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DON'T FRET LITTLE MAN!

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# Letter from the Mayor

**Dear Residents,**



Each summer, Canton has the chance to show off to the world through the Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival. Thousands of tourists from around the country come to our community to take advantage not just of the football festivities, but also the many other attractions in our city.

Residents of Canton have the advantage of having these destinations right in their backyard all year long. Yet those things we see everyday are often the things we are most likely to ignore. When was the last time you experienced Canton the way we promote to visitors from outside the area? This issue of the **Canton Connection** challenges you to take a new and closer look at the landmarks and attractions that make us famous.

For example, everyone knows Canton is the birthplace of professional football, but how many of us know where the exact location of the inception is? (You may be surprised to find out!) We have grown accustomed to the impressive sight of the McKinley Monument, but did you know that in addition to honoring President McKinley, it hosts a state of the art planetarium and is one of city's most popular workout facilities?

As always, please feel free to contact me whenever you want to share information, request a city service, or report a problem in your neighborhood. I am honored to serve as your Mayor!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wm. J. Healy II". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**William J. Healy II**  
**Mayor**



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A TRUCK DELIVERS SUPPLIES TO THE NEW MEDLINE DISTRIBUTION CENTER AT THE MILLS INDUSTRIAL PARK.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

## Health care distributor comes to Canton



**BY ROBERT TORRES** / Director of Development

**IN EARLY 2010, THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND THE CANTON REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

were pleased to announce that Medline Industries, Inc. had chosen Canton for a new 300,000 square foot facility. The Mills Industrial Park was selected over three other sites in different cities for this new distribution center.

Medline is America's largest privately held national manufacturer and distributor of health care supplies and services. The company manufactures and distributes more than 100,000 different medical products and has one of the largest textile lines in the industry.

Construction of the \$13.7 million campus began in early spring and was completed late in the summer. In addition to the temporary construction jobs, the project will create twenty-five to thirty permanent full-time jobs in its first five years of operation. The annual payroll at this site is projected to be over one million dollars.

The Medline project has also served to boost other development at the Mills Industrial Park. Also this summer, Old Dominion Freight Line announced its intention of locating a new 60-door freight terminal at the park, with a goal to be operational by early 2011.

The Medline project was made possible through a team effort of Canton Mayor William Healy, the Canton Department of Development, the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Stark County Commissioners, the Stark Development Board, The Employment Source, the Canton Local Board of Education, the Ohio Department of Development and AEP Ohio.

The Mills Industrial Park is located on Faircrest Ave. in the southwest part of Canton. This 141 acre site is owned by Canton Commerce LLC, a partnership between the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and the DeHoff Family Foundation. ♦

## ARTSINSTARK

# Granting an arts wish

BY JUDI CHRISTY



**ARTSINSTARK PROVIDES GRANTS EACH YEAR TO ARTISTS AND AGENCIES TO FUND PROJECTS THAT ARE INNOVATIVE**

and can help students learn. This year's grant initiative is getting underway, and the arts council is seeking projects that will assist recipients in the rethinking or retooling of an idea or enhance the educational experience and success of the learner.

In short, is the projected project new or will it help kids learn?

If the answer is yes, then individual artists and area non-profit agencies are urged to apply for a 2011 Special Project Grant from ArtsinStark. Awards from \$500 - \$10,000 are available to those in Stark County who are using the arts to make a difference by increasing student achievement (through the SmARTS programs) or by presenting a unique perspective or brand new approach in an area other than the classroom. All projects must be completed in 2011.

*Details, including forms and deadlines, are available at the ArtsinStark offices at 900 Cleveland Avenue NW or via the website [www.artsinstark.com](http://www.artsinstark.com). Specific questions about the SmARTS grants (only for schools) should be directed to Sarah Shumaker, and questions concerning Innovation projects (outside of the schools) should be directed to Anne Wadian. Both can be reached at 330-453-1075. ♦*

PHOTO COURTESY OF ARTSINSTARK

## CANTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

# Something for everyone this season

BY BARBARA MUCCI

**THE CANTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE CELEBRATION! THIS SEASON WE ARE PULLING OUT ALL** the stops to celebrate the 30th anniversary season of our beloved music director, Gerhardt Zimmermann.

The excitement begins October 10th with the KeyBank MasterWorks Series. The Orchestra will perform some of Maestro Zimmermann's favorite pieces, including Beethoven's stirring Symphony No. 7.

The legendary André Watts reunites with Zimmermann on November 14 to perform Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2. Canton's own remarkable soprano, Christine Brandes, returns home to perform two concert arias by Handel on December 5. All three magnificent Sunday concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in Umstadd Hall at McKinley Senior High School.

If you prefer a more casual setting, join us in the Cable Recital Hall at the Cultural Center for the Arts on October 28-29 for the

Aultman PrimeTime Thursday concert @ 1:00 p.m. or the Casual Friday concert at 7:00 p.m. Flute and harp headline both hour long chamber concerts, and you can stay to meet the musicians and enjoy refreshments afterwards. The new 7:00 p.m. Casual Friday Series start time is ideal for joining friends after work. Visit our website for special young professional Crescendo gatherings too.

The holiday season is just around the corner. The tradition of our Holiday Pops Concert continues on December 12 when five Stark County high school choruses join the Orchestra for a spectacular presentation of holiday favorites. The Symphony Chorus celebrates the season on December 19 with variations of *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* and their popular Christmas carol sing-along at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Both concerts are perfect for families and children of all ages!

*Detailed information and on-line tickets for all Canton Symphony concerts and educational programming can be found at [www.cantonsymphony.org](http://www.cantonsymphony.org) or by calling 330-452-2094. ♦*

CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Holiday decadence downtown



BY JESSICA BENNETT

**THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, WHILE YOU'RE CELEBRATING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, BE SURE TO HEAD**

downtown for some unique yuletide tidings. Downtown Canton is a winter wonderland, teaming with dining destinations, retail therapy and events galore to carry you through another Stark County winter.

*Here's a sneak peak of some of the festive festivities awaiting you downtown!*

## LIGHT UP DOWNTOWN

**December 2**

This annual holiday festival brings the songs and sounds of the holiday season to downtown Canton. Enjoy 16 blocks of fun for the whole family, including kids crafts and activities, refreshments, caroling and carriage rides. This year's Light Up will feature Christopher Pop-In-Kins, every child's favorite elf, in a very special musical main stage show.

