



# City of Canal Fulton

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Mayor John Grogan

On March 7, 2000, the citizens of this community elected a Charter Commission which set out to develop the language for a “home rule” form of government. The fourteen men and women that comprise this commission came from a very strong and diverse cross section of this community. They were charged with the arduous duties that are now outlined in the Preamble of the Charter which states “In order that we may have the benefits of municipal home rule and exercise all of the powers of local self-government conferred under the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Ohio...” This simple sentence was no simple task and took many meetings and conversations to develop. But before the November 7, 2000 election, this group of dedicated volunteers completed this 31 page document and presented it to the City to be voted upon. This charter has, for the last ten years helped govern our actions and give structure to our intentions, it has been an invaluable tool for all elected officials.

I would like to thank those members who poured so much time into its development. *Scott E. Fellmeth, Chairman, Shawn F. Kenny, Mayor and Vice Chairman, Nellie A. Cihon, Councilwomen, Fred E. Ethridge, John H. Workman, Donald P. Swigart, Steven C. Jones, Mark G Stephen, Donald G. Hare, Donald E. Schwendiman, Barbara A. Hume, Phillip W. Downey, Melvin R. Hawk and Daniel P. Mayberry.*

Now the time has come for us to look towards the future and seek fourteen people that will be appointed by council to begin the process of reviewing our city's charter, to ensure that we are prepared for the next ten years. I am seeking volunteers to be a part of this commission and ask that you send letters of interest to my office, no later than **December 14**, so that I may present them to council for consideration. This group will be called “The Charter Review Commission” and be charged to update language as needed, make changes or remove unnecessary items within the charter. As important as the first group, you will be breathing new life into the future of this document.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry, safe and happy holiday season, from my family and all employees of Canal Fulton, Happy Holidays and remember BUY LOCALLY, shop Canal Fulton.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT—DOUGLAS SWARTZ, LIEUTENANT

The mission of the Canal Fulton Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in our community by working cooperatively within the framework of the U.S. Constitution to enforce the laws, preserve the peace, reduce fear, and provide for a safe environment for all our citizens.

Your police department takes this mission seriously. One way to achieve the above statement is to solve a high percentage of crimes, thereby increasing the fear of being caught in the criminal society. Canal Fulton officers consistently have a significant higher solvability rate than the national averages according to FBI statistics. Some notable investigations resulting in an arrest last month were the attempted Robbery in the downtown park where a stolen firearm was recovered, a drug investigation resulting in felony trafficking in narcotic charges, and the hold up at gun point at the Heritage Square Pharmacy. Officers investigating the Heritage Square incident were able to also solve two other pharmacy robberies the suspect committed.

Crimes are often solved by the help of citizens who have information. You can always contact us anonymously if you have any information about a crime at (330)854-2926.

**CITY MANAGER—MARK COZY**



Vision Statement As Adopted by the Community Plan Committee  
for the City of Canal Fulton

*“To ensure a quality of life that preserves our unique canal heritage, personal and environmental character, while promoting business and intergenerational growth, and a secure sense of community.”*

At the beginning of the year, eleven residents and business owners of the Canal Fulton area were appointed by City Council to form the Canal Fulton Community Plan Citizens’ Committee. These eleven people met monthly with planners from the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to create a Community Plan.

In a nutshell, the purpose of the plan is to determine where we are, where we should be going, and how do we get there as a city. Demographics such as the population of various age groups and housing, transportation and infrastructure, zoning and land use, and community and economic resources were identified.

This was followed by a visioning process which included a public forum for citizen input towards our community’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Other communities were researched. Options for community, economic, and residential development were evaluated along with infrastructure, zoning, and land use planning.

The Committee then began forming goals, objectives, and strategies in terms of economic development, community livability, housing, and transportation and infrastructure. Again, a public review meeting was set up to get additional citizen input for more information. The Stark County Regional Planning Commission then put it all together in ninety page document that has been submitted to City Council and is also accessible on the City website.

The eleven person Canal Fulton Community Plan Citizens’ Committee should be commended for their efforts:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| John Workman – Chairman | Ron Fallert         |
| Karl Blanding           | Brian Graham        |
| Sean Craney             | V. Margaret Loretto |
| Victor Colaianni        | C.J. Pepe           |
| Dennis Downing          | Rochelle Rossi      |
|                         | William Stetler     |

**ZONING—JOHNSON BELFORD**

The City has an Exterior Maintenance Code to provide that buildings are safe, sanitary, do not constitute a blighting influence on the community; to fix responsibilities for owners and occupants of structures that need maintenance; and to provide for the adoption of rules; and to fix responsibilities for owners and occupants of structures that need maintenance; and to provide for the adoption of rules, and to fix penalties for violations.

No owner or operator shall occupy, rent or lease, or offer rental or lease, any structure or any parts 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, including all yard areas, walks, driveway, 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.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT—CHIEF RAY GREEN



Benjamin Franklin is often referred to as the father of the American Fire Service. His famous saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," was actually fire-fighting advice. In 2008 there were 20,236 structure fires in the state of

Ohio. These fires resulted in 987 injuries to civilians and 734 injuries to firefighters. 160 civilians and two firefighters died as a result of these fires. Monetary damages were estimated at \$306,050,385. So far this year in Canal Fulton, we have had one significant structure fire that resulted in thousands of dollars in damage and injured one firefighter when he slipped on ice.

