

CITY OF NORTH CANTON

NEWSLETTER

PRIDE IN OUR PAST. HOPE FOR OUR FUTURE. EST. 1831

FALL / WINTER 2018

From the **MAYOR**



David J. Held

WE ARE ALREADY APPROACHING THE END OF ANOTHER PRODUCTIVE YEAR HERE IN THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON.

As you know, the steps in front of City Hall and the portico were in sore need of updating and the remodeling has allowed for handicap accessibility, as well as seating areas to be enjoyed by our citizens and visitors alike. There is also an enjoyable "pocket garden" courtyard area between City Hall and Huntington Bank. If you haven't taken the time to utilize these areas, I encourage you to do so while the weather lasts.



As a fellow resident of our great City I recognize and understand the concerns created when the Federal Government decided upon the need to relocate our post office. Unfortunately, it is an inconvenience we all must bear. The post office is slated to be moved to Washington Square by Antonio's Pizza and Pet Value. They have not provided us with a timeline of when this relocation will take place. Please keep in mind that Acme Fresh Market on North Main does boast a small post office at which you may purchase stamps and mail letters and packages within the U.S. Any specialty mailings, however, must be taken to the post office in Canton. The closest locations are 2650 Cleveland Avenue NW or 4420 Dressler Road NW. I want to thank you for your patience as we await the Federal Government and their process in relocating our post office.



As your Mayor I would like to remind you that it is our mission to provide the best possible service to our residents and business owners. In our efforts, we strive for continuous improvements of our City services in order to keep our community safe and our operations cost efficient.

I want to thank you for the honor and privilege bestowed upon me to serve as your Mayor. Together



we can each serve a purpose. That purpose is to take Pride in Our Past and put Hope in our Future.

Take Care and God Bless.

Greetings Neighbors

From the **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**



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It is the job of the North Canton City Council to listen to the citizens of our great City and respond accordingly. With that being said, the City of North Canton is pleased to announce that effective October 1, 2018, the Building & Permits office was relocated from its former location at 845 W. Maple St. to offices inside City Hall located at 145 N. Main St., North Canton, OH 44720.

The Building Department's regular business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The goal of this reorganization is a more timely response to the Building Department's clientele and to provide the highest level of service in the most cost effective manner. Those entities seeking contact with the North Canton City Building & Permits Department may park in the rear of the City Hall building and proceed to the 2nd floor, or utilize the new drive up lane in front of City Hall providing 30 minute temporary parking, and enter through the front door.

We encourage our citizens and contractors to know the logo and cooperate with them through your building/permit required projects.

See SAFEbuilt article on page 3.

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LIVE STREAMING MONDAY MEETINGS

North Canton Council meetings are now live streamed and can be accessed by using the You Tube icon at the bottom of the City's website:

www.northcantonohio.gov



THE SAFEbuilt[®] STORY

SAFEbuilt is dedicated to improving people's lives by helping to create vibrant, thriving communities.

We partner with communities on the rise- helping them achieve their development, planning, and compliance goals to become the best versions of themselves. With our comprehensive services, we empower our client large and small to envision, plan and execute innovative solutions that encourage ongoing improvement.

Since our inception back in 1992 in Northern Colorado, we have been committed to providing exceptional customer service to all of our clients. We have proudly maintained a client satisfaction rating of 95% or higher. That speaks volumes to the dedication of our talented

team and starts with understanding all our clients and customizing our approach to meet their needs.

SAFEbuilt believes that providing exemplary customer service to citizens, builders, developers and homeowners is one of our most important performance measurements. We hire locally, which ensures our staff understands the environment and the unique needs of our client. We then empower that local team with the proper decision-making authority. Finally, we ensure that our clients maintain local control. Every community has a vision for their community and we help make sure those unique requirements show through in the work we do. Our staff of qualified professional ensures the standards and codes for life safety and public welfare are maintained.

If you have questions please contact the Administration office at 330-499-8223 ext. 1002.