Light up your spirits with community musical acts, 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! Best of all? This festive festival is FREE! Visit [LightUpDowntown.com](http://LightUpDowntown.com) for all the trimmings on this great annual event.

## FIRST FRIDAY NORTH POLE STROLL

**December 3**

December's First Friday in the arts district glimmers and shimmers with holiday hoopla! Come downtown for your monthly gallery hop and shop 'til you drop with local retailers. Stop by the downtown art galleries and studios to find original artwork and photography, accessories, home furnishings, some of the finest jewels and baubles around, handcrafted holiday cards, toys, books and plenty of fashions for the whole family.

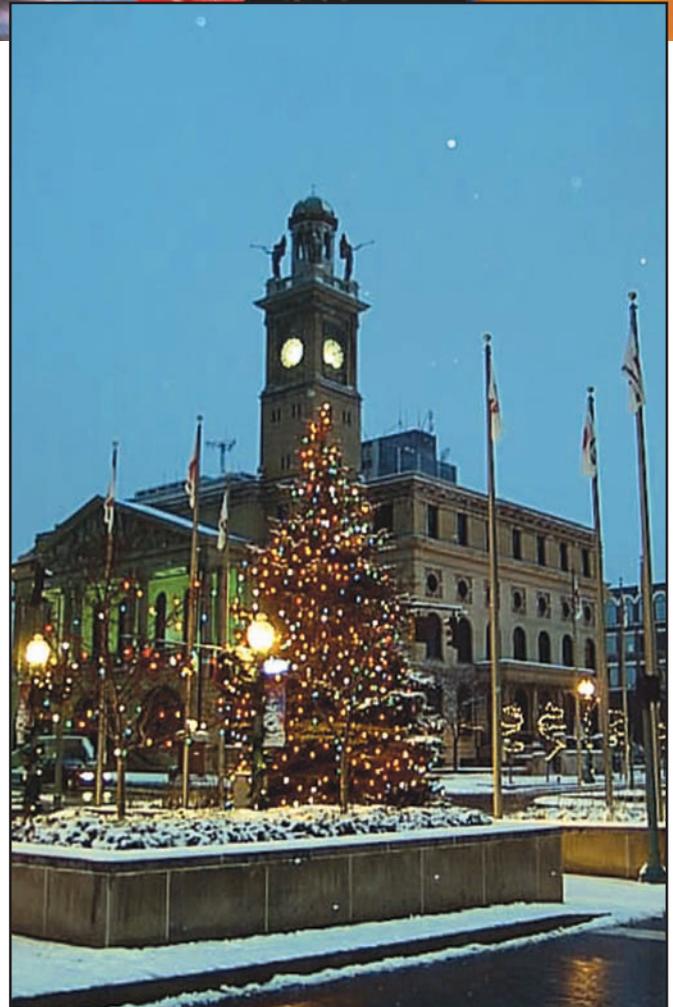
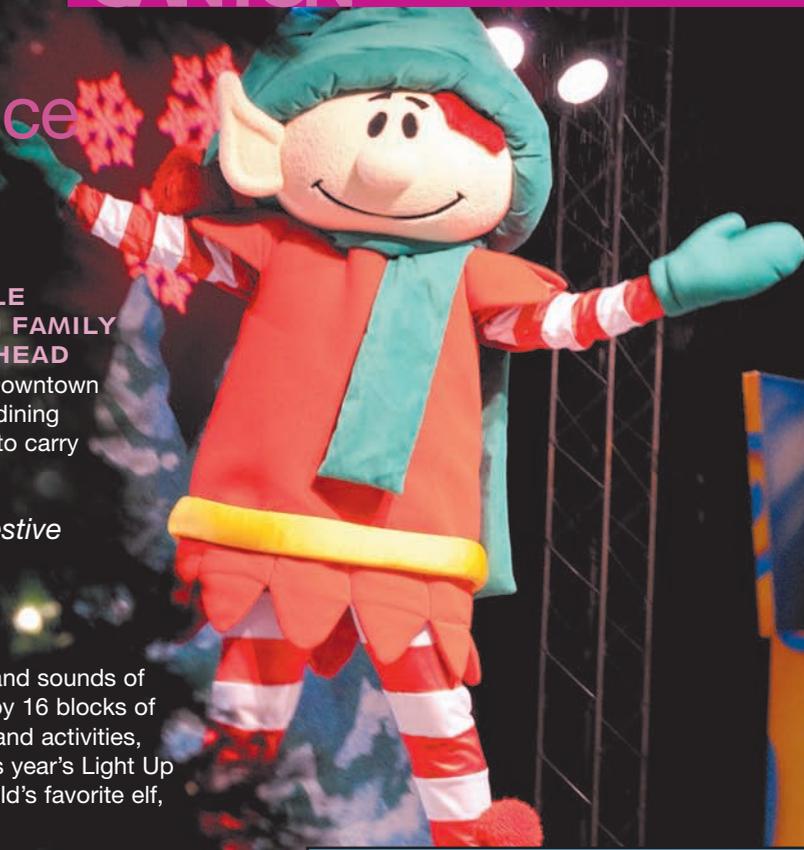
Unique finds and one-of-a-kinds await you downtown. Complete the trip with dinner and cocktails at one of Canton's finest hot spots. Visit [CantonFirstFriday.com](http://CantonFirstFriday.com) for more information on upcoming First Friday events.

## WELCOME THE LIGHT CHURCH TOUR

**December 11**

This holiday season, the downtown Canton churches will open their doors and invite the community to celebrate the history, architecture and tradition of the downtown Canton houses of worship. The Welcome the Light celebration will include a variety of activities, including luminaries, choir performances, holiday decorations, architecture and history tours, stained glass window tours, cultural activities, children's crafts, modern and traditional music and refreshments.

Learn about Canton's rich history throughout the tour of these beautiful and historic houses of worship and enjoy special activities throughout the evening. More information is coming soon to [CantonDevelopmentPartnership.com](http://CantonDevelopmentPartnership.com). ♦



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TRI-COUNTY WASTE DISTRICT

# Information at your fingertips



BY LINDA MORCKEL / Education Coordinator

## CANTON'S CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM IS GREAT FOR DISPOSING OF EVERYDAY ITEMS LIKE NEWSPAPERS, CEREAL BOXES,

water bottles and soup cans, and the amount of recyclables collected each week continues to grow. But how about those odd items like fluorescent light bulbs, kerosene and cell phones? Help is as close as your computer.

