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LET'S MAKE THIS A GREEN WORLD



Everyone can play an important part to become more environmentally responsible.

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JUNE MEETINGS

SERA Meetings
Full Assembly

Date and Time
June 19 at 5:30pm

Location
Urban Design Center

Issue Teams
Housing
Public Safety
Equity & Business
Capacity Building

Date and Time
June 3 at 12 pm
June 3 at 6:30 pm
June 9 at 1 pm
June 12 at 6 pm

Location
City Hall, Room 237, 222 W. Hargett St.
Safety Club, 513 Branch St.
Raleigh Chamber, 800 S. Salisbury St.
Room 201, 310 W. Martin St.

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TIPS!

12 SIMPLE WAYS TO GO GREEN!!

1. Use less water – install low-flow showerheads, take shorter showers, fill dishwasher and washing machine to capacity, turn off water while you brush your teeth or shave, buy rain barrels for washing cars or watering lawns, and fix water leaks
2. Turn off or unplug all electrical devices when not in use ie. Computers
3. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs (recycle) over incandescent light bulbs
4. Drive strategically – consider public transportation, a bicycle, carpool, or walk
5. Recycle more and look for recyclable and biodegradable items
6. Buy locally grown and organic produce – it helps economy and energy savings
7. Use reusable cloth bags at the grocer for purchases instead of paper or plastic
8. Buy a faucet filter to limit plastic bottled water that goes to landfills
9. Pay bills online when possible to limit paper use for mailed bills
10. Avoid printing unnecessarily, print double-sided, or email if possible
11. Set heating low and cooling temperatures high
12. Use reusable or washable items over disposable

REPORTING IN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 13

Representatives from issue teams provided reports on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, the small business resource guide, public outreach/forums, and asset mapping. Coordinator Thompson provided an update on the status of asset mapping, allowing citizens to find out what and where all the resources are available to them in Southeast Raleigh. The members were excited about asset mapping and believed that it will be a valuable tool that would make Southeast Raleigh more marketable and competitive.

The SERA Annual Retreat will be held on **Saturday, July 12**. More details will be made available later. Members welcomed Ms. Raquel Williams, prospective SERA staff member, and thanked her for attending the meeting.

ISSUE TEAMS

Public Safety met on May 7

The public safety issue team is continuing work on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). Members are specifically focused on the work book editing and application. The team's intent is to re-engage pilot communities with facilitators to implement round one of recommendations. The next public safety issue team meeting will be held **Tuesday, June 3**.

Housing met on May 7

The housing issue team is continuing work on the foreclosure program that will provide information on ways to avoid foreclosure and match residents to resources that would help them with their particular situation. The consultant group VK Fields and Co. has been engaged to hold the public outreach meetings and to develop a resource referral guide. The issue team met with the public safety issue team to discuss the impact of foreclosure in Southeast Raleigh zip codes 27601 and 27610 and ways to approach various city agencies for collaboration. The city agencies are Community Services, Inspections, and Public Works. The next housing issue team meeting will be held **Tuesday, June 3**.

Community Capacity Building met on May 8

The community capacity building issue team has selected consultant V. K. Fields & Company as the new editor for the SERA newsletter. Ms. Glendora Moore, the assigned writer, is working on the Spring issue, featuring Historic Southeast Raleigh, which is expected to be available in June. To show pride of living in Southeast Raleigh, the issue team has agreed to order and will distribute 1,000 "SER" euro stickers. The issue team continues to work on establishing the Leadership Development Institute and work on determining the best criteria and procedures for funding community groups through mini-grants. The next community capacity building issue team meeting will be held **Thursday, June 12**.

Equity and Business Development met on May 12

The equity and business development issue is continuing work on the small business resource guide and the façade grant program. Three prototypes for the guide have been created and submitted to the issue team for selection. The issue team has selected New Bern Avenue and Poole Road as the leading corridors for the façade grant. The idea of "mega-networking" has been floated for the next business luncheon. The issue team is exploring collaboration with the community capacity building issue team for job training in the hospitality industry. The next equity and business issue team meeting will be held **Monday, June 9**.

