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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR



The City has contracted with Stark County Regional Planning Commission to create a Community Plan. Changes within the Community, both in the preceding decades and projections into the future will be included with an analysis of key factors for future growth. An overview of the Community's role within the context of the Stark County region will also be incorporated. Options for community and economic development, types of residential development, transportation and infrastructure planning, zoning and land use planning will be among the issues discussed.

Public participation will be a vital aspect of the final goal of defining the community's identity through the creation of a vision statement.

A Citizen's Committee will give extensive input through the entire process of creating the plan by participating in a series of meetings. If you are interested in being a member of the Committee, please submit your letter of interest to City Hall on or before September 12, 2008.

THE CANAL FULTON CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Additional meeting notices and minutes are available on-line, www.cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov

The Summer Youth Works Program was a success. We are proud and fortunate to have worked with so many great Northwest High School students. The students worked under the direction of the Department Heads and the Community Service Director. The students worked 1,000 hours and saved the City thousands of dollars and accomplished many tasks throughout the community. Some of the tasks were: painting all downtown light posts, painted playground equipment at Muhlhauser Park, stained fencing in St. Helena Heritage Park, cleaned up the area after the Old Canal Days Festival, assisted with landscaping throughout the community, pruned trees, and scraped the paint off the St. Helena II in preparation for a new coat of paint. I am excited to plan with Council for an extended program in 2009.

Two Proven Facts

Studies show that libraries provide an excellent return on investment, have a measurable positive impact on the local economy and contribute to the stability, safety and quality of life of their neighborhoods. 85% of people who don't volunteer say it's because no one asked them. THESE ARE GOOD REASONS, AMONG MANY MORE, TO JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!"



The "Friends" are YOUR NEIGHBORS that brought you the "Meet the Candidates Night", shipped over 3,000 paperback books to our troops, hosted the Library's Birthday Garden Party, held a grant writing seminar, hold fund raisers for its benefit, feature local authors for book reviews and are in the midst of a WWII Veterans History Project in conjunction with the Library of Congress Folklore Center. Show your appreciation, join "The Friends Today". Contact Chell Rossi, 330-854-6295 or the Library, 330-854-4148.

"You can't do anything about the length of your life but you can do something about its width and depth"
Shira Tehrani

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CHIEF DAVE FRISONE

Following a series of drug overdoses and other narcotics-related activity, the Canal Fulton Police Department initiated a long term investigation into drug abuse and drug trafficking offenses in the City. After six months of surveillance, undercover drug purchases and routine interdiction operations; our officers arrested over forty suspects on a variety of charges ranging from Trafficking in Heroin and Drug Abuse to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Corrupting Another with Drugs.

Subsequent interviews of many of these subjects revealed a network of local individuals involved in the possession and distribution of illegal substances such as Heroin, Cocaine, Marijuana, Psilocybin, Ecstasy, and Prescription Narcotics. This investigation remains active and police anticipate additional arrests.

Although we are very proud of this accomplishment, our work is far from complete. The Canal Fulton Police Department often needs your assistance in developing the leads that eventually solve many of these crimes. What may seem on the surface to be an unimportant detail may eventually result in an arrest or recovery of stolen property.

Below are a few open investigations that fit this description:

During the early morning hours on Wednesday, July 16, 2008, an individual forced entry into four businesses along Cherry Street and one restaurant located on Locust Street. Nothing of value was obtained in any of the break-in's, however; security cameras recorded images of the suspect. An eye witness also observed the suspect entering one of the locations. The photographs and other evidence are still being analyzed and police continue to investigate the matter along with other area law enforcement agencies.

During the early morning hours on Tuesday, July 29, 2008, there were a series of thefts from motor vehicles in the Waterside, Colony, and Cathedral Street area. Another vehicle was also entered along Stonewood Street. A variety of property was removed including cash, tools and compact discs. It is possible that the same suspect is responsible for all of these thefts. Physical evidence obtained at the scene is currently being processed by the Stark County Crime Lab.

