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letter from the mayor

Dear Readers,



As autumn begins its fast and chilly descent into winter, Canton comes alive with the sights, sounds, and smells of the holiday season. To make sure you don't miss a second of fun this year, be sure to check out our Holiday Events Guide (Page 20) where you can learn all there is to know about the many family-friendly events that are taking place throughout our city.

The theme of this Canton Connection™ focuses on the many great sites, attractions, and businesses of downtown Canton. Over the years, much has changed for the better in our central city. Restaurants, art galleries, coffee houses and more have sprung up in revitalized historic buildings, and if you haven't visited lately, you may not believe your eyes!

This holiday season, I invite you to Rediscover Downtown (Pages 12-17) – either during one of our many scheduled holiday events, or on your own when you have a few moments to spare. Our downtown landscape is constantly changing, and we hope you will take a little time to explore all it has to offer.

As always, please feel free to contact me via telephone, e-mail, or in person whenever you want to share information, request City services, or report a problem in your neighborhood. I am honored to serve as your Mayor!

Happy Holidays,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wm. J. Healy II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "W" and "H".

William J. Healy II
Mayor

Three overlapping covers of "The Canton Connection" magazine. The top cover is for May-July 2009, featuring a football player. The middle cover is for August-October, featuring a hot air balloon and the headline "UP... UP & AWAY!". The bottom cover is for November-December, featuring a building and the headline "re-discover DOWNTOWN". Each cover includes the text "THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF THE CITY OF CANTON" and "FREE".

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Incentive programs available to help local businesses



By Robert Torres, Director of Development

SINCE 2008, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT HAS PARTNERED WITH THE CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

Corporation (CCIC), the Stark Development Board, the Ohio Department of Development and the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce to provide economic development incentives to more than fifty businesses. Utilizing the programs listed below, this partnership has successfully assisted existing and new businesses in their retention and expansion efforts.

Are you a business owner looking for incentives to expand your operations? Do you know of a business that is looking to add a new branch or move from its existing location? Contact us to learn more about these programs!

CCIC Revolving Loan Program

The CCIC provides loan assistance to businesses expanding or locating in Canton. Criteria include private investment and job creation. CCIC's support is offered in conjunction with equity investment by the company, bank financing, and – in some instances – participation by other CCIC partner organizations.

Economic Growth Initiative

The City offers two programs that reward job creation and company growth in Canton:

- The **Canton Job Creation Incentive Program** partners with the State of Ohio Job Creation Incentive Program and utilizes criteria established under that program. The business must create a minimum of 25 full-time equivalent jobs and be approved for the state incentive to receive assistance. Businesses receive an annual payment equal to up to 50% of the net new employees 2%

income tax withholdings that are paid to the City of Canton. The incentive does not include employees that previously paid income taxes to the city. The incentive is available for approved businesses for up to five years.

- The **Net Profit Tax Incentive Program** offers eligible companies an annual payment equal to up to 50% of the amount of net profit tax paid by the business for a period of up to five years. Companies must be new to Canton and provide a minimum of 10 net new full-time equivalent jobs. An application must be submitted prior to the relocation of the company to Canton.

Enterprise Zones

Enterprise Zones are programs administered by the City and approved by the State of Ohio. Participation requires significant investment equal to:

- At least 10% of the value of the existing facility; or
- Renovations of an existing facility if the renovations exceed 50% of the facility's value; or
- Occupancy of a vacant building and investment of at least 20% of the facility's value to alter or repair the facility.

The project must also demonstrate the retention and/or the creation of jobs. Exemptions are on real property taxes based on an amount equal to up to 75% of the increased assessed value for up to 10 years.

NOTE: These local programs may also be combined with county, state and federal incentives that may apply to the project.

For more information about the many forms of assistance available, contact Robert Torres, Director of Development at (330) 489-3258 or Linda Barnes, CCIC Director at (330) 489-3344. Business assistance is also available from the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce by contacting their office at (330) 456-7253. ♦

PHOTO BY ADAM HERMAN



MIDWEST INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC. (PICTURED HERE) IS ONE LOCAL COMPANY THAT HAS USED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DOLLARS TO SUPPORT THE CREATION AND RETENTION OF LOCAL JOBS.

ArtsinStark awarding grants for innovation and education

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By Judi Christy, Marketing Director

2010 GRANTS DEMONSTRATE A CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO THE ARTS IN STARK COUNTY

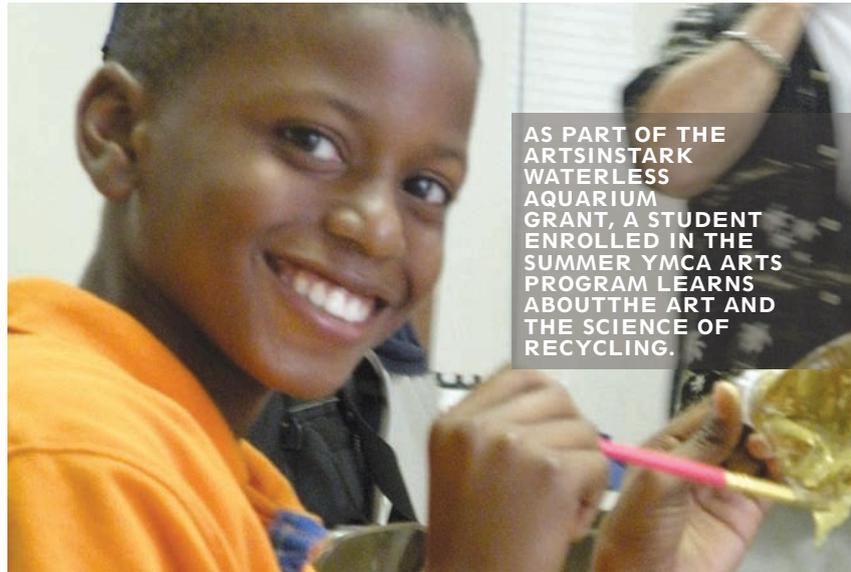
ArtsinStark – The County Arts Council – has once again set aside \$150,000 in Special Project Grants to fund projects that support learning and creativity through the enhancement of the Arts. Non-profit organizations may apply for grants of up to \$10,000 for projects that demonstrate innovation and education for those involved in the creative process. Applications will be scored by artistic merit (the quality of artists involved), management ability (the experience of the organization/artist administering the program), and impact (the number of people served or new areas of Stark County reached with the project).

