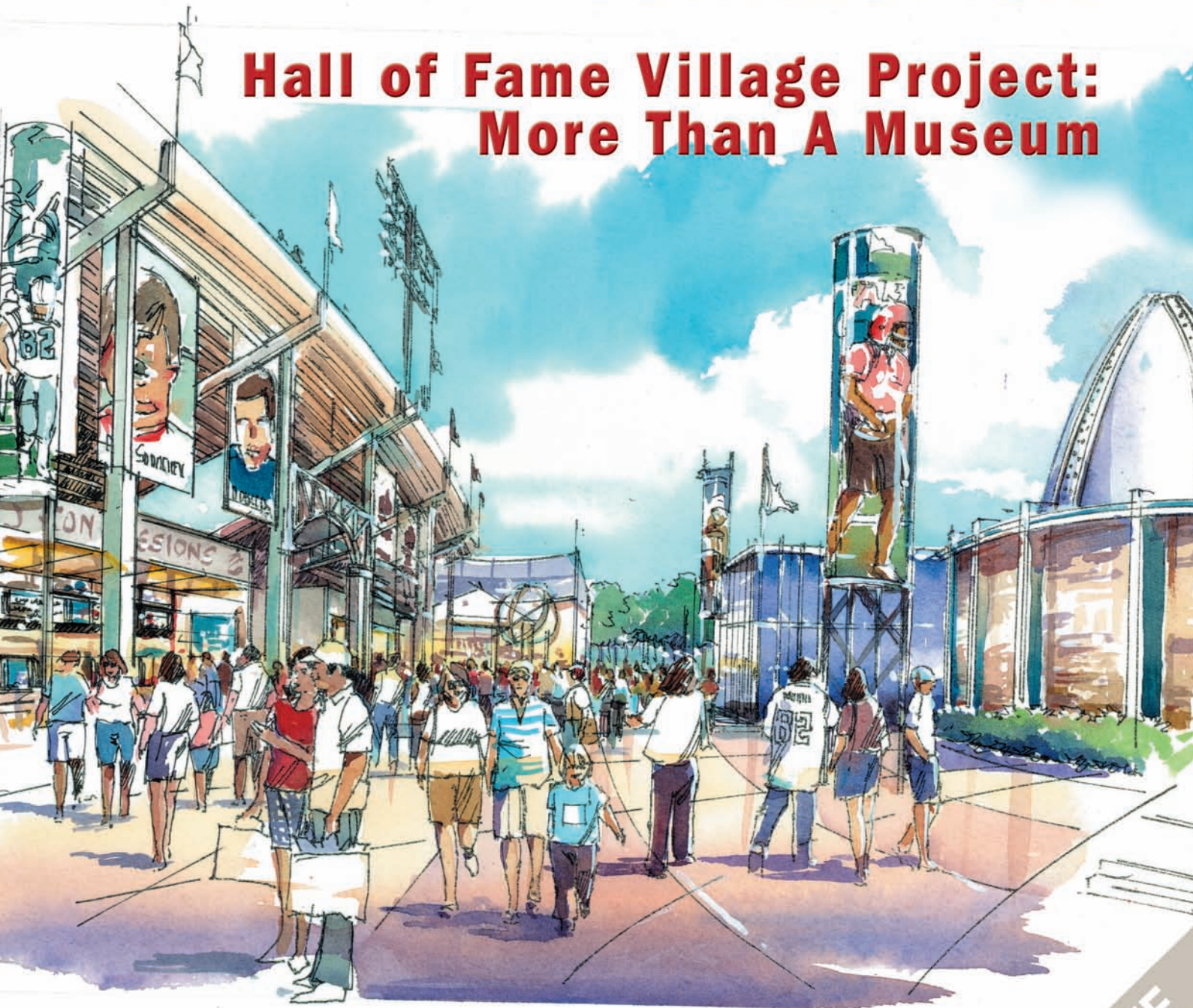


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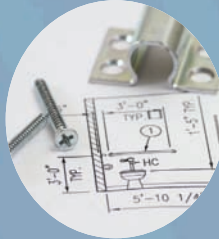
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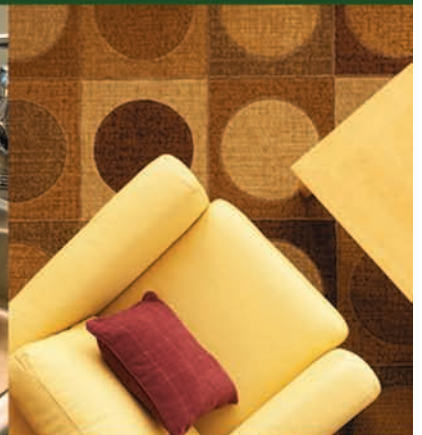
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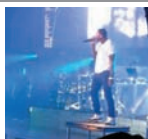


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Dear Residents,

This past year was very exciting for the City of Canton. I am happy to share with you some of the projects our city departments have been working on over the last year, as well as highlight the big projects to come over the next year.

Last year we partnered with czbLLC, a consulting firm out of Virginia, to create the city's first comprehensive plan in over 50 years. The first draft of the plan will be presented this spring, and residents will have various opportunities to be involved in the planning of the city's future. You can read more about the comprehensive plan on page 4.

In this issue of the Canton Connection, I am excited to showcase the multi-million dollar Hall of Fame expansion project expected to break ground this year. This project will turn America's premier sports hall of fame into a village including a hotel, convention center, restaurants, and more. Read the story beginning on page 16.