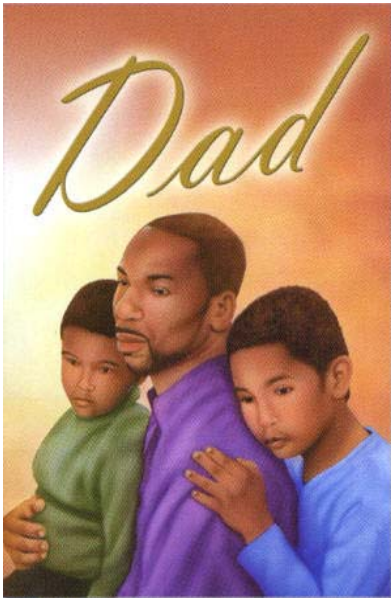
COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO HOST YOGA IN THE PARK

The City of Raleigh Human Relations Commission is hosting Yoga in the Park, a health initiative to be held at Nash Square on **Saturday, June 14** from 10 a.m. to noon. Other sponsors of the event are the City's Parks and Recreation Department and the North Carolina School of Yoga/Dharma Yoga Shala in Raleigh.

The goal of Yoga in the Park is to guide participants through basic yoga poses. The benefits of yoga are numerous, event sponsors say. Yoga reduces high blood pressure, stabilizes the heart rate, increases lung capacity, strengthens the immune system and eases tension. The technique has been practiced for thousands of years by cultures in Africa, Asia, India and other parts of the world.

For more information: Christine Alston, Community Services Department, 919-831-6100, Christine.Alston@ci.raleigh.nc.us.



FATHERS DAY Sunday, June 12

ARTS COMMISSION ISSUES CALL FOR EXHIBITION SUBMISSIONS

The City's Arts Commission is inviting artists and independent art curators who live or work in Wake County to submit applications for the Block Art Gallery Municipal Building Art Exhibition program for 2009-2010. For complete guideline information and to download an application form, visit the City's website at www.raleighnc.gov/arts or call the Arts Commission at 890-3610. **All applications must be received by Monday, June 30 at 4 p.m.**

For more information, call the Arts Commission at 890-3610 or email sarah.blackmon@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

www.thegreenestbuilding.org


Welcome to the May T. Watts Appreciation Society sponsored Embodied Energy Calculator. This website calculates embodied energy, demo energy, and waste associated with construction and demolition. Visit www.thegreenestbuilding.org.

CITY MANAGER ASKS: WHAT DO WE WANT IN A PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR


It has been 23 years since the City searched for the right person to head its Parks and Recreation Department. But the retirement of the department's director, Jack Duncan on June 1, has placed that task squarely before City Manager J. Russell Allen.

The City Manager is seeking the views of Raleigh citizens on what they most value in this position. The City has placed a survey on its website at www.raleighnc.gov. The survey also will appear as a display ad in Raleigh newspapers. Survey responses must be returned to the City by **Monday, June 16**.

For more information: Carolyn Simmons, Personnel Director, 919-890-3315.



"Bridging the Gap Between State Agencies and HUB Firms"



HUB Entrepreneurial Seminars

Mark Your Calendars I'm Certified Now What?

December 11, 2007 - January 8, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Business Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Overview • Understanding State Government Procurement and Contracting Processes • Technical and Management Assistance • Understanding Bids and Proposals • Money Matters • Basic Financial Toolbox • New Ways of Marketing Your Business
February 12, 2008 - March 11, 2008	
April 8, 2008 - May 13, 2008	
June 10, 2008	
NC Department of Agriculture Consumer Services (Agronomic Services Division) 4300 Reedy Creek Road, Raleigh, North Carolina	

Seating is limited please call 919 - 807 - 2330 to reserve your seat. Please check our website: www.doa.state.nc.us/hub/ for further updates.

NC Institute of Minority Economic Development
DATE: June 10, 2008 **WEB:** www.doa.state.nc.us/hub

SUMMER CONCERT AND MOVIE SCHEDULE APPROVED

The City unveiled its 2008 summer concert and movie schedule to be held each **Saturday from May 24 through Sept. 6** in Moore Square. The concerts will begin at 2 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. The movies will begin at 8 p.m. and end at 11 p.m.

2008 Bud Light Downtown Live Series

June 14 – Cravin’ Melon with Pete Francis of Dispatch
 June 28 – Carbon Leaf, Colorslide, Bill West & the Sunshine Kid, Blind Melon

2008 Movie in the Market

June 7 – Alvin & the Chipmunks
 June 21 – Shrek the Third

For more information: Michele Boyette, Raleigh Convention Center, 919-831-6011

MOORE SQUARE FARMERS MARKET

Join us on Wednesdays for Raleigh's only downtown Farmers Market located under the canopy of oak trees in Moore Square (at the intersection of Blount and Martin Streets).