Schools and educators are also eligible to receive Arts funding by applying for a SmArts grant. An ideal SmArts proposal would take place when a team of teachers comes together to: select a core subject (math, reading, history, etc.), establish educational objectives, create a good measurement plan to evaluate success, and identify a "teaching artist" to act as an artist-in-residence. While other criteria will be evaluated, these four primary areas will be given great consideration when proposals are reviewed.

Additionally, for the first time in ArtsinStark history individual artists may now apply for mini-grants (\$500 or less) to further their artistic endeavors. Grants will be awarded to local artists who propose an innovative project where funds will be used to purchase supplies, rent facilities (rehearsal or studio), or compensate the artist during the creation of new work.

Those interested in applying for ArtsinStark grants can obtain applications and other grant materials in person at the ArtsinStark offices, located at 900 Cleveland Avenue NW in Canton. More information can also be obtained by calling Anne Wadian, Grants Officer at 330-453-1075, ext 204 or visiting www.artsinstark.com. For information about SmArts, contact Sarah Shumaker at sarah@artsinstark.com.

The deadline for Special Project Grant Applications is 5:00 p.m. on November 13. Grant winners will be awarded their checks on December 15 for projects to be completed in 2010. ♦



AS PART OF THE ARTSINSTARK WATERLESS AQUARIUM GRANT, A STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE SUMMER YMCA ARTS PROGRAM LEARNS ABOUT THE ART AND THE SCIENCE OF RECYCLING.



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NORTH CANTON'S PRODUCTION OF HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR. IN 2008, POSE BEFORE TAKING A BOW.

The Nutcracker returns to Canton in December

By Jeanne Coen, Canton Ballet

ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST STARS ON NORTH-EAST OHIO'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY SCENE RETURNS TO STARK COUNTY THIS YEAR

when the Canton Ballet performs The Nutcracker from December 11 through December 13 at the Palace Theater in downtown Canton. Directed by Cassandra Crowley, The Nutcracker is sure to delight audiences young and old this holiday season with its lavish sets and glittering costumes as the classic tale of holiday adventures and mischief unfolds.

The Nutcracker tells the story of Christmas Eve at the home of young Clara and her family during their holiday party in the 1860's. All is going according to plan until the mysterious magician Drosselmeyer makes a surprise visit and presents Clara with a very special Nutcracker doll. What follows is the fun-filled journey of Clara and her Nutcracker prince—from a frenzied battle between life-sized toy soldiers and mice

through the kingdom of Snow to the Land of the Sugar Plum Fairy – all set to the gorgeous music of Tchaikovsky.

Admission for all shows ranges from \$10 to \$22. Tickets are available online at cantonballet.com, by telephone at (330) 455-6880, or in person at the Ballet Box Office in the Cultural Center for the Arts. Ticket purchase in advance is recommended – all seating is reserved.

The theatre box office opens one hour before performance for advance purchase pickups and walkup sales only. There is a wheelchair seating area on the main floor. Performance times are Friday, 7:30 pm; Saturday, 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm; and Sunday, 2:00 pm.

For additional information, go to cantonballet.com or call the Ballet office at (330) 455-7220. ♦

Canton Symphony Orchestra to perform Annual Holiday Pops Concert

By Tracy Jeffries, Canton Symphony Orchestra

ENJOY THE SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON AS OVER 350 VOICES FROM THE CHOIRS OF GLENOAK, HOOVER, LAKE, MCKINLEY AND PERRY HIGH SCHOOLS JOIN CONDUCTOR

Matthew Brown and the Canton Symphony Orchestra for the annual Holiday Pops Concert at Umstattd Hall on Saturday, December 12 at 8 pm.

The Holiday Pops Concert will include “Winter Wonderland,” music from “The Nutcracker,” and Handel’s beautiful

“Hallelujah Chorus” from the Messiah. Audience members will be given the chance to sing along with this spectacular line-up.

Tickets to CSO Holiday Pops are \$25, \$20 and \$15. Discounts are available for seniors, students, and groups of 10 or more. For more information, visit www.cantonsymphony.org or call (330) 452-2094. The CSO Holiday Pops are co-sponsored by The Joseph A. Jeffries Company. ♦

Classes available from the Players Guild Theatre Registration ends November 7

By Laurie Fife Harbert, Canton Players Guild

THE PLAYERS GUILD THEATRE'S PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR ITS FALL/WINTER SESSION OF CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS. NINE CLASSES

and a large number of workshops will be offered for seven weeks for participants age 2 through adult. To register, call (330) 453-7619 ext. 504.

Examples of workshops include:

Auditioning for Musicals (Ages 15+)

Whether you've auditioned for dozens of musicals or you've always wanted to but never found the courage, this workshop is perfect for you. Here you will work one on one with the Players Guild's Resident Director on how to best prepare for and grow from each audition.

Saturday classes from Jan 16 – Feb 6, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Cost: \$125. Instructor: Jonathan Tisevich

The Teen Xperience (Ages 13-19)

Introduces and develops teens' acting, singing, and movement techniques in the areas of pop, rock n' roll, gospel, juke box musicals, hip hop and much more. The styles conveyed throughout closely reflect the form and structure of the musicals being written for the 21st century. This workshop will challenge teens and offer them the skills needed to succeed in this art form.

Saturday classes from Jan 16 – Feb 6, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$125. Instructor: Carrie Alexander Spina ♦

TRI-COUNTY WASTE DISTRICT

Trim your holiday “wasteline” with these helpful tips

by Linda Morckel, Education Coordinator

BETWEEN THANKSGIVING AND NEW YEAR'S DAY, THE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE CREATED BY AMERICANS INCREASES BY 25%! HERE ARE SOME SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE MONEY AND RESOURCES DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

Gift Giving

- Plan your shopping in advance so you can save fuel by consolidating your shopping trips.
- Rather than buying “stuff” that your loved one may or may not enjoy, try giving gift certificates or make a donation in his or her name to a favorite charity.
- Give homemade food or something you've made from reused items.
- Donate unwanted gifts, along with gifts and clothes the kids have outgrown, to charity.
- If you shop by mail, remember to cancel the catalogs you don't need. If every household canceled ten catalogs and stacked them, the stack would be 2,000 miles high!
- Shop locally. Not only will it strengthen the local community, it will save fuel.

Gift Wrapping

- Give gifts that don't have to be wrapped, such as: tickets to concerts, sporting events or museums, gift certificates, house plants or gifts of your time.
- When giving oversized gifts, tie a bow around them instead of wrapping them in paper.
- Use old maps, newspapers or holiday gift bags instead of wrapping paper. The gift bags can be reused!
- Make the wrap a part of the gift by putting cookies in a new flowerpot or hiding jewelry in a new pair of gloves.