Also in this issue, you will find many updates from our city departments. Each department has been working diligently to ensure that Canton remains a great place to live, work, and play. You will read about the major changes that are underway at our Water Reclamation Facility, projects in the parks department being funded by the parks levy, and many other accomplishments throughout our city departments.

As always, feel free to contact me at any time by phone, e-mail, or in person whenever you have a question, need to request city services, or would like to share information about your neighborhood. I am honored to serve as your mayor.

Sincerely,



William J. Healy II
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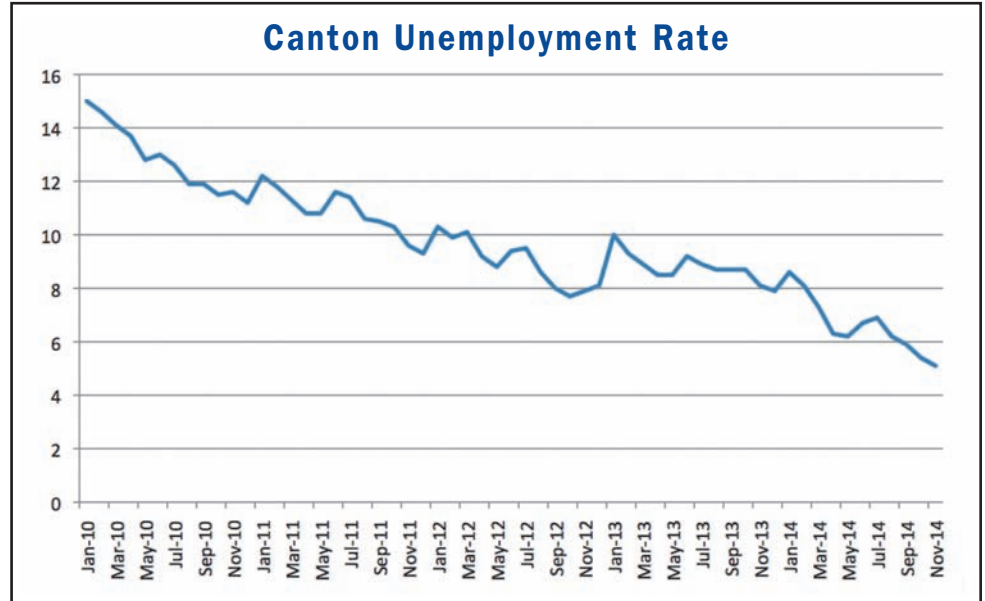


Canton Sees Lowest Unemployment Rate in 40 Years



CHELSEA PERRY//STAFF WRITER

The City of Canton is cutting down the unemployment rate a little more each month. The Bureau of Labor Statistics released the November 2014 unemployment rate of 5.1%. This is a staggering number compared to January 2010 which saw a 15% unemployment rate. When looking at data dating further back, we can see that this is the lowest unemployment rate that Canton has seen in over 40 years. With large projects such as the Hall of Fame Village and several new businesses planting their roots in Canton, that number is expected to go down even further over the next few years. ♦



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Comprehensive Plan Guides Canton into the Future

The City of Canton has not had a comprehensive plan since 1960, but that will all change this year. The City of Canton has partnered with Virginia-based consulting firm czbLLC to create a comprehensive plan that will guide the city well into the future. Canton, czb, and the Community Building Partnership of Stark County hosted nine community meetings during the fall of 2014. Each meeting had over 50 community members who took part in planning the city's future. These meetings were organized as a way to present information about the realities of our city, and also to collect input from residents about what is working, what isn't working, and what is truly valued in Canton. It is important to remember that these meetings were just the beginning of the process, not the end.

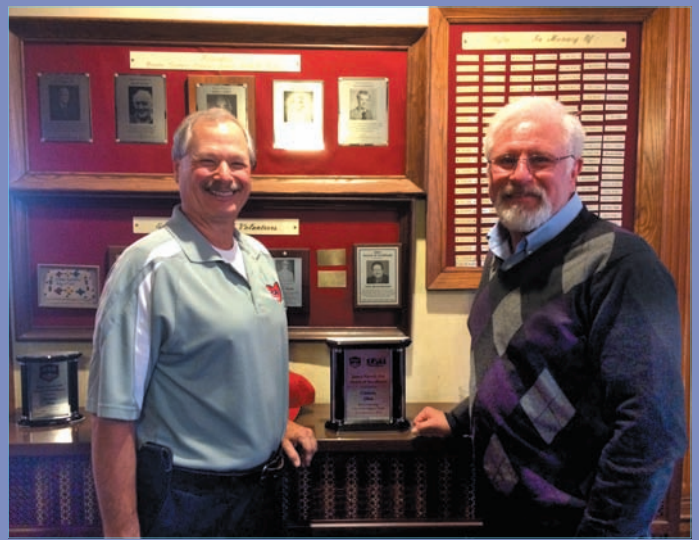
czb's visits to Canton have been busy. The Steering Committee, comprised of residents and stakeholders, meets monthly to work on the comprehensive plan. This committee is designed to ensure that the true heart of Canton is represented in the comprehensive plan. czb staff members meet monthly with city department heads to ensure comprehensive coverage of city planning. These department heads provide input to czb that allows the consulting team to facilitate the comprehensive plan in alignment with our city structure.

czb has gathered large amounts of data about our city, held meetings with city staff and residents, and they are using the information gathered to create a comprehensive plan that best represents the needs and desires of Canton residents.

