



The Canton Connection

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CANTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

President's Message

Summer is here! And while CCA Public meetings won't return again until late September (our special guest on September 27th will be Baltimore City Council President Sheila Dixon) we will be very busy during the hot summer months.

Work will begin soon on Two Rivers Park, our green space pocket park project for 2005 located between the 900 blocks of S. Curley and S. Potomac Streets. CCA Block Rep Captain and Friends of Two Rivers Park (F2RP) President Randy Capone is working on the final details of the memorandum of understanding with the City and once that is completed site preparation will begin. Thanks to Anne Norton, Secretary of the F2RP, the group's application to the Baltimore Community Foundation was fully funded to the sum of \$10,000! While additional fundraising will continue, this grant is very welcome news.

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) has collaborated with the Baltimore City Department of Planning on our document, "Guidelines for Neighborhood Additions," the goal of which is to set out parameters for desirable row home additions that better reflect the character of the neighborhood. The next step is to continue the dialog with the Department of Planning to bring about consistent enforcement guidelines to neighborhood additions. Poor row home additions and bad architecture are concerns that we all have to live with – for generations.

The Parking and Transportation Committee has been participating in the Red Line meetings, the Volpe Study, and the Greater Baltimore Bus Initiative. George Hofferbert, Darryl Jurkiewicz, and Denise Aversa have attended numerous meetings, met with our state and local officials, and have pro-actively offered constructive input on how best Canton can be served by public transportation. Both Laurie Feinberg from the Department of Planning and Delegate Pete Hammen have seen fit to congratulate the CCA on being one of the most progressive groups working on parking and transportation issues in the City.

The Canton Dog Park Committee has been renamed the Friends of the Canton Dog Park. The Friends continue to be a vital part of the CCA and their new leader, Cathi Webster, has brought about a renewed spirit to the group, which recently celebrated its third anniversary. The Canton Dog Park remains the only officially recognized dog park in the City, although the Friends have been actively involved with other neighborhood groups who are working to create dog parks in other areas of the City.

Stephen Strohl
President
CCA

The CCA Needs Your Help!

The CCA Board is looking for a highly motivated individual to serve as our Membership Chair – someone like you. The Membership Chair is responsible for accepting membership applications from prospective CCA members, as well as renewing memberships for our current members. Please e-mail info@cantoncommunity.org if you or anyone you know would be interested in volunteering.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CCA Public Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month 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 for more information:

<http://www.cantoncommunity.org/cca/meetingschedule/meetingschedule.html>

Canton Dog Park Cleanup

Saturday August 6, 10am - 12pm
Corner of Clinton and Toone Streets

Canton Art & Antique Market

Sunday August 21, 10am - 4pm
The Can Company

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Sunday September 18, 10am - 4pm
The Can Company

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CCA PUBLIC MEETING RECAPS

April

Greening the Neighborhood with the Canton Garden Association

The meeting began with a review of upcoming community events, including a meeting to discuss recent St. Patrick's Day activities on O'Donnell Square, the Earth Day Block Party, the Friends of the Canton Library Book Sale, Friends of the Canton Dog Park Barbecue, Friends of Two Rivers Park's "From Water to Wine" fundraiser, and the Meet & Eat in June.

The Transplant Resource Center of Maryland (<http://www.mdtransplant.org>) is seeking organ and tissue donations. There is an urgent need for transplants in hospitals throughout the state.

Mathew Azrael and Kimberly Flood of Canton Peaks Townhouses, located on Fleet between Highland and Conkling, presented their proposed building with a maximum height of 53 feet, currently zoned B-2-3. A motion to support the plans as presented was made, seconded, and passed.

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation on "Greening Canton" by the Canton Garden Association (CGA). The presenters reviewed the CGA's many projects, including Two Rivers Park, the Canton Library's garden, the Canton Dog Park, and the Street Tree Program. Upcoming gardening events, including a children's trip to the Ladue Topiary Gardens, were previewed. Mayor Martin O'Malley has cited the GCA for its good works.

The Audubon Society of Maryland and DC, located on Eastern across from Patterson Park, was the featured business. Jenny Kirkbride explained that the Society works to protect the environment, particularly bird habitats. Audubon visits local schools to educate children about the environment. For more information, call (410) 558-2473.

Thanks to Pizza & Wing Factory, 2911 O'Donnell Street, for providing the food for the meeting.

