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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR



Mayor John Grogan

Two years ago I asked our citizens for suggestions for a new city slogan to use for our City Seal. We received many suggestions from citizens, business owners, council members, and city employees. Most of the suggestions presented two themes, preserving our city's heritage and building our city's future. So, instead of just choosing one of the many good slogans we received, we took the main theme from the majority of them and made one simple slogan that sums them all up, "Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future." This slogan first appeared on the Mayor's Student Works Program T-shirts that were worn by those students who accomplished so much for our City over the summer. I plan to continue this program next year.



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*

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Dominion East Ohio Gas for all the work that they were able to do for the City of Canal Fulton through their Community Service Project. As part of a Managers Retreat Program they sent 60 employees last September 11th and again on September 25th to undertake community service projects throughout our city. Among the projects completed were the renovation of the picnic shelter at Muhlhauser Park, painting the St Helena II canal boat, landscaping around the Heritage Society Museum, St Helena Park, and the Canalway Center, and they leveled the brick pavers around downtown city trees just to name a few.

This has been a difficult year for many of our citizens and businesses. Although some of our businesses are struggling some are actually expanding. Paskiet Machine on Etheridge Blvd is adding a building and Giant Eagle has tentative plans to add a GetGo gas station to their plaza. Two doctors from Affinity are planning to open an office on Etheridge Blvd and a Snap Fitness 24-hour fitness facility is scheduled to open soon at the strip mall on East Cherry St. An Edward Jones investor will soon open shop on Locust St and we have a new bicycle shop behind the Farnsworth Plaza.

As the fall season passes to winter and the city goes from picking up leaves to plowing snow, I want to give you my personal pledge that we are here. Whether it's the everyday services we provide every time we turn on our faucets to responding to emergencies where our health, safety, or property is threatened. There is a competent city employee there making sure that these services are provided in an effective and efficient manner. We work hard for you.

From my family to yours, have a happy and safe holiday season.



POLICE DEPARTMENT—CHIEF DAVE FRISONE

Canal Fulton Police Department News

On Thursday, November 6, 2008, at approximately 4:00 pm, the Canal Fulton Police Department responded to a hold-up alarm at the Heritage Square Pharmacy. Witnesses at the scene stated that the suspect entered the pharmacy brandishing a small black handgun and demanded Oxycotin pills. The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 20-30 years old, 5'8"/150 lbs, wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt, dark pants and a black baseball hat. He fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of drugs. A black GMC Sonoma extended cab pick-up truck may also have been involved in this incident. Security camera video footage and other evidence obtained at the scene are currently being analyzed by law enforcement officials. This incident remains under investigation and anyone with additional information should contact the Canal Fulton Police Department at 330-854-2926. Your identity will be kept strictly confidential and you may earn a cash reward for the successful prosecution of suspects involved in this crime.

The Canal Fulton Police Department is also asking area residents to be on their guard against a new Jamaican telephone scam that has surfaced. The caller states that they are working on behalf of the International Global Sweepstakes and that the receiver has been selected by computer to win over one million dollars. They then request that several hundred dollars is sent via Western Union to an address in Jamaica in order to guarantee release of the funds. Jamaican authorities have received numerous reports regarding this kind of activity and investigations are underway. Police are advising area residents not to send any money should they receive a similar telephone call. Residents and businesses are reminded that if they did not enter a competition or they do not know the caller and the deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

With the recent inclement weather, residents are also reminded that whenever snowfall exceeds two inches, City Officials may declare an emergency parking ban to facilitate snow removal. Once the City Manager declares the emergency parking ban, citizens have one hour to remove all parked vehicles from City streets. Vehicles that remain parked on the street and interfere with snow removal operations are subject to being ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. Depending on the duration and severity of a storm, the parking ban may remain in effect for a few hours or several days. Residents are encouraged to monitor local media sources such radio stations, cable television networks, newspapers and the City website at www.cityofcanafulton-oh.gov to learn if an emergency parking ban has been declared as well as when it is lifted. However, according to Canal Fulton Parking Ordinance 351.13, it is the vehicle owner's responsibility to monitor existing weather conditions and comply with emergency parking regulations.



FIRE DEPARTMENT—CHIEF RAY GREEN

Recently News Channel 5 ran a story on how the lives of heart attack patients were being saved by being diagnosed in the field by EMS providers and being rapidly treated and transported to a hospital that has a cardiac catheterization lab.

The term used for this is the “Door to Balloon Time”. What that means is how fast a patient gets into the catheterization lab after they arrive in the hospital emergency room.