Check out the Solid Waste District's website at [www.timetorecycle.org](http://www.timetorecycle.org). You'll find tons of useful information, including the features described below.

- A box on the homepage labeled **"What do I do with?"** that lists outlets for items that may be hazardous or should not be put in the landfill.
- Under the box labeled **"Residents,"** you can find contact information for reaching the landfills in the District, how to prevent your mailbox from loading up with so much junk mail and where to donate clothing and other reusable items.
- Under **"Businesses"** you can learn how to start a recycling program in your office or perform a waste audit on the trash produced by your company.

• The **"Education"** button gives instructions on crafts that can be made with everyday items around the home, contact information for reaching the education specialists at the Solid Waste District and information on buying items made with recycled materials.

• The **"Local Governments"** button lists the recycling programs in the District and tells you who's recycling the most. It also lists outlets for common household hazardous waste items and computers.

• The **"Publications"** tab provides you with documents compiled by District staff to help you with topics such as residential and business recycling, composting and disaster debris management.

• **"Public Records"** is where you can find minutes from board meetings, financial reports, District by-laws and annual reports.

*As always, if you're not yet recycling, call the Canton Recycling Department at 330-489-3000 for a blue bin and instructions on how to get started. ♦*

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Enforcement Initiative works to clean up our streets

BY LIEUTENANT J. COLE

**THE CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2010 ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE IS A TARGETED EFFORT AIMED AT IMPACTING HIGH CRIME AREAS AND REDUCING street level crime.** Started last spring, the 2010 Enforcement Initiative is designed to help ensure the city continues to see a steady reduction in crime.

As part of this initiative, the Canton PD conducted "Operation Safe Streets" this past summer. A joint venture with the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the FBI Task Force and representatives from Stark County Adult Parole, Probation and Juvenile Probation, this targeted enforcement was designed to suppress street level crime.

Using various patrol, investigative, undercover and tactical techniques, and assisted by K-9 officers and a State Highway Patrol helicopter, the police flooded various high crime hot zones in the city. A heavy concentration of traffic enforcement and undercover intelligence

gathering produced tremendous results, culminating in more arrests than in similar operations in years past.

The two day sting resulted in 71 arrests, including 32 arrests on outstanding warrants. Three vehicles were seized in relation to criminal investigations and marijuana, cocaine and currency were also confiscated (*see box for all results*).

Results of Operation Safe Streets	
Adult Felony Arrests	15
Adult Misdemeanor Arrests	24
Adult Warrant Arrests Adult Minor	32
Misdemeanor Citations	33
Uniform Traffic Citations	61
Impounds	24
Courtesy Contacts	19
Verbal Warnings	39
Vehicle Seizures	3
Equipment Seizures	1

Police Chief Dean McKimm summed up the operation this way, "Operation Safe Streets was geared toward suppressing street level crime, which directly impacts Canton's inner city neighborhoods. This operation, and others like it, add emphasis to our crime fighting efforts and demonstrates our commitment to and flexibility in getting positive results."

Other specific operations in the 2010 Enforcement Initiative include Operation Raven, which focused on arresting people with outstanding warrants, and Operation Street Walker, which specifically targeted prostitution. ♦

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YOUTH DEPARTMENT

# Fall full of activity at SECC

BY MATT BAILEY / Youth Development

FALL IS A TIME FOR BACKPACKS, FOOTBALL, COLORFUL LEAVES AND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS AT THE EDWARD "PEEL" COLEMAN (Southeast) Community Center. After a very successful run of summer programs and spurred by the recently repaired Sherrick Road, we are looking forward to an exciting fall season.

We kicked off the school year with a Back to School Block Party, hosted in conjunction with the Michael A. Doss Foundation. At the event we gave away food, prizes and backpacks full of school supplies. Games and entertainment helped everyone gear up for the new school year.

The Southeast Community Center will continue this level of excitement and enthusiasm throughout the year. Returning this fall are our mentoring programs, homework help for all ages and OGT/ACT prep, in addition to continuing sports and fitness programs. We are also excited to introduce several new cultural arts, culinary and Zumba programs.

For more information, call 330-489-3350 or come see us at 1400 Sherrick Road SE. ♦



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE EDWARD "PEEL" COLEMAN COMMUNITY CENTER



CONSTRUCTION OF NEW STORM - SEWERS, CURBS, WATER LINES AND SANITARY SEWERS AS PART OF THE 25TH STREET STORM SEWER PROJECT, DESIGNED TO SOLVE DRAINAGE ISSUES IN THE AREA.

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## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

# Drainage issues affect us all

BY CHRIS BARNES / Assistant City Engineer



**VARIOUS TYPES OF DRAINAGE ISSUES AFFECT CANTON. DRAINAGE ISSUES INCLUDE FLOODING PROBLEMS ALONG**

along creeks and city streets, infrastructure maintenance needs, storm water pollution concerns and flooding on private property. The City Engineer focuses mainly on flooding problems along city streets and drainage problems causing storm water pollution concerns.

Once identified, flooding issues are mapped and tracked by our office. Once mapped, they can be prioritized for work by city crews or for capital improvement projects. Storm water pollution problems are also mapped, as mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The city is responsible for locating, resolving and keeping record of all storm water pollution issues. This information is also provided to all ward council members to keep them apprised of issues in their ward.

The recently completed 25th Street NE Storm Sewer Project is an example of an infrastructure project designed to address drainage issues. Though a partnership with Stark County and Plain Township, the city completed a \$2.3 million project in this area, providing new storm sewers, curbs, sidewalk, water lines, sanitary sewers and pavement along portions of Marvin Place, Gage Avenue, 23rd Street, Roosevelt Avenue, 25th Street, 26th Street, Taft Avenue and Root Avenue.

*If you have questions or concerns about road construction projects, drainage issues or storm water pollution control, please contact the City Engineer's office at 330-489-4137. ♦*

## COLLECTION SYSTEMS

# Keeping your drains clear

BY JAMES DIMARZIO /

Collection Systems Superintendent



**A COMMUNITY'S SEWER DRAINS ARE RARELY THOUGHT OF DURING THE COURSE OF OUR BUSY LIVES. FOR THE**

Department of Collection Systems, the operation of flushing and removing unwanted grease, gravel, tree roots and other debris from the public sewers is part of our daily work habit. Each day, crews are dispatched throughout the city to address customer needs. Our work crews will address your sewer back up concern quickly and professionally.