Save Energy

- Turn down the heat before guests arrive. You'll save energy while your guests' extra body heat warms up the room.
- Walk to neighborhood parties or carpool.
- Purchase holiday lights with small bulbs. Smaller bulbs use less energy and give off less heat, making your lights safer.
- When buying electronic toys, buy rechargeable batteries to go with them.

Dinner Tips

- Millions pounds of edible food are wasted each year around the holidays – plan meals wisely and practice portion control to minimize waste.
- Plan your meals before going to the grocery store. Make a list of what you need and stick to the list!
- Make plans for leftovers – after a big dinner, plan what you're going to do with the leftovers, whether it's sharing them with friends and family, freezing them, or using them in other dishes.
- Don't forget to buy and use reusable shopping bags from the grocery store.

...AND DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE!

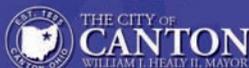
Even if you do your best to conserve and produce less trash this season, you'll still have things to recycle! Cardboard, newspapers, jars, cans and beverage containers are all accepted in your curbside recycling program. If you haven't started recycling yet, call (330) 489-3000 or check out <http://recycle.cantonohio.gov> for more information. ♦

Hey Students! Want to turn some trash into cash?

Enter your recycled invention in the 2nd Annual Mayor's Young Inventor Challenge...

Mayor Healy is holding his second annual *Young Inventor Challenge* to reward students in grades 7-8 and 9-12 who find creative ways to make new inventions out of the garbage we throw away every day!

Students with winning inventions in each age group will earn a Wal-Mart gift card for \$500 (1st Place), \$250 (2nd Place), and \$100 (Honorable Mention) for their inventions. Sound interesting? Download a copy of the rules and registration form at www.cantonohio.gov/mayor/



The deadline for registration is December 1, 2009.
Questions? Call 330-438-4305 and ask for Derek to receive more information!



Canton Museum of Art



CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Prevention Tips for the Holiday Season

By Captain D. Davis

WITH THE HOLIDAY SEASON UPON US, MOST PEOPLE ARE PREOCCUPIED WITH THE DETAILS OF HOLIDAY PLANNING AND SHOPPING.

Unfortunately, the safety precautions we normally take can be forgotten as the excitement of the season causes us to let our guard down. The Canton Police Department wants this to be a safe holiday season for all, so we remind you to follow these simple tips while you enjoy the City and the season!

Leaving the house for a bit?

Be sure to lock your doors and windows! Don't leave the drapes open with your presents in plain view. Christmas presents displayed around your tree can be a pretty sight, but can also be quite tempting to burglars. It's better to scatter the gifts around the house, in closets or cupboards, where they can't be so easily seen.

Out of town for the holidays?

If you are leaving town for the holidays, make sure your home appears occupied. Leave inside and outside lights on timers and have your neighbors pick up newspapers, mail, and take flyers off your door. Ask neighbors to park in your driveway. Put a timer on a talk radio station for several hours a day.

Going shopping?

During this time, many of us will be busy shopping and running errands. We must not forget that criminals will also be out

and about looking for easy targets to make a big score. When shopping, place your packages in the trunk of your car to keep them out of sight. Keep your car locked at all times. Be sure and make several trips to your car to deposit packages in the trunk. Don't allow yourself to become so burdened down with packages that you become a tempting target. When walking through parking lots, be sure that you are aware of your surroundings. Walk with authority. Don't look like a victim!

Out and about?

Be aware that thieves and pickpockets are also at their busiest during the holiday season. Ladies, don't dangle your handbag from your shoulder. You are creating a perfect opportunity for a purse snatcher. Instead, keep your purse tucked tightly under your arm. Better yet, don't even carry a purse. Place your checkbook, cash, or credit cards in your front pockets. Avoid carrying your checkbook, cash, and credit cards all together in one wallet, because if a thief gets the whole package together, they can cash checks with your identification and run up a large credit card bill in a short amount of time.

'Tis the season to be jolly, but it is also the season to be wary of burglars, thieves, pickpockets, and other holiday grinchers. Nothing can ruin the holiday spirit faster than becoming the victim of a crime. But remember, just by using a little planning and some good common sense, most holiday crimes can be avoided. ♦

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COLLECTION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

Underground repairs improve utility services



By James DiMarzio, Collection Systems Superintendent

OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DECADES, MANY MUNICIPALITIES (INCLUDING CANTON) HAVE SEEN A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE NUMBER

of utility repairs. Utility lines – such as sewer, water, gas, and electric – are usually found beneath city streets, and are critical to keeping our homes and businesses up and running.

Because many of these lines were installed nearly a century ago, most are at risk to fail due to deterioration and stress. To prevent the interruption of these critical city services, the city's Sewer and Water Departments have recently begun making repairs and replacements throughout our community.

If you've traveled downtown recently, you have probably noticed that some city streets have been covered in unique patterns of red, blue, green, white, and orange symbols. These markings from local utility companies guide city repair crews when digging underground, and are sure signs that much-needed repairs are on their way in the near vicinity.

With all utility providers working together, crews can safely and effectively make the needed repairs while avoiding service disruption to you, the customer. We look forward to continuing to provide top-quality service at the lowest possible inconvenience during these repairs, and ask that you please contact us if you experience any problems during this period. ♦

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

2009 Projects: A Year in Review



By Daniel J. Moeglin, P.E., S.I., City Engineer

AS WINTER SETS IN OVER NORTHEAST OHIO, WE HERE IN THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT LIKE TO STEP BACK AND

review what we were able to accomplish over the past year. By doing so, we are able to take pride in what went well, as well as identify areas where we can improve in 2010.

So, what have we accomplished in 2009? To alleviate flooding concerns and reduce the risk to residents' personal property, we completed the storm sewer, retention basin, and roadway reconstruction projects at 30th Street NE, 49th Street/Gardendale Street NE, and 25th Street NE. These projects will ensure that storm water is handled safely and efficiently during our wettest seasons, and hopefully allow residents to sleep more comfortably during those big summer thunderstorms.

Additionally, with the support of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and local property owners, we constructed several streetscape projects downtown and throughout the City. We also paved about 1.4 million dollars' worth Canton's roads as part of approximately \$7.5 million invested overall in local infrastructure – most of which came in the form of grants from non-City taxpayer sources.

All in all, 2009 has been a very successful year. We look forward to continuing these successes in 2010 and will continuously evaluate our organization, priorities, and processes so we can be even more efficient with taxpayer's dollars during these tough economic times. ♦

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Canton welcomes new Chief Building Official

By Thomas Ream, Safety Director

THIS PAST JUNE, MAYOR HEALY APPOINTED ANGELA CAVANAUGH AS THE CITY'S CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL. Cavanaugh replaced former CBO John Labriola, who took a new position as the head of the recently-formed Akron-Summit County Building Department. Before joining the City full-time, Cavanaugh served as a part-time building plans examiner, where she monitored construction documents to ensure they meet state standards for local projects.

