



CANTON

Fall 2007 Edition

MEETING SCHEDULES

Various Boards & Commissions
(Held at Community Center)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
First and Third Wednesday, 7PM

BOARD OF FINANCE:
Third Monday, 7:30PM

BOARD OF EDUCATION:
Second and Fourth Thursday, 7PM

LAND USE COMMISSIONS
CANTON CENTER HIST. DIST.
Second Wednesday, 7PM
COLLINSVILLE HIST. DIST.
Second Tuesday, 8PM (Town Hall)
CONSERVATION COMM:
Second Wednesday, 7:30PM
INLAND WETLANDS:
Second Thursday, 7PM
PLANNING COMMISSION:
First Monday, 7:30PM
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:
Second Monday, 7:30PM
ZONING COMMISSION:
Third Wednesday, 7:30PM

OTHER COMMISSIONS
COMMISSION ON AGING:
First Monday, 12PM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:
Second Tuesday: 7:30PM
LIBRARY BD. OF TRUSTEES:
Second Wednesday, 7:15PM
OPEN SPACE COMMISSION:
First Tuesday, 7:30PM
PARKS & REC. COMMISSION:
Third Monday, 7PM
WATER POLLUTION:
Second Tuesday, 7PM
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU:
Fourth Thursday, 6PM

TOWN HALL HOURS
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
8:15AM to 4:30PM
Wednesday
8:15AM to 6:45PM
Friday
8:15AM to 12PM

TOWN WEBSITE
Be sure to check out our website at www.townofcantonct.org and sign up for electronic notification of meetings and important information!

DOWD AVENUE SEWER REPLACEMENT

The Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) is accepting bids for the reconstruction of the Dowd Avenue sewer.

Identified as in need of major repair in the area of Rattlesnake Brook and contributor of infiltration, the replacement of Dowd Avenue sewers will assist in reducing infiltration, extraneous groundwater that seeps into the sewer system through cracks in piping, leaky joints and manhole structures. Excess water from such sources enters the Old River Road treatment facility and places a physical and financial strain on the treatment process.

The new sanitary sewer line will be placed on the south side of the road allowing the existing sanitary sewer to remain in service until the new line is in place, inspected and tested. At that point, the connecting of properties to the

new sewer line will commence preventing disruption to users.

The project, funded through a 2% loan through the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection which will be repaid through sewer use charges, will consist of the construction of approximately 5,000 linear feet of 8 inch, 12 inch and 18 inch PVC and ductile iron gravity sewer replacement pipe including pre-cast manholes.

It is anticipated that work on the main line, which will begin at the intersection of Allen Place and Dowd Avenue continue north towards Albany Turnpike (Route 44), is expected to commence in Spring 2008 and be completed by Fall 2008.

Questions about the project? Please call the WPCF Superintendent Art Enderle at (860) 693-7867.

LIBRARY SURVEY - YOUR INPUT MATTERS

In the eight years that the Canton Public Library has been in its new quarters, circulation has risen over 300% and over half of Canton's residents are now library card holders. In fact, the library is ranked 13th highest among the 190 Connecticut libraries and 4th highest in our population group.

The Library Board of Trustees thinks this is the perfect time to survey townspeople to set new goals for the Town's growing and successful library. Toward this end, the Library Board has developed a questionnaire (a copy of which is included in this newsletter) to gather information from all residents.

Your assistance in providing the Town with important and valuable input is appreci-

ated. Please take a few moments to complete the survey and return it during your next visit to the Library/ Community Center or mail it to the

Canton Public Library
40 Dyer Avenue
Canton, Connecticut 06019

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Thursday 10AM to 8PM
 Friday 10AM to 5PM
 Saturdays 10AM—5PM
(September through June)
 Sundays 1PM to 4PM
(November through March)
 Questions? Call (860) 693-5800

FIRST SELECTMAN'S COLUMN

It was thrilling when a reporter for *Frommer's Budget Traveler* called to say Collinsville was selected as one of the "10 coolest" communities in the country. Of course, we all knew that already. From the Canton Historical Museum to the eclectic retail stores, antique store, wonderful restaurants and bakery, Collinsville is a great place to live and visit. The Rails-To-Trails continues to draw people because of its outstanding beauty, and the Farmington River offers recreational opportunities from fishing to canoeing or kayaking. "The list celebrates those towns where it really feels like something new and exciting is going on," stated the magazines editor.