The spring of 2015 will provide many opportunities for residents to be involved in guiding Canton into the future. czb will produce the first draft of the city's comprehensive plan, and it will be presented to residents by way of community meetings. These meetings will provide residents with an opportunity to ask questions and to provide input about the comprehensive plan draft. The final plan is expected to be presented in the summer of 2015 to be voted on by city officials.

If you did not have the opportunity to view the data or attend a community meeting in the fall, you can access information about the comprehensive plan online at czb.org/city-of-canton-ohio (password: canton5). This web page will provide insight to the data that the czb team has collected, as well as event details, survey links, and survey results.

For more information about the comprehensive planning process, please contact the Community Building Partnership of Stark County at 330.458.0962. ♦



Canton Joint Recreation and District 10 Softball Win National Award

**KEN GROVES//SECRETARY, DISTRICT 10
ASA EVENTS COORDINATOR**

At the recently concluded 83rd Annual National Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Council Meeting held in Reno, NV, the City of Canton took home the James Farrell Award of Excellence, the top award at the Wilson Sporting Goods Awards Ceremony. ASA is considered to be the national governing body of softball. This ceremony honors those cities for both their ASA service as well as their excellence in hosting National Championship Tournaments.

The James Farrell Award of Excellence is named in honor of former St. Louis ASA Commissioner and National Office staff member James Farrell. To receive this award, cities must attain an overall rating of 95% or greater from the ASA Representative, Umpire-In-Chief, and National ASA Office. This year Canton received a score of 99% for hosting the Men's East Class 'C' National ASA Fast Pitch Championship in August. This was Canton's sixth National Championship Tournament and their fifth James Farrell Award.

It's because of this dedication and commitment to ASA Softball that Canton and District 10 have been awarded the Girls 2015 Class 'B' 14U Eastern National ASA Fastpitch Championship, scheduled for late July.

District 10 ASA Commissioner, Rick Annen of Massillon, Ohio, accepted this award on behalf of both the Canton Joint Recreation District and District 10 ASA. ♦

Your Park Levy in Action



DEREK GORDON//PARKS DIRECTOR

2014 was one of the busiest years in the history of Canton Parks and we hope that these efforts were recognized throughout our park properties.

There were many changes in 2014 that began to take effect in a more visible manner. Levy funds allowed us to update and replace signage, trash cans, bathroom doors, and equipment that had fallen into disrepair due to historically insufficient resources. New mowing practices and conservation areas have created natural habitats in underutilized areas and allowed for more resources and maintenance efforts to be focused in high use areas. The addition of new trees and parking stops, combined with the removal of old fencing and wooden posts produced a more inviting aesthetic to many park properties.

Some of the accomplishments made in 2014:

- Merge with the Canton Joint Recreation District offices at 1414 Market Ave. N
- Hired a new Park Police Officer
- Purchase and implementation of state-of-the-art online reservation system
- Provide operational funding for the Edward "Peel" Coleman Community Center and the J. Babe Stern Community Center
- Expend \$320,000 to replace Herbert Fisher Walking Track through the generosity of the Timken Foundation
- Receive grant from Ohio Environmental Education Fund to continue conservation efforts

- Applied for grant funding to expand pilot kayak program and exploring grant funding for large scale skate park
- Began Park Master Plan

2015 will be another year of firsts for Canton Parks as our Master Plan will help set the direction for new initiatives:

- The Monumental 4th event will mark the return of fireworks to the McKinley Monument on the 4th of July. This event will also feature the first ever park festival in Monument Park to accompany the concert and fireworks.
 - An award notice has been received for approximately \$500,000 to connect the West Branch and Middle Branch trails along the Route 62 corridor. These funds will be paired with levy funds and services from Stark Parks to complete the project and improve the overall connectivity of the trail system.
 - 2015 will also bring about the first ever combined park and recreation levy in Canton's history. There are still many decisions to be made about the structure and function of this new park and recreation organization, but the Canton Park Commission and the Canton Joint Recreation District are working diligently to merge their services with a joint levy initiative on the November 2015 ballot.
- These goals and pursuits are very ambitious, but they are critical to the future of Canton. With your continued support, Canton Parks will strive to provide a complete park and recreation system that will attract and retain families, setting an example for other communities across Ohio. ♦

New Online Reservation for Parks and Recreation Goes Live



THERESA GANG//OFFICE MANAGER, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

For the past several months the staff of Canton Parks and Recreation have been working diligently to offer a new service to customers. As promised by the Canton Park Commission and the Canton Joint Recreation District as part of their ongoing efforts to merge their departments, a new online reservation system is now available.

The new system, hosted by Active.net, is aimed at offering the

same park shelters and recreation programs to our customers from the comfort of their own home. While not all services will be immediately available online, the majority of these offerings can now be reserved and purchased with a click of a button by visiting cantonohio.gov/parksandrecreation.

In addition, park shelters will now be available without a deposit. As a result, the following rate schedule will

be in effect for 2015 with full payment required at the time the reservation is made:

Outdoor shelters - \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents

Outdoor shelters with kitchenettes - \$50 for residents, \$60 for non-residents

Indoor shelter (Garaux) - \$150 for residents, \$200 for non-residents ♦



Canton Parks & Recreation Summer Camp Registration

ASHLEY MOWEN//CANTON PARKS AND RECREATION



The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce that Summer Camp 2015 registration is underway! This 10-week summer day camp schedule is designed for children going into grades 1-6.