Holiday Schedule Fall/Winter 2018-2019

The City of North Canton will observe the following holiday schedule for the 2018-2019 Fall/Winter seasons. Please note that this means City Hall will be closed on these dates.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND AND 23RD, 2018
in observance of Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AND 25TH, 2018
in observance of Christmas

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2019
in observance of New Year's Day

MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2019
in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2019
in observance of President's Day

WE WILL PRESENT SPRING AND SUMMER CLOSINGS IN THE SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER.

Winter Driving

AAA RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING WINTER DRIVING TIPS:

Avoid driving when you are fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.

- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Never mix radial tires with other tire types.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.

Important REMINDERS



GRASS CLIPPINGS/ YARD DEBRIS:

In an effort to avoid potential problems this fall and winter, please do not mow grass clippings or rake leaves or other debris into the streets, storm sewers, ditches, etc. This could potentially cause drainage problems resulting in flooding.

HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL/PRODUCT DISPOSAL:

Additionally, please recall that it is illegal to dump any hazardous chemicals/products (i.e. herbicides, pesticides, antifreeze, oil, etc.) into ditches, culverts and/or catch basins. If you see someone improperly disposing of hazardous chemicals, please contact the Stark County Health Department immediately at 330-493-9904.

SNOW REMOVAL:

This winter when shoveling snow, please be certain **NOT** to shovel the snow back into the streets as this is a direct violation of City Ordinance No. 311.04.

LEAVING TOWN:

The City encourages its water customers who leave town during the winter months to contact the utility staff at City Hall prior to leaving. They may be reached at 330-499-8223 option 2. It is very helpful for utility billing purposes to know if a resident is going to be out of their home for an extended period of time. This can take the guesswork out of a very low utility meter reading, which may be estimated if it is not known that the residence has been unoccupied.

STREETLIGHTS:

We would also like to take this time to remind residents to watch for and report streetlight outages. It is important that the streetlights are working, especially during the winter months when there are less hours of daylight. Any outages may be reported to 330-499-8223 extension 1005.

ENERGY SUPPLIER UPDATE

GAS:

As you are aware, each year the City of North Canton chooses a new rate for the gas aggregation program. This year we have once again chosen Volunteer Energy with the negotiated rate of \$3.15 per Mcf for your December 2018 through November 2019 billing cycles. Please note that while there may be a cheaper price on the PUCO website or if another supplier approaches you with a "cheaper rate", this \$3.15 per Mcf is a **fixed rate** and will not be raised at any time during this term. Other suppliers, if cheaper, usually offer a variable rate that may increase over time. If you have any questions regarding the gas aggregation, please contact Volunteer Energy at 1-800-977-8374.

ELECTRIC:

Many residents have received a bankruptcy notice regarding First Energy Solutions, which understandably has raised much concern. It is our understanding that this bankruptcy will not affect the negotiated price of .0538 per kWh through May 2019.

Recreation Rentals

Recreation rentals may now be booked online up to 360 days in advance.

Go to our website northcantonohio.gov and click on the recreation facilities button on our home page.

If you find you need assistance or if you would like to speak with someone regarding your rental, please call 330/499-8223 Option 5. The facilities fill up quickly, especially for graduations, so please be certain to make your reservation before your desired date is taken!

AVAILABLE FACILITIES:

- Outdoor Park Picnic Shelters, available for rental at Price, Witwer and Eastwoods Park
- Ballfields, available at Price and Witwer Park
- Indoor Dogwood Park Pavilion – Half or Full Shelter Rental
- North Canton Civic Center – For larger, more formal events
- North Canton Portico Rental
- North Canton City Hall Conference Room or Chambers - For indoor meetings



Please be certain to
Welcome these new businesses
 to the City of North Canton!



SPRINKLE CITY BAKERY
706 S. MAIN STREET

Tucked away in the back corner of Pav's Creamery North Canton, next to North Canton Alterations, is SPRINKLE CITY BAKERY.