In some situations, however, a homeowner will be informed that the problem lies within the responsible limits of the property owner. This part of the sewer drain is called the house or building lateral. House laterals can become clogged for various reasons, including tree roots and aging pipes. One way to ensure fewer problems though is to keep cooking grease and oil out of your drains.

The practice of disposing cooking fat and oil properly can help avoid sewer problems. When cooking grease and oil are dumped down the drain, the grease can separate from the water and cling to the pipe. Scraping food scraps into the trash and wiping off excessive grease from cookware are just a few tips that can help avoid sewer problems. Keeping cooking fat and oil from entering drains can eliminate unwanted sewer backs ups and stoppages for you and the community.

*Keeping our city sewers running efficiently is very important to our health and our environment. If you believe you have a sewer back up, the City Collection Systems Department (Sewer) can be contacted at 330-489-3031. ♦*

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

# One brick at a time



BY DANIEL J. MOEGLIN, P.E., S.I.S. / Canton City Engineer

**THIS YEAR CANTON HAS INVESTED MORE IN INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION THAN ANY YEAR IN RECENT**

memory. Nearly every part of the city is experiencing construction and improvements. In addition to major road improvements such as the Cleveland Avenue Resurfacing Project and the Sherrick Road Stabilization Project, the city has taken on major storm water projects, including the Fairhope Retention Basin Project and the 23rd/25th Street Storm Sewer Project.

We have also completed bridge projects like the Guilford Bridge Replacement Project, intersection projects including the Fulton/Park Drive Project and various other bike trail and streetscape projects.

In total, Canton will have nearly \$10 million dollars worth of construction underway or completed this year. This is an amazing accomplishment particularly during such financially challenging times. The city has been able to accomplish this feat by successfully pursuing and securing over \$8 million dollars in local, state and federal grants to construct these projects.

Our office considers it our responsibility to pursue outside funding and bring as many of these funds to Canton as possible. Our success with this has allowed us to continue to improve our city while putting residents to work.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience when traveling around detours and barrels.

As frustrating as they can be, barrels are a sign that we are making great progress towards modernizing our infrastructure, rebuilding Canton one brick at a time. ♦



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LIMIT  
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BETHANY CHAMBERLIN

## STREET DEPARTMENT

# Keeping our city neat is everyone's responsibility



BY KEVIN MONROE / Street Superintendent

**KEEPING OUR CITY LOOKING ITS BEST IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY. AS YOU**

enjoy the fall and winter weather, please keep the following city ordinances in mind:

- **Property owners are required** to maintain their trees, shrubs, bushes and other landscaping in a way that does not interfere with the use of public right-of-way. This means that plants should not protrude into roadways or sidewalks.
- **Maintenance of the lawn strip** and any trees planted in it is the responsibility of the property owner. Trees on the lawn strip must

## Adopt-a-Site program

The city has an Adopt-a-Site program designed to encourage businesses, organizations and individuals to assume the responsibility of maintaining and beautifying various sites throughout the city. Along with the sense of pride you'll get, the city will erect a sign on the property recognizing the adopter. There are approximately 25 sites looking for parents. To adopt a site, call the Street Department at 330-489-3030.

provide at least 11 feet of clearance above the sidewalk and street.

- **The placement of leaves**, grass trimmings and tree trimmings on the street is strictly prohibited. This is especially critical during leaf season, as leaves raked into the street can block storm inlets, causing flooding. It is also unfair to those around you, who have properly raked and bagged leaves, for yours to blow onto their lawn.

- **Shoveling or plowing snow** onto city streets is also prohibited. Removing snow from sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner. ♦

## WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

# WRF receives gold award...again!



BY TRACY J. MILLS / WRF Superintendent

**THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (WRF) RECENTLY EARNED THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLEAN WATER AGENCIES**

(NACWA) Gold Award for the fourth straight year. The Gold Peak Performance Award was presented to WRF for its achievement of 100% compliance with its discharge permit limits during 2009. Over 3000 parameters were analyzed by WRF, and each were found to be in compliance. This marks the eleventh straight year that WRF has received either a Gold or Silver Award from NACWA.

The Peak Performance Award program presented by NACWA recognizes public wastewater treatment facilities for their

outstanding compliance records. NACWA recognized over 450 facilities across the nation with Peak Performance Awards for 2009. Only 3 other facilities in Ohio achieved this honor.

WRF treated over 10 billion gallons of wastewater in 2009 prior to discharging it into Nimishillen Creek. WRF is vital in protecting the health of our citizens and environment. Our staff is extremely proud of its compliance record.

*To arrange a tour of our award-winning facility, please contact us at 330-489-3080. ♦*

## DEPARTMENT OF COMPLIANCE

# We want YOU to join our safety forces



BY COREY MINOR SMITH / Compliance Director

**THE CITY OF CANTON IS AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND IS COMMITTED TO DIVERSITY IN THE**

workplace. The city's recruitment plan is designed to recruit and retain a qualified, diverse and inclusive workforce that not only respects, but also represents, the community it serves.

With this goal in mind, the city is dedicated to recruiting and hiring qualified minorities and women to join the ranks of our Police and Fire Departments.

Keeping our residents safe makes the jobs of our police officers and firefighters tough and unpredictable, but also incredibly rewarding. No two days of work are the same, allowing our safety forces to be constantly challenged and constantly learning.

Applicants to the Fire and Police Department must be of good character and in good physical condition. Applicants must take a Civil Service examination and meet certain physical fitness requirements in order to ensure they are suited for the job.

Applicants can receive extra credit on the Civil Service exam if they hold various certifications. These certification can be earned at Stark State College, and financial aid is available.

The next Fire Department exam will be held on October 13, 2010. We welcome you to apply!

*For additional information and an application visit the Canton Civil Service Commission at 218 Cleveland Ave. S.W., 3rd floor, Canton, Ohio 44702 or call (330) 489-3360. ♦*

CANTON  
PARK DEPARTMENT

## Holiday in the Park lights up



BY DOUG PERRY / Park Director

### THE 2010 HOLIDAY IN THE PARK AT STADIUM PARK KICKS OFF NOVEMBER 18 WITH THE FIRST

Light Up Night. Activities begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Garden Center and culminate when the light displays turn on at 6:30.

