

MANAGER'S MINUTE By Amy Nelson

Strategic Planning

On Saturday, May 22nd the Canton City Commission will be holding its annual strategic planning session. This annual meeting brings together Canton City Commissioners, Department Heads, as well as individuals representing various committees and organizations throughout our community for an opportunity to address progress on community-wide goals. Last year six major goals were identified. This year's work will focus on breaking down these goals into smaller action items. New goals may also be added to the strategic plan. "A community is never done with its strategic plan," notes City Manager Amy Nelson. "It has to be a living document that changes as new projects and needs develop." The end product of a strategic plan will be a written report that will guide the staff for their work over the next 12 months. You will have the opportunity to participate in this year's strategic planning by taking a survey. The survey will give you an opportunity to tell the City what projects and programs are important to you.



Nuisances and Property Maintenance

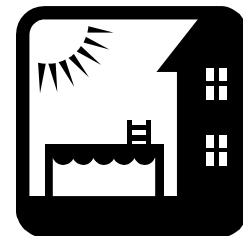
The City of Canton is committed to cleaning up our town. If you see a property where a nuisance is being created, please report it to City Hall. Further, if you see a structure that is unsafe or unhealthy, these can also be reported and acted on under the International Property Code Maintenance Ordinance. The process of nuisance abatement and property maintenance takes a considerable amount of time. The City must ensure proper notice is given and ample time is allowed for remediating the problems. If you receive a letter indicating you are harboring a nuisance or that you have a maintenance issue with your property, please address it immediately.

**Do not mow grass clippings into the
City streets or gutters.**

This is a violation of City Ordinance 8.70.020.

*It causes a breeding ground for mosquitoes
and may cause storm sewer problems.*

DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR A TEMPORARY POOL OR WADING POOL?



If your pool is more than two feet deep at any point, the answer is YES. You need to come to City Hall as soon as possible to start applying for the required permits. A conditional use permit is required first. An application must be completed and a fee of \$15 is required. A hearing will be set and notice of the hearing must be published at least ten days in advance. You will also need to enclose the entire pool by a fence. To build a new fence, a building permit will be required. If the pool is not permanent, after obtaining all of the permits, an annual inspection is required every year. No pools can be in a front yard. If you are thinking about installing a pool of any type, please come to City Hall to discuss your plans and get detailed information about the ordinances relating to pools.

Canton Rummage Sale Regulations

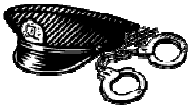
1. Sales shall last no longer than three (3) days.
2. Sales shall be held no more than twice yearly.
3. Sales are conducted on the owner's property, or one of the owner's properties in case of a multi-party sale.
4. Signs shall not exceed eight (8) square feet and shall be removed upon completion of sale.

Chamber Chat By Lisa Alden

The City Wide Rummage Sale will be held June 4-5, 2010. Call the Sioux Valley News to place your ad.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its Third Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Hiawatha Golf Club. There will be a 10:00 am Shotgun Start. Registration is \$250 per team. Many awards and raffle prizes will be given away! A \$5000 Hole-in-One Contest is sponsored by Farmers State Bank. Lunch is sponsored by Adams Thermal Systems. Call Lisa to register your team at 764-7864. If you are not able to participate, please call about being a hole sponsor. Proceeds will pay for the landscaping around the new Depot Visitor Center sign.





KEEPING THE PEACE

By Al Warnock, Chief of Police

The Police Department welcomes the arrival of spring weather just as most of us do every year. One of the problems we begin to see this time of year is the parking of boats, trailers, and other recreational vehicles at residences as folks begin to start the camping, fishing and outdoor seasons. City Ordinance 10.08.080 provides for parking on city streets for a period not to exceed 72 hours. Other parking violations that are frequently called in to the police are parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant; within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection; within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing signals, stop sign, yield sign or traffic control device; within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of the entrance when signs are properly posted. These parking restrictions are covered by Ordinance 10.08.010.

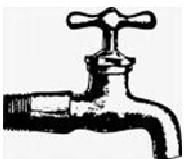
Corresponding with the arrival of spring are the numerous complaints of dogs running at large. City Ordinance 6.04.030 states it is unlawful for any person to have an animal, which is owned, kept, harbored or under his, her or their control to be at large and to go in or upon the private property or premise of others or upon any public property. We ask all dog owners to be aware of this requirement and maintain proper control of their pets. We all look forward to warmer weather and outdoor activities, please do so safely.

CHECK IT OUT

By Edith Nelson, Librarian



During the month of May, Canton Library will be gearing up for the summer reading program "*Make a Splash - READ!*". Registration for the program will start Monday, June 7 and end on Saturday, June 19, with the program beginning June 21 and ending July 17. We will have lots of fun-filled activities such as: a magic show June 22, the Zoomobile June 29, and Mr. Twister on July 6. Stop in the library for more information.



WATER WORKS

By Jeff Fossum
Superintendent of Water/Wastewater

Spring has sprung. It is time to get the sump pump pumping out to the curb. Every gallon that goes into the sanitary sewer system costs money. You may ask, "How can this be harmful? It's just a few gallons every time it runs." With this extra water in the sanitary sewer system, the system can become overloaded. The extra water has to be handled and means more electricity used with decreased capacity in the lagoon. As you can see, this starts to add up (\$\$\$\$\$\$) if water is not put in the right place! Please pump that water to the curb.



MONEY MATTERS

By Kyle Cwach, Finance Officer

The audit of the 2009 books has been completed. Our auditor has informed the Mayor that our financial reports are in good overall shape, which leads the City to its fourth clean audit since 2005. A copy of the annual report is available at the Library and City Hall for any citizen to review. When the City is presented with a copy of the final audit report, it will be made available in those locations as well.

The funding for the lagoon project is in full swing, with both the loan and grant funding revenue flowing into the coffers. The down side to the money coming in is that means the money left the coffers. The loan and the grant funding are on a reimbursement basis. There is a lag time between the money going out and money coming in. The lag time is not a large concern due to the fact we have money built in reserves to float between highs and lows in revenue.

The Depot project is also in full swing. The Department of Transportation funded a large portion of the whole Depot project and is kind enough to handle all the requests for reimbursement from the Contractor for all eligible expenses. This unfortunately leaves a funding shortage, which we have filled with capital reserves that we have accumulated over the past several years.

All in all the City is in good shape, but we have many challenges ahead of us.

NUTS & BOLTS

By Bill Thorson
Superintendent of Public Works



The annual City Clean Up Days are quickly approaching. The dates this year will be June 7, 8, & 9, 2010. Scavenging is discouraged prior to and during clean up. City Wide Clean Up is an annual City service aimed to give all citizens an opportunity to clean up their homes and yards. Look for more information in the following weeks in the Sioux Valley News and on the City of Canton website.

The Rubble Site is on summer hours. The City of Canton has hired new operators and is accepting construction rubble, trees, and grass clippings. The grass only drop off is available at the Public Works shop on South Lincoln again this year. Please abide by the posted rules so these facilities can remain open for your use.



**The 2009 Consumer Confidence Report
will be available at City Hall and on the
City website after June 1, 2010.**