



The Canton Connection

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CANTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Neighborhood Cleanup is the topic for the Tuesday, March 23, public meeting. Representatives from Sanitation Enforcement and Collections, as well as other city organizations will be providing insight on how we can cleanup our neighborhood. Join us to discuss grime in Canton.

Greening the Neighborhood is the theme for the Tuesday, April 27, public meeting. The CCA in conjunction with the Canton Garden Association (CGA) will be hosting this meeting. A presentation on designing gardens for our Canton row homes will be provided by the CGA. Master gardeners will be available to answer all your questions.

Operation Crime Watch is the topic for the Tuesday, May 25, public meeting. Featured speakers include Kevin Cleary, Operation Crime Watch Coordinator; Major Williams, Southeast Major; Lieutenant Kundrat, and Officer Penn, our Community Affairs Officer. Please bring your questions and join us for a lively discussion.

Fifth Annual CCA Meet 'N' Eat Neighborhood Party will be on Tuesday, June 22. The theme for this party is "A Taste of Canton." The Meet 'N' Eat will feature food generously donated by local restaurants. Best of all, it is absolutely free and a great time to meet your neighbors. Door prizes will be given away! Volunteers are needed to help plan, set up, and break down the event. Contact Jeannette Pierce by emailing info@cantoncommunity.org or call CCA's voicemail at 410-342-0900.

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A Special Message from Stephen Strohl, President, CCA

As the newly elected president of the Canton Community Association (CCA) I would like to thank everyone in the community who supports the CCA, and I look forward to working with everyone this year to continue to make Canton the best neighborhood in Southeast Baltimore.

I would like to acknowledge one of CCA's founders and immediate Past President, Kim Stallwood. The CCA we know today wouldn't exist without Kim. His leadership, coordination, and tireless efforts to provide a voice for the residents of Canton has made Canton a better neighborhood. Kim has volunteered countless hours over the past three years to establish a community association that makes a difference and gets things done. It is Kim's commitment to the neighborhood that brings us here today. We are extremely fortunate that Kim has agreed to continue to serve on the Board. Kim's knowledge and experience will help to ensure a smooth transition as the CCA continues to evolve.

I would also like to thank Tammy Wase, our previous Vice President. Her communication and mentoring skills have allowed all of us involved with the CCA to learn and grow to become stronger advocates for the neighborhood. Tammy's work behind the scenes, from coordinating events, to offering sage advice, has made a positive impact on all of us. Thank you, Tammy.

What's in the future? Well, that's really up to you. The CCA is made up of dedicated individuals who are passionate about making our part of Baltimore the best it can be. But we can't do it alone. We need your input. We need you. You can and will make a difference. Together, we can do it.

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.

Tuesday, March 23
1000 S. Ellwood Ave.; 7-9pm
CCA Public Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, May 4 & June 1
1000 S. Ellwood Ave.; 7-9pm
CCA Board Meeting

Saturday, April 17
2004 MS Walk will start at the Bay Café; 9am
www.mswalk-md.org

Saturday, April 24
Grunwald Club, 2825 O'Donnell St.;
8am-1pm
Casino Night to benefit O'Donnell Square

Tuesday, April 27
1000 S. Ellwood Ave.; 7-9pm
CCA Public Meeting

Sunday, May 16, June 16, July 20
1st Mariner Bank parking lot, S. Clinton & Boston St.; 9am – 4pm
Canton Art & Antique Market

Saturday, May 22
O'Donnell Square; 9am – 4pm
The Friends of the Canton Library Spring Book Sale!

Tuesday, May 25
1000 S. Ellwood Ave.; 7-9pm
CCA Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 22
Canton United Methodist Church,
1000 S. Ellwood Ave
Annual Meet 'N' Eat Neighborhood Party

JANUARY

The January Public Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

FEBRUARY

CCA Board Elections and Open Forum

At the February 24th public meeting, the membership elected new Board members. The new CCA Board members are: George Hocker, Chris Schaefer, and Lisa Schaefer and re-elected members are Jack Stout and Patricia McCready.