Kickoff to Summer Week

Monday, June 1 - Friday, June 5

Adventure Week

Monday, June 1 - Friday, June 12

Superhero and Crafts Week

Monday, June 15 - Friday, June 19

Sports Week

Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26

Holiday Celebration Week

Monday, June 29 - Thursday, July 2
(No camp on July 3)

Martial Arts and Nature Skills Week

Monday, July 6 - Friday, July 10

Wet and Wild Water Week

Monday, July 13 - Friday, July 17

Olympics Week

Monday, July 20 - Friday, July 24

Science Adventure Week

Monday, July 27 - Friday, July 31

Hollywood Game Show Week

Monday, August 3 - Friday, August 7

Discounts are available for children signing up for the entire summer. For more information about the Canton Parks and Recreation Department, or to register for summer camp, visit our website at cantonohio.gov/parksandrecreation or call 330.456.4521. ♦



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Major Changes are Underway at the City of Canton Water Reclamation Facility



TRACY MILLS//SUPERINTENDENT, WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

In April 2014, after several years of detailed design, the City of Canton Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) awarded a contract to Shook Construction (\$47m) for construction of the world's largest membrane wastewater treatment plant. WRF also contracted with Ovivo, USA (\$28m) to provide the Kubota flat plate membrane equipment to be utilized at our facility. Since then, the level of construction activity at our site has been immense.

First, the conventional pre-aeration system was taken off-line to allow for the construction a new longitudinal grit and grease system as well as a two stage fine screen process. Two new buildings will be constructed to allow for handling of solids removed from these stages of treatment.

At the same time, the first of six aeration tanks have been turned over to the contractor to allow for conversion to membrane treatment. Significant concrete demolition and reconstruction occurred during the installation of the new process.

The first shipment of membrane equipment arrived in January and the first tank will go on-line early this summer. Over a few stages, all six aeration tanks will be converted to the membrane process

The first milestone was met on December 1, 2014 when WRF permanently shut down the sludge incineration process. Utilizing a recently approved contract with a local landfill, the incineration process was replaced by a new sludge loadout facility that allows WRF to fill multiple tractor trailers daily with dewatered sludge to be hauled to the landfill for disposal. This fulfilled the commitment the City of Canton made to USEPA to decommission the incineration process rather than construct additional costly improvements to meet stringent air emission requirements.

Other minor improvements are also being completed concurrent to the work noted above. We anticipate the entire project to be complete by November 2017. ♦

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Drainage Improvement



**JAMES DIMARZIO//SUPERINTENDENT,
COLLECTION SYSTEMS**

The onset of the spring season brings to light the need to re-address our drainage issues throughout the city.

For engineers charged with planning and designing, the basis of a well-designed road is to accommodate traffic loads and to provide for the safe movement of surface water. The purpose of water conveyance is to ensure motorists can drive safely during a rain event. In order to achieve this task, a series of underground pipes (i.e. storm sewers) are constructed to allow surface water to flow efficiently from the street to the creek. However, the enemy of a once-great road and drainage system is time.

Most engineer-constructed products suffer the same fate that can be found most anywhere in the world – wear and tear. With the aging process in full motion at all times, every utility, road, and bridge begins to fatigue, corrode, crack, and ultimately fail due to wear and tear. The wear and tear, especially in northeast Ohio, can be attributed most likely to the effects of winter weather. Winter weather can affect much of our underlying road bases and foundations in a very negative way. Over time, the repeated effects of winter weather eventually cause our city streets to become wayward with standing water, worn out asphalt, corroded storm systems, and a host of other problems. This problem then causes our city, like all others, to reinvest in our roads and sewers.

This past year a number of minor drainage improvements were completed. A notable project from 2014 was the 3rd Street NW storm sewer project, east of Fawcett Court NW. With its completion, a new drainage system was installed by the Collection Systems Department to help alleviate a long standing drainage problem. ♦

Sweeping Success for the Street Department



**MIKE RORAR//SUPERINTENDENT,
STREET DEPARTMENT**

In 2014 the City of Canton had to deal with a winter of bitter cold temperatures and above average snowfall amounts. The Street Department personnel were out battling the snow and ice all season long. They recorded over 7,000 hours dedicated towards plowing and salting the city streets and highways.

Due to the abnormal winter, the pavement of the streets began to fail. The constant freeze and thaw caused most of the city streets to rupture and erupt into an array of potholes. The Street Department, along with multiple other city departments, applied 3,800 tons of asphalt to repair the holes.

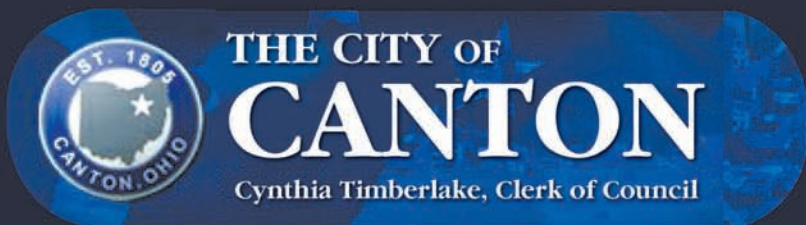
This was the first year for contracting the mowing of non-city owned properties. Contractors mowed 3,000 lots, many more than once. Outsourcing the mowing was a strategy implemented to allow Street Department employees to focus their time on street work.

