



# The Canton Connection

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CANTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## ***A Special Message from Kim W. Stallwood, President, CCA***

Fed up trying to find somewhere to park your car in Canton? Think there's too much trash in our streets? Frightened to go out after dark? Worried about all the commercial development? Tired of seeing the rats? Think the CCA could do a better job?

Well, we think so too. That's why we want you to get involved with us. We could do a better job. But we can only do it with your help. That's why we're pushing for you to join with us and help our neighborhood.

Join one of our committees! Become a committee chair! Stand for election to our board of directors! Run for the four officer positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer!

Seriously, folks, we need your help. The

CCA has achieved a great deal in the last three years. But there is so much more that needs to be done. And we need you.

**Here's how to get in touch with me or CCA vice president Tammy Wase:**

- Leave a message at CCA's voice mail (410) 342-0900
  - E-mail me at [kim@animalsagenda.org](mailto:kim@animalsagenda.org) or Tammy at [homes@TammyWase.com](mailto:homes@TammyWase.com)
  - Visit [www.cantoncommunity.org](http://www.cantoncommunity.org) for more information about what we do
  - Introduce yourself at CCA's board and public meetings (details in this newsletter)
- We look forward to hearing from you. Stop moaning! Get involved!

Kim W. Stallwood, *President*

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

**Join us on Tuesday, January 28**, at the CCA public meeting to elect the next Board of Directors for CCA. As a CCA member you are eligible to run for the Board and vote for the Directors. In addition there will be an "Open Forum" to discuss matters that are of concern to our neighborhood such as parking, crime, trash, rodents, etc. Bring your questions and suggestions—with your help we can make Canton an even better place to live!

As of this publication topics have not been finalized for the Tuesday, February 25 or the Tuesday, March 25 public meetings. Visit our website at [www.cantoncommunity.org](http://www.cantoncommunity.org) for updates.

**The Dypski Tot Lot on S. Ellwood Avenue** near the Boston Street intersection is in need of a make over. CCA is interested in exploring with the Department of Recreation

and Parks on how we can make improvements to this underutilized feature in our neighborhood. We are looking for volunteers to help us. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kim W. Stallwood at (410) 675-4566 or [kim@animalsagenda.org](mailto:kim@animalsagenda.org).

### **Plan to Reinstate Porch Light Program**

Last year, eight elderly Canton residents received free porch lights through a grant from the Governor's Office on Crime Control and Prevention. CCA also provided funds. Plans are underway to continue the program in 2003. Do you know an elderly resident that needs a porch light to help deter crime? Contact CCA at 410-342-0900 to be put on the list. If you already have a porch light, please do your part by keeping an outside light turned on to help deter crime. ■

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CCA Public Meetings are held at Canton United Methodist Church, 1000 S. Ellwood Ave., 7-9 pm.

Visit our website for a full listing of upcoming events: [www.cantoncommunity.org](http://www.cantoncommunity.org).

**Tuesday, January 28, 7-9 pm**  
Public Meeting, "Board Elections and Open Forum"

**Tuesday, February 4, 7-9 pm**  
Board Meeting, "Board Officer Election"

**Tuesday, February 25, 7-9 pm**  
Public Meeting, "Topic to be determined"

**Tuesday, March 4, 7-9 pm**  
Board Meeting

**Tuesday, March 25, 7-9 pm**  
Public Meeting, "Topic to be determined"

**Saturday, April 5**  
2003 MS Walk will start in Canton at the Bay Café. For more information visit [www.nationalmsSociety-md.org](http://www.nationalmsSociety-md.org)

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SEPTEMBER

**Education**

*Forum On Education in Canton* featured a panel of local educators: Mr. Anthony Harold, Principal of Canton Middle, Ms. Sharman Rowe, Principal of Hampstead Hill Elementary, Ms. Liz Phelan, Principal of Father Kolbe School, Emma Spencer, teacher at Southeast Middle, and Ed Rutkowski, Executive Director of the Patterson Park Community Development Corporation. The panel and residents discussed the state of affairs in public and private education. All agreed that a K-8 grade structure led to more student success and could be an option for Canton. For a K-8 school to happen in Canton, parent and community involvement is essential. Audience discussion revolved around the perceptions of city schools and what could be done to change those perceptions. All the educators strongly recommended for parents and the community to get involved and to tour the schools.