Representatives from Cignal Corporation presented their revised proposal to the western edge of the Light House Point Planned Unit Development (PUD) project. The proposed project, covering 4.9 acres, would replace 209 parking spots as well as a mix of residential and retail space with 68 townhouses very similar to the North Shore development, each with their own two-car garages and off street parking. Robert Quilter, Department of Planning, provided technical advice on the proposal.

A majority of the members present voted for a resolution that the CCA support the

proposed development with the following caveats:

- That the permanent Baltimore Waterfront Promenade would be completed during the initial construction phase of the project, not when the temporary floating promenade would be deemed obsolete.
- Public access to the permanent Baltimore Waterfront Promenade is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except for the section that is located immediately behind the floating promenade, which would be open from dawn to dusk, as long as the floating promenade is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Open Forum concerns included: John Dowling, President of the Baltimore Harbor and Watershed Association (BHWA), spoke about the pilot program that the BHWA is working on with the city – a trash collector container in the Harris Creek Outfall (across Boston Street from Safeway). The trash container will collect trash that ends up the harbor.

CCA Board Member Sheila Anderson spoke about the Canton Cares Campaign. The focus of the March public meeting is on trash and grime.

Bob Witt of the MS Society and Donna Chase, Development Coordinator for the MD Chapter of the MS Society, discussed the 2004 MS Walk which begins and ends in Canton, April 17, at 9am at the Bay Café. Call the Maryland chapter at (800) FIGHT MS or visit www.mswalk-md.org for more information.

Friends of Canton Library held a raffle and Sue Maddox was the winner of two complimentary tickets to the National Aquarium!

MARCH

The following directors were elected at the March board meeting to the four officer positions on the board: Stephen Strohl, President, Stacey Grabowski, Vice President, Jack Stout, Secretary and Pauline Houliaris, Treasurer

Inventing the Future of the 118 Year-Old Canton Library

Last year the Enoch Pratt Free Library initiated the development of a new Facility and Services Plan to evaluate the state of the Pratt's current programs and services. The goal of the plan is to help guide the planning and development for future library services and facilities in Baltimore.

On February 4th, the Friends of the Canton Library hosted the Enoch Pratt's "Community Dialogues III – Library Facilities and Services". This meeting resulted in a clearer understanding of future programs and services. Pat Wallace, Assistant Director, and Betty Boulware, the Chief, Neighborhood Services Division of the Enoch Pratt Free Library presented the preliminary findings and report on the facilities and services review. The final report should be completed in June. The report will include a comprehensive list of what the Pratt believes it will need for the entire system as it plans for the future of library services in Baltimore. With the coming of the "Anchor Library" in Highlandtown, the Canton Library is in a unique position to reposition its focus as a compliment to the

new "mini Main" library. The dialogue at this meeting reinforced the initial findings of the Enoch Pratt that the Canton Library should focus on:

- Adults will have access to high demand materials
- Children will have access to popular materials, programs, and services
- Computer and information literacy
- Students (K-12) will have materials to support their education
- Young adults will have access to programs, materials, and services

Canton residents expressed their concern that they wanted to ensure that the historic front-half of the building dating back to 1886 remains an active, functioning library. Longer hours, such as staying open past 8pm at least twice a week was suggested. Turning the currently underused section in the rear of the building into a community meeting room space could serve to reinforce the library's role as a focal point for the neighborhood. Concerns were expressed that capital repairs and improvements such as the leaking roof and the inadequate front door have not been addressed. Other con-

cerns were whether the operational and funding requirements for the new library in Highlandtown would ultimately require funds that are currently allocated to existing branch libraries. Representatives from the Pratt indicated that promises were made to them that the necessary funding would be available to operate the new anchor library as well as the existing branch libraries.