The mission of the Canal Fulton Fire Department is to save lives and protect property. It has been proven that the best way for a fire department to protect the lives of its citizens and their property is through an active fire prevention program, using public education programs, in addition to fire and life safety inspections to ensure compliance with the Ohio Fire Code. The Ohio Fire Code contains the minimum requirements for fire and life safety as set forth by the Ohio Fire Marshall. It is what is called a maintenance code, which means it can only be enforced once a commercial or public building has been approved to be occupied by the local Building Department having jurisdiction in the community. In the case of Canal Fulton, that agency is the Stark County Building Department. The Ohio Fire Code does not apply to residential structures.

During an inspection, the fire inspector is looking for common fire hazards such as extension cords, overloaded electrical outlets, and combustible materials located or stored too close to an ignition source, as well as life safety items such as exit signs and unobstructed exits. The inspector must also ensure that any fixed fire detection and suppression systems in the building are functioning properly. This is all done to ensure that the building is safe for those that work in the building and the general public. Firefighter safety also comes into play during these inspections. In the event of a fire and the firefighters need to rapidly exit the building they also must be able to exit quickly.

Many look at fire prevention and life safety inspections as an inconvenience and a nuisance. If you ever have the misfortune to have a fire in your home or business, you will learn that Mr. Franklin

was right. As I stated before, the mission of the Canal Fulton Fire Department is to save lives and protect property. We would rather do that through education and prevention efforts versus risking the lives of firefighters by having to deploy them into a hostile fire environment to perform search and rescue and fire extinguishment operations.

On behalf of the members of the Canal Fulton Fire Department I would like to wish you all a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. If you have any questions regarding fire safety in your home or business please do not hesitate to contact us.

The advertisement features two images at the top: on the left, a close-up of the clear plastic dental device; on the right, a man and a woman sleeping peacefully in bed. Below the images, the text reads: **SILENT NITE** devices do not interfere with breathing through the mouth. Even in cases of congested nasal passages, the device prevents snoring and allows uninhibited oral breathing. A list of features includes: Soft Inner Layer Rests Comfortably on the Teeth and Gums, and Hard Outer Shell is Durable and Resists Breakage. A photograph of the device is shown next to the text. At the bottom, the contact information for Leonard D. Modugno, D.D.S., is provided: 987C East Cherry St.-Canal Fulton, 330-854-4897.

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## INCOME TAX—KAREN HILTBRAND



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Income Tax Department!

Income tax season is just right around the corner. Tax returns will be mailed out around the middle of January, 2010. Please be sure to attach all documentation, such as W-2's, Schedules C and E, and 2106 expense forms, if applicable. The estimated payments shown on your tax return may not be the total amount paid, due to the fact that your payment may have been made after the files were sent to the printer.

### SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR

On the Income Tax page of the City's website, you will now be able to calculate your tax return. A PDF of the return will be available wherein you will be able to complete your income tax return. Credits for taxes paid to another City will be calculated for you. This is **NOT** an e-file. You will still have to print the form and attach your W-2's, 1099's, and Federal Schedules and sign and mail your income tax return to the income tax department.

We will continue to offer the service of completing your Canal Fulton tax returns for you during normal business hours, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., at no cost to you. Appointments are not necessary, just come in and we will be more than happy to assist you. It is important that you bring your W-2's and Federal Schedules C and E, if applicable. If you have 2106 expenses, you must provide a copy of your Federal 1040, Schedule A and the 2106 expense form.



Most importantly taxes are due **APRIL 15, 2010**. If you file an Extension with Internal Revenue, you must send the City a copy of the **extension** by **April 15, 2010**.

## STREET DEPARTMENT—MARK PETERSEN

### Snow Ban

With winter approaching, the following regulations for parking during a snow emergency will be enforced.

Whenever, during any period of twenty-four hours or less, snow falls in the City or in a section or sections thereof to a depth of two inches or more, an emergency is declared to exist and shall continue until an announcement by the City Manager that snow plowing operations have been completed.

During the emergency, no person shall park, or cause to be parked or permit to be parked or permit to remain parked, or to abandon or to leave unattended, any vehicle of any kind or description upon such specified streets; provided, however, that vehicles may be parked for a period of not longer than three minutes for actual loading or unloading of passengers or thirty minutes for actual loading or unloading of property, provided, further, that no other ordinance restricting parking as to place or time is violated thereby.

Any motor vehicle parked in violation of this prohibition may be impounded by the City at the cost and expense of the owner.

For information on if a snow emergency is in place, listen to WAKR, WONE, WXXM, WHBC or WKDD, as well as check the city website at [www.cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov](http://www.cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov)

### Christmas Tree Disposal

You may dispose of your Christmas trees at the City Street Garage, located at 950 Water Street, beginning December 28 through January 8. Please remove all decorations from the tree.