Throughout the months of July and August, there has been a rash of criminal damaging and vandalism incidents in the Greenwood, Redwood, Sandlewood, Tamwood, Colonial, Longview and Reed Street area. Mailboxes, lawn ornaments, yard lights, outdoor furniture, street signs and street lights were tampered with or damaged. Investigating officers have several strong suspects and if arrested, our department will request court ordered restitution for the victims.

We need your help to solve these crimes. If you have any information on these or other open investigations, please call the non-emergency telephone number at 330-854-2211. Your identity will be kept strictly confidential and you may earn a reward for the successful prosecution of suspects or recovery of stolen items. We appreciate your continued support and assistance. Together, we can make a difference.



SCOTT SVAB—FINANCE DIRECTOR



Fuel Costs

Fuel costs have gone up considerably in the past year for everyone. Last year in July, unleaded gas was \$2.69 a gallon and diesel was \$2.82 a gallon. Almost every business, from supply to service vendors, have added a fuel surcharge to every sale. Some of these surcharges can be up to \$40.00 per order. The City, to help offset these costs, has been combining orders and reducing the frequency of ordering. After salaries for each department, fuel and material costs are usually the largest expenses.

Comparable costs of fuel costs from July 2007 to date is as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Police	\$ 8,737.83	\$ 6,620.35
Fire	\$ 6,603.32	\$ 2,986.43
Street	\$ 8,787.55	\$ 7,015.99
Water	\$ 4,006.35	\$ 2,498.70
Sewer	\$ 4,304.73	\$ 2,788.58



Your home should be a safe haven. But do you regularly check for home fire hazards? If not, there is the potential for danger. In 2006, there were an estimated 396,000 reported home structure fires resulting in 2,580 civilian deaths, 27 firefighter deaths and 12,500 civilian injuries and \$6.8 billion in direct damage in the United States.

Cooking fires are the leading cause of home structure fires. With most of those fires starting on the range or stove when food cooking was left unattended. Other major causes of fires in the home are electrical equipment. The main culprit in those fires was overloaded extension cords. Smoking and

improper use of heating equipment also caused numerous home fires.

Smoke alarms:

Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home structure fires in half.

- An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if all homes had working smoke alarms.
- The fire death rate in homes with working smoke alarms is 51% less than the rate for homes without this protection.
- You should check your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries when daylight savings time changes.

You should have at least one smoke detector on every level of your home.

Home escape planning:

- Every home should have a home escape plan and the family should practice that plan.
- Have a meeting place so in the event of a fire everyone that lives in the home can be accounted for. Each year many firefighters are killed or injured while searching for fire victims that have safely exited a structure.

When you get out of the house, NEVER GO BACK IN. Chances are you will not come back out.

Scientific studies have shown that a fire can double in size every 30 seconds. Smoke generated by these fires can reach toxic levels in as little as three to four minutes.

If you would like more information on Home Fire Safety you can visit the National Fire Protection Association website at www.nfpa.org or contact the Canal Fulton Fire Department at 330-854-2456 and we will gladly assist you.



Canal Fulton Lion's Club
FARMER'S MARKET
St. Helena Heritage Park Tuscarawas Street & Rte. 93 (Cherry St)

THURSDAYS
3:00—7:00 PM Thru October 2nd

Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, Baked Goods & More!
Now More Vendors...Open Rain or Shine!
Information: Paul Bagocius 330-854-4645

High Street/Erie Avenue Corridor

Engineering plans for the High Street/Erie Avenue Corridor are being finalized. Agreements with the Stark County Engineer have been approved; and the Ohio Public Works Commission Grant has been submitted. If awarded, over \$1 million in improvements will be made. The portion of High Street that floods several times each year, blocking the major route to our schools, will be raised above the flood stage and new culverts installed. Guard rail will be placed between the road and the canal. A turn lane will be built along the Northwest Local School Campus, and lastly the entire road will be paved all the way to Clinton.

Normally, OPWC funds are released July 1st each year. This means that if we get the grant, the project would not be done until the summer of 2010 because we want the work done while school is out of session and it will take most of the summer to complete. There is a possibility that some OPWC funds will be released this January. If that happens we will begin work after school lets out next summer.