This 12th annual event begins a nightly showing of lights that continue through the new year. This year's array features many old favorites along with brand new displays.

While you're at Stadium Park, don't miss **Holly Pine Lane at the Garden Center**. Get in the holiday spirit with Christmas trees provided by local garden clubs.

Holly Pine Lane is open November 18 and 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and November 20 and 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 330-455-6172. ♦*



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BUILDING AND CODE DEPARTMENT

## Building Department ramps up efforts

BY ANGELA CAVANAUGH / Chief Building Official

### THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT IN CANTON IS IN CHARGE OF ADMINISTERING THE OHIO BUILDING CODES, ZONING, COMMUNITY

Development inspections, prevailing wage coordination and housing code enforcement.

Our goal is to provide legal and consistent enforcement, while cutting our budget. In the last year, we have saved \$23,000 in postage and legal notices, reduced the salaries of the Building Official and Plans Examiner by \$47,400, and saved \$195,300 in salary and benefits by consolidating job functions. Travel, education, supplies, office maintenance and overtime have been cut to a minimum, for a total savings of \$300,000 compared to the 2008 budget.

While cutting our expenses, we have ramped up our efforts. In 2010, we intend to demolish 275 blighted buildings, almost three times what has been torn down in any year prior.

On enforcement issues, our staff has sent 221 Orders to Comply, compared to only a handful in years past.

In order to better serve our constituents, we have increased service levels to provide a one-stop commercial plan review process. We have also partnered with the Collection Systems Department on inspection of 421 food service establishments, creating increased revenue for that department.

By housing two employees to focus on inspections and administration of housing assistance programs, we have doubled output of this area. Our department has also taken on all the prevailing wage enforcement.

Overall, the Building Department has taken on more work with less employees, provided faster service, helped other departments optimize revenue and services, cut our budget by \$300,000 and increased enforcement. ♦

WATER DEPARTMENT

# Final water plant renovations underway



BY TYLER CONVERSE / Water Superintendent

**AFTER SITTING  
IDLE FOR NEARLY  
A YEAR, CANTON'S**

Northwest Water Treatment Plant is completely renovated and back on-line producing water. The third and final phase of our overall water treatment renovation project is now underway at the Northeast plant.

Due to the fact that this plant has not been renovated since its original construction in 1967, it is the most intensive and expensive of the three project phases. Consequently, a considerable amount of effort was dedicated to meeting special funding deadlines during the spring of 2010. As a result

of these extraordinary efforts, the CWD qualified for and received an Ohio EPA subsidized loan, which is going to save the department an estimated \$1.3 million in interest charges.

Many people came together to make this possible, including representatives from the local building trade unions, Burgess & Niple's Carl Seifried, Canton Law Department's Tom Burns, Canton Purchasing Department's Kim Harper, Christina Miller in the Water Department and Warren Price, Director of Public Service. The Canton Water Department and its customers greatly appreciate your extraordinary efforts! ♦

## Retirements

*The following Water Department employees have recently retired. We express our most sincere gratitude for their years of dedication and service to the Department and community and wish them the best in retirement.*

**Willie Dotson**, Construction Controller, 34 years of service

**Jack Garber**, Asst. Supervisor at Sugarcreek, 31 years of service

**Fred Harkless**, Maintenance Operator, 34 years of service

**Edward Ray**, Pipefitter, 30 years of service

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# A New Look at Canton

BY BETHANY CHAMBERLIN AND DEREK GORDON

CANTON IS NATIONALLY KNOWN AS HOME TO ATTRACTIONS LIKE THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME AND PEOPLE TRAVEL FROM ACROSS THE state and country to check out all we have to offer. But for those of us that experience the city everyday, impressive sights like the McKinley Memorial can become commonplace and, well, boring.

**We want you to take a second look.** Over the next few pages, you'll find fun facts, little known aspects of national landmarks and new ways to experience the city, helping you take full advantage of all Canton is.

## The Birthplace of Professional Football

Ok, everyone knows that professional football was born in Canton. But do you know exactly where or when? You may be surprised to find out it was right in the heart of downtown Canton, almost a century ago.

The organization of the American Professional Football Association, the forerunner of today's NFL, occurred in an automobile show room at 205 Second Street SW, the current site of the Frank T. Bow Federal Building. A plaque on the northeast side of that building now marks the spot where football legend Jim Thorpe and a group of investors from



around the country met to create a professional league for what is now the most popular sport in the country.

**A few more tidbits to impress your friends:** The 11 original teams represented at that meeting included the Canton Bulldogs, Massillon Tigers and Cleveland Indians, and that meeting took place exactly 90 years ago this September.



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### Did you know...

According to Dave Motts, Vice President of Marketing and Operations for the Pro Football Hall of Fame, only about 15% of visitors to the Hall are from Northeast Ohio. Events like Free Kids Day and Senior Day are designed to make sure local residents can take advantage of what's right in their backyard.

See [www.profootballhof.com/events](http://www.profootballhof.com/events) for more details.

