John and Peggy Milanese are car people. Really, truly car people. In California they loved the races and knew they always wanted to run an auto shop. When searching for a location, they sought a community where they could know their customers as neighbors. After considering several options, they chose Canton. “It’s always been our dream to live and work in the same town. We know our customers and we want to be people they know by first name,” says Peggy Milanese.

Canton turned out be an excellent choice, as the business has grown successfully year after year. They don’t even advertise as referrals alone keep them busy.

John and Peggy provide a welcoming environment while building trust with their customers. Peggy takes great care to greet everyone coming in, and the waiting room is a fun trip back in time to the golden age of the automobile. John ensures his clients understand what is happening along the way. “Canton is a great town to grow a small business,” he says.
People come to Fastlane from as far away as Norwalk or Lakeville because once they know they can trust John and Peggy, they don’t want to work with anyone else. One customer comes from New York after moving away from the area because he knows Fastlane is a business they can rely on.

While the couple has built a strong business in Canton, they make it a practice to support other merchants in town as well. “Our first option is to shop locally. I feel it’s important and the local businesses around us support each other,” says Peggy. They enjoy going out to dinner and seeing fellow businesspeople and customers.

Peggy feels the lifestyle in Canton is hard to find anywhere else. John agrees, saying, “It’s a country feel but you are close enough to shopping right down the street. It’s all here.”

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In addition to supporting business in town, John and Peggy give back to the town by supporting the schools and Canton High School’s sports teams. The Milaneses show that you can have it all in Canton.