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Political Forum with MD Delegation

The Board reviewed upcoming events including the first fundraiser for the Friends of Two Rivers Park and the third anniversary of the Canton Dog Park. The next CAAM was also previewed. The CCA's finances were then presented:

- Dog Park Account: \$2,140
- General Fund: \$12,649
- Special Projects (Two Rivers Park): \$5,650

Stanley Fine and Vivian Clarke of Claddagh's Pub presented a proposal for three 28-inch, two-person tables on the O'Donnell Street sidewalk in front of the restaurant. As the presentation to the Board differed from the presentation made to the City, a discussion ensued followed by a proposal to support table service if attached to the wall. The amended proposal as presented was voted down.

The highlight of the evening was an opportunity to meet the community's elected representatives – Senator George Della, Delegates Brian McHale and Peter Hammen, and Councilman James Kraft. Each spoke briefly about issues that affect the residents of Canton, after which they answered audience questions.

Getaway Sailing, 2700 Lighthouse Point, Suite 905, was the evening's featured business. Getaway Sailing has a large fleet and offers instruction for all ages. Social sailing events are held every Friday evening from 5:30 until dusk. They partner with Destination Bright Future, a nonprofit organization that teaches low-income kids to sail. For more information, visit www.getaway-sailing.com or call (410) 342-3110.



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Dog Owners: Remember to Take It Home!

Canton is known, rightfully, as a community that loves pets. Most pet owners are responsible and obey the city ordinances regarding leashing pets and cleaning up after them. But we all need to remember that courtesy to your neighbors doesn't end there.

The Canton Connection has been made aware of a spate of pet-related littering in Canton. And pet owners – and their furry friends – risk getting a bad rep because of it. We've received reports of people leaving plastic bags of waste on sidewalks and streets for others to deal with. Some people drop their doggie waste in their neighbor's trash cans rather than doing the responsible thing and taking it home with them. Others allow their pets to "irrigate" and "fertilize" the sidewalk trees of their neighbors – many of whom may not appreciate the "favor."

Canton is a great neighborhood to live, play, and work in because of the civic pride, mutual respect, and thoughtfulness of its residents. Every random act of thoughtless behavior in the public commons, whether out of laziness or a misplaced sense of personal convenience, has a negative impact on the quality of life for all of us. All of us pet owners need to keep that in mind the next time we go for a romp through our beautiful community.



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Canton Dog Park Update

by Jodi M. Jacobson, Co-Chair, Canton Dog Park Fundraising Sub-Committee
The 3rd Annual Canton Dog Park Cookout was held on Saturday, June 11, 2005. The weather was great and the turnout was even better. Outback Steakhouse - Canton, at the Can Company, donated lunch. Attendees dined on delicious burgers, chicken sandwiches, and Caesar salad. Items donated by businesses from Canton, Fells Point, and other neighborhoods were raffled to neighbors and dog owners; as a result, we raised \$2,400 for the park. Some of the fabulous prizes donated this year included Black and Decker power tools, gift certificates to local restaurants, novelty items for people and dogs from local boutiques, tickets to wine tastings, and baskets of goodies from Whole Foods.

All proceeds will go directly to park upkeep and improvements. Some of our planned improvements for the year include fixing the fence, completing the drainage, renovating the small dog park, and beautifying the park with new benches, trees, and planters.

We are grateful to the Maryland SPCA (www.mdspca.org) and the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter, Inc. (BARCS; www.baltimoreanimalshelter.org) for attending. The Canton Dog Park truly values the ongoing support from these and other local organizations.

We also had a chance to showcase our new line of merchandise. Caps, T-shirts, and sweatshirts with the Canton Dog Park logo are available for sale on our website (<http://www.dogpark.cantoncommunity.org>) or at any of the CCA meetings.

If you were unable to attend the cookout, don't despair! We're planning other fundraisers. For example, we are

currently collecting electronic pictures of dogs enjoying the park and other outdoor areas for inclusion in our 2006 Dogs of Canton Calendar. To submit a picture of your dog, please email an electronic picture to: cdpcalendar2006@yahoo.com. We also accept check donations for any amount, made out to "CCA - Canton Dog Park" and mailed to:

CCA Dog Park
P.O. Box 25700
Baltimore, MD 21224

Thank you again to our business sponsors, Canton Dog Park volunteers, and responsible dog owners and friends who donated to this event. Thanks also to all of our 2005 Cookout Sponsors for their generous donations:

- 2910 on the Square
- Anna Cleaners
- Austin Grill
- Bay Dog
- Bella Salon
- Birches
- Black and Decker
- Buddy's Elliott Street Grill
- Chesapeake Wine Company
- Doggie Depot
- Dudley and Max
- Fast Dogs and Custom Collars
- Geckos
- JD's Smokehouse
- Merritt Athletic Club
- Midtown Yacht Club
- Mike McGovern's Irish Pub
- Outback Steakhouse - Canton
- Red Fish
- Rick's Café Americain
- Taco Fiesta
- Shucker's
- Spy Club
- Whole Foods
- Yuppy Puppy

Looking for ways to get involved with the park? We're seeking volunteers! Contact anyone on the Dog Park Committee for more information.