Ordinance Codification. The Town is in the process of codifying Town ordinances. The BOS and staff are reviewing ordinances and will consider eliminating those covered by State law or charter, replaced or rescinded, and functionally obsolete. The BOS has asked that all ordinances eventually deleted be noted in the final document for historical purposes.

Fire Department. The Fire Department recently purchased fire extrication tool and fire house software that will enable the department to submit the NIMS reports. Chief Hutchings noted the software is compatible with the Police dispatch software and no additional software or hardware will be needed.

Library Opera Education Grant. The BOS gratefully accepted a grant, in the amount of \$3,000 from the Canton Education Foundation Grant for "Opera Education and Enhancement", which Library staff applied for the purposes of educational programs about opera.

Board of Ethics. The Town is in discussions with New Hartford about forming a joint Ethics Board. Initial talks sound promising. The BOS will keep you updated.

Energy Task Force. The Canton Energy Task Force

continues to encourage residents to sign up for clean energy. Residents were asked to sign up at Sam Collins Day, where task force members had the forms available along with information on energy conservation bulbs, solar panels and more. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Task Force, please contact me at 693-7847.

Stormwater Runoff. The Town of Canton, Farmington River Watershed Association and UConn-NEMO hosted a workshop to educate citizens on how to reduce stormwater runoff pollution on October 2. Participants learned about stormwater basics, residential landscaping tips, rain gardens, rain barrels and other water saving tips and reducing impacts on the river and wildlife. Please call me directly if you are interested in learning more.

Be safe! During the cool fall days, residents continue to walk, run and bike along our Rails-To-Trails, our sidewalks and on our streets. Please drive the speed limit and be cautious and courteous when passing pedestrians. The Pedestrian Walkway signs are visual reminders that State law requires cars to stop when pedestrians enter the walkway.

Thank you! Many thanks to residents who continue to give their time and energy as Town board members, volunteer Fire/EMS personnel, and community organization members. Your support makes a difference. A resident commented recently how wonderful it was to live in a community where people help to make a difference. The volunteer spirit is alive and well in Canton.

Mary

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TOWN PERSONNEL UPDATE

WELCOME!

The Town is pleased to welcome the following new staff to the Canton Team and wish them well in their public service:

- Katie Bunn, Circulation Supervisor, Library
- Cheryl Attarian, Cataloging Assistant (promotion)

THANK YOU!

The Town offers appreciation and thanks to the following individuals for their service to the community and best wishes for continued health, happiness and success:

- Win Purrington, Head of Technical Services, Library
- Cheryl Donahue, Head of Children Services, Library
- Alex Ockerbloom, Program Supervisor, Parks and Recreation
- Dawn Carabetta, Patrol Officer, Police Department

SENIOR SERVICES NEWS

Since April 2007, the Senior Center has been capably managed by the Interim Senior Services Coordinator, Mary Fletcher. Effective October 1, Mary has been appointed to serve as the full-time Senior Services Coordinator. A graduate of Bucknell University with a Bachelors Degree in History and English, Mary has served the Town of Canton in many capacities including Community Café Manager at the Senior Center, Former First Selectmen, and service on the Commission on Aging, Boards of Selectmen and Finance.

During the coming months, Mary will be working to expand the appeal and programs offered to seniors of all ages and capabilities. Be sure to stop by the Senior Center to visit with Mary, call her directly at (860) 693-5811, or e-mail her at mfletcher@townofcantonct.org.

