

SouthWest Association of Neighbors



SWAN Newsletter



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Boundaries:

Tuscarawas Street South to 9th Street; Schroyer East to Market

Monthly Board Meetings:

When? 1st Friday of each month 5:00-5:45

Where? Study Room 2nd Floor Stark County Library

SWAN

Elections

McKinley Park

5:30 pm

July 26

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WHAT'S NEW

The garden is planted and the flowers are growing!

Thanks to willing hands and some back-breaking labor, the garden at 6th & Union is looking great and will burst out with more and more color as the season progresses. The rains came at exactly the right times following the planting, eliminating the need for hand watering as the new plants took root.

One neighbor donated several perennial plants. Another neighbor keeps the grass mowed. Several neighbors helped with the planting on June 1. Scott Barwick and his family from the Church of the Savior provided a huge lift to all of us that night. Still other neighbors did the necessary shopping for this event and picked up the pizzas that we served to all the workers that night. The garden continues to be a bright spot. The swans are a work of art and were made and donated in 2006 by Robert Smith, a resident of the SW area for more than 70 years.

On April 24, 2007 SWAN received a large grant from the **Stark County Foundation** to maintain the community garden, publish and distribute a quarterly newsletter, provide book bags for the block party in August, give senior citizens the op-

portunity to enjoy Christmas lights in the area, and to coordinate with Compton school in providing incentives for the students, and a Christmas party. We also expect to partner with Church of the Savior for a health fair in the spring.

WE HAVE A WEB SITE!

Our new web site is online! You must see it: www.cantonswan.com. There you will find information about SWAN, a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws, photos of events and neighborhood improvements since 2000, copies of all the newsletters, and a calendar of events.

LOOKING AHEAD

Today I received the verbal OK from the zoning department for the installation of the sign at 5th and McKinley.

SWAN ELECTIONS MARK THIS DATE! JULY 26

Each July SWAN elects all officers for the upcoming year. Anyone 18 or older who lives or does business between Schroyer and Market and Tuscarawas and 9th St SW is eligible to vote. We will meet at **5:30 p.m.** at **McKinley Park** directly across from the Wells School building. We need **YOU!** All of our current board members and several other neighbors have been through Neighborhood Leadership Training. However, you do *not* have to have attended this training to serve on the board.

CLEAN-UP & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

After elections, we will have a neighborhood clean-up from 6:00-7:00 so our area is beautiful for the Hall of Fame events. At 7:00 we

Planting the Garden June 1, 2007



will serve **ice cream** to all the volunteers. We want you to take this opportunity to meet & greet your neighbors. If you can't work, at least come & cheer for those who can & socialize while eating ice cream.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 26 Elections & Ice Cream Social 5:30 McKinley Park; more info call 454-6255

August 18 Back to School Block Party 10:00-2:00 Church of the Savior; FREE LUNCH, FREE Book Bags, sports activities, arts, crafts, voices of Unity Choir; more info call 455-0153

July 21 City of Canton Scrap and Vehicle Auction at Canton Service Center, 2436 30th Street; doors open at 9:00

July 23, Aug 13 & 27 Pergola Party Events at Canton Garden Center; more info call 455-6172

July 27-August 5 Football Hall of Fame

Saturday Farmers Market 8:00-11:30 through Oct 20

PHONE NUMBERS FOR QUICK REFERENCE

Police Tip Line—May leave anonymous tips 330.489.3117

Non-Emergency Police Calls 330.649.5800

Sergeant Fox of Gang Task Force 330.458.4807

Mayor's Hotline 330.455.2489

YOUR CHALLENGE

Several neighbors have reported safety issues in our neighborhood: theft, assault, challenges to fights, painting on vacant properties. We must not let our neighborhood become identified by its problems. Rather, as concerned residents we must express courage and determination that the Southwest area be safe and beautiful. Perhaps this seems impossible. But a vision must be in place so that improvements can take place.

Challenge: Write down the 2 most important improvements that you want to see in our neighborhood. Be specific. Face-lifts for housing? Removal of dilapidated housing? More lights? Security cameras for residents? Organized activities? Set up a neighborhood crime watch? **Bring your best ideas to McKinley Park on July 26 when you come to elect the new board. Volunteer to assist with clean-up. Participate in the ice cream social.**

SECURITY TIPS

Always lock your door when you are asleep and away.

Don't hide keys around the outside of your home.

Don't leave valuables in plain sight in your home.

Always shut and lock all of your windows when you are away.

Remove shrubbery that conceals possible entry points into your home.

Use deadbolts.

Keep a dog.

Make sure no large, heavy objects are near the perimeter of your home as these could be used to break out glass

in doors and windows.

Report suspicious activities immediately—not after the fact. You do not have to give your name or address if you call the tip line at 330.489.3117.

QUOTE TO PONDER

“Most people love our country because of the liberties it provides. But we're losing many of our liberties because we're not self-reliant and we crave security; we're not independent and we want handouts. So we lose liberties all the time. The only way we can defend liberty is with . . . self-reliance and financial independence.” (Quote from Rick Koerber in the Summer 2007 edition of *Prosperity Lifestyles* magazine.) Rick was born in poverty, became wealthy, lost everything & went bankrupt with nearly 1 million in debts, paid back his debt, & once again became successful.

IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Supervised Programs for Youth of All Ages

are provided at **NO CHARGE** at Church of the Savior United Methodist at 120 Cleveland Ave SW on Saturdays

- Basketball 2—4 p.m.**
- Air Hockey, Ping Pong, Pool**
- X-Box**
- Computers**

Contact Scott Barwick for more information: 330.455.0153
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SWAN received a large grant from the Stark Community Foundation in May 2006 to help fund neighborhood beautification, newsletters, a web site, & kid's activities.

FREE GROCERIES !!! Every Friday 1:30-3:30
Free Breakfast: Sun am 6:30-8:30
Where? Church of the Savior / 120 Cleveland Ave SW
 330.455.0153
The public is invited to Worship Services on Sundays at 10:30 & 5:00. Attendance not required to receive groceries or breakfast.

SWAN is a member of Neighborhood Leadership Council and the Compton Elementary Collaboration.

Belden Brick

The storied history of The Belden Brick Company is one of American entrepreneurship, invention & innovation and a family's unyielding dedication to excellence in the art of brick making.

Our company's story officially begins in 1885 when our founder, Henry S Belden organized the Diebold Fire Brick Company on the Belden farm. Henry was born in Canton, Ohio on July 4th, 1840, the son of Judge G.W. Belden. Henry became an attorney in the law firm of Belden & McKinley, of which Judge G.W. Belden was the senior partner. Incidentally, according to the biography of William McKinley by Margaret Leech, she describes McKinley's visit to Canton in 1867, armed with a letter of introduction to Judge G.W. Belden, as the Belden law firm was well known in legal circles. William McKinley was accepted as a partner and then went on to become a US Congressman, Governor of Ohio and was elected President of the United States in 1896. Henry S Belden also entered politics and was elected Mayor of Canton. At the age of 32 a severe throat infection forced him to move to the Belden farm with the hope that the open air would improve his health, which it eventually did. Now on the farm, Henry discovered large deposits of coal, shale and clay. He built a small kiln to study the effects of firing temperatures on clay and shale. In 1874 he invented the Belden burner, made of clay, which gave better light

than any other type then in use. He held a total of 13 patents for gasoline vapor street lights. He secured a large number of contracts for lighting cities and towns all across the United States.

In 1876 Henry went to the Centennial fair in Philadelphia and there saw the original stiff mud brick making machine. He became inspired to make paving and fire brick. Henry's paving brick was the first known use of paving brick in the city of Canton. Brick pavements then spread quickly throughout the county and state. In August of 1895, stockholders of the Diebold Fire Brick Company incorporated the Canton Pressed Brick Company as the successor company to The Diebold Fire & Brick Company. Paul Belden was elected to the position of General Manager in 1911 and from that time on, had a free hand in running the company. He was known throughout the brick industry for his accomplishments and received national recognition. One story has it that he was riding a train through Perry County, Ohio. The train passed an abandoned brick plant, and Paul noticed that the brick stored in the yard was a very appealing shade of red. Paul contacted the bank and found out the plant was in default of the mortgage payment. He wanted the plant and obtained it on very good terms. This eventually became the Somerset Plant of the Belden Brick Company.

When war broke out in Europe in September 1939, large orders for war mate-

WHEN WAS YOUR HOUSE BUILT?

714 7th St SW — 1822.

711 High SW — 1880.

811 Union SW — 1890.

620 Bachert SW — 1892

rial began to pour into our steel plants and other essential industries. Building Brick was not considered essential to the war effort, and could not get priorities except on small orders. The Belden Brick Company benefited from their line of acid proof brick and tile. Steel mills needed them for their pickling lines and the government needed steel for the war. It was not long before the War Production Board realized that face brick actually were essential to the war effort. Buildings had to be re-built. Wood was in short supply and highly impractical to use. Supplies of sheet steel were critical. The ban on brick sales was lifted, and many priority-building permits were issued bringing back the need for face brick. Belden Brick would more than break even in spite of wartime restrictions on their operations.

Mr. Robert Belden has been very helpful to SWAN and donated the funds to get our name registered. Thank you to Belden Brick for providing this information.

Contact Numbers for Elected Officials

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Director of Public Service (Street, Sewer, Water Pollution Control, Water & Sanitation Departments; Information Systems) **Joseph J. Concatto** 218 Cleveland Ave SW Canton, OH 44702 Phone: 330 - 489-3338 Fax: 330 - 489-3282

Director of Public Safety (Police, Fire, Parking, Zoning Building & Code, Traffic Engineer) **Bernard L. Hunt** 218 Cleveland Ave SW Canton, OH 44702 Phone: 330- 489-3087 Fax: 330 - 489-3282

Community & Economic Development and Planning **Margy Poorman, Director** 218 Cleveland Ave SW Canton, OH 44702 Phone: 330 - 489-3258 Fax: 330 580-2067

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Mark Your Calendars! Thursday, July 26, 2007
Meet under the trees at McKinley Park
facing the Wells School Building

SWAN Board Elections &
Neighborhood Dialogue 5:30
Hall of Fame Neighborhood Clean-Up 6:00

Ice Cream Social



7:00

