



# The Canton Connection

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CANTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

### Educate Yourself about Canton Schools!

Join us this fall as we begin a new school year with an in-depth look at education in our community. Education Forum is the theme of our Tuesday, September 23, public meeting, and your participation is important. A panel of administrators - and perhaps a student or two - will discuss changes for the 2003-2004 school year in Baltimore City. Audience questions and comments will be welcomed throughout the evening. Come and learn what role you can play in the lives of neighborhood students.

### 'Where in Canton?'

Our monthly contest began on June 1! Each month we will feature a picture from Canton's past or present. The first person to correctly answer the question from the website will receive a Canton picture. Not quite quick enough to be first? Don't worry; all correct answers are eligible for the grand prize drawing to be held at the January 2004 CCA meeting. Grand prize is dinner for two at the soon to be opened Mama's on the 1/2 Shell and a night at Canton's own B&B, Inn at 2920. For contest information visit [www.cantoncommunity.org](http://www.cantoncommunity.org). If you do not have access to a computer or email address, you can go to the Canton library and the librarian will help you enter the contest using their computers and the answer form.

### Renovations Complete on The Patterson!

Baltimore's Creative Alliance is now housed at the newly-opened Patterson at 3134 Eastern Avenue. The Creative Alliance is a community based non-profit organization that presents and promotes the arts and humanities. A membership organization of artists, arts supporters, writers, scholars and businesses, it cultivates community through collaboration. For more information, call 410-276-1651 or go to [www.creativealliance.org](http://www.creativealliance.org).

### Hello and Goodbye

Many thanks to Chuck Kaufman, CCA's former treasurer and newsletter editor, and Erin Lueders, CCA's former membership chair. They will be missed! We welcome our new treasurer Pauline Houliaras and our new newsletter editor Robin Hudson. Also, welcome our new membership co-chairs, Andrew Herrera, who will handle individual memberships, and Chris Schaefer, who will handle business memberships.

### Dead Tree Stump Removal

Call 311 to get a dead tree or stump removed/replaced, or go to <http://www.baltimorecity.gov/services/> and click Visit 311 Online. You will be prompted to select a service type from a drop down menu. Select Forestry Tree Removal for "the removal of a dead street tree from City owned property." The system will prompt you to enter the street address of the dead tree and your contact information. Remember to include your email address so you will receive an order confirmation and link to track the request.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CCA Public Meetings are generally held at Canton United Methodist Church, 1000 S. Ellwood Ave., 7 - 9 pm. Doors open at 6:30 for you to meet your neighbors.

Our meeting location may be changing from September onwards, so please check the website or call 410-342-0900

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

### Now Through August 9

Gallery at the Creative Alliance, 3134 Eastern Ave.  
Wed-Sat 11am-5pm  
Trash to Treasure: The Production Design of Vince Peranio

### Tuesday, June 24

Annual Meet 'n Eat Neighborhood Party  
1000 S. Ellwood 7pm - 9pm

### Wednesday, June 25

Joseph Center, 430 S. Broadway 1pm  
Annual Forum for the Senior Citizens of Baltimore City

### Saturday, June 28

Patterson Park, by the White House,  
9am - 3pm  
Flea Market

### Mondays July 14, August 11 & September 8

Canton Library; 6:30-8 pm  
Second Monday's at the Canton Library  
Family Night

### Tuesday, July 1, September 9 & October 7

Location TBD.; 7-9 pm  
CCA Board Meetings

### Tuesday, September 23

Location TBD.; 7-9 pm  
CCA Public Meeting

### Saturday, October 25

The Can Company, 2400 Boston Street  
Fourth Annual Howl-A-Ween:  
Baltimore's Dog Festival in Canton

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**MARCH**

**Crime and Crime Prevention in Canton**

Virginia Rouse, CCA Crime chair, presented 2002 committee work and Canton crime stats. Most common non-violent crime was stealing something from a car (larceny). Although serious crimes occurred less often than non-violent crimes, the most common serious crime was assault with a weapon but not a gun. One in three burglaries happen without forced entry. The bulk of theft from cars are from cars left unlocked or open window. Canton is the 3rd most populated neighborhood of Baltimore city's 249 neighborhoods but only had around 1% of the city's total reported crimes. Prevention tactics for 2003 includes expanding the Neighborhood Block Watch. Crime info sources: [www.baltimorecity.org](http://www.baltimorecity.org), *BPD Crime Mapping*, *BPD SE Division and 2000 Census Bureau data*.

