

A Note From your Chairman

November, 2009

As SWING celebrates its 10 years as a neighborhood group, I want to reflect on our accomplishments and how far we have come. The first thing I want to look at is our neighborhood cleanup. I remember a time when we had hardly anybody show up to clean up the neighborhood. It seemed that people just didn't care. That's not true today. On May 30, 2009, SWING had one of the biggest cleanups ever. With the help of Cindy Mandrel and her C.O.O.L. group, we were able to work together and get 300 volunteers to come help clean up Henry Ave SW and fix up some of the houses there. Yes, we made a difference in a time when it is hard for people to come up with extra money to fix their porches, paint fences, and plant extra flowers.

The volunteers came with full hearts. The love of people just poured out into the streets. There were people we didn't know. Our neighbors were in shock because someone let them know that other people care about them. What a great feeling it was to be a part of this event! The number of neighborhood kids that showed up to help clean up was just great. The \$1000

from the City of Canton was just what these kids needed. They needed to know that someone believes in them. I am so proud of our neighborhood youth. I will always remember what happened that day. I can't forget the food, the music, and Pastor Mark whom everyone knows. SWING is special because we have a great group of neighbors who know how to get projects done. My heart will always smile when I hear the word *Cleanup*. Thank you to Gary Zink of Sure Fit Auto for donating trash bags for this event.

A Love Our Brother Benefit Dinner for Denny Steinbach will be held November 20 from 5-8:30 p.m. at Trinity Gospel Temple. (The church is not sponsoring this event.) Denny Steinbach is the owner of Steinbach Tree Trimming and Excavating. He volunteered his time, truck, and backhoe for the May 20 cleanup on Henry Ave. Unfortunately he fell from a 2nd story roof and fractured his C1 and C2 vertebrae. Denny needs help from the community. Cost is \$8 for dinner. Please come out and help us help Denny

with his medical bills and expenses. We love our brother so much. Let's show him. Thank you in advance to all the donors to this event: Mr. Mike Catering, Mulligan's Pub, Sure Fit Auto, Johnnie's Bakery, Pastor Dana and Pastor Mark of Living Hope, Dr. Julie Thomas, Kathy Williams, everyone who donated for our raffle, the planning committee and everyone else who is helping with this event.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope 2010 is your best year ever.

-Corrine Walser, SWING Chairman



SWING's mission:

"We are a group of neighbors attempting to strengthen our community through project involvement and communication."

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Denny Steinbach Benefit Nov 20
Thanksgiving Day Nov 26
SWING Children's Christmas Dec 9
S WING Senior Christmas Dec 12
Christmas Day Dec 25
New Years Day Jan 1



COUNCIL CORNER

Since the heating season is fast approaching and



we all want to save money on our heating bills, I want to talk about the city's gas aggregation program and the options available to you.

The following BASIC information was supplied by the City Law Department.

The city of Canton began its opt-out natural gas aggregation program when voters overwhelmingly passed a ballot initiative in November, 2001. Our natural gas program presents another option for our residents. In Ohio your local utility always delivers your gas, reads your meter, and responds to emergencies, but you have 3 options when it comes to choosing your natural gas supplier.

1. You can choose a supplier on your own, or
2. You can participate in the Municipal Aggregation Program offered by Canton, or
3. You can remain supplied by the local utility company (Dominion East Ohio) and your

rate will fluctuate monthly with movements in the wholesale natural gas market.

Canton goes through a competitive bid process every two years to select a certified natural gas supplier. We then watch the natural gas markets and set a rate when we feel conditions are favorable, or when we are running up against a deadline for renewal. Abnormally cold winters and hurricanes in the Gulf, among other things, affect the price of natural gas.

We have always been careful to say that our program does not guarantee savings. The natural gas markets move constantly and offers come and go. Once we set an attractive rate, there is no guarantee that it will remain the lowest offer available. That is the reason it is important for our residents to periodically check gas offers after we set a rate for our program.

Closing comments from your Councilman: Please understand that the rates from Vectren Source (the city's current supplier) may not be the best rate you can find on the open market. If you chose to use a supplier other than Dominion East Ohio (our local provider) or Vectren Source (the city's supplier) you will probably incur transportation charges for delivery of the gas. It is possible that the mcf charge for the gas is cheaper, but when you add in the transportation charges, the savings may not be as good as perceived. The transportation charges are not always readily available. The best advice is to do your homework when shopping for your best deal.

--Terry Prater, Ward 5 Councilman

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HOW ARE YOU?



Did you ever have someone greet you, "Hi, how are you?" and before you can even think about how you are really doing and respond, they have already moved on in the conversation to another subject? Three simple words that can mean so much if the person asking them really cares to hear the answer. The times we are living in have brought challenges to many. Often we look at the needs of others, and though we would like to fix their problem, we just don't have the resources to get it done. But that doesn't mean we can't be a help!

One of the worst things is for people to feel as though they are alone in a situation. To feel that no one knows what they are going through or that if they do know what they are going through they just don't

care. Something that we are all able to do is to really take the time to listen to those around us in the time of trial and express true compassion for their situation.

An old saying says "Misery loves company" and it is true. The choice you and I make is what kind of company we will be. Here are some ideas about how we can help.

- Take the time to check on your family, friends, and neighbors to see how they are doing.
- Give them your full attention as they share their situation
- If you don't have the resources to help, ask if you can share their need with

someone you know may have the ability to help.

- Do what you can. Actions speak louder than words!
- Don't forget about their situation when you walk away (Out of sight, out of mind). Call or visit again soon to check up on them. This will mean the world to them, when they feel alone and helpless.

In these trying times you and I can be the bridge that carries someone from hopelessness to hopefulness! Let's all keep our eyes open to the opportunity to help others have a wonderful holiday season and a very Merry Christmas!

-Mark Anthony, Pastor, Living Hope Christian Fellowship
1620 Clark Ave. SW



SWING is always looking for articles for our newsletter. Write about a neighborhood event, voice your opinion, give recognition, make suggestions, share a recipe or a poem, or thank a neighbor. Submit your contribution to any SWING Team Member or to the chairman at CWalser@neor.rr.com. Contributions my also be mailed to SWING at 1644 Clark Ave



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SWING BULLETIN BOARD

3rd
Annual
Christmas Party
For all **Senior Citizens**
In the SWING community.
Music; Prizes. Join the Fun. Help
Build Our community. Call the church
at (330) 489-5900 and leave your name &
phone number and how many are attending the event.

When: December 12; Time: 12:30

Where: Living Hope Christian Fellowship
1620 Clark Ave SW
Reservation Deadline is
December 5.

SWING meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Living Hope Christian Fellowship at 1620 Clark Ave SW. No June or August Meetings

SWING Children's Christmas Party
Dec 9, Living Hope Christian
Fellowship—6-8 p.m.
Age Limit: 5-12 yrs
Watch for flyer