Jim Kraft was introduced as the interim State Senator as a result of the resignation of Perry Sfikas. He emphasized that the concerns of citizens through community groups would continue to be heard. Officer Melvin Penn introduced himself as the Southeast Community Coordinator with the Baltimore City Police. He encouraged citizens to call him about unresolved issues, (410) 637-8848. John Lunquist spoke about the Learning Is For Tomorrow (LIFT) program through the South East Community Organization (SECO). Volunteers are needed to help tutor individuals and training is provided. Contact LIFT at (410) 327-1626.

The featured local business was Tindoco 24 hour Fitness, 2908 Boston Street, (410) 276-5544. Tom Lyle and Frank Groves spoke about the facilities and services available.

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OCTOBER

**City Council President Sheila Dixon**

At the start of the meeting, a moment of silence was held for Angela Dawson and her 5 children who perished in the rowhouse fire tragedy on October 16. Ms. Dixon recognized the need among city, state and community groups to improve the lines of communication in reporting crime and prosecuting criminals to help prevent drug related tragedies such as the one above. Resources such as additional probation officers and cell space are scarce. The State of Maryland has agreed to release funds to add additional probation officers. State troopers will be allowed to help with crime hot spots. In addition, the Baltimore BELIEVE campaign encourages ministers and church groups to work with juveniles to help prevent crime. Also discussed was ballot Question P – changing City Council to single councilperson districts. Questions from the floor included the idea of legalizing drugs as a way to take the profit out of drug dealing, and improving City schools by increasing parent participation and community involvement.

Local representatives of the Maryland Governor's campaigns of Bob Ehrlich and Kathleen KennedyTownsend made brief presentations about their candidates.

NOVEMBER

**Real Estate in Canton**

A panel of Realtors spoke about issues as they related to the real estate market in Canton. Andrea Conlon (Coldwell Banker) updated everyone on the status of the Brewery Development, Liz McPherson (Coldwell Banker) spoke about Canton Crossing and their plans for new office, retail, and residential development, Steve Paxton (Long & Foster) spoke about rehabilitation tax credit programs available to property owners, Jamie Mason (Long & Foster) talked about the property tax assessment and appeal process, Gary Suggars (Diversified) spoke about the value of consulting a Realtor before renovating, and Janet Romm (Long & Foster) spoke about neighborhood beautification and home maintenance as it impacts property values. The floor was then opened for general questions. Councilman John Cain attended and offered comments and

insight from an administrative perspective.

Dr. John Dowling spoke about water-front clean up efforts including getting a trash rack at the Harris Creek aqueduct, creating an Inner Harbor watershed, and efforts to force the City and state departments to create a comprehensive City trash plan. For more information, contact Jeff Trulick at jeff.trulick@nab02.usace.army.mil. Judy London, Maryland Department of Transportation, spoke about the Port Land Use Development Ten-Year Master Plan and will update CCA over the next year. The featured local business was Mahaffrey's Pub, located at 2706 Dillon Street, (410) 276-9899. Owner Wayne Mahaffrey encouraged residents to stop by for the selection of beers, daily specials, guest bartender night, and great food. Russ Miller of M&M Restorations presented plans for a 7 unit townhouse project at 3406-3414 O'Donnell St. The membership present voted in support of the project. ■

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## Did You Know?

Pastor Thomas M. Beadenkopf (1855-1915), a native Baltimorean, Johns Hopkins and Yale Divinity graduate, returned to Baltimore in 1891 to lead the Congregational Church in Canton. His parishioners at the time lived in small Canton rowhouses, very few with adequate bath facilities. Multiple families often shared a single bathroom. Canton had a fine waterfront, but the property was all private. Anyone caught bathing took the chance of being hauled to the police station by vigilant watchmen. Pastor Beadenkopf got an idea to create a place where the Canton community could take advantage of clean moral recreation and children could be taught the habits of hygiene and cleanliness. He obtained the use of an abandoned wharf at the end of Second Avenue (now Cardiff Street, the site of the Harbor Maintenance, just south of the corner of Boston and Clinton Streets), and got permission from the then Mayor Latrobe to open Baltimore's first bathing beach. He erected a few crude cabins as bathhouses and hired an old Canton native known as "Daddy" Lyon to serve as lifeguard. Canton's Bathing Beach was opened to the public on Saturday, July 29, 1893.

