



Meeting Location: Trinity United Methodist Church 824 Bloodworth Street—Raleigh, NC

Mordecai CAC

February 9, 2010 * 7:30PM

MORDECAI CAC BOUNDARIES

All residents north of Peace St. and south of Atlantic Ave., between Brookside and West St., belong to the Mordecai CAC. The CAC meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Trinity United Methodist Church, 824 Bloodworth St.

To get on the newsletter mailing list, please contact:
Raleigh Community Services Dept.
at 919-996-6100.

GOOGLE GROUP

The Mordecai Google group provides immediate updates on neighborhood news and enables residents to share issues of common concern in a spam-free email environment. As a group member you can contact all members instantly by mailing: Mordecai @googlegroups.com
To sign up to join the group,
Email: Mordecai-subscribe@googlegroups.com

WEBSITES

Community Website—www.mordecai.org

CAC Website—www.RaleighCAC.org

City of Raleigh Website—www.raleighnc.gov

AGENDA >>>

Police Report - Officer Taylor

- Mordecai Neighborhood Watch Meeting Update
- Sasser Street Update

Planning Department Report - Stan Wingo

Parks & Recreation Report

- Jeremy Ogburn, Mordecai Historic Park
- Shawsheen Baker, Comfort Station Renovation at Oakwood (Dog Park)

Guest Speaker / Presentation - Raleigh Police Chief Harry Dolan

Raleigh Police Chief Harry Patrick Dolan unveiled a five-year plan for his department and announced a series of sweeping changes that he described as "historic."

Committee Reports

Traffic Committee Report Philip Bernard, Chair

Parks Committee Report Dana Deaton, Co-Chair

- Mordecai Mini-Park Gate Update
- Marshall Park Update

Neighbors helping Neighbors Report - Nancy Avery & Duane Beck, Co-Chair

1. Mobilizing our Neighborhoods from the inside out. (ABCD Program)
2. Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Zoning Report - Guy Caprioli, Chair

- Noise violations Brief (amplified sound permit)

Web / Email Report - Reid Serozi, Dana Deaton

New Mordecai CAC Web Site

Other Business

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CELEBRATING MORDECAI NEIGHBORS



Merrilee & Ken Jacobson

Merrilee and Ken Jacobson are, like many Mordecai residents, transplants from the North. Merrilee was born and grew up in Ohio while Ken is a “Go Blue” Michigan native. After a stint in the Army, which involved in a year in Vietnam, Ken moved to Cortland, Ohio, to open a recreational vehicle dealership. Merrilee’s parents ended up moving to Courtland while Merrilee was spending a year in England, and they met Ken at church. When Merrilee returned from her year abroad, she was introduced to her future husband by her father, who had become Ken’s tennis partner.

Shortly after their wedding, Ken and Merrilee moved to Alexandria, Virginia, so that Merrilee could complete training for the Foreign Service. After a year of class work and French training (for Merrilee) and working as a business broker (Ken), the couple moved to Yaoundé, Cameroon, where Merrilee was a junior officer with the United States Information Agency – a sister agency of the Department of State. Following a nine-month training assignment in Yaoundé, Merrilee and Ken moved to Lagos, Nigeria, where Merrilee served as the Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer for Programs and Ken was hired as the Community Liaison Officer – a kind of moral officer for Embassy employees and their families. While Merrilee was busy “telling America’s story to the world,” Ken was organizing trips around Nigeria so that Americans could get a better understanding of that country (and have a good time in the process!)

The couple returned to Ohio after a few years in the Foreign Service to spend more time with Ken’s two children – Heather and Erik. Both of the kids are now married, and Ken and Merrilee are the proud grandparents of Lena, Miya and Jack. When not flying to upstate New York or Arlington, Texas, to visit the grandkids, Merrilee and Ken are active in their church (Holy Trinity Lutheran) and community through their work with the Mordecai CAC. Merrilee works at Progress Energy in the Information Technology Department, and Ken buys and remodels homes for both resale and rental. The couple have enjoyed living in Mordecai for the past 15 years and consider their neighbors a second family.