The Friends of the Canton Library is taking the lead on fundraising and seeking creative solutions to improve the Canton Library. To share your thoughts or to help out our friends, The Friends, please contact the President of the Friends of the Canton Library, Mary Jurkiewicz at 410-588-1881.

What's New

The CCA is pleased to announce the formation of a new e-mail distribution list called "Announcements", which is a listserv designed to facilitate information from the Board of the CCA to its members. The CCA has loaded the e-mail addresses from the membership list we currently have on file into this new service. To ensure you are subscribed to the list or to sign-up another e-mail address, please send an e-mail from each account you will be registering using the following instructions, listed below.

To subscribe:

- Send an e-mail to:
majordomo@cantoncommunity.org
- Do NOT include a subject in the message
- As the ONLY text in the BODY of the message, type: **subscribe announcements**

Seeking Artist/Vendors

This May the CCA will bring you the first Canton Art & Antique Market (CAAM). The market will be a venue where artists and antique collectors can sell their treasures. We are looking for engaging, enterprising artists and antique collectors to be vendors at CAAM. The market will be held once a month from May to November, the third Sunday of the month. The location will be at the 1st Mariner Bank parking lot on the corner of S. Clinton St. and Boston St. Please call 410-558-3604 or email arts@cantoncommunity.org to reserve your space or for more information.

Canton Home and Garden Tour

Save this date: Sunday, September 19, 2004. Preparations for the 3rd Canton Home and Garden Tour hosted by the CCA and CGA are under way. We need volunteers to help make this event successful. If you are interested in having your home or garden be a part of the tour, please call 410-342-0900 and leave a message for Pauline Houliaras. Committee chairs and committee volunteers are also still needed. If interested, please call Lisa Schaefer at 410-342-0900 or email the CCA at membership@cantoncommunity.org.

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CCA & The Creative Alliance at the Patterson!

The CCA kicked off the year with a great event coordinated by CCA Board Member and new Vice President, Stacey Grabowski. The screening of the short films, "Little Castles" (Lillian Bowers, 1999) and "The Screen Painters" (Elaine Eff, 1988) at the Patterson was sponsored in partnership with the Creative Alliance. A panel discussion followed both films, led by folklorist Elaine Eff, historian Charlie Duff, and Dee Herget. Over 120 people turned out to watch these local films on formstoning and screenpainting in Baltimore. Thank you to the following establishments for donating food that night: Santonis, DiPasquales, Helen's Garden, and Matthew's Pizza.

Where in Canton?

The CCA's "Where in Canton" contest is over and Beth Burton is our final monthly winner for December. The grand prize winner is Mike Gosse. Mike won a night at Canton's own B&B, The Inn at 2910, and dinner for two at Mama's on the Half Shell. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes or who provided pictures for the contest.

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)

Get Away 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.

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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

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According to city statistics, Canton is one of the least green (i.e. no trees) areas in the city. A greener neighborhood provides a healthier environment for everyone. The CGA has tackled the cumbersome and frustrating process of obtaining street trees. The CGA has simplified the application process and established a good working relationship with the City's Forestry Department. Last fall, more than 30 trees were planted in our neighborhood.

It is the joint goal of the CGA and the CCA to see more trees planted in Canton this spring. We need your help! The first step toward getting a free tree from the city planted in front of your house is to go to the CCA's web site <http://www.cantoncommunity.org> and download an application form for a street tree.

For more information on the CGA, please e-mail cantongardenclub@yahoo.com or leave a message on CCA's voice mail 410-342-0900, mailbox 6.

Street Tree facts:

1. A tree in front of your home will increase its value.
2. The shade provided will keep your home cooler thereby reducing the need for air-conditioning.
3. Trees cool the streets and absorb the heat that builds up in the concrete.
4. Trees purify the air and improve its quality.

