and Strickland roads. The drop-off center is located behind the shopping center off of Brennan Drive. Follow the large white water tower;
- City of Raleigh Yard Waste Center, 900 N. New Hope Road (open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. only);
- Sam's Wholesale Club, 2537 S. Saunders St.; and,
- Habitat Wake ReStore at 2420 Raleigh Blvd (open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Sundays and Mondays).

For more information about the City of Raleigh's recycling programs, including how to obtain a recycling bin or order an additional bin, contact the City's Solid Waste Services Department at 996-6890 or visit the City's website at [www.raleighnc.gov/recycling](http://www.raleighnc.gov/recycling).

## GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CAC

Did you know that you are automatically a member of a Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) if you live in Raleigh and are 18 or older? Participating in your CAC provides a way for you to get information about City government activities and gives you a say in decisions affecting your community.

CACs serve as advisory bodies to the Raleigh City Council on zoning, development and local services. Each CAC holds regular meetings, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Raleigh has 18 CACs. Each CAC represents a different geographic region of Raleigh and decides its own activities and priorities. Residents of each region elect the chairperson and other officers of their CAC.

City Council members often attend CAC meetings to discuss about issues before the Council. Police representatives usually attend CAC meetings to discuss crime trends and offer crime-prevention tips. Also, other City staffers go to CAC meetings to discuss how the City can assist with services such as sidewalk repairs or new signs.

All neighborhood-based organizations, such as neighborhood and homeowners' associations, are encouraged to send representatives to CAC meetings and share information with their members. It is important that every neighborhood has representation at CAC meetings because broader input leads to better decision-making.

The City of Raleigh Community Services Department provides staff support for CACs through its Neighborhood Services Division. Staff members known as community specialists provide a point of contact between CACs and the City.

You can find out which CAC represents you, learn when and where it meets and sign up for your CAC newsletter by going to [www.raleighnc.gov/cac](http://www.raleighnc.gov/cac) or calling the City of Raleigh Community Services Department at 996-6100.

## RALEIGH ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS PROGRAM

In an effort to recognize outstanding work in sustainable development and environmental stewardship, the City of Raleigh has created the Raleigh Environmental Awards. Nominations for the 2010 Raleigh Environmental Awards are being accepted until January 15.

The program will award individuals or organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to the environment. In an attempt to encourage a broad range of environmental commitment, the City has created criteria for awards in ten categories.

- **The Raleigh Environmental Stewardship Award** An overall award for an individual or organization that has shown leadership in sustainable development;
- **Environmental Awareness Award** (Leadership or Teaching) Demonstrated leadership or teaching others about the environment;
- **Legacy Award** Lifelong contribution to the environment by a person or an organization;
- **Natural Resource Conservation Award** Water, wastewater, reuse water, residuals and biosolids, air quality, stormwater;
- **Green Design Award** (Built Environment) Stormwater, recycling, sedimentation and erosion controls, construction debris reuse, energy innovation, ecological footprint;
- **Regional Award** Air quality, Neuse River basin or other regional issues;
- **Pioneering Efforts Award** In any environmental area(s);
- **Youth Award** School youth, may be given to more than one person or group. Awards may be given to many different educational levels;
- **Urban Stewardship Award** A volunteer individual or organization engaged in community building or conservation; and,
- **Market Transformation Award** Manufacturers, retailers, or marketers that promote products, services and choices that lessen the impact on the environment and health.

To be eligible for consideration nominees must either be residents of or operate within the City of Raleigh, the Raleigh extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ), or the City's utility service area. Elected officials are not eligible.

## DESIGN CONTRACT FOR PHASE ONE OF THE WILKERSON NATURE PRESERVE PARK APPROVED

The Raleigh City Council has approved the design contract for Annie Louise Wilkerson, M.D. Nature Preserve Park. The contract, valued at approximately \$300,000, was awarded to CLH Design, PA of Cary. Phase one of the contract will provide programming analysis, planning, engineering, testing and architectural design services.

The nature preserve park was left to the City in the will of Dr. Annie Louise Wilkerson in February of 2006. The preserve park includes 157 acres of land along Falls Lake, north of Raven Ridge Road.

## FOLLOW YOUR CITY ON TWITTER

The City of Raleigh has established six Twitter accounts to help interested residents stay current on their concerns. To join in, visit [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) and follow instructions to start your free account. Once you have an active account, you can elect to follow any of the City's Twitter accounts.

They are:

- **RaleighGov** - This feed provides automatic links to all news releases and alerts issued by the City of Raleigh;
- **HillsboroughSt** - This feed features regular updates to the Hillsborough Street Roundabouts project;
- **RaleighParks** - This feed includes news and information on the City's park system;
- **CORTraffic** - This feed features scheduled road closings due to construction or road races in the city of Raleigh;
- **RW911** - This feed features traffic accidents reported to the Emergency Communications Center; and,
- **RaleighGoGreen** - This feed features updates to all the city of Raleigh environmentally friendly initiatives and includes handy tips for individuals.

To follow any of these accounts, choose "Find People" from your Twitter home page and type in the account you are interested in. Click "follow" and you are set.



## GANG PREVENTION INFO

Raleigh Police Gang Unit Tipline.....919.996.GANG (4264)  
Raleigh Graffiti Removal.....919.996.6001  
Wake County Gang Prevention Infoline.....919.256.0919  
Wake County Gang Prevention Web...  
[www.wakegov.com/humanservices/partnerships/gangprevention](http://www.wakegov.com/humanservices/partnerships/gangprevention)

## CITY OFFERS 'E' NEWSLETTER

Residents who want to receive the City of Raleigh's weekly e-newsletter, NewsCOR, may do so by dropping a request to [chris.riley@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:chris.riley@ci.raleigh.nc.us) or calling the Public Affairs Department at 919.996.3100.