



The Canton Connection

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CANTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Neighborhood Building & Zoning Issues

Are you concerned about some of the building projects going on in Canton? Do you ever wonder how a particular project got the "go ahead" from the City? What are the rules and guidelines for residential and business development in our neighborhood? Please join us at our next Public Meeting on Tuesday, September 28, where we will address "Neighborhood Building & Zoning Issues". Panelists for the evening will include Laurie Feinberg and Robert Quilter from Baltimore City's Department of Planning along with David Tanner, the Executive Director of the Board of Municipal & Zoning Appeals, and Gregory Bedward, Staff Attorney for the Community Law Center. The panel will discuss zoning and building issues that affect Canton and Southeast Baltimore and will take your questions.

Political Forum

With the general election coming up in November, the CCA's October Public Meeting is a 1st District City Council "Political Forum" on Tuesday, October 26. Our panel discussion for the evening will include 1st District Baltimore City Council candidates Matt Clarke, Green Party; James Kraft, Democrat and Robert Marsili, Republican.

CCA Update

The last CCA Public Meeting for 2004 will be "CCA Update" on Tuesday, November 16. (The public meeting for November has been moved up a week due to the Thanksgiving holiday the following week.) Find out what the CCA has accomplished during 2004 and help us plan an even better 2005. Please bring your questions and your ideas to help us keep Canton moving in the right direction.

For more information on the CCA and a complete, updated meeting schedule, please visit the CCA's web site at www.cantoncommunity.org/ccameetingschedule/meetingschedule.html.

Canton Home and Garden Tour

Please join us on Sunday, September 19 from 11am - 5pm for the Canton Home and Garden Tour, co-sponsored by the Canton Community Association and the Canton Garden Association. The tour starts at The Can Co., 2400 Boston St. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the tour. Advance tickets can be purchased at any local Long & Foster office, Nouveau Contemporary Goods, 2910 on the Square and High Grounds Espresso & Books. Take a look at the variety of unique homes and gardens that Canton has to offer. We will be featuring 13 uniquely Canton, truly unforgettable homes and gardens on this year's tour.

Special thanks go out to our corporate sponsors who are helping to make this event a success: Equitable Trust, Long & Foster and 1st Mariner Bank. Volunteers are still needed to help out the day of the tour. Volunteers receive a free ticket to the tour for assisting us for just part of the day. For more information, please contact us at 410-342-0900 or via e-mail at membership@cantoncommunity.org.

Letter from the President

Happy Fall Everyone. With September here, football is in the air and the CCA is gearing up towards its final quarter of 2004. We have a lot of new developments to share with you and a number of projects in various stages of development that we hope will materialize fully in 2005.

The first and perhaps most obvious change to share with you is the mailing of our newsletter. We mailed out this newsletter (Fall 2004) to our membership list and we hope to mail out the Winter 2004 newsletter to **everyone** in Canton! One of our goals for 2005 is to pro-actively make more residents aware of the CCA and get more folks involved. To do this, we will be taking a more aggressive marketing approach in the months to come and we will be ramping up our web site to make it the information portal for all-things Canton. We plan on adding key features such as allowing people to register and re-register online, as
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Visit our website for a full listing of upcoming events: www.cantoncommunity.org.

Sunday, September 19, October 17 & November 21

The Can Co., 2400 Boston St; 9am - 4pm
Canton Art & Antique Market

Tuesday, October 5, November 2, and December 7

7-9pm
CCA Board Meetings

Sunday, September 19

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Canton Home & Garden Tour

Tuesday, September 28

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
CCA Public Meeting, "Neighborhood Building & Zoning Issues"

Tuesday, October 26

6:30 p.m.
CCA Public Meeting, "Political Forum"

Saturday, October 30

1:30 p.m.
Fancy Dress Dog Competition & Festival

Tuesday, November 16

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
CCA Public Meeting, "CCA Update"

Saturday, December 11

6 p.m.
O'Donnell Square
4th Annual Light Up Canton

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JUNE

5th Annual Meet & Eat/Taste of Canton

The Canton Community Association held its 5th Annual Meet & Eat/Taste of Canton party on Tuesday, June 22. Over 150 friends and neighbors enjoyed good company, great food from many of our favorite local establishments, and a free shoulder massage demonstration courtesy of About Chi Acupuncture & Wellness. Among the many friends and neighbors at the event were City Council candidate Jim Kraft, State Delegates Pete Hammen and Brian McHale, and State Senator George Della. Thank you to the many CCA volunteers who gave of their time and talents to the event. We couldn't have done it without you!