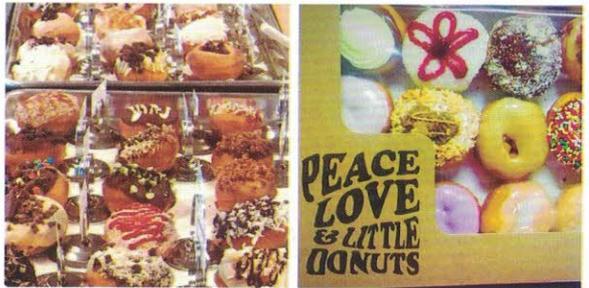
Located at 706 S. Main, this little hidden gem maximizes space by offering a variety of treats from cupcakes to cake pops. The day

we stopped in there were fresh scones, cheesecake, cookies and brownies. They have coffee too! So the next time your sweet tooth is calling visit Sprinkle City for a takeout treat and welcome them to North Canton!



PEACE, LOVE & LITTLE DONUTS
1310 S. MAIN STREET

The City of North Canton celebrated the "Grand Re-opening" of PEACE, LOVE & LITTLE Donuts, located at 1310 S. Main Street (in the Variety's Restaurant Plaza). Stop in and choose a donut or let a trained "Donut Artist" assist you in creating your own donut with a variety of donut flavors and toppings from which to choose!!



LEES BEES
131 SOUTH MAIN ST.

A unique boutique filled with many items such as; jewelry, home decor, gift items and of course HONEY from local bees. Stop in and let them tell you all about their fine products. Check out their Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/rawlocalleehoney/>



SAPPHIRE CITY GAME PARLOR
123 S. MAIN STREET
(above the Main Street Grille)

They are a new concept board game parlor with a library of over 300 board games available to play for a \$5 cover and a curated menu of tabletop-friendly foods. Check out their website at www.sapphirecitygames.com/ or check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SapphireCityGames/



THE North Canton Library

WILL HOST THE FOLLOWING Events

LibCon

A Comic Convention at the library!

Saturday, November 17
from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join us for an artist's alley, speakers, classes, games, vendors and more!

Art For Animals

Saturday, December 1
from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Calling all animal lovers to our event just in time for the holidays! Library visitors will shop for artwork and crafts made by local artists. Adoptable animals will be on-site looking for homes for the holidays. All proceeds from the event will be donated to adoption and rescue groups.

An Entertaining Look At Christmas TV History

Sunday, December 2 at 3:30 p.m.

The City of North Canton and the Chamber of Commerce will light the tree in the center of town with a celebration from 5 to 7 p.m. Join us at the library before the tree

lighting event to hear from Christmas entertainment author Joanna Wilson, who will join us for a fun and nostalgic discussion of everyone's favorite Christmas television episodes, specials, and movies. Copies of her books will also be available for purchase.

How-to Festival

Saturday, March 2
from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Earth Day Recycle Fair

Saturday, April 27
from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Holiday Tree Lighting Programming

(provided by the library)
Sunday, December 2
from 5-5:30 p.m.

Princess Elena will read to children in the Main Street Grille 5-6 p.m. Adoptable animals in the North Canton Chamber window with Snow White.

COMING UP IN THE LITTLE ART GALLERY

My Vermeers: A Tribute Honoring Johannes Vermeer 1632-1675

Artist: Frank Dale

On Display:

November 8 through December 9

Opening Reception (all are welcome):

Thursday, November 8

from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

About the Exhibit: The Concert, by Johannes Vermeer in 1664, was stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in 1990. The painting was never found. To honor his teacher, Dale has recreated Johannes Vermeer's entire body of work to scale. The paintings are not for sale.

Walk on the Wild Side Friends of the Little Art Gallery Tribute to Nancy Stewart Matin

Artist: Nancy Stewart Matin

On Display:

December 13 through January 20

Opening Reception (all are welcome):

Thursday, December 13

from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

About the Exhibit: Nancy Stewart Matin has won numerous awards in competitive shows and is a signature member of the Ohio Watercolor Society. Both a working artist and a teacher of watercolor, her work is in the permanent collections of the Canton Museum of Art, the Massillon Museum, the Stark County District Library, the North Canton Library and numerous private collections.