The goal is to have a Door to Balloon time of less than 90 minutes. If this can be accomplished then the victims’ chances of survival are greatly increased.

Most of the hospitals in Stark and Summit County have cardiac catheterization labs. One Stark County Hospital was even named in the story as having the second best time for Door to Balloon. Currently the fire department is looking at acquiring the cardiac monitors that would allow our paramedics and even the basic EMT’s the ability to run a 12 lead EKG on a patient and transmit it to the receiving hospital. This allows the emergency room physician to see the EKG before the patient arrives at the hospital. Local EMS squads with this technology have reported that in some cases the patient they were treating and transporting suffering from a heart attack was taken right to the cardiac catheterization lab versus going to the emergency room. Currently only one of our cardiac monitors has the 12 lead EKG capabilities but it is unable to transmit the EKG.

What I would like to impress on everyone is the importance of calling 911 at the onset of any symptoms that maybe cardiac related. Those include:

- Chest pain or chest pressure
- Chest tightness
- Shortness of breath
- Radiating pain from the chest into the left arm
- Nausea and vomiting
- Sweating
- Back pain. This is a common symptom for women who are experiencing cardiac problems.
- Dizziness and increased weakness.

If treated early a potentially deadly condition could be corrected.

On behalf of the Canal Fulton Fire Department

*I would to wish everyone a safe
and happy holiday season.*

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The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad may add a trip to Canal Fulton. The Stark County Community Improvement Corporation has awarded the City an \$8,600 Economic Development Grant. Another \$8,600 grant application has been submitted to the Ohio & Erie Canalway Association. These grants will help offset the cost to develop a conceptual plan that will enable the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to establish a route to Canal Fulton including the placement of rail sidings, a train station and historic hotel along the O & E Canalway and National Heritage Corridor.

This initial plan will be an important step in revitalizing Canal Fulton's Historic Downtown District. The potential linkage between the Scenic Railroad, Towpath Trail, Scenic Byway, Historic Downtown with hotel, and the St Helena III Canal Boat will provide an opportunity for tourism development unlike anything else in the State of Ohio. Once completed, the Conceptual Plan will help determine the feasibility of the various available properties relative to the plan, as well as to court private investment that will spur economic development opportunities throughout our section of the Canalway.

The City of Canal Fulton will receive an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant for \$165,644 in the form of a zero-interest loan to extend sanitary sewer to homes east of Saints Philip & James Church. We still have a chance to get the OPWC grant to raise High Street above the flood stage and add turning lanes in front of the Northwest Local School Campus. We will know this spring. We have also applied for a Community Development Block Grant to partially fund the raising of High Street.

You may have heard or read about the struggle of the Canal Fulton Heritage Society, the City of Canal Fulton, and the Stark County Park District to keep the St. Helena III canal boat running in the Ohio & Erie Canal. Our dilemma is that the Ohio & Erie Canal from the feeder system in Summit County down to Lock 4 is in serious need of dredging. It has been 40 years since the entire system has been dredged. About 18 years ago, the canal was dredged from Cherry Street in Canal Fulton down to Lock 4.

Last year this continued scraping on the canal bottom seriously damaged the canal boat but the Canal Fulton Heritage Society, through its volunteers, made repairs. This year the canal was

barely passable and the canal boat has sustained significant damage from it constantly scraping the bottom of the canal. The Canal Fulton Heritage Society had to pump the water out continually to keep it afloat. The St Helena III is now in dry dock for storage and repairs and it's likely that boat operations will be limited until the canal is dredged.

Through the efforts of the City of Canal Fulton, the Canal Fulton Heritage Society, and Stark Parks the Ohio & Erie Canalway Association has formed a special task force to get the canal through Canal Fulton dredged. The first priority is to explore various funding mechanisms to fund what could be a \$1.2 million project. The City of Canal Fulton, Stark Parks, and the Stark County Engineer have all offered to help with this project but the dredging itself will need to be bid to an excavating company.

The City of Canal Fulton and Stark Parks have partnered to apply for emergency funding through the OECA and will also apply for assistance from the Stark Community Foundation.

The bottom line is that without the ability to use the canal a piece of Americana and our national heritage will be lost. George Washington was one the individuals who surveyed the Ohio Territory and it was George Washington who recommended the construction of canals to link communities together for commerce. The fact that the canal and towpath are still here stand as a testimony to those forward thinking people who conceived it, a feat of engineering for those who designed it, a monument to those who labored to build it (some to the point of death), and a symbol of a by-gone era to those who have given so much to preserve it.



