

## A Note From your Chairman:

Hi, Neighbors!

On May 19, 2007, SWING had a neighborhood cleanup day. We divided into groups and took to the streets. Our groups picked up trash, glass bottles, and things you can only imagine that you would find in our streets: Henry, Garfield, Cathi, Stark, Clark, and all alleys between them. I would like to thank to thank everyone that came out and helped with our cleanup. We can make a big difference in our neighborhood. Always remember "You don't have to move to live in a better neighborhood."

SWING held its annual block party on August 7, 2007, observing National Night Out the same night. On National Night Out, neighbors across America turn their porch lights on, in obser-



vance of crime watch. In attendance were Mayor Creighton, James Knight from the prosecutor's office, Councilman Terry Prater, Vic Johnson McGregor, and a large group of SWING team members and neighbors.

Pastors Mark and Tammy Anthony opened the church for our block party because the day was rainy and the heat was even worse. Our neighbors were very grateful to have the party indoors. Despite the heat, we had over 220 of the finest neighbors and children come out to our block party. It keeps getting bigger every year. Mayor



Janet Creighton shared a few words and enjoyed the music, food, and fun.

SPARK gave out books and played games with the children. Mike was face painting. Amanda, Carolyn, and Linda sang rap songs. There was plenty of pizza, pop, cake, and door prizes. We gave out first aid kits, SWING logo shirts, coloring books, and 131 book bags filled with school supplies. We are grateful for the grant from the Stark County Foundation as well as donations from others that made it possible to have the block party and other SWING projects. We are reaching our neighbors with help from our community and residents.

Remember, "You don't have to move to live in a better neighborhood."

Corrine Walser

SWING Chairman

***SWING meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:00 at Living Hope Christian Fellowship at 1620 Clark Ave SW.***

### **SWING's mission:**

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

# CANTON CITY PHONE NUMBERS

## Mayor Janet Weir Creighton 330-489-3283

Auditor 330-489-3226

Building Dept & Code Enforcement 330-430-7800

Building Maintenance 330-489-3275

Civic Center 330-489-3090

Community Development 330-489-3258

Council Office 330-489-3223

Fire Non-Emergency 330-649-5900

Fire Admin 330-489-3411

Health Dept 330-489-3231

Human Resources 330-438-4136

Income Tax 330-430-7900

Judges 330-489-3078

Police Non-Emergency 330-649-5800

Police Tip Line 330-489-3117

Park Dept 330-489-3015

Sanitation 330-489-3020

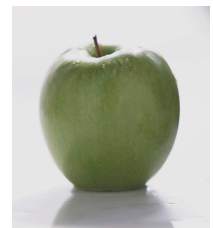
Street 330-489-3030

Water Dept 330-489-3308

Youth Development 330-489-3350

## The Doctor's Note

**Amazing Apples** Did you know that there are more than 7,000 varieties of apples cultivated worldwide? None are exactly alike in taste and appearance, but all share the same miraculous health benefits, such as protection against lung disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes and asthma. This fall, your doctor at Center for Holistic Medicine encourages you to go apple picking- either at your local orchard or grocery store. Not only will you pluck a delicious snack, but you'll also harvest your health along the way. To learn more, visit us at [WWW.CANTONHOLISTIC.COM](http://WWW.CANTONHOLISTIC.COM). Nathan D. Sikora, D.C



## COUNCIL CORNER



The holiday season is fast approaching. The last edition of the Canton Quarterly Magazine provided some safety tips to follow during the colder weather and the holiday season. I would like to

talk about that Thanksgiving dinner that we all look forward to. The deep fried turkey has become more popular. Despite the popularity there are dangers which we must all be careful to avoid. I received some safety tips from the Canton Fire Department that I want to share with you.

Let's all enjoy the holiday season safely!!!  
Happy Holidays from my family to yours!!

Terry Prater, Ward 5 Councilman 330-478-8144; [terryprater@hotmail.com](mailto:terryprater@hotmail.com)

**Always use a turkey fryer outdoors away from any combustible material.**

**Always use it on a flat surface (to reduce tipping) and never on a wooden deck or in a garage.**



**The oil is heated to 350 degrees or more. If the oil is heated beyond its normal cooking temperature, the vapors can ignite, creating a danger separate from the obvious hot oil. (Be careful not to overfill the fryer.)**

**Make sure the turkey is completely thawed before cooking. Allow 24 hours of thawing in a refrigerator for every 5 pounds of turkey.**

**Always keep children and pets away from the fryer.**

**Remember to use well insulated potholders or oven mitts.**

**Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby.**

*All council meetings are open to the public. You can sign up to speak at 7:00. The meeting begins at 7:30. Meeting dates for the remainder of 2007 are October 29, November 19, 26; December 3, 10, 17.*

# IT'S TIME TO MAKE A CHOICE

As pastor of Living Hope Christian Fellowship, I have been involved with different programs over the years to help make Canton a better place to live. A few years ago the door opened for our church to buy the building we now worship in and we have been involved in the neighborhood ever since. There are a lot of great people in the Southwest end of Canton and it has been fun sharing in block parties and other neighborhood events. With all that I see that is good, there are a few things that concern me. Gang activity, drug sales, and domestic violence have caused people to become fearful and withdrawn.

A few months ago when Mayor Janet Weir Creighton came to our Southwest neighborhood, she brought along police, health, and code department officials to team up with local

church and neighborhood representatives from the Southwest Involved Neighborhood Group (SWING) for what would be a day to remember.

As the motorcycle police drove the neighborhood and the group began to walk the troubled areas, people immediately began emerging from their homes to see what was going on. They were thrilled to say the least, offering thanks and information about the strengths and problems in the neighborhood. I watched as the Mayor commended good neighbors and addressed problems. She challenged alleged drug dealers as they stood on their porch with their pit bull close by. Within two weeks they moved out of our neighborhood and out of our city. It looked like things were turning around. But as I have watched, it seems that these changes

will only become a fond memory if the good citizens of our neighborhood don't stand together to develop programs to encourage positive change. All that is needed for evil to prevail is for good to do nothing. I think it is time to do something. It is time to reach out to our neighbors and look for opportunities to help our neighbors. When our neighbors lose, we lose. When they win, we win.

SWING's motto is "You don't have to move to live in a better neighborhood" and that is true, but it will require an investment to make this community all that it can be. I believe that our community and neighbors are worth the investment, don't you?

Pastor Mark Anthony

Living Hope Christian Fellowship





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## **INSIDE:**

News about what's going on in *your* community

# SWING BULLETIN BOARD

## **Attention Neighborhood Senior Citizens!**

Come to a **FREE MEAL** hosted by SWING and Living Hope! There will be music, food, and fun.  
**When?** December 15, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

**Where?** Living Hope Christian Fellowship at 1620 Clark Ave SW  
**RSVP** to 330-412-4151 before December 1st

## **SWING Spotlight**

Is on Neighborhood Celebrations!  
Mark your calendars!

## **SWING Children's Christmas Party**

**When?** December 11, 2007, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Where?** Living Hope Christian Fellowship at 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 may also be mailed to SWING at 1644 Clark Ave SW, Canton, OH 44706

## **Butter Balls**

1 C butter  
1 tbs vanilla  
1 C chopped walnuts  
4 tbs powdered sugar  
2 C sifted flour

Cream butter, add powdered sugar, and continue to beat until

light. Add vanilla & flour. Mix well. Fold in walnuts. Shape into small balls. Place balls on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 18 minutes. Cool and roll in powdered sugar.