Entrance to the beach was free and soap was provided to anyone who rented a bathing suit. At the end of the summer it was evident that the founder's idea was a huge success: 1,500 bathers participated, many of which were foreign sailors stranded in Baltimore while their ships were being repaired or unloaded. Later,

the beach acquired the name "Baptizing Shore" since several Baptist churches held baptismal ceremonies there on Sunday afternoons. The site will soon be developed as Canton Crossing. Historically this was the place where thousands of Baltimoreans received the sacrament admitting them to the Christian church.

For any present-day Canton residents with a strong sense of nostalgia who yearn to bathe in the Canton Waterfront, please be aware that the City now strongly discourages the practice. According to Harbor Police, bathing in Canton's waterfront is an offense subject to arrest and a fine. Admission to the waterfront, however, is still free, whether or not you bring your own bathing suit. ■

*Adapted from **The Maryland Historical Society Magazine**, Volume 45, p.203.*

## ***It's Time to Renew Your CCA Membership for 2003!***

Get your CCA membership for only \$5 at CCA's monthly meetings or use the form on the back page.

### ***CCA Membership Benefits!***

Patronize these Canton businesses that generously donate to CCA meetings and functions:

#### ***A. F. Bialzak & Sons Florist***

(410) 522-2000, 10% off (except Holidays)

#### ***Coburn's Tavern***

(410) 342-0999, 20% off Mon.-Thurs. (excludes specials)

#### ***Cosmopolitan***

(410) 563-5000, Sunday nights—10% off checks over \$25 (except holidays)

#### ***Cyber Rescue***

(410) 522-7932, Computer consulting, repair, networking, first visit get one half hour free with one hour paid

#### ***Foot Solutions***

(410) 558-0900, 15% off shoes or custom inserts

#### ***Helen's Garden***

(410) 276-2233, 10% off Tuesdays (excludes wine at happy hour)

#### ***Inn at 2920***

(410) 342-4450, 15% off regular rate

#### ***Looney's Pub***

(410) 675-9235, 10% off dinner bill Mon. - Thurs.

#### ***Meyerson Chiropractic***

(410) 276-7774, First visit free including exam and adjustment

#### ***Moppin' Momma's Cleaning Service***

(410) 522-4928, 25% off first house or business cleaning

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## Dog Park Rules

Come visit the first official Dog Park in Baltimore! Whether you're new to the park or a seasoned visitor, please remember these rules:

- 1.) Dogs must be off-leash prior to entering the park. An on-leash dog among off-leash dogs prevents a dog's "Right of Flight" because they are tethered to a human. Dogs on-leash are at a disadvantage and may act aggressively.
- 2.) All children must be closely supervised by an adult. Children and dogs do not always mix. A child's movements and screams can be frightening behavior to a dog, who could react aggressively. Children can also easily be knocked down by a single dog or by a group running as a "pack". If in doubt, please do not bring children into the dog park.

- 3.) Pick up after your dog. Many dog diseases are carried and passed on by feces. Dog feces also attract rats. At times you may miss where your dog goes and others may have to pick up after you. Please do the same for them.