Highlandtown Arts and Entertainment District Gets a Website

The Southeast Community Development Corporation announced recently that it has launched a new website for the Highlandtown Arts and Entertainment District, the largest district of its kind in Maryland. The site offers access to information on financial incentives and pending legislation, a calendar of arts events, and other resident resources.

"We are proud to have launched what we believe to be a first-rate site, which sports a rather terrific logo," says Marco F. Cocito-Monoc, the President and CEO of Southwest CDC. The Southeast CDC is the coordinator of the Highlandtown Arts and Entertainment District.

"The purpose of this undertaking is both to establish a public (albeit evolving) identity and to make this designation into a tool for real economic development," says Cocito-Monoc. For more information, visit: www.highlandtownarts.com.

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Two Rivers Park Update

by Randy Capone, Chair, The Friends of Two Rivers Park

The first fundraiser for the Friends of Two Rivers Park, held at the Chesapeake Wine Factory, was a whopping social, financial, and political success. An estimated 75 people attended, contributing a total of \$3,660. This figure dwarfs our original goal, and now represents the largest contribution from any single source! Many of our Canton neighbors and their friends attended, as well as Councilman Jim Kraft, Senator George Della, and Delegates Peter Hammen and Brian McHale. Many thanks for these individuals for their continued support!

The silent auction was a big success, and 7 other items were raffled away. Thanks to all the businesses/individuals who contributed these items, and special thanks also to Mitchell Pressman, owner of the Chesapeake Wine Company for hosting our event and donating all the fabulous wine we could drink!

Everyone had a great time and wants to know when the next event is. Fortunately, we have a few months before Fall and our next fundraising effort, a Canton Pub Crawl. Between now and then, we are concentrating on:

- The partnership agreement with the City
- Grant applications
- BGE wire relocation
- Groundbreaking plans

In other news, our application to the Baltimore Community Foundation was fully funded for \$10,000! Special thanks to Anne Norton, Secretary of the Friends of Two Rivers Park for preparing the application. Although final estimates for Park construction have not yet been received, this grant puts us well on the way to our goal.

Victoria Stewart has been appointed the Two Rivers Park neighborhood campaign coordinator. She will coordinate the canvassing of homes around the Park to let them know about the park and to seek volunteers and contributions.

Another billboard on the South Curley side of the Park is in the works, as is a "fundraiser barometer" to be placed next to the South Potomac billboard.



Contributions to Two Rivers Park are fully tax-deductible. Make checks out to "Canton Community Association / Two Rivers Park" and mail them to:
Friends of Two Rivers Park
PO Box 5125
Baltimore, MD 21224

The Friends of Two Rivers Park would like to give special thanks to Mitchell Pressman, owner the Chesapeake Wine Company for hosting our fundraiser and for providing all of the fabulous wine we could drink.



There was plenty of wine, women (and men), and song at the Chesapeake Wine Company's fundraiser for Two Rivers Park.

Sixth Annual Meet & Eat a Rousing Success

by Dominic Nicolini, CCA Vice President

The Canton Community Association held its 6th annual Meet & Eat on Tuesday, June 28 at the Church on 1000 S. Ellwood Avenue. Over 100 guests battled the humidity and the impending threat of rain to enjoy some great cuisine from Canton restaurants while getting a chance to meet their neighbors. Our thanks to the Canton businesses that generously donated food and door prizes for the event. The CCA was honored to welcome Delegates Carolyn Krysiak – one of our newest members – and Pete Hammen, and Billy Hwang from Councilman Jim Kraft's office. Thanks to all who attended, and special thanks to all the volunteers who made this event possible, in particular organizers Matt Hoffman and Carol Creed. We could not have done this without all of your help!