In her new position, Cavanaugh will administer the State of Ohio Building Code for residential and commercial buildings, the Zoning Department, and the Housing Code Enforcement Department. She brings a wealth of experience to the City, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Akron and a Master's

degree in management from Kent State University. She also holds certifications from the Ohio Board of Building Standards as a Master Plans Examiner for all disciplines, including architectural, structural, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, fire suppression, and fire alarm plans. She is a state-certified building inspector/building official as well as a registered architect.

During these hard economic times, Cavanaugh is committed to lowering costs in her department while improving service. Many cost-cutting ideas have already been implemented, and more are being studied for future use. For more information about the Canton Building Department, log on to www.cantonohio.gov/building or visit their offices at 424 Market Avenue North (3rd Floor) in downtown Canton. ♦

STREET DEPARTMENT

2010 B.A.N. Litter dates announced



by Kevin Monroe, Streets Superintendent

THE B.A.N.-LITTER PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN 2006 IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS TO CLEAN UP OUR STREETS ONE NEIGHBORHOOD AT A TIME.

With the program, we hope to foster an extreme awareness of the importance of keeping Canton clean from litter and other waste debris. The following dates have been announced for 2010: April 12, April 26, May 17, June 7, June 28, July 12, August 16, September 13, and October 11. To sign up for a date, contact the Street Department at (330) 489-3030. Dates are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, so act quickly to get your preferred date!

Proper leaf disposal is important to your neighborhood!

Fall is quickly coming to an end. To keep our drains flowing freely and our neighborhoods clean from yard waste, we ask that you please avoid raking leaves from your property directly onto the street. The collection of leaves on city streets causes many problems, the largest of which is the potential for flooding should we experience moderate to heavy rainfalls.

Excess leaves in the street also cause dangerous street conditions when they get wet, as vehicles lose traction when trying to brake. To prevent these hazards, we ask that you do your part and bag your leaves as required by law. City sanitation customers can have their leaves and other lawn waste picked up on garbage day with their regular pick-up if properly bagged! ♦

WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Department study will cut costs



By Tyler Converse, Superintendent

THE CANTON WATER DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE COMMUNITY IS IN THE MIDST OF VERY DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES.

The Department itself is not exempt from the impact of the current recession. Home foreclosures and scaled back commercial and industrial production have all played a role. Annual weather cycles also affect water consumption. The relatively cool summer we've experienced this year equates to lower water demand and a corresponding reduction in revenue.

Fortunately for Canton's ratepayers, the Water Department has compensated for these losses by reducing its expenditures. All things considered, we've been fortunate to continue to operate under a balanced budget.

Distribution study will help eliminate waste

In an effort to position the Water Department for long-term success, we'll continue to pursue efficiency while providing safe, high-quality products and services. We are currently in the midst of conducting a leak detection study on a portion of our water distribution pipeline. The information gained from this study will be further used to conduct a comprehensive leak detection program on the remainder of the distribution system next year.

As a result, previously undetected leaks will be identified and repaired, thereby reducing system water loss. The possible net gains in efficiency from this study are significant, offering an estimated cost savings of tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars per year for the Water Department and its customers. ♦

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YOUTH DEPARTMENT

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By Corey Minor Smith, Director of Compliance

IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY – ALONG WITH PARENTS, EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS – TO EMPOWER OUR YOUTH.

The number one goal of the Department of Youth Development is to invest in the future of our city's youth through cultural, educational, social, employment and recreational programs held at the Edward "Peel" Coleman Community Center.

Programs like these help our youth make productive use of their time and increase their potential for future success. The staff at the Edward "Peel" Coleman Center provides a safe, friendly, and enriching environment in which to offer these programs, but needs the support of people like you to continue their important work!

Without the help of caring volunteers and sponsors, many of our programs would not be possible. Those who are interested in supporting the Center with their time and effort should sign up today to volunteer or sponsor an activity. Don't have time to give at the Center? We are always in need of supplies for our programming, and appreciate any donations, no matter how small.

Space is also available for rent at the Center to host your next event. The Center offers a Gymnasium, Community Room, and Dance/Music Room for all your event needs. We look forward to seeing you at the Center!

For more information, please call (330) 489-3350 or visit the Department of Youth Development's Web site at www.cantonohio.gov/youth. ♦



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RUNOFF RUNDOWN

Construction projects to continue through winter



By Chris Barnes, Assistant Canton City Engineer

WITH THE WINTER MONTHS QUICKLY APPROACHING, THE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION SEASON TYPICALLY

slows down. For the Canton City Engineering Department, however, our work is just beginning! The 25th Street NE Storm Sewer Project – a joint effort between the City of Canton, Plain Township, and Stark County – is now underway and will continue throughout the winter months.

The primary motivation for this \$3 million improvement in the vicinity of 23rd Street NE, Roosevelt Avenue NE, 25th Street NE, and 26th Street NE is to solve flooding problems that have plagued this part of our community for many years. In addition to new storm sewers, some streets will see upgrades to water lines, sanitary sewers, and the roadway itself. The storm sewers will drain westerly and ultimately into the Middle Branch of the Nimishillen Creek near Marvin Place NE.

Speaking of flooding problems, this time of year when the leaves have fallen off of trees can wreak a lot of havoc on our streets and yards. If they're not dealt with properly, leaves frequently collect on catch basin grates or clog drain pipes, causing water to back up and create localized flooding. Never rake leaves or other yard debris onto the street or into the nearby creek. Please do your part to help by raking leaves and disposing of them properly. ♦

AREA
RESIDENT
DONNA BLOCK
RELIES ON
THE BARKER
SPRING
HOUSE FOR
HER DAILY
WATER NEEDS.



PHOTO BY ADAM HERMAN

CANTON PARKS DISTRICT

Help keep our water safe and clean for future generations



By Doug Perry, Parks Director

GENERATIONS OF CANTON AND STARK COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE SAFELY USED THE JOHN BARKER SPRING HOUSE ALONG MONUMENT ROAD IN STADIUM PARK AS

a source for drinking water throughout the years. However, the quality of that water should never be taken for granted.

The Park System's creeks and ponds receive a large quantity storm water runoff. Because this storm water runoff can filter down into the source of the drinking water spring, it's important for residents to remember that items improperly disposed of today – such as chemicals, animal/yard waste, or even litter – could come into contact with residents via contaminated drinking water at some point in the future.