Over 1,200 lane miles were swept this year resulting in over 2,500 tons of debris removed from city streets. This doesn't just clean the street surfaces; it also helps keep pollutants and sediments from getting into storm sewers which keeps it out of surrounding streams. This helps meet EPA mandates.

As always, the Street Department played a large role in annual Canton events. Throughout the Hall of Fame Festival we spent over 2,500 hours setting up bleachers, trash barrels, mowing, sweeping, and cleaning along the parade route. It took about 600 hours to string lights, install pole wraps, cut and decorate the Christmas tree, and cleanup for Light Up Downtown. During the 12 scheduled Beautify A Neighborhood (BAN Days), we spent over 2,000 hours assisting neighborhood associations with cleaning up their neighborhoods. In addition to BAN, we cleaned and removed debris from 52 abandoned lots.

As successful as 2014 was for the Street Department, we hope to make 2015 even better. Some of our goals for the New Year are to:

- Handle residential requests for service in a timely and efficient manner
- Continue evaluating and replacing existing outdated vehicles and equipment
- Continue to implement new technologies and strategies for the snow and ice season
- Conduct all work in a fiscally responsible manner ♦



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Fair Housing Looks Towards the Future

Fair Housing is the right to choose housing free from unlawful discrimination. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 outlawed housing discrimination to any person based on race, color, nationality, religion, familial status, or disability. The City of Canton Fair Housing Department works diligently to eliminate and prevent housing discrimination based on the above mentioned categories.

The Fair Housing Department has two functions: Intake and Investigation which investigates housing discrimination and landlord/tenant issues. Education and Outreach help to increase awareness about housing rights, helps the community to identify housing discrimination, and provides educational opportunities for the community.

2015 will be an exciting year for the Canton Fair Housing Department. The department will see the rollout of a new

website to increase convenience for the community we serve by allowing residents to easily access Fair Housing information. We are forming a Commitment to Fair Housing Coalition – a group of landlords that have made a commitment to attend Fair Housing trainings and enforce equal housing practices. We are partnering with organizations that serve population groups who are often discriminated against to facilitate an increased community presence.

April is Fair Housing Month and the Fair Housing Department is gearing up for activities throughout the month. 2015 will also see the first Fair Housing 5K/1 Mile Fun Run.

For more information about Fair Housing, or if you believe you have been a victim of housing discrimination, please contact the Fair Housing Department at 330.438.4716. ♦

Nominate An Outstanding Citizen



CHELSEA PERRY//STAFF WRITER

Mayor Healy understands the important role that citizens play in maintaining and beautifying neighborhoods. This fall he established the Outstanding Citizens Award program to recognize and honor the individuals in our community who have gone above and beyond to make their neighborhoods and our city a better place to live.

The public is encouraged to nominate individuals who are outstanding examples of citizens committed to building, preserving, maintaining and improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods. An individual may be nominated by anyone, and nominations are accepted at any time; there is

no deadline for submissions. All nominations must include the full name and address of the individual being nominated, along with a written statement as to why this person is deserving of an Outstanding Citizen Award. ♦

Completed nominations may be submitted to:

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Outstanding Citizen Award
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Outstanding Citizen Award Nomination Form

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The Present and Future Look Bright for the Civic Center



BLAKE SCHILLING//GENERAL MANAGER, CANTON CIVIC CENTER

Photo courtesy of Canton Civic Center

The Canton Memorial Civic Center, home to the Canton Charge and numerous events and activities, enjoyed one its busiest and most successful years in recent history during 2014. SMG, the Civic Center's private management company, who manages over 230 facilities worldwide, made great strides in 2014 by providing a higher level of entertainment options for the residents of Canton. In 2014, the Civic Center hosted several events that were either new to Canton or not seen here in quite some time. Some of these events include WWE, NAAFS (North American Allied Fight Series) MMA Fights, the Gala of the Royal Horses, and the LeCrae concert in November.

Along with the excitement of new events, our relationship with annual events continues to provide stability and consistency for the Canton community. The Harlem Globetrotters and the Tadmor Shrine Circus are annual events that provide a family friendly value for adults and children of all ages. All-Star Cheerleading and the OCMA Dart and Pool Tournaments bring guests to Canton from all over Ohio, and as always, we are honored to host the countless NFL legends at the annual Pro Football Hall of Fame Fashion Show Luncheon, Gold Jacket Dinner, and Roundtable Luncheon each August.



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The Canton Charge, the Developmental League team of the Cleveland Cavaliers that calls the Civic Center home, hopes to finish the 2014-15 season with another strong playoff performance. The Charge continues to provide an exciting NBA experience at an affordable price from November to March each year. We are excited to continue our relationship with the Charge for many years to come.

Due to the success of the Civic Center, we have been able to take our increased revenue and reinvest it back into the facility to provide a nicer, cleaner environment for Canton.

Many of the projects that were completed in 2014 greatly improved the appearance of the facility, but most were completed in order to improve the safety and functionality of the building. Those who have recently visited the Civic Center may

have noticed the painting, floor cleaning, landscaping, and improvements to the sound system, but behind the scenes there have also been repairs made to the stage, scoreboard hoist system, and HVAC system.

We continue to be honored and humbled to host you at our events and strive each day to make the Civic Center the best possible facility for our community. ♦

The Road Ahead



**DAN MOEGLIN PE, SI//
CITYENGINEER**

We are finally off and running on the biggest series of capital improvement projects that have ever come out of the Engineering Department. In 2014 we broke ground on both the 12th St. Corridor and the Mahoning Rd. Corridor Projects. These two projects have been in the development process for at least 10 years, but based on the early results it was well worth the wait. These two projects, and future phases to come, will provide a complete makeover to a main corridor into the city. We have already started to see secondary private redevelopment and investment in the area, spurred by the infrastructure investments.