Congratulations to our door prize winners:

- Free Yoga Lesson from Linda Howard: Jeff Vitalkites, Dave Wollner, Jackie Griffith, Mike Smertycha, and Terry Heffner.
- Assorted gifts from "2910 on the Square": Leigh Ratiner, Heather Smertycha, Jim Potter, Catheryne Smertycha, Ross Parker, and Sue Wollner.
- North Pole Ice Cream Co. gift certificates: Marisa Capone, Cathi Webster, and Mary Jo Lazun
- City Pet Center gift certificates: David Keller and Mary Jurkewicz
- Whole Foods gift certificate: Leigh Ratiner
- Doggie Depot gift certificate: Jodi Jacobsen
- Details Unlimited gift certificate: Rick Hoy
- About Chi Acupuncture & Wellness gift certificate: Dhruv Maniktala

Thanks again to all of the following Canton restaurants and businesses who contributed to this event.

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| • Inn at 2920 | • Yoga with Linda Howard |
| • North Pole Ice Cream | • Detail's Unlimited |
| • Gecko's | • North Pole Ice Cream |
| • Dangerously Delicious Pies | • Whole Foods |
| • Sushi San/Thai Jae Dee | |

The Canton Art & Antique Market: Fun in the Sun!

by Jeff Rocen, CAAM Liaison

The Canton Community Association and The Can Company have successfully joined forces to host the Canton Art & Antique Market. In only its second year, CAAM, which takes place the third Sunday of each month from May to November, showcases more than 20 vendors and serves 200-300 customers a month. Each event features quality work by some of today's most talented local artisans, including award-winning items featured in key Baltimore publications.

You'll find an excellent mix of handcrafted jewelry, paintings and drawings of notable Baltimore icons as well as still-lives and portraits, incredible antiques, photography and much, much more.

Dates: August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20

Time: 10am-4pm

Where: Parking lot of The Can Company, 2400 Boston St.

For more information on CAAM, visit www.cantoncommunity.org

A Cookbook History of a Neighborhood and its Library

by Mary Jo Lazun, Friends of the Canton Library

Twenty years ago, over one thousand copies of "Canton Cooks" were printed and sold to celebrate the library's centennial in 1986. Since very few of the original cookbooks are still in existence, the Friends of the Canton Library recently decided to reprint the cookbook as a great way to introduce Canton's newest generation to a local treasure.

The cookbook has something for everyone. Lovers of local and vintage cookbooks will find recipes for Monkey Cake, Hot Milk Cake, Sno-Ball Cake, Wacky Cake, Busy Day Cake, and 7-Up Cake. Celebrity hunters will find recipes from Donald Schaefer, Barbara Mikulski, and Ottolie McJilton, the 1954 Canton Playground Festival Queen.

History lovers will discover bite-sized stories about the Canton community and its library. One recipe, for example, is accompanied by a story about an enterprising daughter who absconded with a supposedly bad batch of cookies discarded by her mother, entered them into the Christmas Cookie Contest, and won a prize!

What makes the cookbook distinctive is its artistic touch. Each section begins with one of nine specially commissioned drawings of neighborhood and Baltimore landmarks by local artist Carey Winters. These detailed pen and ink drawings add charm as well as texture to the cookbook.

Cookbooks are available at the Canton Library, 2910 on the Square, and at the CCA web site. The cost is \$12. All proceeds go directly to the Friends of the Canton Library to help fund programs at our local library.

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Don't Forget to Renew Your CCA Membership!

by Dominic Nicolini, CCA Vice President and Membership Chair

In addition to being a night to enjoy food and meet your neighbors, the June Meet & Eat was also the time to renew your CCA membership. In the past, the membership cycle followed the calendar year. Beginning this year, the CCA membership cycle will now run from June to June. So, if you have paid for membership at any time in 2005, don't worry, you're paid up. However, if you have not yet renewed your membership this year, you need to do so either by mail or at a CCA meeting.

Membership benefits include the opportunity to vote at public meetings, a subscription to the quarterly *Canton Connection* newsletter, and discounts at participating businesses when you show your CCA membership card.

Business memberships are also available. CCA business members are listed on our website and are offered the chance to advertise in the *Canton Connection*. If you would like to learn more about becoming a CCA business member, please send an e-mail to info@cantoncommunity.org.

Membership rates are as follows:

Individual: One Year - \$7

Two Years - \$10

Household: One Year - \$10

Two Years - \$15 (max two votes per household)

Dues renewals can be mailed to:

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The CCA appreciates your continued support!

The CCA Membership Committee needs volunteers! To find out how you can help, e-mail Dominic Nicolini at Dominic.Nicolini@morganstanley.com.



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Canton Community Association's Summer 2005 Newsletter

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,
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