Looking for a writer and photographer to interview the featured family, individual or project for “Neighbor of the Month.”

Please contact Aracelys Torrez at aracelys.torrez@ci.raleigh.nc.us or 919-996-5717.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITIZENS AREA LIAISON

Citizen Area Liaisons are neighborhood volunteers who serve as the link to various organizations, agencies and resources, including the City. Liaisons help to identify and solve problems in their neighborhood. They get to know their neighbors, conduct neighborhood assessments, arrange meetings and share information and ideas.

Contact:

Luis Olivieri 919-996-5714
Sheila Lynch 919-996-5713

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT MATCHING GRANT

Neighborhood-based organizations are eligible for grants of up to \$5,000 for projects that strengthen and improve neighborhoods and enhance a sense of community. The grants help pay for projects designed by residents themselves for the betterment of their neighborhoods.

Contact:

Charlene Willard 919-996-5718
or
charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us

NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRY

The Registry is the City’s official list of neighborhood-based organizations. Being on the Registry helps improve communication between neighborhood groups and the City. Organizations on the Registry may apply for Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants.

Contact:

Charlene Willard (919) 996-5718
or
charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us

Mordecai CAC Minutes

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Co-Chairs John Dombalis and Reid Serozi welcomed approximately 20 residents and visitors to the meeting.

Police Report – Officer Taylor noted that there were four church break-ins and that an arrest has been made. He advised residents to use caution when selecting individuals to do handy work around the house, and report any suspicious activity by calling 9-1-1 or the non-emergency number, 831-6311. He stressed again that no incident is too small to report.

There will be an open house ceremony on January 22nd (too late for this newsletter) for a new facility at 218 Cabarrus St.

A newsletter will soon be provided from RPD to the CAC to give updates between the monthly CAC meetings. They also plan to implement a phone tree for our area.

Helen Tart of FOLDPOP (Friends of the Off Leash Dog Park at Oakwood Park) noted that the bathroom buildings at the dog park, which have bright security lights, are being replaced. Officer Taylor will check into whether the area will go dark during construction.

Announcements

Raleigh Parks & Recreation. - Chris Moore announced that registration for girls and boys in-line hockey and lacrosse is open until Jan 22nd . . . again too late for this newsletter. Summer camp registration starts soon.

The Halifax Community Center renovation is to start this spring and will continue for about one year. The center will not close during this time; half of the facility will be under construction at a time.

Main Program

Visit from Mayor Meeker - Mayor Meeker noted that we have many strong inner city neighborhoods in Raleigh and that has undoubtedly helped the revitalization of downtown.

- Regarding the economy, things are not turning around yet however no city services have been cut. Open positions unrelated to safety (emergency, police, and fire) are not being filled.
- The Hillsborough Street project is four months ahead of schedule and should finish in August of this year.
- The city will assess whether changing 1-way north-south downtown streets to 2-way traffic would be beneficial. Bike friendly streets are included in the comprehensive plan, bike lanes and more places to park bikes will be added as roads are resurfaced or under construction.

Committee Reports

Traffic We are looking for committee volunteers, please contact Phillip Bernard (chair) or Merrilee Jacobson if you are interested. A focus will be on the Person Street business area and Wake Forest Road.

Four way stops have been installed in Oakwood thanks to a long steady campaign by (I don't have the name).

Parks - Dana Deaton gave an update on the Tom Oglesby memorial. We could dedicate a bench in the Marshall Street open space near his home or we could rename the open space for him. Renaming this space, which meant very much to him, would require a proposal with 1000 signatures. Please contact Dana if you are willing to help with this effort.

If you have any thoughts or opinions about adding another gate to the Mordecai mini-park please contact Dana. Dana will bring a summary of comments she has received to discuss at the February meeting.