IMPORTANT MUNICIPAL ELECTION NEWS

- Please remember to **vote on Election Day!** Tuesday November 6 is our next Election Day. Positions for First Selectmen, Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals and Constable will be decided. All voting occurs at Town Hall, 4 Market Street, from 6AM to 8PM. Call the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 693-7870 with questions regarding registration or absentee ballots.
- The **last day to register to vote** in order to participate in November's election will be upon us soon! Residents have until October 30 to deliver registration cards to the Registrar of Voters (in-person). In the event you choose to register by mail, forms must be postmarked by October 23. Registration forms may be downloaded through www.townofcanton.org. Scroll down to "Voting Information and Election Results" and click on the link to the Secretary of State's Office. Forms should be mailed to Canton Registrar of Voters, PO Box 168, Collinsville, CT 06022.
- **New Optical Scan Voting Machines** will be used for the first time in Canton during the November 2007 election. The Secretary of State has determined that lever voting machines are no longer suitable for use in any primary or election in the State. The federal Help America Vote Act has provided the State with a unique opportunity to enhance the voting experience of the electors in the State of Connecticut through the use of a more reliable and efficient technology. Canton's Registrar of Voters and Moderators are currently being trained on the new system and look forward to introducing voters to the new machines before Election Day. Stay tuned for dates and locations!

VOLUNTEER COMMISSION/ BOARD VACANCIES

Serving on a Board or Commission is a great way to become involved in our community and meeting the needs of Canton's citizens. Vacancies currently exist on the following boards and commissions:

- Canton Center Historic District Commission
- Commission on Aging
- Economic Development Agency
- Inland Wetlands and Waterways
- Open Space Preservation & Acquisition Comm.
- Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory Council
- Town Meeting Moderator

- Water Pollution Control Authority
- Youth Service Bureau
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Zoning Commission
- Canton Energy Task Force

Each Commission/ Board holds monthly meetings, a schedule of which can be found on the front page of this newsletter or on the Town's webpage. If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Mary Tomolonius at (860) 693-7847.

PEDESTRIAN & VEHICLE STUDY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Pedestrian and Vehicle Safety Committee moved into its ninth month of service acknowledging that a lot of progress has been made thus far but that there is still a lot of work yet to be accomplished.

The volunteer Committee members conducted a survey from May 22 through June 30 both on –line and in paper format. Impressed with the outcome, the Committee received over 670 responses! Residents living on 116 different streets in Town participated in this survey which indicates that the matter of safety is a top-of-mind issue far outside the study area.

The Committee members thank everyone who took part in this survey and provided such meaningful comments which lend valuable insight to the community's sentiments towards mobility safety in Town.

The survey results will be but one of many data foundations upon which the Committee will be constructing its report to the Board of Selectmen due in December 2007.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Enjoy the Fall and Holiday Season!

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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IMPORTANT NEWS, EVENTS AND DATES

- All **Town Offices** will be **closed** on the following:
 - Veteran's Day (November 12)
 - Thanksgiving (November 22 & 23)
 - Christmas (December 25)
 - New Year's (January 1)
- The annual **Canton Holiday Tree Lighting** will be held on the Town Green at 7PM on Friday, **December 7**. Come and enjoy!
- **Sewer Use charges** will be collected in October and will become delinquent on **November 1**. Interest accrues as of November 1. Call the Tax Office with any questions!
- The Senior Center and Farmington Valley Visiting Nurses Association will hold a **Flu Shot Clinic** for those with chronic disease on Friday, October 26 from 9AM to 12PM. Flu shots for all others will be held on Friday, November 9 from 9AM to 12PM. Both clinics will be at the Community Center and are by appointment only. Please call the FVVNA for an appointment at (860) 653-5514.
- **Canton Public Library** will offer **Sunday hours** from 1PM to 4PM beginning November 4 through March 30.
- **2008 Transfer Station stickers** will be available beginning Election Day, November 6. All residents **MUST** present a copy of their vehicle's registration for each car in need of a sticker. The fee is \$80 for the first car and \$1 for the second household vehicle. After Election Day, stickers may be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.
- Please remember to **register your dog** through the Town Clerk's Office. Costs for registration during the month of October is \$12 for a neutered/ spayed dog and \$23 for a male or female dog.