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Department of Development to host Community Development Day

CANTON, Ohio – The City of Canton Department of Development will host a Community Development Day Tuesday, May 20, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Canton Memorial Civic Center in the McKinley Room. This event is free and open to the public.

Community Development Day is targeted to Canton residents whose total family income is at or below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI), as determined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. A chart of income limits is below. Residents at or below 80% AMI are eligible to receive free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at the event. In addition, residents who are at or below 50% AMI or age 62 or older are eligible to receive \$50 in food vouchers to area grocery stores and 5 daily bus passes from SARTA. All vouchers will be given on a first come, first serve basis until supplies run out. Approximately 1,500 vouchers will be available.

Various city departments and partner agencies will have tables set up at the Civic Center. Residents will have the chance to ask questions and learn about services provided.

“We are excited for the opportunity to offer not only direct assistance to Canton residents through the vouchers and smoke detectors, but also to create a one-stop shop for residents to meet with city officials and partner agencies,” said Lisa Miller, Director of Community Development.

In order to receive the detectors and vouchers, residents must provide proof of Canton residency in the form of a state-issued ID or utility bill AND proof of income. Acceptable forms of proof of income are a copy of the most recent federal tax return or a public assistance award letter. Residents over the age of 62 do not need to bring proof of income.

Free parking will be available across Market Avenue in the Kempthorn lot.

These programs are funded with federal dollars provided by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant.

Income Limits

How many live in your home?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Yearly Income (80%AMI)	\$31,400	\$35,850	\$40,350	\$44,800	\$48,400	\$52,000	\$55,600	\$59,150
Yearly Income (50%AMI)	\$19,600	\$22,400	\$25,200	\$28,000	\$30,250	\$32,500	\$34,750	\$37,000

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