

West Park Neighborhood Association



WEST PARK NEWS
SEPTEMBER 2008

MISSION STATEMENT

The West Park Neighborhood Association is dedicated to preserving and securing our neighborhood's integrity and history, utilizing the many talents and ideas of our residents, ultimately creating a safe and desirable community for those who have chosen to make the neighborhood of West Park their home.

WEST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SPAGHETTI DINNER

6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 16, 2007

Calvary Presbyterian Church
1525 Shorb Ave NW

Bring the family and join the fun!

West Park will also provide plates, eating utensils, cups and napkins. Coffee, Ice Tea and Lemonade will be provided.

Bring a dessert to share.

There will be an activity for young children.

The speaker will be Mark Adams from the Health Department.

PAID DUES 3/10/08—8/25/08

Angeli Deloris	Landis Carol
Audy Barbara	Lemmo Mare & Ron
Barrows Katherine	Lewis Scott
Berkebile Donna & Jerry	Lichty Robert
Breckbill Carol	Lux Susan & Mark
Breslin Bill	McAtee Michael & Monica
Breslin Brandy & Logan	McCarty Sue
Brothers Eric & Susan	Metzger Ed & Associates Land Surveying
Brown Jackie	Meyers David
Bruce Fred & Jackie	Michael Sally & George
Bucklew Carol & Dennis	Miller Brian & Melissa
Burnosky Josephine	O'Brien Kevin
Calevski David	Rhodes Jacquelyn
Carman James	Roney Ray
Carter Donna & Bob	Rozario Catherine
Dull Helen	Russell Mary & Jack
Freede Frederic	Smith Donna & Frank
Gabel Norma	Stavrianou Chris & Bill
Hackenburg & Associates	Tabellion Terry
Harris Vicki	Talafous Joetta & John
Hoelzle Carolyn	Trbovich Peter & William
Ican Properties, 12th St. NW	Whited Michael & Kami
Incarnato John	Wolfangel Karen
Kinsinger David & Helena	

**WEST PARK
MEMBERSHIP DUES**

All neighbors are considered members. Your contributions are used for projects and improvements including the newsletter, beautification efforts, social events and neighborhood improvements which directly benefit you and your neighborhood. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Your annual support of \$20 can be mailed to:

Don Joliat
1245 11th St. NW
Canton, OH 44703

Contributions are tax deductible.

Make your checks payable to:
West Park Neighborhood Association

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

www.westparkneighborhood.com

**NEW NEIGHBORS
& NEW BABIES**

If you know of a new neighbor moving into our area or our neighbor who has recently had a baby, please contact us.

Jackie Brown
330-455-7534

**CURRENT WEST PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD
BOARD MEMBERS**

Jim Woofter, President
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**WEST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD
ANNUAL BREAKFAST
WITH SANTA**

SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday, December 6 the West Park Neighborhood Association will host its annual Breakfast with Santa for our neighbors and their families. Last year, we had a great time eating pancakes and sausage and visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus. We are looking forward to another chance to enjoy socializing with our neighbors and their families. Hope to see you there!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

8 A.M. TO 10 A.M. AT TAGGARTS ICE CREAM

PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE PLUS BEVERAGES

FREE TO ALL!

CRAFT FOR THE CHILDREN

FREE PICTURE OF CHILDREN WITH SANTA

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY CALLING

PLANT ET ART AT 330-454-8400

PLEASE SPECIFY 8 A.M. SEATING OR 9 A.M.

SEATING

NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

CITY ORDINANCES
Submitted by Linda Barnes

The City of Canton has established ordinances that provide directions on the use and maintenance of residential property. The West Park Neighborhood Association will be periodically including articles in our newsletter in order to assist residents in better understanding and being aware of these laws. The first of these articles will discuss the maintenance standards for owner-occupied residential structures. Later articles will cover the parking and storage of motor vehicles, enforcement procedures, rental property and sidewalks.

Residential Housing Maintenance Standards
Ordinance 1367.05

This ordinance covers residential and accessory structures and surrounding property areas. Accessory structures include porches, decks, detached garages, sheds, fences and walls.

- Exterior walls and surfaces of houses and accessory structures must be free from holes, breaks, open cracks or loose or rotting material and must be properly surface coated to prevent deterioration.
- Foundation walls must be maintained free from open cracks and breaks and shall be in a condition adequate for the prevention of rodents or other pests entering the dwelling.
- Roofs, flashings and chimneys must be structurally safe and maintained free from holes, breaks, open cracks, loose, rotting or deteriorated shingles, nests of any kind and be weatherproof. Chimneys, T.V. towers, antennas and dishes must be structurally safe and sound and in good repair.
- All residential structures must have gutters, leaders or downspouts which must be securely fastened and free from holes, breaks or loose or rotting materials and in good working condition.
- All windows and doors shall be in sound condition. If screens or other mesh material cover the windows or doors, they must be in good repair or removed.
- Surrounding property areas must be clean, safe and sanitary.
- Trees, shrubs, and cultivated flowers and gardens must be reasonably groomed and maintained so as not to interfere with the use of the public right-of-way or pose a threat of damage to adjoining property owners.
- Grasses and weeds must not exceed 8 inches in height.
- Exterior property areas must be free of any accumulation of rubbish, garbage or junk. There shall not be an accumulation or storage of personal property or equipment in exterior property areas. This includes lawn mowers, bicycles, toys, tools, machinery, auto parts, home appliances, and unused or discarded construction materials.

Any questions or complaints may be addressed to James Moraghan who is the Code Enforcement Officer for the Northwest region of the city. His direct number is 330 438-4720

Stories of a Life, the Ohio Oral History Project, opens headquarters in The Wm. McKinley Presidential Library & Museum

Submitted by Kevin O'Brien

Do you have a favorite story, one you'd like to share with your neighbors, friends and fellow Ohioans? If so, let's get together.