The featured business was Creative Memories Consultant Diane Waite, who spoke about preserving personal stories and photos. Contact 410-342-1878 or visit [www.creativememories.com](http://www.creativememories.com).

**APRIL**

**Greening of Canton**

April's meeting featured a container gardening demonstration with Kathleen Kraus and Jean Walker of the Greater Baltimore Area Master Gardeners' Association. Their tips for containers are to: 1) Always start with moist soil; 2) Be sure that pots have holes for good drainage; 3) Water containers frequently. Pauline Houliaras also spoke about the Canton Garden Association, and its continuing projects in the neighborhood: monthly maintenance of the Canton Library Garden; procurement and planting of street trees; annual trip to Ladew Topiary Gardens for Canton Middle School students; and greening projects in Canton such as the Canton Dog Park. Marion Bedingfield, Baltimore City Arborist and Southeast Supervisor of the Baltimore Forestry Division, spoke about the procedures necessary to obtain a street tree including a site inspection, marking for utility pipes, cutting a pit, and finally planting. For more information on street trees go to [www.cantoncommunity.org](http://www.cantoncommunity.org).

Two new development projects were presented. Don Dewar spoke about plans

for a 10-townhouse development at the corner of Toone and Bouldin streets with co-developer, Pat Massey. In their effort to relieve parking congestion, the two-car garages in the units would be tandem, with some parking preserved in front of the buildings. The developers plan a mid-summer start date, with construction to be completed in December. Prices of the finished units are planned to be over \$300,000. There was opposition to the project, but a majority of the members present voted in favor of the project. A representative of the Lighthouse Point development, Mark Levine, presented an update of the last phase of construction. Members present voiced concerns that construction and the finished development would disrupt pedestrian walkways on the waterfront and Boston Street, and a new stoplight is needed improve traffic flow in and out of the complex.

Also, State Senator Della asked the membership to write, call, and email the Governor's office in support of State Bill 532, which prohibits new liquor licenses within 300 feet of a church or school. The bill has already passed the General Assembly. Existing establishments would not have been affected.

The featured local business was Robin Shotola Photography and Design. Robin specializes in on-location photography of events and portraits as well as graphic and web design. Contact 410-327-9461 or visit [www.shotola.com](http://www.shotola.com).

**MAY**

**Baltimore City Liquor Board**

May's meeting featured information about Liquor licenses in Canton. Delegate Hammen and Jack Stout, Chair of the Liquor Committee, provided an update on the Firehorse Tavern's pending liquor license application and zoning change request, both of which are opposed by the CCA. To move into the Canton Fire Hall at 1030 S. Linwood Avenue as planned, both of these have to be approved for the tavern. Senate Bill 532, which would have prohibited any new liquor licenses from being approved in establishments within 300 feet of a church or school, was vetoed by Governor Erhlich. State Senator Della will try to override the veto in January. Further, the group discussed attending a zoning

board hearing on June 3rd to protest the new tavern. Whatever happens, there will most likely be an appeal to the Maryland Circuit Court by the loser. Delegate Pete Hammen said that these appeals usually take a while and that the city probably would not issue a liquor license while the appeal is in process.

Delegate Hammen also briefly highlighted three new Maryland laws that resulted from bills he sponsored during the last session of the Maryland General Assembly. The new laws will help the 20,000 retired Bethlehem Steel workers in Maryland who lost their health benefits; restore urban park rangers to Baltimore city (including Patterson Park) effective July 1; and designate Canton as a historic area to take full advantage of federal, state and local historic tax credit programs.

Dennis Stewart, President of the Canton Gables Community Association (CGCA), asked the CCA membership to support closing the basketball courts at Toone Street and East Avenue and to notify the Baltimore City Recreation and Parks Department of this support. Dennis explained the problems encountered, including noise, trash, blocked driveways, physical threats, and vandalism. A CCA Director in turn explained that a letter had been sent by the CCA Board to Rec & Parks requesting that they provide park staff to manage the courts, post signs, and lock the courts at night. Delegate Hammen helped reach a consensus by suggesting that CCA wait until it receives a response from Rec & Parks and then decide.