The engineering plans also include a walkway/bikeway that would connect the school campus with the Northwest Youth Sports Complex. The City of Canal Fulton will apply for other grants to build a walkway/bikeway to the schools.

Marshallville Street Sanitary Sewer

Another project that is slated to begin before the end of this year is the Marshallville Street Sanitary Sewer Project. Local businessman, Dan Chu, plans to build a new office in the Route 21 corridor. Realizing that this could be a catalyst in bringing economic development and jobs to this region of Stark County, the City of Canal Fulton will extend them City sewer. The City's Comprehensive Plan, drafted under the guidance of the Stark County Regional Planning Commission in 1972, called for the extension of City utilities to the Route 21 corridor by the 1990s. The opportunity to begin accomplishing this has not presented itself until now. Credit should go to past City administrations that made the necessary investments and upgrades to our water and sewer systems that have enabled us to take advantage of this golden opportunity.



Community Plan

Speaking of comprehensive plans, the contract between the City of Canal Fulton and the Stark County Regional Planning Commission for a new Community Plan has been approved. Mayor Grogan has pledged to allow some citizens from Lawrence Township to serve on the Citizen Committee even though the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees have declined our offer to participate.

Natural Gas Aggregation Program



Natural gas prices have been steadily dropping throughout the summer of 2008. Most economic indicators show that this trend will continue into September. Buckeye Energy Brokers monitor the NYMEX sale daily on behalf of the City of Canal Fulton's Natural Gas Aggregation Program that is supplied by Direct Energy. Our goal is to lock in at a price around \$10.00 per Mcf for natural gas for the December 2008 through the November 2009 billing cycle. We will have the exact price when we lock in this September. If you were not enrolled with the City program last year or have questions, you may contact Direct Energy at 866-760-6040.

Ghosts, the Paranormal and the Unexplained

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info@canalwarehouse.com**

NORTHWEST STARK SENIOR CENTER

September

1		Center Closed—Holiday
9	9:30 AM	Tole Painting
11	12:00 PM	Birthday Luncheon \$1 Bring Covered Dish
13	4-6:30 PM	Swiss Steak Dinner
16		Greektown Bus Trip \$40/\$20 back in coin
24	12:00 PM	“Getting Ready for the Flu Season” Program. Pizza will be served

October

7	9:30 AM	Writer’s Group
7	9:00 AM	Apple Dumpling Making
8	9:00PM-3PM	Pick up Apple Dumplings
14	9:30 AM	Tole Painting
15	9:00 AM	Making Applesauce
21	9:30 AM	Writer’s Group
25	4-6:30 PM	Swiss Steak Dinner
29	12:00 PM	Wiener Roast
30	10:00 AM	Baking Apple Dumplings
31		Set up for Christmas Bazaar

November

1		Christmas Bazaar
4		Center Closed—Election
13	12:00 PM	Birthday Luncheon Bring Covered Dish
19	1:00 PM	Thanksgiving Dinner \$7.00 Reservations thru 11/12
27 & 28		Center Closed Happy Thanksgiving

December

17	1:00 PM	Christmas Dinner \$8.00 Reservations thru 12/15
22-Jan 4		Center Closed for Holidays

Each Month

Monday & Thursday	12:30 PM	Bingo
Monday	5:00 PM	Tong
Monday	7:00 PM	Euchre
1st & 3rd Tuesday	10:00 AM	Writer’s Group
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Pinochle
Friday	12:00 PM	Bridge

**Call the Center for information upcoming
events—330-854-6307**

CITY MEETINGS

September

1		Closed—Labor Day Holiday
2	7:00 PM	City Council
11	8:00 PM	Parks & Recreation Board
16	7:00 PM	City Council
18	7:00 PM	HPC/Planning Commission

October

7	7:00 PM	City Council
9	7:00 PM	Parks & Recreation
21	7:00 PM	City Council
16	7:00 PM	HPC/Planning Commission