We make every effort to make sure that "poop bags" are available, but it is the responsibility of the dog owner to be prepared! Bags are available in the mailboxes around the park. "Dogi-pot" bags are on order. ■

## Light Up Canton

Light-Up Canton kicked off the holidays Saturday, December 7 with the lighting of decorated lampposts around O'Donnell Square. Father Kolbe School Choir, who braved the snow and cold, sang a selection of holiday songs. Cookies were donated by Just a Matter of Thyme Personal Chef Service and Inn at 2920. Also, Looney's Pub gave hot cocoa and Nacho Mama's gave pizza to the children after the performance. Thanks to the businesses and organizations that adopted and creatively decorated the lampposts in O'Donnell Square. They include 2910 on the Square, Canton Garden Association, Claddagh Pub, Coburn's Tavern, Cosmopolitan Bar & Grill, Helen's Garden, John's Carryout, Looney's Pub, Nacho Mama's, Rick's Café Americain, Sima's, and Speakeasy Saloon. ■

## Third Annual 'Howl-A-Ween' Fancy Dress Dog Competition

Baltimore's Dog Festival in Canton, was a howling success. On October 27, more than 90 canine participants and their humans competed for prizes from local businesses for the best in Canton. The event raised more than \$3,000 for Canton's Dog park, the first of its kind in Baltimore City.

The panel of judges included Jo Ann Bauer, WMAR ABC2, Aileen O. Gabbey, Executive Director of the Maryland SPCA, Kimberley Amprey, Department of Recreation and Parks, and Fred Struever with his son Max, Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse. Thanks to everyone who entered, volunteered and supported the event. CCA wants to thank the sponsors of the event, SunTrust Bank, Long & Foster Realtors, and Dock Side Veterinary Medical Center for their support. With the strong turn-out and gracious support of The Can Company, look for this event to be bigger and better next year. To help, contact Lori Schmid at [gooddoggirl@aol.com](mailto:gooddoggirl@aol.com) or 410-522-3018.

Regrettably, there was an error in the counting of the judges' votes that resulted in an entrant not being correctly placed in first place in the Most Baltimorean category. As a result we now have a tie for first place.

### Contest winners included:

- Matching Dog & Human:* Jennifer Scott & Precious as "Breakfast at Tiffany's";
- Most Baltimorean:* Debbie Stoll & her dog Lucy in a Hairspray costume tied for first place along with Terri McBirney, Cheryl Griffin, Sue Glick, Donna Cavi, Diana Concell & Lucas, Nicholas, Maggie, Hallie, and Sadie as "Crab Feast in the Dog Park";
- Scariest:* Victor Ganderson, owner of Kiss Café, & Sharkey (pictured) as a shark;
- Funnies:* John Bingle-Thompson & Ginger in a custom-made pumpkin costume; and
- Most Original:* Five white terriers dressed as Santa and his Reindeer. ■

## New Restaurants & Businesses in Canton

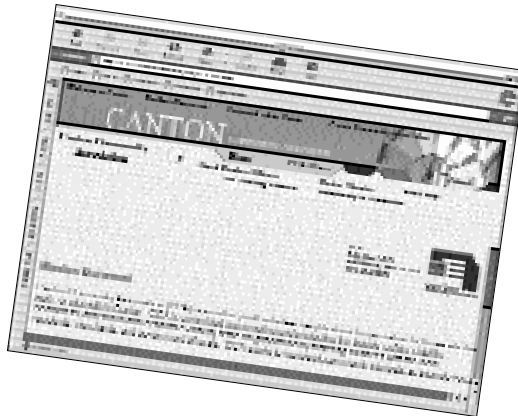
- **Distinctive Promotions** (2833 O'Donnell St., Ste 200) is now open and offers promotional and advertising products.
- **First Mutual Corp** (2833 O'Donnell St.) is now open and is a mortgage lender and financial center.
- **Harbor Lights Tanning Studio** (2805 O'Donnell St.) is now open and offers introductory, monthly unlimited, and yearly tanning programs.
- **Patterson Perk** (2501 Eastern Ave.) is opening in late December as an upscale, dog friendly, coffee hangout with light food.
- **Rapsallions Pub** (3120 Dillon St.) will reopen in December after a 2 year hiatus. The new owners are creating a traditional Canton pub with sandwiches and light fare.
- **Subway Sandwiches** is now open at The Can Company near SunTrust Bank.
- **Turtle Bay Furniture and Design Company** (2801 O'Donnell St.) is now open and offers furniture, design services, and décor to turn your vision into reality. ■

## Visit CCA Online ...

at [www.cantoncommunity.org](http://www.cantoncommunity.org) to get all the local information you need. Ongoing enhancements will include this newsletter online, links to other related sites, and a Canton bulletin board. For website development information or to list your business, contact CCA at (410) 342-0900 or email [CCA@TammyWase.com](mailto:CCA@TammyWase.com).