In addition to these major projects, 2014 saw other substantial investments and upgrades to city infrastructure. All totaled, the Engineering Department managed and participated in over \$42.3 million worth of capital improvement contracts. These projects ranged from bridge rehabilitation and streetscape projects to storm and sanitary sewer projects. We actively worked with Canton's Tree Commission to improve the health and safety of Canton's urban forest. We worked with Canton Parks to improve park signage and to construct the new Canton Park's Gervasi Station Trailhead. We were very successful in securing millions of dollars in outside grant funding to build future infrastructure and trail projects to help continue revitalizing Canton.

But there is more work in the horizon; 2015 will be another banner year with over \$11 million in new projects to be constructed, followed by \$15.5 million in 2016 and \$12 million in 2017. That will bring our four year total to over \$80 million in capital improvements.

Between these capital projects and our ongoing efforts to develop and implement strategies to reduce energy consumption and improve water quality and our urban forest, the Engineering Department is working hard to improve our environment, enhance our community, become a more sustainable city, and make Canton a more "livable" community where people want to live, work, and play. ♦

Photo courtesy of Canton Engineering Dept





Photo courtesy of Canton Engineering Dept.

Beautifying the Nimishillen



CHRIS BARNES, PE, CPESC, CPSWQ, CMS4S//ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER

For years, the EPA has said that the health of many of our nation's waterways are impaired to the point where they don't meet certain water quality standards. Common pollutants that cause impairments include oils, sediment, pesticides, trash, and fertilizers. Much of the pollution gets into the waterways by being picked up in storm water runoff and traveling through storm sewers. Unlike sanitary sewers, storm sewers do not treat storm water runoff. Canton's storm sewers ultimately discharge into the Nimishillen Creek, which is on Ohio's list of impaired waters.

So how impaired is the Nimishillen Creek? Well, in 2009, Ohio EPA's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Report for the Nimishillen Creek watershed was approved by the USEPA. The TMDL Report specifies the maximum amounts of certain types of pollutants that can be in the Nimishillen Creek in order to meet water quality standards. For the 188-square-mile Nimishillen Creek watershed, impairments were found for biological communities and phosphorus and bacteria levels. In other words, there are too many fish and bugs that are pollution-tolerant and not enough fish and bugs that don't like pollution. There is also too much phosphorus and too much bacteria in the creek.

The fish and bug communities have been impacted over the years by various sources. Excessive phosphorus and bacteria can come from discharge sources such as industrial and wastewater treatment plants, septic systems, and from agricultural runoff. Too much phosphorus can cause excessive algae and aquatic plant growth and deplete oxygen in the water, thereby harming the fish and bug populations. Bacteria from septic systems and manure runoff can contain

infectious agents and disease-producing organisms. Habitat is also impacted by construction site runoff and modifications of natural drainage patterns through dredging, ditching, and the removal of vegetation along stream corridors, all of which can result in excessive sediment and siltation as well as temperature changes in the creek. This sedimentation and siltation smothers fish spawning and feeding areas, eliminates certain food organisms, and helps transport the unwanted phosphorus, bacteria, and other pollutants.

So what can be done to "un-pollute" the Nimishillen Creek? Ohio EPA established TMDLs for nutrients (phosphorus), siltation (fish and bugs habitat), and bacteria. Canton's Water Reclamation Facility (wastewater treatment plant) is implementing some major upgrades to reduce phosphorus levels in its discharges. Permits are required for industrial and construction sites to have controls implemented to reduce sediment and other pollutants in their discharges. Regulations on septic systems and agricultural manure management have tightened to reduce bacteria. New techniques are being employed in stream and drainage projects to strike a healthy balance between flood management and habitat degradation. Since 2003, the City of Canton and other local government entities throughout Ohio have been implementing Storm Water Management Programs to help educate the public on storm water issues and take other actions to reduce storm water pollution. Ultimately, the hope is that these collective efforts will one day result in a healthier, sustainable Nimishillen Creek that can be removed from Ohio's list of impaired waterways, meet water quality standards, and be enjoyed for its aesthetic, recreational, and resourceful benefits! ♦



Canton Fire Keeping Up With Staffing and Technology



JOHN WHITLATCH//DIVISION CHIEF, CANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Canton Fire Department is constantly working to maintain a strong and diverse work force. The department has developed and is currently running the Safety Prep Program aimed at preparing young Canton-area adults for the tough jobs of both Firefighter and Paramedic. A successful candidate completing the program will be awarded bonus points towards the Civil Service exam. The department currently has 149 uniformed members, and anticipates six or more retirements in 2015. We are hopeful to bring in a new cadet class to bolster our ranks and need shining stars to apply for this very demanding but rewarding career.

Today the Fire Department is an “all rescues” service; when residents need help in any situation the Canton Fire Department responds with outstanding rescue services. We provide fire-fighting, emergency medical services, technical rope rescue, water rescue, and other types of assistance with the help of highly skilled and dedicated personnel.

Canton Fire has also been making technological improvements to enhance efficiency in many areas. Our EKG (electrocardiogram test) telemetry to the hospitals for cardiac patients has been recognized by The American Heart Association for outstanding cardiac care through their annual awards program.