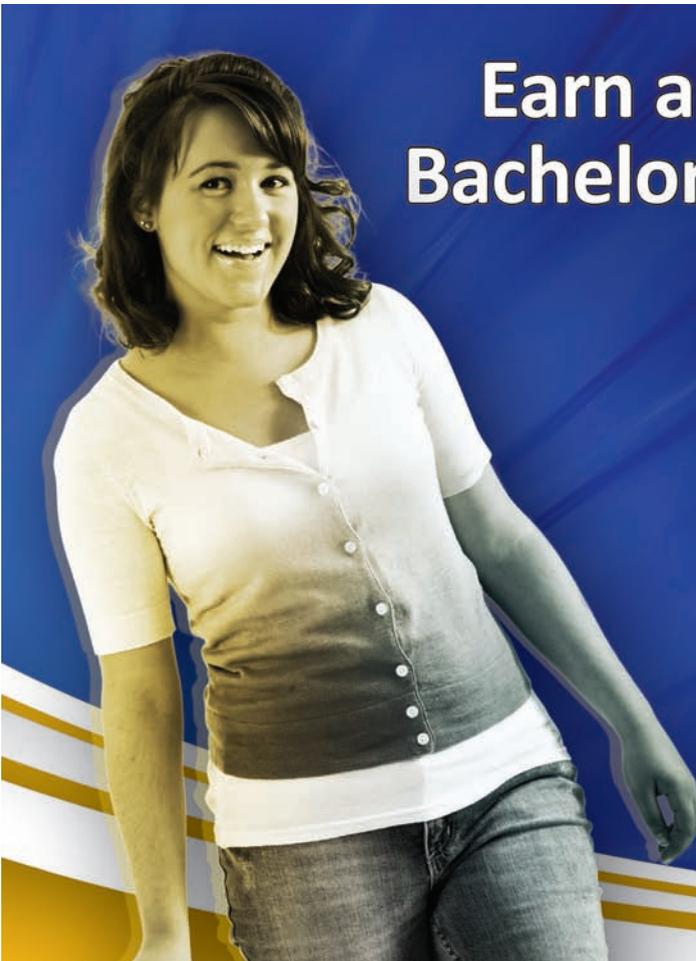
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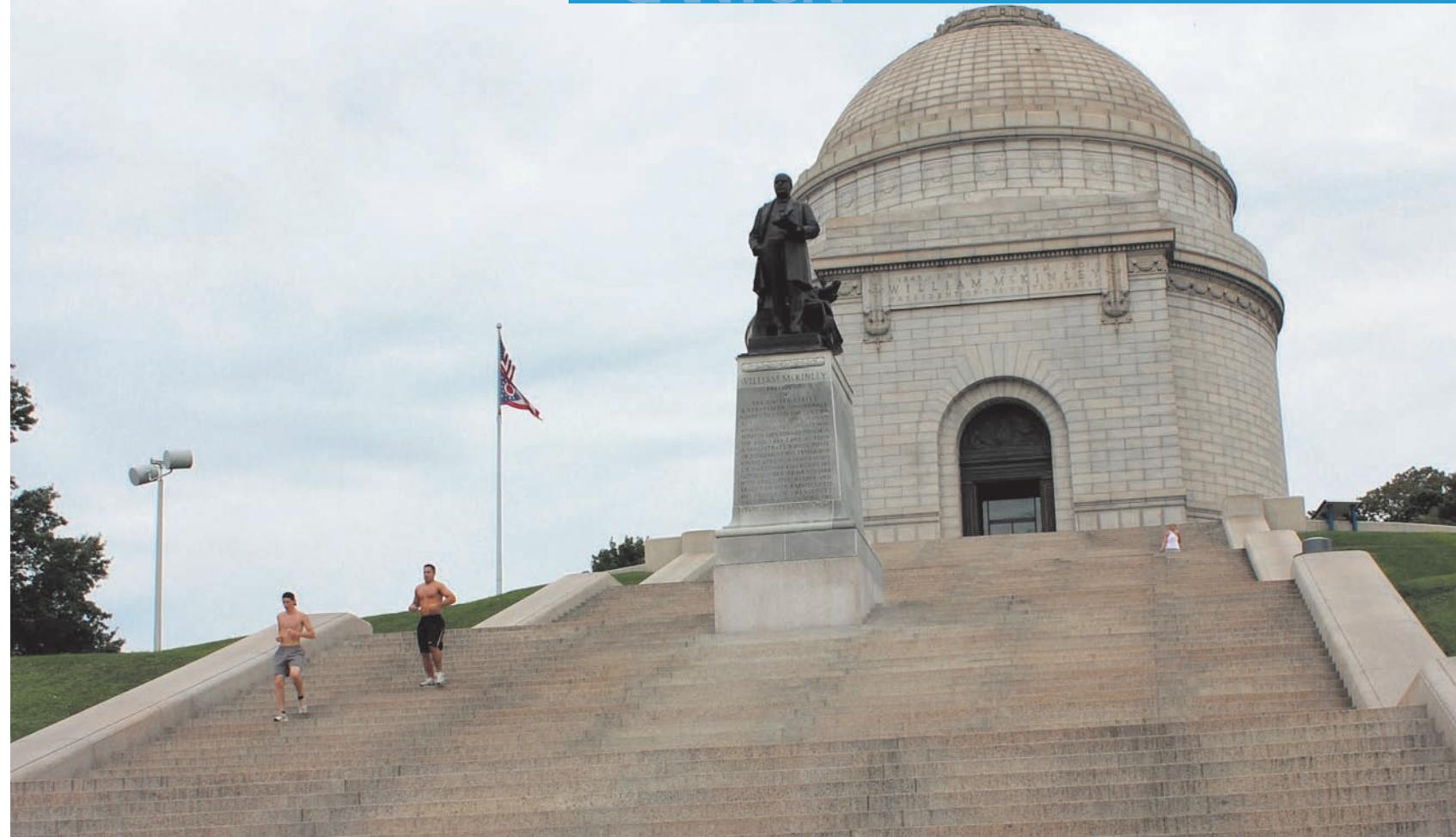


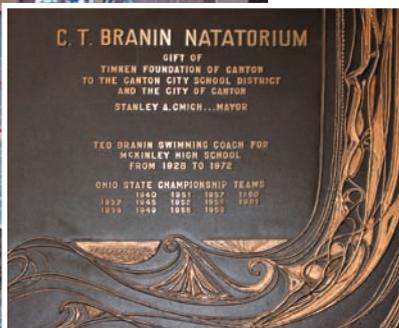
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**Outdoor Fitness Mecca**

The McKinley Memorial is one of the most recognizable landmarks in the City. But few people know that in addition to serving as a monument to the life of President William McKinley, the memorial has developed an unexpected following from Canton’s fitness community.

The monument boasts 96 stairs on its main staircase and two sets of side staircases with 38 steps each. A total of 172 steps guarantee a challenge to even the most dedicated runners. For a comparison, the staircase in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, which Rocky famously conquered, only has 72 steps.

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For those of you less inclined to that type of intense physical challenge, join the many people who walk the stairs everyday for a lower impact workout in the same pristine setting. Adjacent Stadium Park features a one mile rubberized walking track, perfect for warming up and cooling down.

**And don’t be deterred by the cold winter weather.** McKinley Presidential Library and Museum Director Joyce Yut says that she has, “never been at the museum when there hasn’t been someone on the steps- day, night, winter or summer.”

**Indoor Swimming Haven**

McKinley High School is known for being the home of Fawcett Stadium. But its outstanding sports facilities extend beyond the football field, including the C.T. Branin Natatorium.

The “Nat,” as it is affectionately known, is host to a variety of regional, state, and national competitions including the Ohio High Schools Athletic Association State Swimming and Diving Championships every year since 1976 and recently the 2010 Division II NCAA Swimming Championships.