To keep our community's water clean, remember the following tips:

- Never dump anything down a storm sewer or a drain.
- Always take used oil to a local quick lube or auto shop for proper disposal
- Always dispose of your pet's waste in a trash can
- Wash your car on your lawn so excess water can be filtered by your grass's root system. Residents should not let soapy water drain directly into a storm sewer.
 - Never dispose of automotive fluids, household chemicals, pesticides, or other chemicals in any way other than as explained on their labels.
 - Try to use environmentally friendly products – they often work the same, but are much less damaging to our environment!

Remember that the water you protect today will be there for your children tomorrow. We must act as a community to protect our natural water resources and our drinking water supply – for more information about how you can protect our water, visit www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/28/documents/gwqcp/gwfactsht.pdf. ♦

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re-discover downtown

let your senses guide you through downtown Canton's renaissance

Over the past decade, business owners, government officials, and downtown residents have slowly re-invented a part of town that was once on the verge of collapse.

Canton's tall buildings, incredible architecture, and one-of-a-kind businesses make its downtown area one of the most unique places to eat, shop, and be entertained in Stark County.

In this issue of the Canton Connection, we invite readers to re-discover all that our downtown has to offer by taking a sensory tour of several well-known establishments and learning more about some new additions that are well on their way to becoming downtown favorites.

We most often overlook that which is right under our noses - take a moment to re-discover downtown Canton! ♦

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Courthouse photo appears courtesy of Rick Metz. To see more of this local photographer's work, visit www.flickr.com/photos/remetz.

Canton Museum of Art to feature recycled artwork from American Rustbelt

In a fascinating and engrossing counterpoint to the *Kimono as Art* exhibit held in February, the Canton Museum of Art will kick off its 75th anniversary this November with *Something from Nothing: Contemporary Recycled Art from America's Rustbelt*.

Over the past few decades, North America has seen an explosion of creativity in an art form using recycled materials as the medium. While the form's origins can be traced back to American folk art, contemporary artists have progressed well beyond the traditional folk art genre with inspiration from such pioneers as Marcel Duchamp, Pablo Picasso, and Georges Braque.

As exciting as it is relevant, *Something from Nothing* comes at a time when Stark County is experiencing an incredible resurgence of the Arts and our nation is taking major steps toward conservation. Curated by local sculptor Pat Buckohr, the exhibit will highlight 10 artists living and working in the area of the United States from Minnesota to New Jersey known as the Rustbelt. Featured artists will include local artist Joseph Close and Ohio artists Willis "Bing" Davis and Tony Armeni.

This unusual offering demonstrates the commitment of the CMA to contemporary artists and the latest trends in art and sculpture. The work is eclectic and sophisticated, incorporating such diverse materials as scrap metal, wire and pipes into sculpture ranging from whimsical creations to pieces of powerful social and cultural commentary.

The Museum hopes Canton residents will find this upcoming exhibit entertaining and thought-provoking. Tickets are available for \$6 (adults) and \$4 (seniors/students) and can be purchased during normal business hours (Tues-Thurs 10a-8p, Fri 10a-5p, Sat 10a-3p, Sun 1-5p, closed Mondays). ♦ MB

re-discover the **SIGHTS** of downtown



MINNESOTA ARTIST PAULA JENSEN WELDS AN EAGLE SCULPTURE FOR THE UPCOMING CMA EXHIBIT.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

Saxton Gallery offers photographic trip through time

Joseph Saxton, America's first photographer, would be proud of his new namesake in the downtown Canton Arts District! Let 200 of the world's finest photographs be your guide through time as you wander through The Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography.

The beautiful arts and crafts inspired gallery features everything from man's first photographic endeavors with clamshell daguerreotypes through turn of the century international masters like Edward Steichen and Alfred Steiglitz, who put the art of photography on par with the works of Picasso and other famous artists of their time.

The gallery also includes more contemporary works in color and black-and-white, and has a beautiful collection of portraiture – including Hollywood portraits – that is sure to delight even the most casual photo enthusiast. The Saxton Gallery may be the new kid on the block in the Arts District, but the incredible, blue chip photography destination is a can't-miss.

Works in the Saxton Gallery are available for sale, complete with museum quality, archival-grade framing performed on-site. Visit the gallery at 520 Cleveland Ave. NW, or visit www.jsaxtongallery.com for hours and events. ♦ JB

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PANORAMA OF THE JOSEPH SAXTON GALLERY.

re-discover the **TASTE** of downtown

From Bean Town to our town: Bender's seafood can't be beat

For more than a century and across four generations, Bender's Tavern has satisfied downtown diners with their grand hospitality and even grander menu selections. By far the city's most historic restaurant, Bender's is famous for their fresh seafood, delivered directly to your plate from Boston, Massachusetts, as well as a tantalizing array of classic steakhouse fare and a wide selection of vintages from their vast wine cellar.

House favorites include homemade turtle soup, Bender's tomatoes, sautéed sea scallops, and the perfect end to any evening – the famous chocolate peanut butter sundae. Bender's Tavern has served as Canton's oldest and most historic gathering place for fine dining and special occasions, with private dining rooms and specialty menus for any event.

Stop by for a decadent lunch or dinner Monday through Saturday at 137 Court Ave. SW, and visit bendersrestaurant.com for daily lunch specials. ♦ JB

