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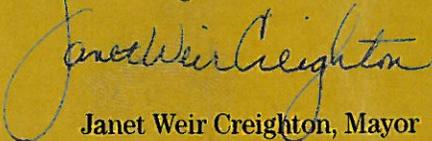


To all the
**GOOD
CITIZENS
OF CANTON,**

I hope you had a wonderful summer! As I visited our neighborhoods this past summer and met with residents, I was very moved by the passion and pride of our citizens. When folks would point out a trouble spot, our code enforcement and our law enforcement officials took action, and the residents were grateful. It just proves that when we work together, we can keep Canton moving in the right direction and continue to improve the place we call home.

City Council has been active as well, and thanks to the leadership of Council President Allen Schulman, Rob Hankins from Arts in Stark and Mike Gill from the Downtown Canton Special Improvement District, we now have several new public art exhibits. All Canton residents should take some time to come downtown and stroll Court Avenue and enjoy one of our many fine restaurants. It truly is Different Downtown.

Canton received national recognition recently in Expansion Management Magazine as the Canton-Massillon area was named the number one market for business recruitment and attraction in the United States. Folks, new businesses mean more jobs! We are pleased to have been named "a magnet for business."



Janet Weir Creighton, Mayor

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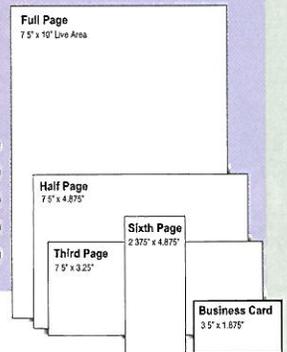
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THE ROAD AHEAD

by Daniel J. Moeglin P.E., S.I., Your Canton City Engineer

Barrels, barrels, barrels...

The Canton City Engineering Department recently completed the 38th Street NW road and storm sewer reconstruction project. This was a million dollar project with \$600,000 coming from a state grant. The long overdue project at 41st Street NW (Steese) road and storm sewer reconstruction project is proceeding at a rapid pace and has \$1,158,840 of state grant monies in it. The Tuscarawas Street reconstruction is making swift progress. This 6 million dollar project is funded almost entirely with state and federal dollars.



While constructing capital projects is an important part of what the City Engineering Department does, we also have many other responsibilities. One of those major responsibilities is coordinating the implementation of the Federal Clean Water Act for Canton. As a result of this mandate, in this issue of Canton Quarterly is the debut of "Runoff Rundown." This section, prepared by Chris Barnes, P.E., an Assistant City Engineer, will help us learn more about how we can all work together to reduce pollution and improve the quality of our ponds, streams, and aquifers for ourselves and generations to come.

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THE RUNOFF RUNDOWN

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Did you know that in 2003 the City of Canton had to get a permit from Ohio EPA to allow storm water runoff from City storm sewers and other drainage systems to be discharged into local streams, lakes, and other water bodies?

Here's a little background information that brought the City of Canton to this point...

The passage of the Clean Water Act (CWA) in 1972 resulted in dramatic improvements in the quality of our Nation's waters. Despite the improvements, degraded water bodies still exist. According to the 2000 National Water Quality Inventory, approximately 40% of surveyed water bodies are still not clean enough to meet basic uses such as fishing or swimming.

The Water Quality Act (WQA) required the United States EPA to develop a phased program for regulating municipal and industrial storm water discharges under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program.

Phase I of the United States EPA's storm water program, enacted in 1990, relies on NPDES permit coverage to address storm water runoff from medium and large

municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s). Phase II was established in 1999 to address small MS4s which serve populations less than 100,000 in urbanized areas.

The City of Canton is classified by the EPA as a small MS4 operator, and is regulated under Phase II. In 2003, the City of Canton obtained permit coverage from Ohio EPA, with the obligation to implement specific permit requirements by 2008.

One of the requirements Canton must implement is a Public Education and Outreach Program on storm water impacts. The fact that you are reading this article is progress toward meeting the permit requirement to educate the public on storm water impacts. To keep "storm water education" from being so "dry" (pun intended), try testing your knowledge by taking the *Storm Water Runoff Challenge*.

Take the Stormwater Runoff Challenge

Across:

- The area of land that drains into an estuary, lake, stream, or groundwater is known as a _____.
- The _____ of speeding boats can erode shorelines.
- Maintaining your _____ tank will help to prevent bacteria and nutrients from leaking into groundwater and surface waters.
- Wetland plants act like a natural water _____ removing harmful pollutants from stormwater runoff.
- Leave your grass clippings on your _____ to reduce the need for commercial fertilizers.
- A single quart of motor _____, if disposed of improperly, can pollute 2 million gallons of water.
- Fertilizers and animal wastes contain _____ that "feed" algae and other aquatic plants harmful to water quality.
- Polluted runoff from both rural and _____ sources has a significant impact on water quality.
- Storm _____ don't always connect to sewage treatment plants, so runoff can flow directly to rivers, lakes, and coastal waters.
- Follow directions carefully when applying _____ on your lawn—more is not always better.
- Polluted runoff (also called _____) source pollution) comes from so many places that it's hard to "pinpoint" a source.
- Yard and vegetable food waste are suitable additions to a _____ pile.

Down:

- Don't dump used motor oil into storm drains _____!
- _____ of soil from barren land can cloud nearby streams.
- _____ prevent flooding, improve water quality, and provide habitat for waterfowl, fish, and wildlife.
- Marking "Do Not Dump, Drains to Bay" on a _____ is one way to educate people about polluted runoff.
- Excess sediment, nutrients, toxics, and pathogens are all types of runoff _____.
- Polluted _____ is the nation's #1 water quality problem.
- The cattail is one wetland _____ that helps purify polluted runoff.
- Too much _____ in water can harm aquatic life.
- Proper crop and animal management on _____ helps to control water pollution.
- _____ impact development helps control stormwater pollution through conservation approaches and techniques.

Choices:

compost	nonpoint	sediment
drains	nutrients	septic
erosion	oil	storm drain
farms	plant	urban
fertilizer	pollution	waters
filter	recycle	watershed
lawn	runoff	wetlands
low		

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