## **CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS**

### **December**

1	Council	7:00 PM
10	Park Board	7:00 PM
15	Council	7:00 PM
17	HPC/Planning	7:30 PM
24,25	Closed for Holiday	

### **January**

1	Closed for Holiday	
5	Council	7:00 PM
14	Park Board	7:00 PM
19	Council	7:00 PM
21	HPC/Planning	7:30 PM

### **February**

2	Council	7:00 PM
11	Park Board	7:00 PM
16	Council	7:00 PM
18	HPC/Planning	7:30 PM

### **March**

2	Council	7:00 PM
11	Park Board	7:00 PM
16	Council	7:00 PM
18	HPC/Planning	7:30 PM

## **Canal Fulton Chamber of Commerce**

### **Canal Fulton of Commerce/Olde Canal Days Festival Annual Christmas Party**

December 3 5:00 PM—7:00 PM  
Northwest Stark Senior Center

### **Chamber Monthly Luncheons**

V-Li's Thai Cuisine 12:00 Noon

January 28  
February 25  
March 25

### **Olde Canal Days Committee Meetings**

City Hall, Council Chambers 7:00 PM

January 28  
February 25  
March 25

## **NORTHWEST STARK SENIOR CENTER**

### **December**

5 Swiss Steak Dinner 4-6:30PM  
Reservations Required

23-25 Center Closed for the Holiday

30-1/1 Center Closed for the Holiday

From the Members and Staff, we wish everyone a  
Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year

**Call the Center at 330-854-6307 for information  
on activities.**



## **New 2 Me**

**Resale/Thrift Shopping Never  
Looked So Good!**

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**20% Discount to All Northwest Students,  
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**Tue.—Sat. 10 to 6**

**Thu. 10 to 8**

Warehouse on the Canal  
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Canal Fulton, OH 44614  
Phone: (330) 854-1111

**www.new2metoday.com  
new2metoday@hotmail.com**



**Stormwater Pollution Solutions**

What is stormwater runoff?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

Commercial

Dirt, oil, and debris that collect in parking lots and paved areas can be washed into the storm sewer system and eventually enter local waterbodies.

- Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots, especially around storm drains.
- Cover grease storage and dumpsters and keep them clean to avoid leaks.



Auto Care

Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm sewer system. Dumping automotive fluids into storm drains has the same result as dumping the materials directly into a waterbody.

- Use commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations

**"SALT BOX KITCHEN"**  
St. John Lutheran Church Soup Kitchen  
**Serving Free Meals**



To those in need  
**Open to Public**  
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408 Market Street West, Canal Fulton, Ohio

Last Sunday of each month  
4:00-6:00 p.m.  
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# Canal Fulton Parks & Recreation



## Downtown Christmas on the Canal with Santa

Bring your child to meet Santa in downtown Canal Fulton

**Day/Dates:** Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6, 2009  
**Times:** Saturday, 12 noon - 2 PM and 3 PM - 5 PM and Sunday, 12 noon - 2 PM  
**Location:** The VFW Hall, 257 N. Canal St.  
**Cost:** Visits free, photos \$5 (StudioRhodes Photography)

*Other holiday activities are planned for Dec. 5th & 6th - see the library or city website for details*

**Santa's Electric Light Parade** (Canal St.) December 5th, 6 PM, Applications at the library or call 330-854-5530

**Tree-lighting** (Market and Canal St. Plaza) December 5th, immediately after the parade

**Do your Holiday Shopping Downtown** - For every \$10 spent shopping or eating at participating businesses in downtown Canal Fulton November 27 to December 24, your name can be entered in a drawing to win a **\$500 Gas Card from BellStores!**

## Daddy-Daughter 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 5, 2010, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
**Location:** Chapel Hill Retirement Community Lobby, 12200 Strausser St. NW, Canal Fulton  
**Ages:** Preschool and Elementary age girls and favorite Big Guy  
**Cost:** \$15 / couple (\$5 each additional girl)

**Limited Tickets Available, Pre-registration required** No tickets will be available at the door.

After January 4th, purchase tickets at Canal Fulton City Hall, 155 E. Market St. Mon-Fri., 9 am - 4 pm (until sold out)  
 For more information call the Canalway Center: 330-854-6835



## Look for these Upcoming Spring Programs:

**Community Egg Hunt** Saturday, April 3, St. Helena Heritage Park

(Sponsored by True Life Church & The City of Canal Fulton)

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



## Parks and Recreation Board

Board Meetings, 2nd Thursday of each month, City Hall 7:00 PM  
 Public Welcome

### Board Officers and Members:

Fred Fleming, Chairman  
 Barb Allman, Secretary  
 Donnie Polling, Member  
 Mary Ann Hupp, Vice Chair  
 Ed Fousek, Member



## 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

## 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 & 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 - 4 PM

## Discovery Park



At Beverly Ave. and Ericsson Dr.  
 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



## Olde School Yard Park

Corner of Market & Locust St.  
 Basketball Court & Playground



Parks & Recreation information: 330-854-6835 or [www.cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov/Departments/Parks.aspx](http://www.cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov/Departments/Parks.aspx)

## CITY DIRECTORY

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John Grogan Ext. 1115

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Superintendent

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