Neighborhood Watch - A neighborhood watch will begin late January or early February for Mordecai proper. You will see notices on the google group for a meeting soon, come see what it's all about. Essentially a neighborhood watch works with the city to establish a relationship and educate neighbors about what to look for.

Rebekah Weber, *Secretary*

Mordecai Historic Park



**One Mimosa Street
Raleigh, NC 27604**

**AN INSIDER'S LOOK AT THE
CITY OF RALEIGH'S
DEPARTMENTS AND
OPERATIONS** through the
upcoming Spring, 2010
Raleigh Neighborhood College.

Take a peek into the heart of the 911 center, climb into the cab of a fire engine, observe how the Police SWAT team readies for action and see firsthand the functions of the many departments comprising our city government. This and more awaits you at the Spring, 2010 session of the Raleigh Neighborhood College. These twelve classes (Feb. 18 – May 13, 2010) provide an insider's look at the daily operations of running this business called the "City of Raleigh." As a participant, you can learn how your tax dollars are used and how many resources are available to you as a Raleigh resident. For further details about the College, go to the City of Raleigh website at www.raleighnc.gov or contact Charlene Willard, City of Raleigh Community Services Dept. at 996-5718 or charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us

Halifax Community Center



**1015 Halifax Street
Raleigh, NC 27604**

News & Announcements

RALEIGH/WAKE COY EMERGE PONSE TEAM (CERT)

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

"To do the greatest good for the greatest number of people while preventing yourself from becoming a victim."

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide police, fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors such as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs.

One also expects that under these kinds of conditions, family members, fellow employees, and neighbors will spontaneously try to help each other.

What can the City of Raleigh do to prepare citizens for this eventuality?

First, present citizens the facts about what to expect following a major disaster in terms of immediate services.

Second, give citizens the message about their responsibility for mitigation and preparedness.

Third, train citizens in needed life saving skills with emphasis on decision making skills, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number.

Fourth, organize citizens into teams so that they are an extension of first responder services offering immediate help to victims until professional services arrive.

The City of Raleigh has created the Emergency Management Division with the purpose of training citizens and private and government employees.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program makes good sense and furthers the process of citizens understanding their responsibility in preparing for disaster. It also increases their ability to safely help themselves, their family and their neighbors.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course will benefit any citizen who takes it. This individual will be better prepared to respond to and cope with the aftermath of a disaster.

For additional information, contact:

James Mercer, Emergency Management Director

919-996-4657 (phone)

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Or Visit: <http://raleigh-wakecert.org/> or

http://www.raleighnc.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_0_306_202_0_43/http:pt03/DIG_Web_Content/category/Resident/Fire_and_ECC/Cat-Index.html

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Approximately 160 summer jobs will be made available for local youth through the City of Raleigh's Summer Youth Employment Program.

The program, administered by the City's Community Services Department, is designed for young people between the ages of 14 and 18 who live in the Raleigh City limits. The program seeks to develop good work habits and to stress both education and job experience as a prerequisite to a successful future. Youth selected for summer jobs will work between 20 and 35 hours each week. First and second-year participants in the program will earn \$7.25 per hour. Personal and career development workshops are conducted during the summer.

Interested youth can go to any one of 10 designated City locations to complete an application and prepare to be interviewed. Applicants must have a clear photocopy of their Social Security card and any one of the following documents:

NC State-Issued Driver's License, NC-Issued Learner's Permit, Military Identification or NC Identification Card (all with photo)

Monday, March 1 - Millbrook Exchange Park

Friday, March 5 - Lake Lynn Community Center

Thursday, March 11 - Roberts Park Community Center

Wednesday, March 17 - Tarboro Road Community Center

Monday, March 22 - Lions Park Community Center

Wednesday, March 3 - Biltmore Hills Community Center

Tuesday, March 9 - Green Road Community Center

Monday, March 15 - Chavis Community Center

Friday, March 19 - Worthdale Community Center

Thursday, March 25 - Method Community Center