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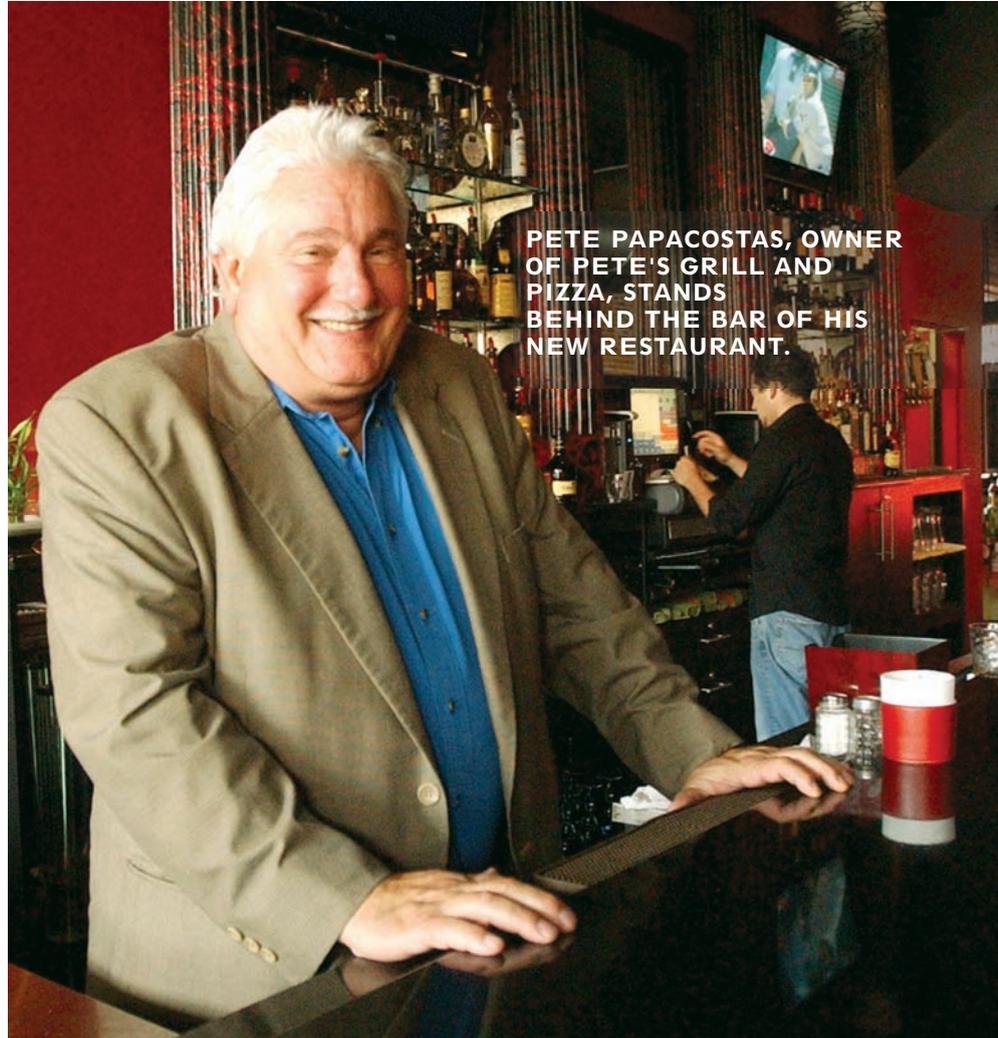


ONE OF SEVERAL
DINING ROOMS
AT BENDER'S

REPOSITORY FILE PHOTO



PHOTO BY TOM BOWER



PETE PAPACOSTAS, OWNER
OF PETE'S GRILL AND
PIZZA, STANDS
BEHIND THE BAR OF HIS
NEW RESTAURANT.

Pete's Grill puts the world on a plate in fresh, urban setting

Situated in a newly renovated 109 year-old building at the corner of 4th Street and Cherry Ave NE, Pete's Grill and Pizza offers its guests the experience of big-city dining without a big-city price tag.

Modeled after downtown eateries in Chicago, the restaurant's modern touches mix with traditional elements in a spacious dining room to provide a perfect backdrop for the delicious cuisine to come.

Menu selections include dishes from many different cultures, including Italian, Greek, Asian, and classic American. Fan favorites include the lightly breaded and fried calamari

appetizer with sweet and spicy dipping sauce, a monster of a Greek dinner salad served with seasoned grilled chicken, the classic New York strip steak and mashed potatoes, and, of course, a wide variety different artisan-quality pizzas hand-made to perfection by restaurant chefs.

During warmer months, the restaurant's enormous patio comes alive as the downtown business crowd mingles with young professionals for after-work cocktails and conversation. Pete's Grill and Pizza is located at 401 Cherry Street NE. For more information, call (330) 452-7383. ♦ AH

re-discover the **SMELL** of downtown

Sheri's satisfies your sweet tooth in new downtown store

As her many loyal customers know, a trip through the city's center is not complete without a stop at Sheri's Sweets at 401 Market Avenue N in downtown Canton. With a hint of sugar and spice in the air even before you enter, one only needs to follow their nose to enjoy the bounty of treats inside this sweet

tooth's paradise.

Sheri's Sweets has an incredible array of handmade, hand wrapped candies, truffles, and other divine morsels, not to mention one of their most popular products – "Ohio State Buckeyes" – that combine sinfully rich peanut butter balls with decadent chocolate to please even the most demanding candy fan. Sheri's also has incredible assortment of baked goods including cookies, cupcakes, scones, pies and more, plus a new weekly lunch special featuring soups, salads and sandwiches if you're in the mood for a complete meal.

Want to see for yourself? Sheri's Sweets is located at 401 Market Ave. N, and is open Mon. through Fri., 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. ♦ *KBB*



SEASONAL CUPCAKES AT SHERI'S



JESSICA MATYAS DELIVERS HOT, FRESHLY-MADE CAPPUCINO AT MUGGSWIGZ.

Exotic roasts and skilled baristas make Muggswigz hard to beat

With 50-lb burlap sacks full of coffee beans from far-off locales like Colombia and El Salvador, an in-house roasting oven, free wi-fi Internet access, and goodies delivered fresh from local artisan bakeries, customers walking through the door at Muggswigz Coffee and Tea Co. at 137 Walnut Avenue NE instantly get the impression that this is a place for serious coffee drinkers.

Alexander Haas, owner of Muggswigz (pronounced "mug swigs" for the action associated with drinking coffee) has an appreciation for the many fine coffee drinks he experienced



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while traveling around Europe. This experience, combined with his desire to see downtown Canton revitalized into a culinary and cultural destination for Stark County residents, has led Haas to create one of the city's most aromatic and addicting chill spots.

Customers can grab a cup to go, stick around for some in-house relaxation, or even buy supplies to make their own

brew at home with a full line of top-of-the-line coffee accessories. Staff baristas (coffee drink creators) have earned awards at the Great Lakes Regional Barista Competition, and one particular roast – the El Salvador San Isidro – has earned Muggswigz a 91 rating from the highly-respected Kenneth Davids Coffee Review, making it the Review's top-ranked coffee roast in the entire state.

For information about this caffeinated destination, visit www.muggswigz.com or call (330) 452-6336 to learn more. ♦ *AH*

re-discover the **SOUNDS** of downtown

PHOTO COURTESY VOICI

Sounds of the season are all around VOICI

Celebrating their 70th Anniversary this year, VOICI - Voices of Canton, Inc. (pronounced VO-chee) may be better known to long-time Canton residents as the Canton Civic Opera. The organization changed its name in 2003 to better reflect the nature of the group's performances, as the word "voci" literally translates to "many voices" in Italian.

