

SWAN Newsletter

Volume I, Issue I

May, 2001

For information about dates and times of board meetings and community events, contact

- Gwen Singleterry: 455-9704
- Rita Barrett: 455-1677
- Constance Brown: swan44707@yahoo.com
- SWAN web site: <http://www.swancanton.homestead.com>

Volunteers Needed!

Parents! Parent participation is needed for organizing and monitoring teams for our neighborhood clean-up day on Thursday morning, June 14 and our Youth Safety and Kids Rally on June 16.

Business Owners & Local Residents!

Volunteer your time to share your time, skills & concerns as members of the steering committee. Exhibit your business at the Youth Safety & Kids Rally on Saturday, June 16.

Working Together to Restore Community Pride

SouthWest Association of Neighbors (SWAN) is now an active neighborhood group

The area of Southwest Canton from West Tuscarawas Street south to 9th Street SW and from Schroyer Avenue east to McKinley Avenue is now recognized by the City of Canton as an active neighborhood association. The City of Canton has twenty active neighborhood groups. These organizations are bound together by common interests which include neighborhood history, beautification, and strengthening neighborhood unity.

The organization of the southwest area of Canton now known as SWAN, began in August, 2000. At that time ABCD solicited the services of Gwen Singleterry and Rita Barrett, both long time residents of the Southwest section of Canton, to work on organizing a Residential Council in the area. As a result of these initial efforts, a steering committee was formed which meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Goodwill.

Over the next several months the committee developed an organizational structure which qualified the area to be recog-

nized by the city as an active neighborhood group. They also held a community-wide meeting in January, posted a web site and completed the paperwork to apply for community grants.

SWAN received its first grant monies on April 9. These will be used to provide summer activities for our youth and to beautify our neighborhoods.

Mark Your Calendar!

On Thursday, June 14, neighborhood youth will meet at McKinley Park in front of the Wells School at 9:30 a.m. They will be organized into groups under adult supervision to spend 2 hours picking up trash. Cold drinks will be provided. Expect to have fun as the groups compete against each other to earn prizes!

In addition, *every youngster* who participates in the clean-up activities will receive a coupon to redeem for special prizes that will be presented on Saturday at the Neighborhood Rally in the park on 9th Street and Schroyer on June 16.



Announcements!

Youth Safety & Kids Rally
Every one is invited to join us in the park on 9th Street and Schroyer from 12-4.

Youngsters! Bring the coupons you earned on clean-up day to redeem your prize! Play games. Enjoy refreshments!

Adults! Meet your neighbors and local business owners! Enjoy refreshments! Show pride in your community!

Register to earn prizes

Yes! I want to participate in the neighborhood clean-up day. I understand that I will earn a prize that will be presented to me on June 16, 2001, at the neighborhood gathering in the 9th Street park on the corner of Schroyer and 9th Street.

Sorry! I cannot participate at this time.

Name of child: _____ Phone: _____

Name of parent: _____ Date: _____

Please return this registration form to the school tomorrow. Thank you!