### Some topics currently available are:

- business members
- elected representatives
- calendar of events
- meeting schedule and topics
- city services
- merchandise
- committees
- recycling schedule
- dog park



## Block Reps Still Needed ...

to network for Canton. CCA has set up a block rep program to help keep the community informed. We want to thank all of you for your continued support! Block Reps advise CCA of new neighbors and communicate to CCA about neighbors' concerns. If you would like to represent your block please contact Tammy Wase at (410) 522-7932, [CCA@TammyWase.com](mailto:CCA@TammyWase.com), or Michele Barnycz at (410) 563-0303.

Shhhh...

## CCA's Annual **Silent Auction**

Hosted this year by Kiss Café on November 12, raised \$1,675 for CCA's general operating fund. CCA thanks all the local businesses that donated items for the auction. This includes 2910 on the Square, A.F. Bialzak Florist, AKA Studio, Allstate Insurance, Atlantic/Hudson St Bakery, Baltimore Blast, Baltimore Magazine, Bella, Bo Brooks, Brocato's, Canton Gallery, artist Caroline Burkhart, Canton Garden Association, Chesapeake Wine Co., Claddagh Pub, Coburn's, Cosmopolitan, Diane Waite with Creative Memories, Downtown Partnership, Foot Solutions, Foxglove Design, Gary Baverstock Garden and Design, Gecko's, GNC, Harbor Lights Tanning, Helen's Garden, Inn at 2920, Just A Matter of Thyme, Looney's Pub, M & L Canton Discount Liquors, Mahaffey's Pub, Nacho Mama's/Pizza n Wing, Nails, Inc, Nouveau, Out of the Doghouse, Philips Restaurant, Provident Bank, Rosina Gourmet, Santoni's, Louisiana, Shelley Lowell Pet Portraits, Sima's, Speakeasy Saloon, St. Casimir's Savings Bank, Tiburzi's Italian Grill, Wrap 'N Roll, and Zina's Day Spa. Individual donations were given by Jim & Gretchen Pomfret and Robin Siegel. CCA also thanks the Kiss Café for hosting the event and providing the hors d'oeuvres and inviting space.

Please patronize these businesses because they are supportive of the community and the CCA. ■

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## Contact Your Elected City Officials!

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**When communicating to an elected representative, please:** 1) Address the person correctly; 2) Be polite and brief; 3) State your position on the subject clearly; 4) Request action and ask for an answer; 5) Express thanks for favorable votes and compliment his/her actions on past issues.



Canton Community Association is a not-for-profit volunteer organization for those who live, work, or play in Canton. CCA is an I.R.S. 501(c)(3) organization exempt from federal income tax. Your donations are tax deductible.

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A voicemail phone number is always available at (410) 342-0900. Please leave your name and number if you want a committee chairperson to respond to you.

The Canton Community Association (CCA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization—donations to which are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. A copy of our current financial statement is available upon request by contacting CCA (information above). Documents and information submitted to the State of Maryland under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act are available from the Office of the Secretary of State for the cost of copying and postage.



## Canton Art Prints & T-Shirts Available

Call CCA at (410) 342-0900, ext 5 and leave a message, or visit 2910 on the Square, the Allstate office at 2829 O'Donnell, or Inn at 2920 (2920 Elliott St.) to purchase merchandise.

T-Shirts are \$10; Matted prints are \$10 for 5x7, \$20 for 8x10, and \$30 for 16x20.

**Join the CCA!** CCA is an all-volunteer, federal tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

- Individual membership** (Dues are \$5 per calendar year.)
- Non-profit membership** (Dues are \$10 per calendar year.)
- For-profit membership** (Dues are \$15 per calendar year.)
- Platinum Business membership\*** (Dues are \$50 per calendar year.)

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