

City of Canton "A Premier South Dakota Community"

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## MANAGER'S MINUTE By Amy Nelson

### LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012

In an attempt to keep citizens informed of projects and programs coming up in 2012, I wanted to give the public a quick overview of some of the things we are planning. While this is a very broad overview, I hope it will provide you with the opportunity to comment and discuss your views with City Commissioners on issues as they appear on City Commission agendas. We plan to address and revise ordinances relating to fireworks. We will consider alternative dates for shooting off fireworks and the caliber allowed. We will also be addressing our nuisance ordinance, placing stringent requirements on outdoor storage, and transferring enforcement to the police department. Capital improvements this year include the airport runway construction and design of the Bridge Street bridge. We will also work to move and update the Beaver Creek lift station and extend sewer on the west side of town. We will also consider hiring a consultant to assist in studying feasibility and fundraising for the pool project. We will be working on expanding the farmers market to an open air market and continue to add displays to the depot museum. We will update our subdivision code and adopt engineering standards to expedite simple plats and replatting. Once complete, we will put together a developer's handbook to aid builders and developers with housing and economic development projects. Major purchases will include updates to vehicles and equipment in public works and the police department which will be bid out according to state bidding regulations. We will pursue a FEMA grant to address drainage in Christmas Lake. We will work closely with Canton Economic Development Commission on housing while continuing to pursue economic development projects. While these are just some of the things we plan for 2012, the year promises to be busy. I encourage citizens to look at upcoming City Commission agendas on our website so that you can stay informed and provide feedback to the Commission on decisions they are making.

**CANTON EXCOMMUNITY EXPO**

**Saturday, March 24th**  
Canton High School — 9:00am to 3:00pm

SANFORD HEALTH FAIR  
8:00 am to 3:00 pm In Auxiliary Gym

PANCAKE FEED  
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

**REGISTER TO WIN CANTON CASH!**

**Legislative Cracker Barrel**

*Saturday, February 4th*  
**10am-12pm at the Depot Viking Room**

*Local legislators will be available to discuss state issues.*

## Chamber Chat By Lisa Alden

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our membership drive is under way. If you have not received an information packet or would like information, please contact Lisa at 764-7864 or lisa.canton@iw.net.

### CONGRATULATIONS! 2011 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR – ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME & 2011 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – ADAM DUPIC

Announcements were made at the Chamber Annual Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Deinema Foundation Awards were also awarded to Canton Good Samaritan, the Depot Foundation and Canton EMS.

**Bike Rodeo**

*Saturday, May 5th*  
**10am at Lawrence Elementary**

Free Bike Licensing and Helmets, Safety Talk,  
Drawings for New Bikes, Free Pizza, and More!

## Jennifer DeJong Named Employee of the Year

Jennifer DeJong was named the City of Canton 2011 Employee of the Year. This honor is bestowed upon a City of Canton employee who has gone beyond the call of duty and has excelled. Employees and City Commissioners nominate employees and the award is presented at the annual employee appreciation banquet. Nominators said that Jennifer is organized, creative, innovative, performs high quality of work, and is resourceful. They also said that she makes the ordinary extraordinary and generates enthusiasm for City employees to get involved in community events. Ms. DeJong has worked with the City of Canton since 2005. While her job title is Administrative Assistant/Special Events Coordinator, she handles many human resource functions, recreation activities, and almost anything else that comes up for the City. 2011 was a particularly busy year, and Ms. DeJong helped to ensure that the City put its best foot forward. Congratulations Jen! Well done!





## KEEPING THE PEACE

By David Miller, Chief of Police

As I write this article, we are experiencing our first light snow fall of 2012. So continuing with my theme of EDUCATION and COMMUNICATION, I want to remind citizens of our snow removal policy. This is an effort to help you avoid costly parking tickets and impound fees.

**City Ordinance 10.08.100—Prohibition of Street Parking for Snow Removal**—There shall be no parking of any motor vehicle, trailer, or other appurtenance on the city streets whenever the US Weather Bureau has forecasted snowfall of two inches or more for Southeastern South Dakota, whenever two or more inches has fallen in the city limits of Canton, or when the city declares a snow emergency. If the city declares a snow emergency, the city will alert residents of the streets that will be plowed and the time the snow removal operations will begin on local television and radio stations in the Sioux Falls metropolitan area. Parking may resume on any street on which snow removal operations have been completed curb to curb.

By leaving vehicles on the street, snowplowing efforts become complicated and time consuming. The police department is also taken away from their regular duties to ticket and impound illegally parked vehicles.

I ask that you take a proactive approach. If you think it may snow, please park on your property until the streets are cleared.

Also, remember to keep your sidewalks clear of snow and ice for the safety of kids walking to school, your local mail carrier and others. I, along with all the city employees, appreciate your cooperation in assisting us to do our jobs.

## CHECK IT OUT

By Edith Nelson, Librarian



The Canton Public Library will offer Story Time during February and April. Classes are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:15am-11:00am for children 3 to 5 years old. Children learn finger plays, sing songs, listen to stories and make crafts. For more information, stop in or call the library at 987-5831.

On Thursday, February 23, the library will show a movie for children grades 2-6 at 1pm. The Tail Waggin Tutors will make a guest appearance during the month of March. Watch the Sioux Valley News and the school newsletter for the date and time.

## Upcoming Election

Have you ever considered serving as a City Commissioner? The city will be electing three City Commissioners. As of January 27, 2012, candidates can begin circulation of nominating petitions. Petitions must be returned to Canton City Hall between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm no later than February 24, 2012. If you would like more information, please stop by city hall.



## MONEY MATTERS

By Kyle Cwach, Finance Officer

The City of Canton has recently made adjustments to fees that will be effective February 1<sup>st</sup>. The fee increases help offset increasing costs associated with the programs and services. Our costs continue to increase every year due to the increases in salaries, supplies, publications, and liability insurance. Specifically, citizens will notice recreation fees and some licensing fees raised. Also, a new fee for special meetings was established when an individual requests assembly of the Planning and Zoning Commission or City Commission. Since most of our ordinances are available online to print, City staff will charge for photocopies of information and maps. However, anyone can come and review documents that are public information for free at City Hall. Nobody likes increases in fees, but in order to continue providing programming and services in the future, it is necessary. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.



## WATER WORKS

By Jeff Fossum

Canton Sewer Department is reviewing plans to replace the Beaver Creek lift station. This lift is located on the banks of Beaver Creek, across Hwy 18 by Subway. The sewer department owns and operates 5 lift stations that pump and lift waste water to the Wastewater Treatment Facility east of Canton. The Beaver Creek lift station was ready for use in 1982. It provides service for the west end of town including the industrial park. The replacement is needed because the hydraulic flows have increased from its inception. Also, the life of a lift station of this kind is 20-25 years. Increased expansion of the industrial site is overtaxing the existing lift station. If you would like more information on the lift station, please call City Hall at 987-2881 and I will return your call.

## GET NOTIFIED OF SNOW ALERTS BY TEXT MESSAGE

A community notification service called Nixle is being used by the City of Canton and the Police Department to notify residents of snow alerts, emergency situations, and missing person alerts. By signing up for this service, residents will receive a text messages on their cellular phones or an e-mail account when a snow alert is issued or an emergency situation exists. Signing up for the service is very easy. You must simply register online at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). If you do not have computer access, the Canton Public Library has computers available. If you have any questions, you can also stop at City Hall and ask for assistance from the Police Department. Be prepared for the next snow fall and get registered for Nixle today!