NORTHWEST STARK SENIOR CENTER

CITY MEETINGS

December

2	10:00 AM	Writer's Group
4	9:30 AM	Census Bureau
9	9:30 AM	Tole Painting
10	9:30 AM	Census Bureau
11	12:00 PM	Birthday Luncheon Bring Covered Dish
16	10:00 AM	Writer's Group
18	9:30 AM	Census Bureau
22		Center Open
24-26		Center Closed
26	1-7:00 PM	Bloodmobile
29		Center Open
31		Center Closed

January

1-4		Center Closed
8	12:00 PM	Birthday Luncheon Bring Covered Dish
13	9:30 AM	Tole Painting
19		Center Closed MLK Day
24	4-6:30 PM	Swiss Steak Dinner, reservations only - Call the center

February

10	9:30 AM	Tole Painting
12	12:00 PM	Birthday Luncheon Bring Covered Dish
16		Center Closed President's Day
20	1-7:00 PM	Bloodmobile
28	4-6:30 PM	Swiss Steak Dinner, reservations only - Call the center

Each Month

Monday - Thursday	9 - 3:00 PM	Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe
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 and upcoming events - 330-854-6307

US CENSUS JOBS AVAILABLE

Please call: 330-489-4401

Testing at the Northwest Senior Center
December 4, 10, 18 at 9:30 AM
Call Center for January/February dates

December

2	7:00 PM	City Council
11	7:00 PM	Parks & Recreation Board
16	7:00 PM	City Council
25-26		Closed -Holiday

January

1		Closed - Holiday
6	7:00 PM	City Council
8	7:00 PM	Parks & Recreation
15	7:00 PM	HPC/Planning Commission
20	7:00 PM	City Council

February

3	7:00 PM	City Council
12	7:00 PM	Parks & Recreation Board
16		Closed - Holiday
17	7:00 PM	City Council
19	7:00 PM	HPC/Planning Commission

March

3	7:00 PM	City Council
12	7:00 PM	Parks & Recreation Board
17	7:00 PM	City Council
19	7:00 PM	HPC/Planning Commissions



ELECTRIC AGGREGATION UPDATE

As of December 31, 2008, Electric Aggregation will be put on hold until State of Ohio regulators restructure electric services. Their goal is to stabilize electric rates and insulate Ohioans from rising electric generation costs. FirstEnergy filed an Electric Security Plan which would provide a below market price for the next few years. This plan has yet to be approved. Questions regarding Canal Fulton's electric aggregation program should be referred to FirstEnergy Solutions at 1-888-254-6981.

CHRISTMAS & WINTER SEASON

HOME SAFETY TIPS

Johnson M. Belford, Zoning Inspector

As winter is setting in here in northern Ohio, home property maintenance along with fire safety should be foremost in your mind. This time of year, furnaces are working overtime along with fireplaces and wood burning stoves. You should consider having your chimney cleaned and inspected. One third of fires happen in the months of December, January and February. Winter fire tragedies are preventable, with good home maintenance.

Live Christmas trees have been brought into homes for more than 500 years. Each year, more than 33 million live Christmas trees are used in households across the United States. Live Christmas trees have an attractiveness, fragrance, and tradition that cannot be matched with artificial substitutes.

CARING FOR THE TREE IN YOUR HOME

If you do not plan on putting the tree up right away, cut one inch off the base, put the tree in a bucket of water and stand in a cool place.

When you bring the tree indoors, cut ½" to 1" off the base of the trunk and place in a tree stand that holds at least one gallon of water.

Do not place the tree near a fireplace, heater vent or other heat source.

Always keep the tree well supplied with water. Check the water level each day. Trees may use several quarts of water a day.

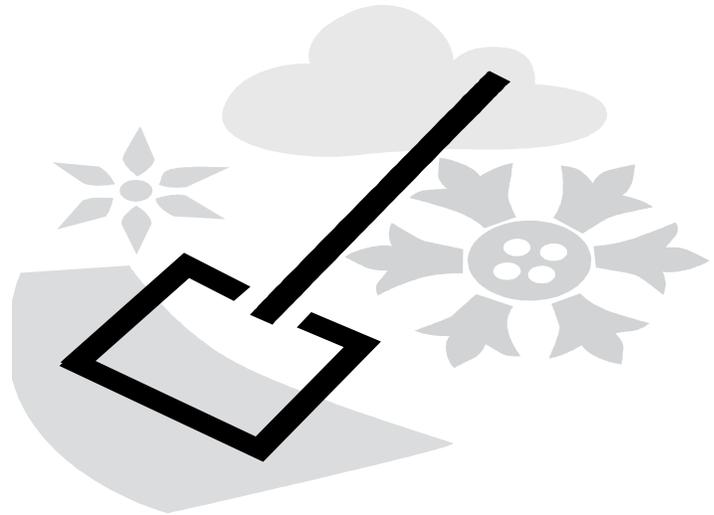
Never let the water level fall below the base of the tree. If this occurs, the cut end of the tree can seal over, preventing further water intake. If this occurs the tree needs to be taken down and a fresh cut made to allow water intake.