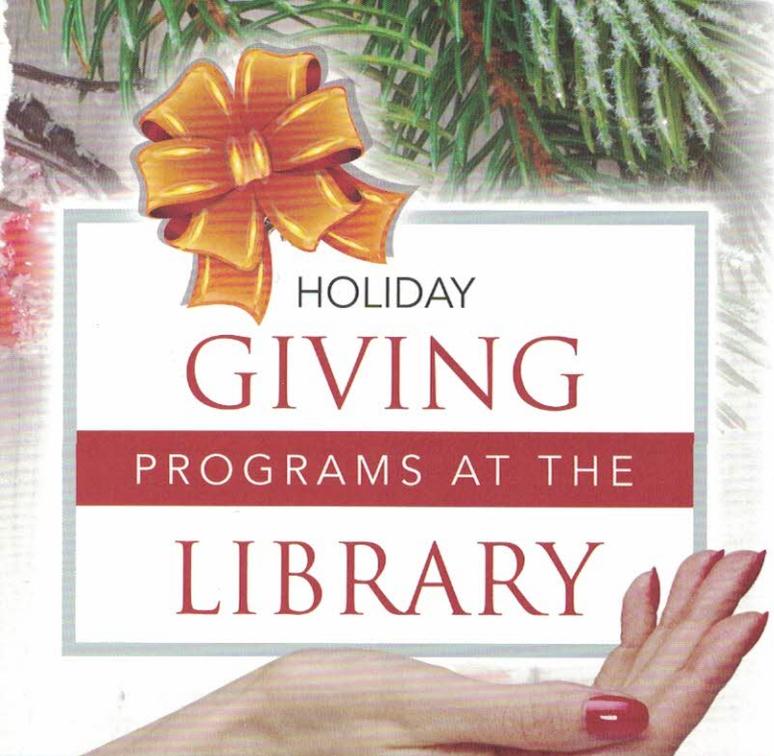


Pictures WITH Santa

Saturday, December 8th
from 10-11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 10th
from 6-7:30 p.m.

Bring your camera! • No registration required.



HOLIDAY
GIVING
 PROGRAMS AT THE
LIBRARY

’Tis the Season to help others.

Coats for Christmas (A Community Christmas)
DATES: October 10 - December 4
 New and gently used coats of all sizes are being collected.

Blankets and Towels for Animals (Canton Ballet)
DATES: October 16 - November 30
 Canton Ballet is spearheading a drive to collect new and used clean towels and blankets for local animal rescues that are scrambling to get enough towels and blankets for the animals in their care.

Mitten Tree (A Community Christmas)
DATES: early November – December 7
 Help decorate the library tree with new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks for all ages.

Giving Tree (A Community Christmas)
DATES: early November – December 7
 Visit the library to select a tag and purchase a gift for someone in need.

Holiday Paws Pantry (Pawsitive Ohio and Meals on Wheels)
DATES: November 12 – December 17
 Accepting pet food and supplies for dogs and cats. Items collected will be given to Meals on Wheels for their Wheels for Wags program.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Professional Clothing Collection
Monday, January 21, 2019
 In the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s commitment to service, this MLK Day the library and Jaycees will partner to hold a professional clothing drive to benefit the following organizations as they assist community members in finding jobs: SAM Center, YWCA, Refuge of Hope.

**Walsh University Opens
 IBEW 1985 Labor
 Museum & MakerSpace**

As a tribute to the Hoover Company’s International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union, Local 1985, Walsh University will formally open the new IBEW 1985 Labor Museum and MakerSpace on Thursday, December 6. Originally planned as an exhibit to honor the legacy of the union through memorabilia and artifacts, Walsh took the original concept and added in an interactive children’s makerspace in an effort to teach how labor practices from the past such as the assembly line and electrical know-how, can be applied to current technology. There will be hands-on activities and teaching stations where the children can learn and play an active role in applying these practices.