The featured local businesses were the Canton Kayak Club and Seaport Taxi. Members of the Canton Kayak Club can access kayaks from Tide Point, Fells Point, Inner Harbor East, and the Bay Café for an annual fee of \$100 per person or \$175 for a couple. Contact [www.cantonkayakclub.com](http://www.cantonkayakclub.com) or call 443-573-4306.

The Seaport Taxi makes stops at interesting historic sites around Baltimore's seaport, and is an option for commuters. MTA and Marc monthly and weekly passes are accepted. Profits from the Taxi go to its parent organization, the Living Classrooms Foundation. Contact [www.nathistoricseaport.org/taxi/taxi.html](http://www.nathistoricseaport.org/taxi/taxi.html) or call 410-675-2900.

## New Restaurants & Businesses in Canton

- Athena One, 3300 O'Donnell Street (in the old 'Wrap 'N' Roll location) restaurant and carry-out
- Blu, 834 S. Luzerne Avenue (in the old Mangia! Mangia! location). The restaurant offers salad, sandwiches and fine dining
- Caesar's Forum, 2229 Fleet Street (located at in the old 'Planet on the Corner' location) is a barber shop, hair salon studio and day spa
- Cloud Nine Clothing, A women's clothing boutique, to open at the Can Company in June
- Crimson & Clover, 2150 Boston Street, is a Floral Design & Gift Center
- Dangerously Delicious, 2400 Fleet Street (in the old 'Herman's Bakery' location) offers coffee, morning sweets and pies
- High Grounds, 3201 Eastern Ave., a new coffeehouse/used bookstore
- Nihido's, 3023 Elliott St. (in the old 'Taste of Home' bakery location) offers subs, pizza and salads

## Neighborhood Development Committee To Launch New Canton Cares Clean-up Campaign

Whether you've lived in Canton for 6 weeks, 6 months or 60 years, most of us are bound together by a common love of community and a desire to see a clean Canton.

With that in mind, the Neighborhood Development Committee, chaired by Sheila Anderson, will launch its Canton Cares Clean-up Campaign on July 12. Canton Cares will work to educate the Canton community, via public awareness materials, on the proper procedure for trash removal, sanitation tips, rodent control, and other health and safety related issues.

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## CCA Membership Benefits!

As a CCA member, you can receive discounts from the following Canton businesses that generously donate to CCA. Just remember to always carry your membership card with you and be sure to ask about discounts before service.

### A. F. Bialzak & Sons Florist

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

### Claddagh Pub

410-522-4220, 15% off dinner check Mon.-Wed. excluding specials & holidays

### Canton Kayak Club

Atlantic Restaurant  
443-573-4306 10% off individual 2003 season memberships

### 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 (new customers only)

### 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

### Turtle Bay Furniture & Design

410-522-7172, 10% off everything except sale items

### 2910 on the Square

410-675-8505, 10% off Sun & Tues (excludes sales items)

Be sure to ask about discounts before service, always have your CCA membership card with you.

## Contact Your Elected City Officials!

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1  
City Hall, 100 N. Holliday St., Baltimore, MD 21202

**Councilman Nicholas D'Adamo Jr.**  
Room 525, (410) 396-4808  
ndadamo@baltimorecitycouncil.com

**Councilman John Cain**  
Room 423, (410) 396-4807  
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**Councilwoman Lois Garey**  
Room 422, (410) 396-4828  
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MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES, 46TH DISTRICT  
6228 Eastern Ave., Baltimore, MD 21224

**Delegate Peter Hammen**  
(410) 631-7900  
petehammen@aol.com

**Delegate Brian McHale**  
(410) 631-7900

**Delegate Carolyn Krysiak**  
(410) 631-7900  
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MAYOR'S OFFICE  
**Mayor Martin O'Malley**  
City Hall, Room 250  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 396-4892  
mayor@baltimorecity.gov

MARYLAND STATE SENATE, 46TH DISTRICT  
**State Senator George Della**  
6228 Eastern Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21224  
(410) 631-7900

**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.

**Canton Community Association**  
P.O. Box 5125  
Baltimore, MD 21224  
www.cantoncommunity.org

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.

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## Canton Art Prints & T-Shirts Available

Call CCA at (410) 342-0900, ext 5 and leave a message, or visit the Allstate office at 2829 O'Donnell, 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.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Platinum Business membership includes an ad on our website.

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