

To the citizens of the City of Canal Fulton, for almost eight years, two terms of office, in one of the most rewarding communities and through some of the most difficult economic downturns this City, State and Nation has faced, since the last great depression, I thank you!

We, as a City have endured rough waters and the calm that comes shortly afterward, although we are not free of the troubled path ahead, we can be proud of the great resolve in planning, preparing and conserving that our elected leaders and others have made over the years. They had to make difficult choices on behalf of the City that supports them. I appreciate their efforts to keep this City well balanced. No decision is easy and no vote goes un-answered, yet these professionals stand in lead to make this community a better place to live.

During the last national census it was reported that Canal Fulton had the highest population growth rate of all the Cities in Stark County. The Beacon Journal a few years before that reported that Canal Fulton was only one of four cities in north east Ohio that showed consistent financial stability throughout the National recession. This was not by accident and many hours of long detailed work was dedicated to moving this City into the future. Millions of dollars in grant monies have been secured in the advancement of the many projects you see around town. Dollars that other communities would have secured if not for the effort of some very talented people like our City Manager and former Finance Director.

So when you stand in the polling booths in November, ask yourself this very simple question, "Which candidates will work to move my community forward?" and "Which candidates have worked against the city in the past and will continue to do so if given the chance again?" or "Which candidate would advance a small group over the many?" I know that you won't be fooled by small town petty politics; you're savvier than that.

As for me, it's time to move on and maybe seek higher office, possibly, something on a county level. But no matter what my family and I decide, the last eight years being a public servant to this City was by far, the most rewarding experience we have had the opportunity to enjoy.