“We wanted to create a space that would attract the local community, have a teaching component and also serve as a place where trade meets higher education to learn from each other,” said Walsh University Provost Douglas Palmer, Ph.D. “Our hope is that this makerspace will serve as a place where our young future workforce can interact with tools and materials, physical and virtual, to explore, create and develop ideas.”

Throughout its history, Local 1985 represented The Hoover Company’s workforce including electricians, maintenance workers, mechanics, assembly line workers and truck drivers. At its peak in the late 1970s and early 1980s, the union represented more than 3,000 members, at multiple locations throughout Stark County.

One exhibit will be designed to resemble a union headquarters office during the 1980s, with a desk, voting boxes, punch cards and captioned memorabilia in an immersive experience where children and guests can explore artifacts that explain the impact and role of a union in the local community. Other interactive exhibits will help children investigate the importance of union speeches, manufacturing assembly lines, electrical know-how and the ways in which technology has impacted the industry through innovations such as 3D printers.

The former Hoover Company’s IBEW Local 1985, AFL-CIO, donated its longtime headquarters at 113 South Main Street, North Canton, to Walsh University in 2016, in an agreement that underscored community engagement and a shared vision to preserve the Hoover Company and IBEW Local 1985 legacy in North Canton.



2018 COMPLETE CITY OF NORTH CANTON STREET REPAVING LIST

Total Lane Miles Repaved=20.13

2018 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:

- 5th St. NE, North Main to Park, 0.34 Lane Miles Paved
- Adena NE, Taft to Woodside, 0.41
- Ambler Ave SW, Westfield to Everhard, 1.01
- Amesby Cir. NW/Newbridge NW, Westwind Cir to Cul-de-Sac, 0.41
- Briar Ave. NE, East Maple to End, 1.24
- Church St. SW, Lindy Lane to Donner, 0.16
- Cole Ave. SW, Church to Harmon, 0.22 (Oct. 2018)
- Eastwind Cir. NW, Orion to Cul-de-Sac, 0.23
- Fair Oak Ave. NW, Charlotte to Viking, 0.13
- Glendale St. SW, Lindy Lane to Donner, 0.16
- Hallum St. SW, South Main to Jonathan, 0.68
- Hower St. NE, North Main to Taft, 0.57
- Lindy Lane Ave. SW/NW, Glenwood to Portage, 1.48
- Maplecrest St. SW, South Main to Jonathan, 0.73
- Orchard Ave. NE, Hower to 7th, 0.63
- Park Ave. NE, 10th to Holl, 0.27
- Woodside Ave. SE, Schneider to West Maple, 0.98
- Edgewood St. SE, Woodside to East of Clearmount, 0.33
- Alley #47 SE, Rose Lane to Schneider, 0.06
- Foster Ave. SE, East Maple to End, 0.06
- Hartman St. SE, Pershing to End, 0.16

Joint Everhard Rd Repaving w/Stark Cty Eng.:

Everhard Road SW, South Main to West City Limits, 4.60

Joint Orion St Repaving w/Plain Twp. Trustees:

Orion Street NW, North Main to West City Limits, 0.63

South Main Street Repaving Projects:

South Main Street, Knoll to Rose Lane, 3.39

Easthill St Bridge Rehabilitation by ODOT:

Easthill Street SE, Bridge to South Main, 0.20

Bachtel Street SE Reconstruction:

Bachtel Street SE, just East of Clearmount to dead end, 0.42

West Maple Street SE Reconstruction:

West Maple Street, Ream to Main, 0.23 (Oct. 2018)

East Maple St by ODOT as part of SR-43 Project:

E. Maple St, Washington Sq. Signal to Market, 0.40 (Oct. 2018)

Power Outage SAFETY INFORMATION

Do you know what to do in the rare event of a power outage, especially in cold weather? Advance planning could be the most important decision you could make regarding your safety and comfort.