June 11, 18, and 25

Wednesdays from 10:30 am to 2pm

Visit: www.godowntownraleigh.com/farmersmarket or call Downtown Raleigh Alliance at 919-832-1231

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT APPROVED FOR WALNUT CREEK WETLAND CENTER

The City Council on May 20 approved a construction contract for the Walnut Creek Wetland Center with AR Chesson. The Walnut Creek Wetland Park is approximately 59 acres and is located between Garner Road and South State Street south of Peterson Street. The site contains extensive wetlands that are located near the downtown urban center and offer an opportunity for the public to easily explore and learn about the value and significance of wetlands for water quality and wildlife habitat. The building design includes classroom/laboratory space, exhibits, and a large open deck to observe the natural setting. The \$ 1.598 million construction contract with AR Chesson includes exterior LED lighting and a 1,400 gallon cistern. Funding for the project was included in the 2003 Park and Recreation Bond referendum approved by voters. The MWBE participation in the contract is six percent. The City will bid the site work, painting, insulation and floor finishes of the project separately to attempt to achieve a higher Minority and Women-owned participation rate.

For more information: Vic Lebsack, Parks and Recreation Department, 919-807-5139.

CITY MANAGER PROPOSED 5-CENT TAX INCREASE TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND NEEDS

City Manager J. Russell Allen presented May 20 to the City Council in proposing a FY09 budget. The focus of the need for a 5-cent tax increase is for modest expansion of public safety and operational department needs. Half of the increase will be dedicated to supporting a new public safety center and new operating facilities. The complete budget proposal can be found here: [City of Raleigh 2009 Proposed Annual Budget](#) . For more information on the proposed budget, contact the City's Budget Office at 919-890-3840.

CAPACITY BUILDING COMMUNITY NETWORKS

FAMILY

Passage Home: Entrepreneurship Training

513 Branch Street, Raleigh, NC 27601
Contact: Donnis Dunn - 919-256-4261
www.passagehome.org

Triangle Family Services, Inc.

401 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27603
Contact: Leslie Barber - 919-821-0790 ext 314
www.tfsnc.org

Raleigh Rescue Mission

314 E. Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC 27611
Contact: Ms. Sylvia Wiggins - 919-828-6162
www.raleigh-rescue.org

Resources for Seniors

1110 Navajo Dr. Suite 400, Raleigh, NC 27609
919-872-7933
www.resourcesforseniors.com

South Raleigh Branch Library

Wake County Public Library System
1601-14 Crosslink Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610
919-856-6598
www.wakgove.com/county/libraries/default.htm

Strengthening the Black Family

568 E. Lenoir Street, Raleigh, NC 27601
919-856-5271
www.stbf.org

YWCA Hargett Street Branch

554 E. Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC 27601
919-833-3883
www.ywcatriangle.org

YOUTH

Lost Generation Task Force

513 Branch Street, Raleigh, NC 27601
Contact: Landon J. Adams – 919-256-4259

Millionaires in Training

5 W. Hargett Street, Suite 308
Raleigh, NC 27601
Contact: VK Fields - 919-829-8182
www.millionairetraining.org

Southlight – Eliminates Drug Addiction

19 W. Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC 27601
919-828-4892
www.southlight.org

HOUSING

Raleigh/Wake 10-Yr Plan for Ending Homelessness

Contact: Ken Maness, 919-463-5039
[Raleigh/Wake Ten Year Plan Link](#)

Habitat for Humanity of Wake County

2400 Alwin Court, Raleigh, NC 27604
919-833-1999
www.HabitatWake.org

HEALTH

Rex Senior Health Center

512 E. Davie Street and Chavis Way
Raleigh, NC 27601, 919-832-2400
[Rex Senior Health Link](#)

Wake County Human Services

10 Sunnybrook Rd, Raleigh, NC 27620
919-212-7000
www.wakegov.com

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCILS

Learn How Raleigh CACs *Shape* Your Community **Meeting Notices & Agendas for CACs within the SERA Boundary**

RCAC

Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers, 222 West Hargett Street, Room 201
Call Dwayne Patterson, Community Services Supervisor, at 919-831-6086
E-mail: dwayne.patterson@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

East Raleigh CAC

Meets 3rd Monday, 7:00 PM
Lions Park, 516 Dennis Ave.
Newsletter: [East CAC April 2008](#)
Call Charlene Willard at 919-831-6095
E-mail: charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