To increase our effectiveness through technology, we are migrating to “infield reporting via mobile data devices” which will enable reports, citations, and fire code compliance inspections to be delivered instantly. This will create a much more efficient customer service model and will allow businesses to receive information properly and move their projects forward in a more timely manner. It will also assist in managing our continuing rise in call volume.

We are also currently developing a plan to move into a “next generation” 911 radio and dispatch environment in the near future. ♦

Spring First Fridays



JUDI CHRISTY//MARKETING DIRECTOR, ARTSINSTARK

Regardless if the groundhog was a hit or miss, the show goes on each month in Downtown Canton as the Downtown Special Improvement District and ArtsinStark do it all over again with First Friday.

In March, the theme is Vegas Night! This G-rated version is family-friendly with games of chance and prizes being put on and awarded at the various galleries, shops, and stops surrounding Market Square and beyond.

April is devoted to celebrating the 200th anniversary of The Repository. In a very special Above the

Fold themed evening, all of the activities, including improvisational headlines with Scared Scriptless, a paper-making mannequin project, a newsprint fashion challenge and a tour of the newspaper building, will be there, in black and white, to be enjoyed.

May is time to Hit the Streets, as First Friday returns outdoors. Street vendors will be selling



ice cream, kettle corn, and lemonade as they quench the thirst of those who are ready to celebrate spring in style.

For more information about First Friday, please contact tricia@artsinstark.org or visit cantonartsdistrict.com/firstfriday. ♦



Photo courtesy of the Canton Ballet

The Little Mermaid is Canton Ballet's Spring Offering



JEANNE COEN//MARKETING DIRECTOR, CANTON BALLET

Under the direction of Cassandra Crowley, the Canton Ballet will present *The Little Mermaid* in two matinee performances on March 14 and 15 at 2PM, at the Canton Palace Theatre.

Choreographer in residence, Angelo Lemmo's *The Little Mermaid* is a children's narrative full length ballet in two acts which portrays Hans Christian Andersen's poignant tale of a beautiful Mermaid who dreams of becoming human.

Canton Ballet's *The Little Mermaid* is sponsored by Biery Cheese of Louisville and funded in part by ArtsinStark, the Ohio Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts with support by The Repository, Fishers Foods, Yamaha, Microsoft, WKSU, Mix 94.1 and My 101.7. ♦

Spring at the Players Guild Theatre

BETH KNOX//DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

March 6-8 will be the final weekend of *The Giver* on the main stage theatre. Based on the Newbery Award-winning book by Lois Lowry, *The Giver* takes a futuristic look at what it means to grow up, grow wise, and take control of your own destiny.

In April we will be performing the family-friendly *Miss Nelson is Missing!* This wonderful adaption teaches children to "be careful what you wish for 'cause you just might get it!"

In May we are thrilled to present *Les Miserables* live on our main stage! Winner of over 100 international awards and seen by over 65 million people worldwide, *Les Miserables* packs an emotional wallop that has thrilled audiences all over the world. ♦



Hall of Fame Village Project: More Than A Museum



CHELSEA PERRY//STAFF WRITER

On December 6, 1959, residents of Canton woke up to a newspaper headline on their doorstep that read “PRO FOOTBALL NEEDS A HALL OF FAME AND LOGICAL SITE IS HERE.” The NFL listened and on September 7, 1963 the Pro Football Hall of Fame opened its doors for the first time.

It did not take much to convince the NFL that Canton should be home to the beloved Hall of Fame. Professional football was born in downtown Canton in September of 1920 and the Canton Bulldogs, a powerhouse in the early days of professional football, called Canton home.

Fast forward over 50+ years, eight expansions, several renovations, and you’ll find what is already considered America’s premier sports hall of fame. But for the Hall, this is only the beginning of what is to come.

What originally started out as a necessary renovation to a 77 year old Fawcett stadium has turned into a multi-million dollar expansion, not only to the Hall of Fame- but to the entire campus, dubbed Hall of Fame Village. While plans have not been finalized as of this publication, proposed ideas surrounding this expansion include a brand new, state-of-

the-art football stadium, convention center, high-end hotel, thematic restaurants, sports and entertainment complex, an institute for integrity and officiating, youth football center and playing fields, residential facility for retired players tentatively called Legends Landing, interactive fan experiences, and a center for athletic performance.

In the fall of 2014, Tom Benson, owner of the New Orleans Saints pledged \$11 million dollars to the Hall of Fame Village; \$10 million to renovate the stadium, and \$1 million for the Legends Landing. The State of Ohio is giving a \$10 million grant to the Hall of Fame as a means of support for the stadium that hosts the annual Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony, as well as other events during the two-week Enshrinement Festival and throughout the year. The Hall is working alongside local architects and HKS Inc. which designed both AT&T Stadium in Dallas and Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

In addition to the investments made by the State of Ohio, Tom Benson, and numerous other public and private partners, the City of Canton has also pledged \$5 million to the Hall of Fame Village project. On December 22, Canton City

Council unanimously agreed to donate the money to help fund a project that will bring in extensive revenue for the City of Canton.

A project of this caliber is going to increase revenue for the city exponentially. During construction, Canton will be gaining income tax revenue from those being contracted to build the structures. After completion, the Hall will be drawing in more people from out of town than ever before and will be collecting revenue from each visitor.

At-Large Councilman Bill Smuckler described this opportunity as “once in a lifetime” and the \$5 million a “drop in the bucket” in regards to the amount of revenue that will be brought in to the city as a return on investment.