Congratulations to our door prize

winners:

Aileen Flynn - \$25.00 gift certificate from North Pole Ice Cream Co.
 Chrissy Mardika - \$25.00 gift certificate from Santoni's Market

Fran Brun - \$25.00 gift certificate from Bagel Works
 Craig Johnson - \$50.00 gift certificate from NcDevin's
 Jasmine Jurkiewicz - Large CCA Print of Canton
 Beth Russo - Home & Garden Tour Tickets

Thank you to the following businesses for contributing to the 5th Annual Meet & Eat/Taste of Canton:

About Chi Acupuncture & Wellness Center
 Athena One
 Austin Grill
 Bagel Works
 Burger King
 Canton Station
 Chesapeake Wine Company
 Claddagh Pub
 Coburn's Tavern & Grill
 Cosmopolitan Bar & Grill
 Dangerously Delicious Pies
 Franco Zeppi Ristorante Italiano
 Geckos

The Gin Mill
 Helen's Garden
 High Grounds Espresso & Books Inn at 2920
 JDs Smokehouse
 John's Carryout
 Just a Matter of Thyme Personal Chef Service
 Kisling's Tavern
 Lagers Pub
 Looney's Pub
 M & L Liquors
 Mama's on the Half Shell
 NcDevin's
 Nacho Mama's
 North Pole Ice Cream Co.
 Pizza & Wing Factory
 Rick's Café Americain
 Santoni's Market
 Semolina Restaurant
 Speakeasy Saloon
 Subway
 Sushi-San/Thai Jai Dee
 Tiburzi's Italian Grill & Café

New Green Space/Pocket Park in Canton!

The unsightly vacant lot located at 902 South Potomac Street was almost a victim of Canton's continuing housing boom. After nearly losing the space to developers eyeing the vacant lot between S. Potomac and S. Curley Streets for two new residential units, the CCA, the Canton Garden Association, and interested neighbors calling themselves the "Friends of the Hudson/Potomac Park" led by Randy Capone, got together to petition the Department of Recreation and Parks to allow the community to transform the neglected lot into a pocket park for the beautification and enjoyment of the community. The City's Department of Recreation and Parks and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods have endorsed this new signature project.

Now comes the hard part. We need your help to make Canton beautiful! If you are interested knowing more about this exciting new project and if you can help out in any way, please contact us. Contributions can be sent to:

The Canton Community Association
 c/o the Hudson/Potomac Park
 P.O. Box 5125
 Baltimore, MD 21224

For more information, please contact us at 410-342-0900 or via e-mail at info@cantoncommunity.org.

Special thanks go out to everyone who assisted us with this project, especially Elizabeth Weiblen, Southeast Baltimore Liaison, Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods, and Senator George Della, 46th Legislative District!

It's In the Can

The Canton Art and Antique Market, CAAM, was held on Sunday, August 15, at its new location, The Can Co. The threat of Hurricane Charley had some thinking we'd have to cancel, but the sun came out and it was a great day for the market.

There were a total of 21 vendors with wares ranging from antiques, to lamps made out of bottles, handmade cards, painted pottery, fused glass clocks and etchings. It was a great mix of vendors that the customers enjoyed, as many walked away with their new purchases in bags.

A special thanks to The Can Co. for the use of their parking lot and supporting the community with this event.

The market is held the third Sunday of each month through November from 9am-4pm. Spaces are only \$20. We are always seeking new vendors, so give us a call at 410-558-3604, or email us at arts@cantoncommunity.org.

