



Mission Statement:

NEW is dedicated to enhancing the overall quality of life in the Edgefield and Washington Park neighborhood by encouraging a collaborative partnership with local residents, businesses and city administration.

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Happy N.E.W. Year!

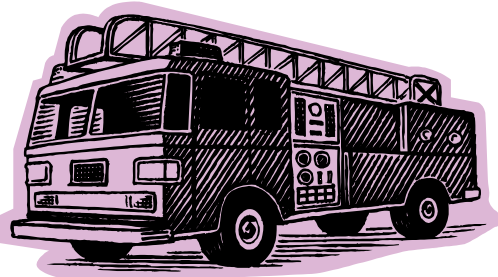
PROPOSED SUPERSTATION

Representatives from several neighborhood organizations (including NEW) have been meeting with Mayor Healy to address the rumor that the city is planning to construct a large, new fire station on Harvard Ave. NW to replace the existing Station #4 at 25th & Cleveland NW, which serves residents within our boundaries.

THESE RUMORS ARE NOT TRUE. The city administration has no immediate plans to obtain land on Harvard Ave. to construct a superstation.

The city is probably going to replace or renovate the existing Station #4, which is outdated and in need of extensive structural repair. City officials are reviewing construction cost estimates and gathering input from citizens, fire department representatives, architects, etc. The goal is to provide the best fire and EMS service possible to Canton residents within the limits of the current budget (the loss of local residents and businesses has resulted in a significantly reduced revenue).

Please let me know of any questions or concerns you have about this issue and I will share them with Mayor Healy and Director Nesbitt at the next meeting.



GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

Canton City Council has approved Mayor Healy's proposal to award a \$50,000 grant to the Stark Community Foundation to help finance the organization's Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program. Local neighborhood organizations can apply for mini-grants in increments ranging from \$500 to \$10,000.

NEW is eligible to apply for up to \$3,000 in grant funding. I attended the grant workshop in December and will be completing the application soon. In addition to covering the costs of our basic administrative expenditures (meetings, office supplies, mailings, etc.) the funds can also be used for a variety of neighborhood improvement projects. If you have any ideas or suggestions for our grant, let me know! The application deadline is 1/23/09.

RECENT SUCCESS STORIES

The N.E.W. Neighborhood Association has responded to your comments, and addressed some of the issues that affect our community:

- 1) The SARTA bus stop on the south side of 34th Street NW has been moved closer to Cleveland Avenue to discourage bus riders from trespassing, loitering and littering in the yards of the residents living nearby. Thank You to SARTA for their cooperation and their prompt attention to this matter.
- 2) The Dollar General store has repaired the damage to their stair railing, which has made it safer and improved appearance of their store's front entrance. Thank You to John Labriola and the City of Canton Building Department for their assistance.
- 3) The graffiti at 3320 Cleveland Avenue (former Blimpie location) has been removed. Our thanks to Dan Spring from Spring Realty for his assistance (he acted as a liaison between our neighborhood association and the property owner).

N.E.W. continues to welcome new members!

Please tell your neighbors about our organization and encourage them to join us.

Are you recycling?

The City of Canton Sanitation Department collects our recyclables on Wednesday mornings.



PAPER & CARDBOARD
METAL
GLASS
#1 and #2 PLASTICS

More information is available at:
<http://recycle.cantonohio.gov>

NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP TRAINING

No one cares more about neighborhoods than the people who live there! The Stark Community Foundation's Neighborhood Leadership Training is designed to increase the participation and effectiveness of residents. Graduates of the 4-session program become part of the Neighborhood Leadership Council, which meets monthly to exchange information and address issues that affect neighborhoods, and the entire city.

Information about the FREE 4-week training program is available at <http://www.starkcf.org>. HURRY! Registration deadline is 1/7/09 (classes begin 1/12/09).

JUNK VEHICLES

City ordinance prohibits the storage of junk vehicles outside of buildings for longer than 72 hours (except by licensed junk yards, scrap dealers, etc). The definition of a junk vehicle includes cars or trucks that are extensively damaged (broken windows, missing wheels/tires/motor), apparently inoperable and/or not currently licensed.

Such vehicles are considered a nuisance and they should be reported to the Canton Police Department's Sergeant Fox at (330) 489-3100.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS



The Community Christmas Dinner hosted by our neighborhood's Christ United Methodist Church was a great success! Over 150 people enjoyed a turkey dinner, carols and fellowship. N.E.W donated mittens and toys for the childrens' grab bags.

N.E.W. NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Cost of membership:
\$5.00/year = residential patron
\$10.00/year = business patron

Your tax-deductible donation will be used to cover the cost of printing, postage, etc.

Mailing address:
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Vice President: open
Secretary: open
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The NEW Neighborhood Association was formed in collaboration with The Stark Community Foundation (www.starkcf.org) which supports various neighborhood groups through training programs and financial grants.

ATTENTION DOG LOVERS!

N.E.W. is looking for someone to take charge of our POOCH PATROL.

The Pooch Patrol is a group of residents who walk together with their 4-legged friends to help "take a bite out of crime" by looking for suspicious activity. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, spend time with your pet and get some exercise!



Thank You to our business patrons!

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 3500 Cleveland Avenue NW (330) 492-6069

DUMONT SEED COMPANY—619 30th Street NW (330) 492-0204

MATTRESS SHOWCASE—3200 Cleveland Avenue NW (330) 492-7492

TRIPLE CROWN VIDEO & GAMING - 3400 Cleveland Avenue NW (330) 493-1776

USA QUICKPRINT - 2729 Cleveland Avenue NW (330) 455-1177