Porch Light Program

The CCA is continuing this program to help our senior citizens. Do you know an elderly resident that needs a front porch light? Contact the CCA at 410-342-0900 or email us at marketing@cantoncommunity.org to be put on the list. It's on a first come first serve basis. If you already have a porch light, please do your part by keeping an outside light turned on to help deter crime.

Feeling Lucky?

A Casino Night to benefit O'Donnell Square will be held Saturday, April 24, 2004, at 8pm-1am Grunwald Club 2825 O'Donnell Street. Games will include Black Jack, Roulette, Texas Hold-em, Dice and Poker. 100% of the profits go to sprucing up the square.

Bill Override

The General Assembly successfully overrode the Governor's veto of Senate Bill 532 prohibiting any new liquor license establishments within 300 feet of a school or church. The CCA would like to thank those that helped with this successful effort, especially Senator Della, Delegate Hammen, Delegate McHale, Delegate Krysiak and Michelle Barnycz, as well as our fellow neighbors and businesses around the square.

New 2004 CCA Board Members

Stephen Strohl, *President*
 Stacey Grabowski, *Vice President*
 Jack Stout, *Secretary*
 Pauline Houliaras, *Treasurer*
 Kim W. Stallwood, *Past-President*
 Sheila Anderson
 Michele Barnycz

George Hocker
 Darryl Jurkiewicz
 Patricia McCready
 Chris Schaefer
 Lisa Schaefer
 Jodi Sokol

New Businesses in Canton

- Advocate Mortgage Group, Inc (720 S. Montford Ave) is now open.
- Curves is now open at the Can Company, providing fitness opportunities to women.
- Canton Management Company (2928 O'Donnell St) is now open.
- NovaStar Home Mortgage Inc. (2912 O'Donnell St) is now open.
- Touch the Earth at the Can Company has closed their doors.




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If you're not sure which agency to call for assistance - contact the City's One Call Center by dialing 311

Call 311 for the following issues:

- To find out about animal bites or animal complaints
- To request pickup of dead animals
- To obtain assistance with rodent problems
- Clogged Storm Drains, flooding, open fire hydrant, water service or sewer complaints and other water related matters
- Rats
- Housing Violations and Vacant Buildings
- To report abandoned vehicles
- To report problems with traffic signs or traffic signals
- To have graffiti removed from public areas
- To inquire about residential trash collection, street and alley cleaning, bulk trash removal, etc.
- To report Complaints about Alleys, Side-walks and Roadways

- To report potholes or dislodged/noisy steel plates
- To request snow plowing, salting or salt boxes
- To report street lighting problems

Other Issues:

To obtain a dog license(410) 396-3993

To report Child Abuse/Neglect....(410) 361-2235

Domestic Violence Hotline(410)889-7884

To report illegal drug activity....(410) 685-DRUG

To request assistance with a community clean up...(410) 396-4511

To obtain information or a listing of recycling days in your neighborhood....(410) 396-5916

Dockmaster: visiting by water....(410) 396-3174

Spring Cleaning

Spring is here and we all need to do our job to keep our properties clean and free of unwanted pests.

The following is a list of suggestions that will help keep our neighborhood shiny and clean:

- Keep garbage in rodent proof containers with sealed lids.
- Do not place your trash out the night before trash pick-up. Do it that morning - it's the law.
- Feed your pets inside or remove the food after your pet's mealtime.

- Do not store upholstered furniture, mattresses, papers or other nesting material in the yard, basement or garage.
- Keep grass and weeds cut to a maximum of 4 inches.
- Keep your yard free of pet waste.
- Keep the sidewalk outside of your house free of debris.


And don't forget, you can scrub those marble steps to a sparkle...with a pumice stone, Bon Ami, warm water, and plenty of elbow grease.

If we all do our part to keep our property and sidewalk clean it will make a huge difference.

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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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.

Newsletter created by Stacey Grabowski, 410.558.3604



Canton Art Prints Available

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

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

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- 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 _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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