While the 75-member adult choir performs in Canton and Stark County throughout the year, the members of VOICI shine brightest every year during their incredible holiday shows. For 32 years, VOICI has put on a winter choral spectacular known as "Ye Olde Madrigal Christmas Feaste" to the delight of listeners young and old. This year, VOICI will present *A Renaissance Christmas - A Tribute to 32 Years of Madrigals* from December 11 through 13 at the Cultural Center of the Arts in Canton to look back over their long and memorable holiday history.

One week before the event, parents can bring the kids to a special show called Christmas in Candy Lane, which features a sing-along, fun storytelling, and plenty of audience participation. This show will take place on December 5 at the Cultural Center for the Arts at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For more information about all of these shows, contact VOICI at (330) 455-1000 or visit www.cantoncivicopera.org. ♦ JB

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PATTY CARMOLA AS "PEPPERMINT PATTY" IN VOICI'S CHRISTMAS IN CANDY CANE LANE



MARTI JONES AND DON DIXON PERFORM FOR AUDIENCE MEMBERS AT THE HOWLAND THEATRE.

PHOTO COURTESY KATHLEEN HOWLAND THEATRE

Hear the laughter at the Kathleen Howland Theatre

In February 2008, the owners of the 2nd April Galerie joined together with local attorney and theater enthusiast Frank Motz to establish the Kathleen Howland Theatre in downtown Canton. Named to honor the late Kathleen Howland, a local actress who was instrumental in creating the youth theater program at the Canton Player's Guild, the space is a unique venue to view local theater productions of all kinds.

Since the Howland's opening, the sounds of plays, musicals, concerts, comedies and poetry have filled the air in Canton's growing Arts District. From Shakespeare to Scared Scriptless (a local improv troupe), this black box theater is the perfect

place to either put on a show or sit back and relax as creative performers give life to characters that will entertain you for hours. Home to productions both new and old, the Howland is a great weekend alternative to the average popcorn flick.

The Kathleen Howland Theatre is located on the lower level of 2nd April Galerie & Studios at 324 Cleveland Avenue NW. Regular gallery hours are Tues through Fri from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and during performances. For the schedule of shows, visit secondapril.org or call 330-451-0924. ♦ KBB



**INSIDE
GASSER
FINE
JEWELERS**

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re-discover the **TOUCH** of downtown

Luxury mixes with tradition at Gasser

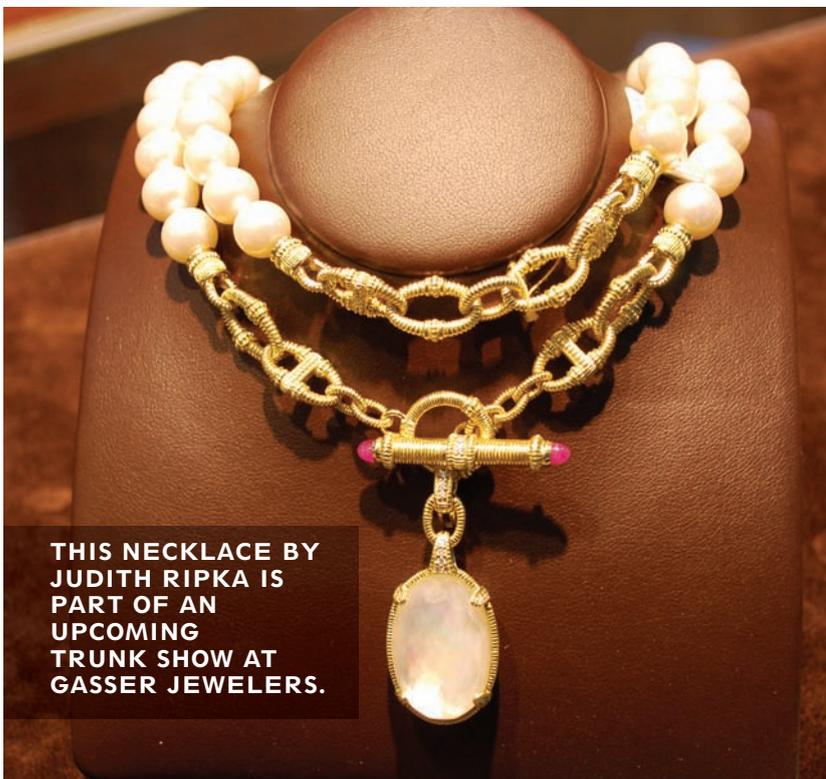
Family-owned and operated for 45 years at the corner of Third and Court Street NW in downtown Canton, Gasser Fine Jewelers has earned a reputation as one of Northeast Ohio's premier full service jewelers.

Home to one of the finest and most unique jewelry collections in the region, Gasser offers a one-of-a-kind shopping experience. Whether you're looking for unique diamond and gemstone creations or timeless pieces in gold, silver, or platinum, Gasser has something to please every taste and style.

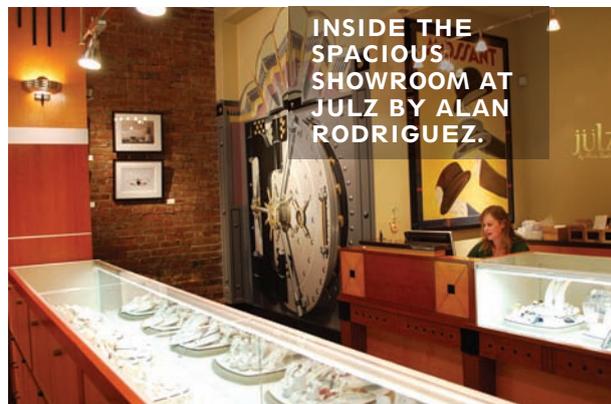
Looking for an exceptional gift this holiday season? Gasser offers a full line of luxury watches and extraordinary giftware for every occasion, including a beautiful collection of glittering crystal pieces that surrounds shoppers with brilliant elegance. If you're looking for the best, Gasser is the complete luxury package!

The store features well-known designers and brands (including Judith Ripka, Michael Beaudry, Wellendorff, Faberge, Mikimoto, Rolex, Roberto Coin, and Baume & Mercier) as well as proposal-worthy engagement rings from Tacori, Simon G and Martin Flyer. Those seeking a one-of-a-kind experience can work with Gasser's in-house master goldsmith and watchmaker to create a truly unique piece just for you.

For more information, visit www.gasserjewelers.com or stop in to their beautiful showroom at 205 Third Street NW. ♦ JB



THIS NECKLACE BY JUDITH RIPKA IS PART OF AN UPCOMING TRUNK SHOW AT GASSER JEWELERS.



INSIDE THE SPACIOUS SHOWROOM AT JULZ BY ALAN RODRIGUEZ.