“This is an opportunity for us to make this a destination place. This is an opportunity for us to give something for people to do. We hear these complaints all the time, ‘there’s nothing to do’... and we were always looking to cut the

budget to make it happen. This is a chance where we get to look at outside revenue, rather than on what services we can cut,” Smuckler said at the December 22 Council meeting that approved the funding.

Ward 7 Councilman John Mariol echoed what Smuckler and other Councilmembers had to say, adding that “these are the types of things that are going to attract young people back to our county and back to our city.”

The Hall of Fame has put Canton on the map. Out-of-town visitors know right where we are when we tell them we live near the Hall of Fame. Canton is broadcasted on national television every August when a new class of Legends are inducted into the Hall of Fame. A project of this immensity will allow residents to rest assured knowing the precious treasure that is the Hall of Fame will continue to call Canton home for a long, long time. ♦



Canton to Hold Its Second Annual Arbor Day Celebration

MAUREEN AUSTIN//CHAIRPERSON,
CANTON TREE COMMISSION

Arbor Day is a day to celebrate trees and all the many benefits they provide, such as shade, beauty, color, energy conservation, diversity, wood products, animal habitat, food, and oxygen. Arbor Day is also a day we gather together to plant, care for, and educate residents on the benefits and care of trees.

The first Arbor Day in America was promoted by J. Sterling Morton and celebrated in April 1872 when an estimated one million trees were planted in the state of Nebraska. The 100th anniversary of that date saw the establishment of the Arbor Day Foundation, which encourages citizens to plant, celebrate, and nurture trees, and which sponsors the Tree City USA program.

On April 24, 2015, the City of Canton will hold its Second Annual Arbor Day Celebration at the Garden Center in Stadium Park. While the agenda is not set as of publication time, we anticipate a similar format as last year's event, including tree-related games and activities, informational handouts describing the benefits of trees, tree planting, tree seedling giveaways, and refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

Also this year, we plan to start a memorial tree program in honor of Andy Mitchell, a representative of American Electric Power (AEP), who worked in cooperation with Canton City Tree Commission, who passed away this last year, with the planting of a flowering Dogwood tree (Andy's favorite tree). Canton City Arborist, Dick Drake, said of Andy, "he was an all-around good guy who loved trees and went the extra mile to assist the City with our tree management program. He surely is missed by all."

In December 2014 the City of Canton submitted an application to the Tree City USA program, and is hoping to be able to announce Canton's "Tree City USA" designation at the 2015 Arbor Day event. ♦



March 2015

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15 Canton Ballet presents THE LITTLE MERMAID 2PM Canton Palace Theatre All-Star Cheerleading SPRING FLING 11AM Canton Civic Center	16 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM Canton City Hall	17 CANTON CHARGE VS. WESTCHESTER 7PM Canton Civic Center St. Patrick's Day	18 2015 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS 5:30PM Pro Football Hall of Fame	19	20 CANTON CHARGE VS. GRAND RAPIDS 7PM Canton Civic Center Spring Begins	21 CANTON CHARGE VS. IOWA 7PM Canton Civic Center
22	23 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM Canton City Hall	24	25	26	27 TADMOR SHRINE CIRCUS 3PM Canton Civic Center TADMOR SHRINE CIRCUS 7:30PM Canton Civic Center	28 TADMOR SHRINE CIRCUS 10PM Canton Civic Center TADMOR SHRINE CIRCUS 2:30PM PM Canton Civic Center TADMOR SHRINE CIRCUS 7:30PM Canton Civic Center Canton Symphony presents MASTERWORKS CONCERT 6 8PM Umstattd Performing Arts Hall
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		<p>1</p> <p>CANTON CHARGE VS. MAINE 7PM Canton Civic Center</p>		<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAY <i>"ABOVE THE FOLD"</i> 6 - 10PM Downtown Canton Arts District</p> <p>First Friday Family Movie: <i>HOP</i> 3PM Canton Palace Theatre</p> <p>First Friday Family Movie: <i>BEETHOVEN'S 2ND</i> 7:30PM Canton Palace Theatre</p> <p>CANTON CHARGE VS. IOWA 7PM Canton Civic Center <i>Good Friday</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Passover</i></p>
<p>5</p> <p>Easter</p>	<p>6</p> <p>CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM Canton City Hall</p>	<p>7</p> <p>TREE COMMISSION MEETING 6PM Canton Garden Center</p>	<p>8</p> <p>PARKS COMMISSION MEETING 4PM Canton Garden Center</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>The Players Guild presents <i>MISS NELSON IS MISSING</i> 7PM Players Guild Theatre</p>	<p>11</p> <p>The Players Guild presents <i>MISS NELSON IS MISSING</i> 2PM Players Guild Theatre</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>HALL OF FAME MARATHON/HALF MARATHON/TEAM RELAY 7AM Pro Football Hall of Fame</p> <p>The Players Guild presents <i>MISS NELSON IS MISSING</i> 2PM Players Guild Theatre</p> <p>The Canton Symphony presents <i>BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL CONCERT 4</i> 7:30PM Umstattd Hall</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM Canton City Hall</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> 		

May 2015

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3 Canton Symphony presents CANTON YOUTH SYMPHONY CONCERT 4PM GlenOak High School	4 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM Canton City Hall	5 TREE COMMISSION MEETING 6PM Canton Garden Center <i>Cinco de Mayo</i> <i>National Teacher Day</i>	6	7	8	9
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