Central CAC

Meets 1st Monday, 7:00 PM
John P. "Top" Greene Community Center
401 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Newsletter: [Central CAC](#)
Call Luis Olivieri at 919-831-6124
E-mail: luis.olivieri-robot@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

Southeast CAC

Meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 PM
Worthdale Community Center, 1001 Cooper Rd
Newsletter: [South East CAC](#)
SERA member: Craig Smith at 919-231-6874

South Central CAC

Meets 4th Monday, 7:00 PM
Roberts Park Community Center
1300 East Martin St
Website: <http://southcentralcac.googlepages.com>
Newsletter: [South Central](#)
SERA member: Danny Coleman at 919-524-1655

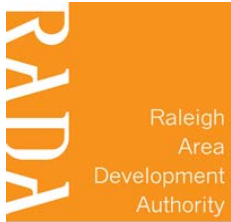
North Central CAC

Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Tarboro Road Park
121 Tarboro Rd
Newsletter: [North CAC](#)
SERA member: Octavia Rainey
919-834-4022

South CAC

Meets 2nd Monday, 7:00 PM
Biltmore Hills Community Center
2615 Fitzgerald Drive
Website: <http://www.southcac.com>
Newsletter: [South CAC](#)
SERA member: Norm Camp
919-821-4138

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



RADA
Contact: Wallace Green
127 W. Hargett Street, Suite 301
Raleigh, NC 27601
Tel: 919-807-8400 Fax: 919-664-5274
www.rada-nc.com



Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce
800 S. Salisbury Street Raleigh, NC 27601
Tel: 919-664-7000
www.raleighchamber.org



**City of Raleigh
Small Business Assistance Program**
Contact: Luther Williams
Tel: 919-890-3673
[Small Business Program](#)

HELPFUL WEBSITES & PHONE NUMBERS

- * Business Incorporation, structure Licensing and Registration: www.state.nc.us/secstate
- * Census Data www.census.gov
- * Credit bureaus: Equifax 1-800685-1111; Experian 1.800.916.8800; TransUnion 1.800.916.8800



Self-Help Ventures Fund
Contact: Louis Rogers
19 W. Hargett Street, Suite 507
Raleigh, NC 27601
Tel: 919-755-2232
www.self-help.com



Department of City Planning
Contact: Mitchell Silver, Director
Tel: 919-516-2626
One Exchange Plaza, Box 590
Raleigh, NC 27601
www.raleighnc.gov/planning

RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL



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2007-09**

Back Row: Thomas Crowder, Philip Isley; Middle: Russ Stephenson, Rodger Koopman, Mayor Charles Meeker; Front: Dr. James West, Nancy McFarlane, Mary-Ann Baldwin

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Budget and Economic Development:
Meeker, co-chair; Crowder, co-chair; West; and McFarlane

Law and Public Safety:
Isley, co-chair; West, co-chair; and Koopman

Public Works:
Stephenson, chair; Koopman; and Baldwin

Comprehensive Planning:
McFarlane, chair; Stephenson; and Baldwin

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 6 - 1pm and 7pm
Tuesday, June 20 - 1pm

SOUTHEAST RALEIGH PLANNING

A LETTER FROM DEPUTY PLANNING DIRECTOR KENNETH BOWERS

Ladies & Gentlemen:

As most of you are likely aware, many planning staff, staff from other departments, as well as our consultants have been hard at work producing something called the Community Inventory report. The report, which weighs in at 390 pages in printed form, contains all the background studies for the update to the Comprehensive Plan. It will provide the factual and analytical basis for the plan's recommendations and policies.

The document consists of an introduction and summary and 11 topical chapters covering demographics; land use; economic development; housing and neighborhoods; transportation; utilities; parks; environmental resources; community facilities; historic resources; and urban design and form.

We have finally produced a complete draft, which is available for the world to see on our website. You can get to it from a link on the Planning home page as well as directly through this link: <http://raleigh-consult.limehouse.com/portal>. The entire report is browseable as a web site, and we also have a PDF of the report available. This web site also allows members of the public to comment on the document, including specific sections and passages of the document. We are hoping that this will be a valuable tool for getting public feedback.

The document contains a wealth of information about the current state of the City, and I invite you to read it as you wish. Further, if you have any comments, corrections, or other feedback and reactions, please forward them to me. We will be keeping this as a draft until the end of May, at which time we will be closing out the public comment period and revising and finalizing the report.

Happy reading.

-Ken

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[Comprehensive Plan Update](#)