STEPS TO PROPERLY REPORT A POWER OUTAGE:

1. Check to see if others in your area are without electricity. If you are the only one without power you should check your circuit breaker panel.
2. If others are additionally without power, you should

call American Electric Power at **1-800-672-2231** or use a smartphone, tablet or laptop to report the outage at **AEPOhio.com**.

3. Make certain to turn off all lights and appliances, which should include your heating and air conditioning systems. This prevents circuits from being overloaded as power is restored.

EMERGENCY KIT:

It is a good idea to create an emergency kit in the event of a power outage.

Your kit could include the following items:

- Flashlights and fresh batteries
- Battery-powered radio
- Battery-powered cell phone charger
- Candles/oil lamps, matches or lighters
- Water for drinking and cooking
- Emergency Food that does not require cooking (*Canned goods (and a manual can opener), cereal, crackers, cookies*)
- Camping Equipment (sleeping bags, camp stoves)*
**Never burn charcoal indoors. It releases poisonous carbon monoxide!*

Make sure you have a contingency plan for family members who rely on medical devices run by electricity.

Check on elderly neighbors to make sure they have what they need and are staying warm.

9 Tips for Holiday Shopping Safety



1. STAY ALERT.

Be aware and alert of your surroundings. Try to not be too preoccupied with selecting the right gift and all the holiday activities, especially in crowds.

2. DAYTIME SHOPPING.

Try to shop during the day, but if you find yourself needing to shop at night be certain to take someone with you and park as close to the store as possible or near a light post so you are visible in a well-lit area.

3. ATTIRE.

Avoid wearing expensive jewelry while shopping. This could make you a potential target for criminals. Dress casually and comfortably.

4. ACCOUTREMENTS.

Consider not carrying a purse or wallet, if possible. Try bringing a security travel pouch if you need something in which to carry your personal items. Otherwise, carry only your driver's license or identification along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use. If you must carry a wallet or a purse, be extra careful as these are prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas.

5. PAYMENTS.

You should avoid carrying large amounts of cash and the cash you do carry should be kept in your front pocket. Pay for purchases with a check or credit card whenever possible.

6. PARKING LOTS.

Do not be distracted when walking to your car (talking on your phone, texting, etc.). Watch out for people loitering near your car. Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion if you are approached. You should walk directly from the store to your vehicle with your keys in your hand and the ability to open and close your car door. Once inside your vehicle, lock your doors if you are not going to drive away immediately. If you are uncomfortable for any reason attempting to walk to your car, go back inside the store and request a store employee to assist you.

7. BEWARE OF "NICE" STRANGERS.

While they may seem harmless, you should beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. Unfortunately, even during the holidays con-artists may try various methods of distracting you, including working in teams to attempt to take your belongings or money or put you in some other vicarious situation.

8. PACKAGE VISIBILITY.

If you are shopping at several stores or at different locations, do not leave your packages in open view inside your vehicle. Store them in your trunk or cover them so they are not easily visible to a passerby.

9. CONTROL YOUR SOCIAL STATUS:

Although you might be tempted to post about how excited you are for your holiday travels or Black Friday shopping sprees, resist the urge to alert others that you are not going to be home as, especially during the holidays, this is a dangerous thing to share.

Don't Fall Victim to Scams

Every day there are scams, which are an ongoing nuisance that get more and more sophisticated.

In an effort to assist you in not falling prey to these individuals, the City of North Canton would like to provide you with the following warning signs:

HOUSE VISITS: Please be on alert if someone appears at your door asking for personal information, to view your utility bill or requesting a payment. City employees, nor the gas or electric aggregate companies, will ever come to your residence requesting this type of information. Some scammers have the ability to appear as if they work for the City or for the gas or electric aggregate companies. Don't let that fool you! If in doubt, please call the City of North Canton non-emergency police line at 330-499-5911 about a potential solicitor in your area.

PHONE CALLS: If someone calls you stating they're from the City or from one of the gas or electric aggregate companies requesting personal information or requesting a payment from a prepaid debit or personal bank or credit card over the phone, please do **not** provide them with that information. The City, nor the gas or electric aggregate companies, will ever call you requesting this type of payment.