November

4	7:00 PM	City Council
11		Closed-Veteran’s Day
13	7:00 PM	Parks & Recreation Board
18	7:00 PM	City Council
20	7:00 PM	HPC/Planning Commission
27 & 28		Closed-Thanksgiving Holiday

December

2	7:00 PM	City Council
11	7:00 PM	Parks & Recreation Board
16	7:00 PM	City Council
18	7:00 PM	HPC/Planning Commissions
25 & 26		Closed-Holiday

GRAND OPENING

YE OLDE THRIFT SHOPPE

*853 Locust Street, Canal Fulton
(Inside Northwest Stark Senior Center)*

330-854-6307

Hours: Monday ~ Friday 9:00AM ~ 3:00 PM

Low Prices

- Linens
- Small Appliances
- Home Décor
- Jewelry

Donations greatly appreciated

For those who would like to donate and don't have any transportation or means of transporting good, call Nancy to schedule a pick up time/date. Contact Nancy at the Center.



As we go into late summer and then early fall, you need to be aware of your responsibility as a property owner and/or tenant. The City of Canal Fulton has established an Exterior Property Maintenance Code. The purpose of this code is to establish minimum standards to

maintain the exterior of all buildings in the City. The purpose is to provide that these buildings are safe, sanitary, do not constitute a blighting influence on the community, to provide for the adoption of rules, fix responsibilities for owners and occupants of structures that need maintenance; and to provide for the adoption of rules, and have penalties for violations thereof.

**Section 1361.03
MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES**

No owner or operator shall occupy, rent or lease, or offer rental or lease, any structure or any part thereof which do not comply with the provisions of this code.

The owner or operator of every building or structure shall be responsible for maintaining a clean, safe and sanitary condition, the shared common areas of the premises, including all yard areas, walks, driveways, parking lots, and including the public sidewalk area adjoining the building on the public right of way. The owner, or operator, shall be responsible for SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL, RUBBISH REMOVAL and other obvious activities relative to the maintenance of a safe and sanitary structure.

**Section 903.09
REMOVAL OF WEEDS BY OWNER OR OCCUPANT**

The owner, occupant or person having the charge or management of any lot or parcel of land situated within the corporation limits, whether the same be improved or unimproved, vacant or occupied, WITHIN 5 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE to do, served in conformity with Ohio R.C. 731.51, shall cut or destroy or cause to be cut or destroyed any noxious or poisonous weeds or vines growing upon any lot or parcel of land, and prevent from blooming or going to seed or EXCEEDING A HEIGHT OF EIGHT INCHES.



**Section 903.10
REMOVAL OF TREES, WEEDS, GRASSES BY
MUNICIPALITY**

In the event the owner does not trim or remove any tree, plant or shrubbery, or any part thereof, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, then the City Manager is authorized and it is declared to be his duty to have enforced the provisions of this chapter, and to cause to be trimmed or removed such tree, plant or shrubbery, or part thereof and cut and remove all grass and weeds.

I know that this is a lengthy article, but I wanted to make both the owner and occupant of the property aware of their responsibilities

The Canal Fulton Zoning Office is now located in the rear of the old fire station, located at 117 North High St., which is located behind Canal Fulton City Hall. Office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday. The phone number is (330) 854-0590.

STREET DEPARTMENT, Mark Petersen



Fall Leave Pick Up

The Street Department will begin collecting leaves October 1 through November 26. Leaves must be swept to the curb only (not in the street and not close to objects, ie. trees, mailbox). No bags, rubbish or other yard waste will be picked up. Pick up will be daily, weather permitting.

Residents may take leaves in paper yard bags to the Street Department yard waste dumpster, located at 950 Water Street, anytime.

Trimming of Trees

With the coming of winter snows, we would like to make residents aware of their responsibility to maintain and keep trimmed those trees and bushes that abut the sidewalks and streets. This helps the Street Department do their job of snow removal efficiently without damaging their equipment.