Most people are aware that this facility exists, but many don’t realize it is open to the public on a daily basis, making it “one of the best kept secrets in Stark County” according to Aquatic Manger Sam Seiple.

The Nat was recently named one of five national finalists for the Adolf Kiefer Diversity Award for their summer Safe Swim Program. Sponsored by the City of Canton and the Canton Joint Recreation Department, this program allowed Canton's youth to receive swim lessons and access to the pool free of charge all summer long.

Open swim continues year round every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Lap swimming is available to adults weekdays from 5:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### A Star Gazers Dream

Since 1962, the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum has served as a national attraction. Yet how many of us realized that attached to the Library and Museum is the Hoover-Price Planetarium, home to a one-of-a-kind original projector?



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additional displays, including eclipses, meteors, rainbows and what the continents look like from inside the earth.

**The building itself has a distinctly local flavor.** The entire planetarium was made of materials produced in America, most of them from the local area. In fact, 95% of the cost to build the facility went to manufacturers and suppliers from Stark County.

In addition to providing the materials, the local community played a role in the design of the building. When the plans to add the planetarium to the museum were initially announced, residents voiced concerns that the typical domed roof of a planetarium would draw attention away from the dome of the McKinley Memorial. With this local input in mind, the Hoover-Price facility was built with a flat roof over the dome of the planetarium, a rarely seen design.

The projector, a 1963 Spitz A-3-P, was donated to the planetarium by a local astronomer, Richard Emmons. Not satisfied with the 1,700 stars that model projected, Mr. Emmons altered the projector ball by drilling over 1,500 additional holes based on star charts. The result? A one-of-a-kind projector capable of displaying over 3,000 stars, in the exact locations they appear in the night sky.

This projector is still in use, along with over 60 auxiliary projectors that have been added over the years. These projectors add a variety of

**Still want more of the beautiful night sky?** The planetarium has three telescopes that can be loaned to museum members.

Admission to the planetarium is included in the price of admission to the museum-- \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Shows are presented every Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

### Start of an Unforgettable Excursion

If you've ever come to downtown Canton, you're probably driven by the Canton Lincoln Highway Station, the southernmost stop of the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR).

Originally built to transport coal from areas south of Canton to the industries of Cleveland, the first track bed and rails were laid along the CVSR route in 1880. More than 200 years later, the National Park Service owns the lines that run through one of Ohio's natural treasures.

Your trip begins at the Canton Lincoln Highway Station, recently renovated through a partnership between the City of Canton, the Timken Company, the United Way and Davey Tree. From there, you'll ride in vintage coaches built in 1940 through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park. This 33,000 acre treasure is the only national park in Ohio.



### Does a train ride sound boring? Think again.

Whether you're looking for a chance to experience nature, an unforgettable date night or a family excursion, the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad has something for everyone.

Enjoy the fall leaves in the Valley on a bike trip up the Towpath Trail, then catch the train for a leisurely trip home, with your bike!

You can also take that special someone on a romantic wine tasting excursion or bond with friends on a beer tasting trip. Bring the whole family on ghost tours in the fall or on a special Polar Express themed ride over the holidays.





### Hometown of Thurman Munson (yes, we like baseball too!)

Canton is famous for football, but our love of sports doesn't stop there. Canton is the hometown of baseball legend Thurman Munson, all-star Yankee catcher and namesake to Thurman Munson Stadium.

Since opening in 1989, Munson Stadium has hosted three minor league teams, the Canton Akron Indians, the Canton Crocodiles and the Canton Coyotes.

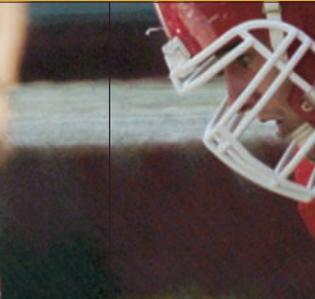
The Canton Akron Indians may be little more than a distant memory for some, but Munson continues to host hundreds of baseball games each year. Locals can catch a game nearly every night of the week March through November, whether it be a local high school or college game, a senior league competition or special events like this summer's US Softball National Team exhibition.

Most games are free and open to the public. For a full schedule, call the Canton Joint Recreation District at 330-456-4521. ♦



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# October 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>FIRST FRIDAY – “Passport to the World”</b> – 6:00 – 10:00pm For a full schedule of events, visit <a href="http://cantonfirstfriday.com">cantonfirstfriday.com</a></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>CANTON FARMERS’ MARKET</b> – 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Cleveland Ave between 4th and 5th Sts NW</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b> – 7:30pm Canton City Hall</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>STARK COUNTY SAFETY COUNCIL FIRE PREVENTION BREAKFAST</b> – 7:30 a.m., Canton Memorial Civic Center</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>FALL NETWORK</b> – 7:30 a.m. to noon, Alex D. Krassas Event Center</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>CANTON FARMERS’ MARKET</b> – 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Cleveland Ave between 4th and 5th Sts NW</p> <p>Canton Symphony presents <b>“THE GERHARDT GALA,”</b> – 6:00 p.m., Brookside Country Club</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Canton Symphony presents <b>“MASTERWORKS SERIES OPENING NIGHT: “CELEBRATING GERHARDT,”</b> – 7:30 p.m., Umstattd Hall</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><i>Columbus Day</i> <i>No City Council Meeting</i></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Canton Players Guild presents <b>ANGELA FUNOVITS ILLUSIONIST &amp; MENTALIST</b> – 8:00 p.m., Players Guild Theatre Mainstage</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>CANTON FARMERS’ MARKET</b> – 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Cleveland Ave between 4th and 5th Sts NW</p> <p>Canton Players Guild presents <b>ANGELA FUNOVITS ILLUSIONIST &amp; MENTALIST</b> – 8:00 p.m., Players Guild Theatre Mainstage</p>
<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b> – 7:30pm Canton City Hall</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>– Employer payroll withholding taxes due for September 2010</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Canton Ballet presents <b>DIRECTOR’S CHOICE</b> – 7:30 p.m., Palace Theatre</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Canton Ballet presents <b>DIRECTOR’S CHOICE</b> – 2:00 p.m., Palace Theatre</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Canton Symphony presents About Showcase Series: <b>“THE VOICE OF THE POET,”</b> – 3:00 p.m., St. Paul’s Episcopal Church</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b> – 7:30pm Canton City Hall</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Canton Symphony presents Aultman Prime Time Series, featuring the Linden String Quartet, – 1:00 p.m., Cable Recital Hall</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Canton Symphony presents Casual Friday Series, featuring the Linden String Quartet, – 7:00 p.m., Cable Recital Hall</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>
<p><b>31</b></p> <p>– 3rd quarter 2010 personal estimated taxes due</p> <p>– 3rd quarter 2010 employer payroll withholding taxes due</p> <p><i>Halloween</i></p>						