Again, just a reminder, the owner and or occupant of a building is responsible for snow and ice removal. Be considerate of your neighbor and those who use the sidewalks in front of your homes and businesses.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the Canal Fulton Zoning Department. Our office hours are Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. and on Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. The phone number is (330) 854-0590.

On behalf of the Canal Fulton Zoning Department,

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



STREET DEPARTMENT, Mark Petersen

Thank you to resident, Mrs. Nitta Hammer

She donated the tree that is now the City Christmas Tree in the plaza on Canal and Market St.

Christmas Tree Disposal

The City of Canal Fulton operates a yard waste container for the convenience of our residents. Residents who would like to dispose of **Christmas trees or yard waste** can take them to the Canal Fulton Street Department located at 950 Water Street. The container is located beside the maintenance building. Christmas trees or yard waste may be dropped off Monday through Sunday during daylight hours only. Proper management of yard waste will reduce storm water pollution. Please remember to remove all ornaments, tree stands and plastic bags.

With winter upon us, please secure your mailboxes as snow removal operations have begun. Mailboxes and posts in disrepair are more easily damaged or destroyed by routine snow removal. Also, please place garbage cans in driveways, not on the street. Property owners with snow blowers are cautioned not to discharge snow into the street because it removes the salt the street crew puts down on the street.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Canal Fulton Parks & Recreation



Downtown Christmas on the Canal with Santa

Tell Santa what you want for Christmas and get a photo to give to Grandma. And make a free holiday craft.

Day/Dates: Saturdays, November 29th, December 6th and 20th
Times: 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM (later Santa can be spotted in shops)
Location: The Warehouse on the Canal, 239 N. Canal St.
Cost: Visits free, photos \$5 (StudioRhodes Photography)

Enjoy caroling and cocoa, each Saturday as you support our local businesses for your holiday shopping.

Electric Light Parade (Canal St.) December 6th, 6 PM *Applications at the library*

Tree-lighting (Market and Canal St.) December 6th, 6:45 PM

Movies in the Canalway Center



Come join us for a cool movie, a warm atmosphere and hot popcorn. Bring a pillow or a seat cushion and see a movie on the big screen at the Canalway Center. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Limited Seating. (Movies donated by Movie Gallery).

Sweetheart Dance



We invite preschool & elementary age girls & their favorite Big Guy for a night of music and fun! Enjoy dancing & group games with a live Disc Jockey, Take home a professional 4x6 keepsake photograph.

Day/Time: Friday, February 6th 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: Northwest Senior Center, 853 Locust St., Canal Fulton
Ages: Preschool and Elementary age girls and favorite Big Guy
Cost: \$12 / couple (\$5 each additional girl)

Limited Tickets Available, Pre-registration required

No tickets will be available at the door. Purchase tickets at Canal Fulton City Hall, 155 E. Market St. Mon-Fri., 9 am - 4 pm (until sold out)

Horton Hears a Who! (G)

Day/Date: Sunday, January 11th
Time: 3:00 pm (doors open 2:45 pm)
Ages: All ages
Cost: No fee

Star Wars: Clone Wars (PG)

Day/Date: Sunday, March 1st
Time: 3:00 pm (doors open 2:45 pm)
Ages: Older children & adults
Cost: No fee

Nonperishable food donations will be accepted for local food bank at both shows

Look for these Upcoming Spring Programs:



Community Egg Hunt (Sponsored by True Life Church)

Saturday, April 11th, St. Helena Heritage Park

Little Kickers Pre-school Instructional Soccer Saturday mornings, late April

Parks and Recreation News

Parks and Recreation Board Meetings
 Second Thursday of each month, City Hall 7:00 PM - Public Welcome

- New signs in City Parks
- Dog Park - improved turf condition this year due to changes in last year's maintenance program. Small area fencing added to protect worn area. Park turf will be evaluated during the winter for possible seasonal closing

St. Helena Heritage Park (formerly Community Park)

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



Two Trails for Hiking, Biking & Cross-Country Skiing

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.

Canal Fulton Canalway Center Visitor & Information Center

Closed for the Season. Rentals: 330-854-6835

Reopens in April, Saturdays and Sundays 10 am - 4pm

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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