PAY - NOW - OR - ELSE: If you receive a phone call from someone advising that your utilities will be cut off that day if you don't pay immediately over the phone, hang up. The City of North Canton Utility Department will **never** call you for payment over the phone. Customers with delinquent accounts will receive notices in the mail well in advance. They will never receive a single telephone notification just before disconnection.

Never provide your social security number to anyone calling you or stopping by your residence.



ONE CALL DOES IT ALL!

330.499.8223

In an effort to better serve you the City of North Canton has transitioned to a new and more efficient phone system.

In the past there were nearly 20 different individual City department phone numbers to have to look up, now you just remember ONE NUMBER.

LISTED BELOW ARE THE DEPARTMENT OPTIONS:

If an Emergency ALWAYS call 9-1-1

For NON-emergency Police or Fire Select * (star key)

Water Select 2
For billing, metering, new or transferring of existing service, for water color or odor issues, for back flow questions or to reach the Water Treatment Plant

Trash, Recycling or Sewer Select 3

Engineering & Permits Department Select 4

Recreation Facility Rentals Select 5
Picnic Pavilions, Dogwood Shelter, Civic Center, Ball Fields

Finance Department Select 6

Street Department Select 7
For road, curb, storm sewer issues, or to report removal or dead animal in street

Administration & Mayor's Office Select 8
For public records requests, to reach the Mayor, City Administrator, or City Nuisance Officer to report an issue or violation of City Ordinance.

City Council Select 9
For City Council questions, meeting information or to reach a Councilperson

Operator Press 0
If unsure what department you need



When calling the main number you will hear a greeting, followed by an automated attendant that gives you the option to select the department you need. The benefit is that you will reach the department you want on the first call. No more having to hang up and call another phone number. No more busy signals! When all representatives are busy assisting other callers the new phone system will always give the option to leave a voice mail. That is something the old phone system was not capable of doing.



Holiday Safety Tips

Turkey Fryers: The City of North Canton Fire Department would like to warn residents how dangerous cooking with turkey fryers can be. There is a high risk of overheating, spilling hot oil, or tipping over which could lead to fires, burns or other injuries. If you choose to utilize a turkey fryer this holiday season, be certain to follow all instructions and warnings contained in the packaging. Additionally, please note the following precautions:

- ✓ Do not overfill the fryer.
- ✓ Make certain the turkey is completely thawed before placing it in the fryer.
- ✓ Do not use a fryer in any enclosed space, which includes, but is not limited to, a garage, deck or covered patio.
- ✓ Fryers should only be used outside, on level solid surfaces, which are a safe distance from any structures.
- ✓ Never leave a fryer unattended and do not let pets or children near the fryer.
- ✓ Keep an ABC fire extinguisher nearby in the event it is needed.
- ✓ If a fire occurs, call 911 **immediately**.

Fireplaces: Do not place decorations around fireplaces. Do not use combustible decorations on the mantle. Do not burn items in your fireplace, such as wrapping paper, boxes, pine needles and the like.

Candles: Do not use candles near trees, or other combustible decorations. Never leave burning candles unattended. Candles should only be used in approved containers.

Lights: Discard all light sets with damaged wires or sockets. When decorating outside, be certain that you are only using lights and extension cords marked "for outdoor use". When hanging outdoor lights from the roof or gutter use caution to prevent falls. Use only UL approved light sets and follow the manufacturer's instructions for the maximum amount of light sets that can be connected at a time. In the interest of safety, be certain to turn off all of your décor and lights prior to leaving your home or retiring for the night.

Trees: When deciding on what type of tree you'd like to purchase this year, please bear in mind that live trees require significant amounts of water on a daily basis. When purchasing a live tree, check that the tree is fairly fresh by making certain the needles are not falling off and are soft to the touch. You should remove live trees from your home as soon as possible after the holidays. When purchasing artificial trees make certain to look for "fire resistant" labels.

