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LISTENING TOUR LAUNCHES MONDAY

Wake County Commissioners are working with community leaders to hold a series of public meetings, known as The Listening Tour. The first stop on the tour will be **Monday, October 28, 2013, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Tarboro Road Community Center, 121 N. Tarboro Rd., Raleigh.**

The focus of The Listening Tour will be to share information and hear community feedback about Human Services programs and services. Comments are also welcome on other issues that may be of concern to Wake County residents.

“We know that many of our citizens are experiencing challenges in their lives and there are many changes occurring at the federal, state and local levels,” said Wake County Board of Commissioners chair Joe Bryan. “There have been changes in food stamps, Medicaid and energy assistance.

“We have done a lot to ensure that our residents have the services they need, but we know that we still have more to do, and we would like to hear directly from the people about what they need,” said Bryan. “It’s very important that Commissioners and staff take the time to hear from our residents.”

Attendees will hear a brief overview from staff, and then have an opportunity to offer comments. Planned and expected discussion topics include:

- assistance programs,
- [NC FAST](#), and
- county initiatives like [Human Capital Development](#).

Octavia Rainey, a well-known member of the Raleigh community, was instrumental in starting the tour and is helping commissioners select dates and locations for The Listening Tour stops.

“I am very pleased that our County Commissioners have decided to move forward with The Listening Tours,” said Octavia Rainey. “The tour stops will help them to gain first-hand knowledge about what is going on in every corner of Wake County, but just as importantly it will help the people to learn more specifics about the County services that are available to them.”

The next tour stop is being planned for mid-November. Listening Tour stops are expected to continue on a monthly basis. As future dates are scheduled, information will be provided on WakeGOV.com.

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