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Julz by Alan Rodriguez A Touch of Something Sparkly

Alan Rodriguez has been in the romance business for 33 years, the last two of which were spent right here in downtown Canton as the owner of Julz by Alan Rodriguez. By investing in the central city he remembers so fondly from his childhood, Rodriguez has contributed to the rebirth of downtown retail while helping new couples make memories that will last for years to come.

"We try to provide our customers with an experience they won't have in a department store or jewelry chain," Rodriguez said. "We believe that jewelry shopping should be an experience in and of itself, and work hard to make sure our customers

leave feeling special. You just don't get that in other stores."

Julz offers a contemporary twist to its many artful pieces, which includes a lineup of world-class, award winning selections to suit every style. Inside you will find creations that look great and feel incredible to wear – stunning jewelry that excites in the present but will last for generations to come. With a collection this beautiful, you will find yourself making excuses to wear your purchases as often as possible!

Julz is located at 220 Market Ave. N. The store will offer extended holiday hours, opening Mon. through Sat. from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Visit JulzbyAlan.com for more details. ♦ KBB

2009 December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 LIGHT UP DOWNTOWN! For a full schedule of events, visit lightupdowntown.com	4 FIRST FRIDAY – 6:00 –10:00pm For a full schedule of events, visit cantonfirstfriday.com Canton Players Guild presents "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" – 8:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts	5 VOCI presents "CHRISTMAS IN CANDY CANE LANE" – 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts Canton Players Guild presents "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" – 8:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts
6 Canton Symphony Orchestra presents "REMEMBERING SPRING" – 7:30 p.m., Umstattd Hall	7 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm Canton City Hall	8 MAYOR'S YOUNG INVENTOR CHALLENGE 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., McKinley Room, Canton Civic Center. For more information, visit www.cantonohio.gov/mayor	9	10	11 VOCI presents "A RENAISSANCE CHRISTMAS" – 7:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts Canton Ballet presents "THE NUTCRACKER" – 7:30 p.m., Palace Theatre Canton Players Guild presents "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" – 8:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts <i>Hanukkah begins at sundown</i>	12 Canton Ballet presents "THE NUTCRACKER" – 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Palace Theatre Canton Players Guild presents "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" – 2:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts 2nd Annual Downtown CHURCHES TOUR – 5:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. downtown Canton VOCI presents "A RENAISSANCE CHRISTMAS" – 7:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts Canton Symphony Orchestra presents HOLIDAY POPS – 8:00 p.m., Umstattd Hall
13 All-Star Cheerleading's CHEERLEADING'S "SPIRIT SPECTACULAR" – Noon – 7:00 p.m., Canton Civic Center Canton Ballet presents "THE NUTCRACKER" – 2:00 p.m., Palace Theatre VOCI presents "A RENAISSANCE CHRISTMAS" – 2:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts Canton Symphony Chorus and About Magazine present A CHRISTMAS CHORAL PERFORMANCE – 3:00 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church	14 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm Canton City Hall	15 <i>4th Quarter 2009 Corporate Estimated Tax due</i>	16	17	18 Canton Players Guild presents "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" – 8:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts	19 Canton Players Guild presents "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" – 2:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts
20 <i>Employer withholding tax for November 2009 due</i>	21 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm Canton City Hall <i>Winter begins</i>	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve (City offices open)</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day (City offices closed)</i>	26 <i>Kwanzaa begins</i>
27	28 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm Canton City Hall	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve (City offices open)</i>		

2009 Holiday Events Guide

Holiday in the Park and Holly Pine Lane

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners invites you to visit Stadium Park on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19** for the 11th Annual First Night Light-up of the "Holiday in the Park" Light Displays (see photo at right).

Activities begin at **6:00 P.M.**, with the displays coming alive with holiday cheer at **6:30 P.M.** All displays will remain on during evening hours (until 11:00 p.m.) through January 3, 2010.

At this free event there will be entertainment provided by the St. Peter's School "Troubadors" and others, cookies and hot chocolate provided by Mallonn's Grill (located at 2234 West Tuscarawas Street in Canton), and – of course – a visit from Santa Claus himself!

This time of year is also when the Canton Garden Center hosts its annual "Holly Pine Lane" Christmas Tree exhibit (see photo above right), where beautiful trees designed and decorated by local clubs and community organizations will be on display. "Holly Pine Lane" is free, and is open on **NOVEMBER 19 AND 20 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. AND ON NOVEMBER 21 AND 22 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

The Parks Commission is still seeking donations to help keep the lights on each year - for more information about the event or to donate, contact the Canton Park System office at (330) 489-3015.

A Holiday Tour of Downtown Churches

The spectacular churches in downtown Canton will host their second annual open house for visitors on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2008 FROM 5 TO 8 P.M.**, for non-members in the community at large.

A variety of activities will take place during the evening in a celebration of the architecture, history, and traditions of downtown Canton. With holiday decorations on display, choral performances, organ music, luminaries and more, the doors will be open for a free evening of activities for all ages. Each church will provide a unique experience and also discuss the fascinating historic and architectural significance of their house of worship.

Maps are available that include a listing of all activities, highlights for the evening, a short downtown church history, architectural review points, as well as walking, driving and parking instructions.

Maps will be available at all of the churches the night of the event, and at www.CantonDevelopmentPartnership.com.



Hanukkah Bazaar

Once again this holiday season, the Canton Jewish Community Center will host a Hanukkah Bazaar featuring an incredible selection of Jewish gifts, products, and Hanukkah-related merchandise on **DECEMBER 6 FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.** Lunch will be served, and a guest speaker is scheduled to attend. All members of the community are invited to attend and experience the joy that Hanukkah brings to this special season!

For more information, contact the Canton Jewish Community Center at (330) 453-0132.

Light Up Downtown

Head downtown for some holiday hoopla and bring some festive cheer to your family by joining us on **THURSDAY, DEC. 3**, for Light Up Downtown, the Canton Regional Chamber's annual downtown holiday extravaganza sponsored by Keybank.

The 19th annual installment of this downtown family favorite is your ticket to 16 city blocks alive with attractions, entertainment, refreshments and goody bags for the kids from **5:30 TO 8:30 P.M.**

Light Up includes a main stage show that will light up the skies and light up your spirits with merry musical acts (see photo below), a magical tree lighting, fantastic fireworks and a ho, ho, ho-liday visit from the man in red. You're in for a night of surprises and fun for all ages! As always, this festive festival is FREE!



For a full schedule of events, visit LightUpDowntown.com.

*TO: For a full schedule of holiday events,
look on the previous page to see all the
FROM: activities and performances scheduled
throughout the month of December.*

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