Stories of a Life is collecting audio stories from local residents for everyone to enjoy at The Wm. McKinley Presidential Library & Museum.

Stories of a Life is a non-profit organization dedicated to collecting and sharing audio stories. We're looking for amusing, moving, thought-provoking, sad and historical stories. They can be stories from home, work, play, school, anywhere. The Ohio connection is the common thread bringing all of these stories together.

All interviews will be conducted at The Wm. McKinley Presidential Library & Museum. At the end of each 30 minute interview participants will receive a CD copy for their own use, while the museum will retain the other copy for future generations to enjoy.

What you need to do:

Think of a great story or think of someone you know who has a great story to tell. It is best to come prepared with one or two stories at the most.

Contact Kevin O'Brien at: storiesofalife@yahoo.com or by calling **(330) 323-7048** to schedule an appointment.

Arrive 10 minutes before your appointment at The Wm. McKinley Presidential Library & Museum (800 McKinley Monument Drive N.W. Canton, Ohio) to read and sign a waiver.

Tell your story.

Leave with a CD of the story.

If you can't bring a friend or a loved one, a facilitator will be provided to help you tell the story. So, let's tell a story together – soon!

MAYOR HEALY MEETS WITH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Submitted by Kevin O'Brien

On Thursday, August 21, 2008, representatives from Canton's neighborhood associations met with Mayor William Healy in City Council's chambers to announce that he is proposing that the City of Canton increase its contribution to the Stark Community Foundation's Community Development Block Grant from \$15,000 to \$50,000.

It was explained that the City of Canton has contributed \$15,000 for more than 10 years and with the blossoming of neighborhood associations, the city needed to increase its contribution. The \$50,000 will need to be approved by City Council since the amount is over \$15,000 but Mayor Healy feels confident that they will approve the amount because this is, after all, "The Year of Our Neighborhood" - as exemplified by the large banner hanging over Council Chairman, Alan Schulman's chair.

While the representative group was assembled, Mayor Healy wanted to get the reaction of installing red light cameras at busy intersections throughout Canton. These cameras would identify people speeding and going through red lights and issuing them a citation. After answering several questions, the general consensus was that people were in favor of the installation. Again, this would have to meet with the approval of City Council.

Finally, Mayor Healy announced that the World American Football Games would be held here in Canton next year. The "athletic village" would be at Walsh University and house players from 8 different countries. This could mean a big revenue to Canton.

Also mentioned at the meeting was that the city has hired 15 firemen and 12 police officers. Mayor Healy also mentioned that his administration is committed to bringing in 1 billion dollars of development money by the end of his first year in office. To date, over \$800 million has been committed.

WEST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

On Sunday, July 27 the West Park Neighborhood Association held there annual Block Party on Perkins NW. Many neighbors attended and the bike parade was a great success! The children enjoyed jumping in the inflatable castle and good fun was had by all. Thanks to all of you who made this a wonderful event.



BIKES ON PARADE



GOING GREEN

Submitted by Mare Lemmo

GETTING RID OF HAZARDOUS WASTE: If you are in need of disposing of household hazardous waste, the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District is collecting these items Thursday, September 26-Saturday, September 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Timken Company, 20th St off of Dueber Ave SW. Also in this newsletter, you will find instructions for dropping off material and what are acceptable and non-acceptable items.

www.gorgeouslygreen.com *GORGEOUSLY GREEN: 8 SIMPLE STEPS TO AN EARTH-FRIENDLY LIFE* by Sophie Uliano can be found in paperback. To quote Sophie, “Gorgeously Green is a lifestyle choice that is simple, easy and fun. Going Green doesn’t mean you have to go without. On the contrary it’s the most exciting, fulfilling and wonderful way of life imaginable.” She has a daily blog—Seeing Green—that covers various areas.

On her website you will find earth-friendly products such as BPA-free sippy cups for babies and helpful information with links to recipes (where you will also find resources for restaurants and websites with environmental policies), fitness, garden, travel, eco-home, Mom, beauty and the world. There are interviews with people who have innovative ideas to create eco-friendly landscape in our world. You will also find video clips about 1 minute long each regarding topics like safely washing your vegetables, how to check for leaky toilets and aluminum water bottles.

www.eartheasy.com/live Go to this website and you will find information on non-toxic home cleaning. There are homemade substitutions that are common and environmentally safe such as baking soda, lemon, white vinegar and cornstarch. You will find formulas from A-W using the basic products for various cleaning, air fresheners, removal of stains, replacement for mothballs, metal cleaners, polishes, disinfectant. One helpful hint to remove stickers (like the ones that you child may have decided look awesome on the walls) or price tags from surface is to sponge vinegar over them several times, wait 15 minutes, then rub off stickers There is also a list of “Healthy Home Cleaning Habits” which you may already be practicing but worth checking out.

www.mom-co.com Boasts the following: *Mom-developed Products *Products made in the United States *Environmentally Safe/Organic Products *Discounted and/or Bargain Pricing There are links for accessories, apparel, baby & toddler products, beauty and personal care, books, crafts, education, food, art, garden, home, jewelry, music, pets and pregnancy.

www.greenhome.com Products for going green for your home furnishings to housekeeping products. For kids: art supplies, clothing, toys, etc. Links to Kitchen, Lighting, Office, Personal Accessories, Yard & Garden.

Interested in contributing to our newsletter?

Send me an article, an interesting subject matter, a recipe, helpful hints, etc. All items will be approved by the West Park Association board of directors and edited if necessary.

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