All trees along the sidewalks and streets shall be trimmed so that no limbs, branches or leaves extend or suspend within ten feet from the level of the sidewalk or street. Failure to trim or remove trees upon receipt of lawful notice from the Zoning Inspector is declared to be in violation of the City code, Sections 903.02 to 903.04.

Canal Fulton Parks & Recreation



Little Kickers - Pre-K Intro. to Soccer

An introduction to the sport of soccer for your Pre-K little girl or boy. Team work and coordination skills are all part of the class emphasis. Participation in team sports establishes a routine of fun and cooperation within your child.

Day/Dates: Saturdays, September 20 - October 11

Times: 9:30 am - 10:15 am **Location:** St. Helena Heritage Park

Ages: 4 - 5 years **Cost:** \$17 / person

Limited Enrollment-Pre-Register Early at the Canal Fulton Canalway Center in St. Helena Heritage Park

Haunted Canal Fulton

A slide presentation of Canal Fulton's unique and mysterious history with Sherri Brake-Recco. Sherri is the owner operator of *Haunted Heartland Tours*. She will share with you many interesting stories of Canal Fulton's past residents, area buildings and local ghost lore.



Day/Time: Tuesday, October 7th 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Canal Fulton Canalway Center - St. Helena Heritage Park

Ages: 8 yrs - Adult **Cost:** No fee - Limited seating

Pre-register by calling the Canalway Center at 330-854-6835

Sr. Campfire Nights

(Senior Adults 55+)



Enjoy the fun & camaraderie of an old fashioned campfire! Each evening program will have a special theme. Roast a hotdog, toast a marshmallow and laugh out loud.

Participants are asked to bring a lawn chair and a sense of humor.

Limited Seating - Register early at the *Canal Fulton Canalway Center*
330-854-6835

Root beer & Jamboree Campfire

Day/Date: Weds., September 24th

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$5 / person

Ghostly Tales Campfire

Day/Date: Thurs., October 23rd

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$5 / person

Pre-registration is required.

Look for these Upcoming Special Events:

Fall Family Fun Fest Sponsored by True Life Church - at the Old School Yard Park Friday, October 31st

Canal Fulton Trick or Treat Friday, October 31st 6:00pm-8:00pm



Santa Claus is Coming to Town! Saturday, December 6th

History & Mystery - Tasty Tour of Downtown Canal Fulton



St. Helena Heritage Park (formerly Community Park)

125 Tuscarawas Street - off Cherry St. (Rt.93)

Two Trails for Hiking & Biking -

Ohio & Erie Towpath Trail parallels the canal.

Old Muskingum Trail runs along the Tuscarawas River.



Picnic Pavilion & Ball Fields

Pavilion is near the playground and Ohio & Erie Towpath Trail.

Reservation & fees: 330-854-2044

Playground, Restrooms & Parking

Ample parking is available for approximately 150 cars with easy access to shopping in historic downtown Canal Fulton.

Canoe & Bike Rentals are available near the park's entrance

Canal Fulton Canalway Center Visitor & Information Center
330-854-6835



Tues., - Fri., 10am -4pm + Sat & Sun 10am-6pm
(October: Saturdays & Sundays only 10am-6pm)

Located in St. Helena Heritage Park next to the canal boat dock & Towpath Trail.

Highlighting Canal Fulton's rich history, area amenities, parks & recreation programs and special event information.

The Center sells public ride tickets in season for the St. Helena III Canal Boat.

Muhlhauser Park



853 S. Locust Street
Behind the Northwest Senior Center.
Tennis Courts (2) - lighted
Paved Walking Path
Large & Small Gazebo Pavilions
Small Tot Lot with slide and swings

Discovery Park



Beverly and Erickson Streets
Paved Walking Path, Picnic Tables,
Tot Lot Playground with ADA
Accessible Swing, Benches & Pond

Dog Park

Butterbridge Rd.

Located between Rt. 21 & Erie Ave.
Large & Small dog exercise areas
(80' x 250' each area)
Open seasonally



Old School Yard Park



Corner of Market & Locust St.
Basketball Court & Playground

Parks & Recreation program information: *City of Canal Fulton Canalway Center* 330-854-6835

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