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well as pay their memberships online. Let us know what you think. If you have any ideas on how we can make our web site the best it can be or if you can help us out in any way, e-mail us at webmaster@cantoncommunity.org.

Finally, we need you! The CCA is a not-for-profit, volunteer neighborhood organization. We rely on the time and talents of people who truly care about making our community a better place. If you have an hour per week or more, we would like to

invite you to get involved with us. We have openings in a number of areas and encourage people to get involved in any area (or areas) that interest them the most. For more information on what being a community activist/volunteer is all about, we encourage you to call us at 410-342-0900 or e-mail at info@cantoncommunity.org.

Sincerely,

Stephen Strohl
President

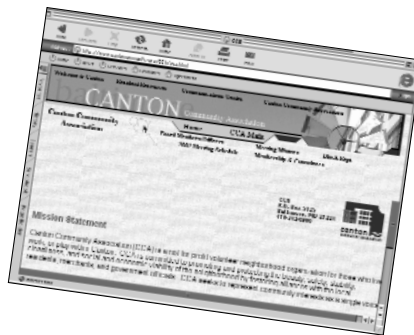
Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development Committee will be convening again monthly to speak with individual homeowners and developers who have projects that are coming up in front of the BMZA (Board of Municipal & Zoning Appeals). Details of the community review process will be discussed at our Public Meeting on September 28 (see Upcoming Meeting and Events for more information).

However, we need you to help us put the "community" in community review. Our goal going forward is to have a forum where the neighborhood can be aware of as many development projects as possible before construction begins. We are seeking a forum that will be fair on residents, developers, and the City. For more information on how you can participate in this community dialog, please contact us at 410-342-0900, extension 3, or via e-mail at economicdevelopment@cantoncommunity.org.

Stay Connected

If you haven't signed up for our "Announcements" e-mail list, we encourage you to do so to keep up-to-date on events and activities in the neighborhood. "Announcements" is designed to distribute key information from the CCA Board to the membership. Also, our new "Dog Park Announcements" list is available for our local K-9 lovers who want to keep up-to-date on everything related to Canton's very own (and a 2004 "Best of Baltimore" winner) Dog Park. Information on how to sign-up for both lists can be found on our web site at www.cantoncommunity.org/communication/email_lists/index.html.



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)

Brocato's Hair Salon

410-558-0047 10% off all services

Claddagh Pub

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

Canton Kayak Club

443-573-4306 10% off individual 2004 season memberships

Coburn's Tavern

410-342-0999, 20% off everything except specials Monday through Thursday all day

Cosmopolitan

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

Cyber Rescue

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

Helen's Garden

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

Getaway Sailing

410-342-3110, 10% off crew and sonar memberships

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, 20% off first house or business cleaning

2910 on the Square

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

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

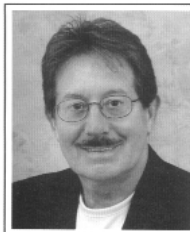
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Fancy Dress Dog Competition & Festival

The 5th Annual Howl-o-ween Fancy Dress Dog Competition and Dog Festival is coming up soon! This year's event promises to be our biggest and best yet! With Mix 106.5



providing music, biting commentary (or perhaps that should be "growling commentary") and live entertainment, you and your dog can expect a doggone good time.

Last year, Oliver & Gigi, aka "the Frenchies," stole the show and this year we are looking for even more colorful and outrageous costumes! Use your imagination and your dog will become a star. This year we continue the tradition of dog-friendly vendors, as well as food and fun for the whole family including a moon-bounce for the little ones.

The event takes place on Saturday, October 30 from 1pm - 5pm at the Can Company on Boston Street. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the contest starts at 2:30 p.m. The rain date

is Sunday, October 31. All funds raised from the event go directly to the Canton Dog Park, Baltimore City's first and only official dog park, and this year a winner of the prestigious "Best of Baltimore" award from Baltimore Magazine! For more information, contact us at 410-342-0900 mailbox 8 or email Lori at dogpark@cantoncommunity.org.