# November 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b> – 7:30pm Canton City Hall	<b>2</b> <b>ARTSINSTARK ANNUAL ARTS AWARDS</b> – 12:00 noon, Cultural Center for the Arts  <i>Election Day</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Canton Symphony presents "SYMPHONY LAND: STRINGS," – 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Cable Recital Hall	<b>5</b> <b>FIRST FRIDAY – "Fall for the Arts,"</b> – , 6:00 p.m. Downtown Canton Arts District cantonfirstfriday.com  Canton Players Guild presents <b>OLIVER!</b> – 7:00 p.m., Players Guild William G. Fry Theatre	<b>6</b> Canton Symphony presents "SYMPHONY LAND: STRINGS," – 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Cable Recital Hall  Canton Players Guild presents <b>OLIVER!</b> – 7:00 p.m., Players Guild William G. Fry Theatre
<b>7</b> Canton Players Guild presents <b>OLIVER!</b> – 2:30 p.m., Players Guild William G. Fry Theatre  <i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i>	<b>8</b> <b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b> – 7:30pm Canton City Hall	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <i>Veteran's Day</i>	<b>12</b> Canton Players Guild presents <b>OLIVER!</b> – 7:00 p.m., Players Guild William G. Fry Theatre	<b>13</b> Canton Players Guild presents <b>OLIVER!</b> – 7:00 p.m., Players Guild William G. Fry Theatre
<b>14</b> Canton Symphony presents Masterworks Series: "WATTS AND RACHMANINOFF," – 7:30 p.m., Umstatted Hall  Canton Players Guild presents <b>OLIVER!</b> – 2:30 p.m., Players Guild William G. Fry Theatre	<b>15</b> <b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b> – 7:30pm Canton City Hall	<b>16</b>  <i>Eid-al-Adha</i>	<b>17</b> <b>STIR AFTER HOURS</b> – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Canton Regional Chamber	<b>18</b> <b>HOLIDAY IN THE PARK FIRST NIGHT LIGHT UP</b> – , 6:00 p.m., Garden Center at Stadium Park  Canton Symphony presents "SYMPHONY LAND: BRASS," – 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Cable Recital Hall	<b>19</b> Canton Players Guild presents <b>OLIVER!</b> – 7:00 p.m., Players Guild William G. Fry Theatre	<b>20</b> Canton Symphony presents "SYMPHONY LAND: BRASS," – 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Cable Recital Hall  Canton Players Guild presents <b>OLIVER!</b> – 7:00 p.m., Players Guild William G. Fry Theatre  <i>Employer payroll withholding tax for October due</i>
<b>21</b> Canton Players Guild presents <b>OLIVER!</b> – 2:30 p.m., Players Guild William G. Fry Theatre	<b>22</b> <b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b> – 7:30pm Canton City Hall	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>City offices closed, Sanitation (garbage) pick-up one day behind Thursday and Friday only</i>	<b>26</b>  <i>City offices closed,</i>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b> – 7:30pm Canton City Hall	<b>30</b>				

# December 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  <i>Hanukkah begins at sunset</i>	2  <b>LIGHT UP DOWNTOWN!</b> 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., downtown Canton	3  <b>FIRST FRIDAY – “North Pole Stroll,”</b> – 6:00 p.m. Downtown Canton Arts District  <b>Canton Players Guild presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL</b> – 8:00 p.m., Players Guild Theatre Mainstage	4  <b>Canton Players Guild presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL</b> – 2:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Players Guild Theatre Mainstage
5  <b>Canton Symphony Orchestra presents “MUSIC OF THE ANGELS”</b> – 7:30 p.m., Umstatted Hall  <b>Canton Players Guild presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL</b> – 2:30 p.m., Players Guild Theatre Mainstage	6  <b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b> – 7:30pm Canton City Hall	7  <i>National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</i>	8	9  <i>Last day of Hanukkah</i>	10  <b>Canton Players Guild presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL</b> – 2:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Players Guild Theatre Mainstage  <b>Canton Players Guild presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL</b> – 8:00 p.m., Players Guild Theatre Mainstage  <b>Canton Ballet presents THE NUTCRACKER</b> – 7:30 p.m., Palace Theatre	11  <b>WELCOME THE LIGHT CHURCH TOUR</b> – 5:00 p.m., downtown Canton  <b>Canton Players Guild presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL</b> – 2:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Players Guild Theatre Mainstage  <b>Canton Ballet presents THE NUTCRACKER</b> – 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Palace Theatre
12  <b>Canton Symphony presents A HOLIDAY CONCERT</b> – 3:00 p.m. Umstatted Hall  <b>Canton Players Guild presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL</b> – 2:30 p.m., Players Guild Theatre Mainstage  <b>Canton Ballet presents THE NUTCRACKER</b> – 2:00 p.m., Palace Theatre	13  <b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b> – 7:30pm Canton City Hall	14  <i>Eid-al-Adha</i>	15  <i>4th quarter 2010 corporate estimated taxes due</i>	16	17  <b>Canton Players Guild presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL</b> – 8:00 p.m., Players Guild Theatre Mainstage	18  <b>Canton Players Guild presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL</b> – 2:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Players Guild Theatre Mainstage
19  <b>Canton Symphony presents About Showcase Series: “GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO”</b> – 3:00 p.m., St. Paul’s Episcopal Church  <b>Canton Players Guild presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL</b> – 2:30 p.m., Players Guild Theatre Mainstage	20  <b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b> – 7:30pm Canton City Hall  <i>Employer payroll withholding tax for November 2010 due</i>	21  <i>First day of Winter</i>	22	23	24  <i>Most city offices closed, sanitation service on regular schedule.</i>	25  <i>Christmas</i>
26  <i>Kwanzaa begins</i>	27  <b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b> – 7:30pm Canton City Hall	28	29	30	31  	

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