Alarms: You should try to make a habit of replacing the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when you change your clocks in the fall and spring.

SNOW SHOVELING SAFETY TIPS

Winter is fast approaching and before you know it we will be facing the prospect of snow. Prior to the first snowfall of the season we would like to provide you with some safety snow shoveling tips to help avoid any potential injuries.

As with any physical activity, you should make certain that you warm up by doing some light movements. This can include walking in place, squatting, bending from side to side, etc.

Dress in layers and remove them as you warm up in order to help maintain a body temperature that is comfortable.

Snow shovel producers have started making light-weight ergonomically designed shovels to help reduce the weight being lifted and the amount of bending required when shoveling snow.

Consider pushing the snow with your shovel instead of lifting it. This could help reduce any strain you are putting on your body. If you must lift the snow you should bend your knees and lift with your legs instead of your back.

Take frequent breaks during your shoveling or try to shovel periodically during the snowfall to prevent having to shovel large amounts of snow at one time.

Snow is lighter and fluffier when it has first fallen, so attempt to shovel shortly after it falls. Snow will become wetter and heavier the longer it stays on the ground.

Be certain to drink plenty of water to stay hydrated while shoveling.

New City Website **Northcantonohio.gov**

Here you will find information such as City Council meeting dates, times and agendas, you can pay utilities, or look up permits on-line and find information on the City departments you need. The site is kept up to date with frequently



asked questions from residents and will post upcoming City events and important alerts as needed. Check out the "How Do I" tab at the top to help navigate you to the right area, or use the search function to find what you need. We welcome your feedback on the new site. Let us know what you think via the "contact us form".



CITY OF NORTH CANTON

145 North Main St.
North Canton, OH 44720

Upcoming events

TREE LIGHTING:

The annual tree lighting ceremony will take place on **December 2, 2018**. This family friendly event will boast live music, Santa's arrival, and lighting of the tree. There will be plenty of food and beverages, so plan to come out and enjoy your community!

AN ENTERTAINING LOOK AT CHRISTMAS TV HISTORY

Sunday, December 2 at 3:30 p.m.

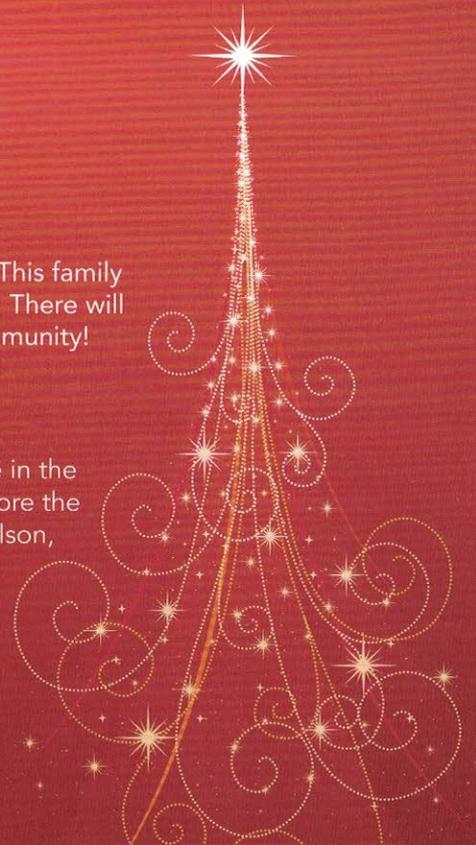
The City of North Canton and the Chamber of Commerce will light the tree in the center of town with a celebration from 5 to 7 p.m. Join us at the library before the tree lighting event to hear from Christmas entertainment author Joanna Wilson, who will join us for a fun and nostalgic discussion of everyone's favorite Christmas television episodes, specials, and movies. Copies of her books will also be available for purchase.

PICTURES WITH SANTA:

Saturday, December 8th from 10-11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 10th from 6-7:30 p.m.

Bring your camera! No registration required.



For more information, visit our web page at: www.northcantonohio.gov