New Businesses in Canton

- BR Market Launch (2833 O'Donnell Street) is a marketing firm.
- Buddy's Elliott Street Bar & Grill (3123 Elliott Street) recently opened.
- NcDevins (801 S. Decker Avenue) is a bar & grill offering Creole cooking.
- Round 2 Communications (2737 Dillon Street) is a design, web, and marketing firm that moved from downtown to Canton.
- Quiznos on O'Donnell Square (in the former High's) specializing in toasted subs.
- Ravens (3300 O'Donnell) in the former Athena One, specializing in pizza and subs with free delivery.

Coming Soon: Ray Lewis Barbecue at the Can Company and a new restaurant replacing Andy's Tavern on O'Donnell St.

Call or Contact 311 Online

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.

Graffiti Removal

Residents can call 311 to get graffiti removed.

Trash and Weeds

Call 311 if you see trash being dumped or high weeds growing in public or private locations.

Seeking Artist/Vendors

We are looking for crafters, artists and antique collectors to be vendors at CAAM. The market will be held once a month through November, the third Sunday of the month. The location will be at The Can Co., 2400 Boston St.

Please call 410-558-3604 or email arts@cantoncommunity.org to reserve your space or for more information. Spaces are \$20.

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Porch Light Program

Do you know an elderly resident that needs a front porch light? It's not too late to sign them up for a free porch light courtesy of the CCA. Please contact us at 410-342-0900 or via e-mail at marketing@cantoncommunity.org to be put on the list and we will do our best to get the porch light installed this fall. Porch lights are installed on a first come, first served basis. If you already have a porch light, please do your part by keeping an outside light turned on at night to help deter crime! Light discourages aberrant behavior.

In Search of Block Reps

Block reps function as CCA liaisons, helping to distribute information and being the eyes and ears of what's going on along your block. Please check the website to see if your block has a representative at www.cantoncommunity.org/cc/blockreps/blockreps.html. If you are interested in becoming a block rep or think your block rep is inactive, please contact us at 410-342-0900 or via e-mail at blockreps@cantoncommunity.org.

Light Up Canton

Join us in O'Donnell Square on Saturday, December 11, at 6pm, for the CCA's 4th Annual "Light Up Canton." The Kolbe Kids from Father Kolbe School will entertain us with holiday carols. The lampposts on O'Donnell Square will be decorated by area businesses. This is a great way to get into the holiday spirit!

2nd Anniversary of the Canton Dog

Park a HUGE success

On Saturday August 21, the Canton Dog Park celebrated the 2nd Anniversary of its grand opening. Despite the threat of rain, the event went off without a hitch, to the delight of many dogs and their owners.

The party was hosted by dog park volunteers Jodi Jacobson and John Bingle-Thompson, with the help and support of the volunteer committee. Highlights of the event included delicious food, great raffles, including gift certificates donated by local businesses, and the spirit of community that the dog park has created.

Over \$2,300 was raised at this fantastic event. All the proceeds go directly to the dog park and plans for improving the ground coverage and drainage are first on our wish list. The support shown by the community really helped to get us closer to meeting our goals.

Thanks to everyone who showed up to volunteer, celebrate, and just eat! The dog park depends on the support of everyone who uses it, we could not do it without you!

Your Elected City Officials

If you are looking for the names, addresses or email addresses of your elected officials, please refer to our Resident Resources page on our website: <http://www.cantoncommunity.org/resident/resident.html>

Canton Art Prints Available



Call CCA at (410) 342-0900, ext 5 and leave a message, or visit 2910 on the Square, High Grounds Espresso & Books at 3201 Eastern Avenue, or the Allstate office at 2829 O'Donnell, to purchase merchandise.

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



Advertise in the Canton Connection

**CCA Business Members can
place a 2 2/3" x 1 3/8" ad
for \$40 per issue.**

**Contact Jodi at
marketing@cantoncommunity.org
or call 410-342-0900
mailbox 5.**

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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.

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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.)
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