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LUCAS HEADS NEW CANONSBURG COUNCIL

Steve Lucas is the new president of the Canonsburg Council. Lucas was elected president by a 54 vote at the January 5 reorganization meeting. By the same vote, Richard Russo was elected vice president of council. Former president Jean Popp was named president pro-tem, and Robert Rudge, who retired from council Dec. 31, was named to chair the vacancy board.

Continuing are auditors Cypher and Cypher, engineer HMT & Associates and Solicitor Patrick D'errico. Meetings will continue to be held the first and second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Canonsburg Council chambers.

The chairmen of the various council committees are:

- Administration & Finance: Daniel Caruso Jr.
- Comprehensive Plan: Jean Popp
- Concert Series: Jean Popp
- Parking Authority: Joseph Graff
- Parks & Recreation: Dennis D'Orazio
- Public Safety: George Coleman
- Public Works: Joseph Milioto
- Redevelopment and Renaissance: Richard Russo
- Sewer Authority: James Romano

Borough of Canonsburg Mayor

- Anthony L. Colaizzo

Borough of Canonsburg Council Members

First Ward

- Steve Lucas
- Jean Popp
- James Romano

Second Ward

- George Coleman
- Dennis D'Orazio
- Richard Russo

Third Ward

- Daniel Caruso Jr.
- Joseph Graff
- Joseph Milioto

MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILMAN!

Newly elected to Canonsburg Council as a representative of the second ward is George Coleman, Jr. of 416 Bluff Street.

A lifelong resident of Canonsburg, George has been married to his wife, Darlene, for 39 years. They have two sons George III and Shawn, as well as three grandchildren, all of whom are in the Canon-McMillan School System.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and Canonsburg Volunteer Fire Department.

George retired in 2001 after 25 years of service with the state. He is now working as a supervisor in the transportation authority.

In addition to the fire department, George has been a member and past president of the Kiwanis and the Washington County Firemen's Association, and member of the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Senior Citizens Board of Directors and Mayor Advisory Board.

He is a current board member and past president of the South Hills Firemen's Association. He is also currently an officer in the Western Pennsylvania and State Firemen's Association and a member of many fraternal organizations, including the Elks, Moose and Eagles. He attends the Canonsburg U.P. Church and is a former deacon of that church.

George's philosophy on local government is that its highest priority rests solely with the safety, security and protection of its people. He believes it is wrong to assume that the people are not smart enough to govern themselves and that all of the people in Canonsburg should have input into their town and the direction that it is headed.

"George Coleman does not believe that cutting services or cutting positions in the borough is the way to balance a budget." This should be the last resort when all else fails. A responsible governing body would not cut needed services or manpower, especially in the public safety sector. Instead, that body would work on the available funding resources and network with other communities on shared services.

Mr. Coleman is proud of Canonsburg and its people. He states that our borough employees work hard for the town and each of them is needed if we are to continue making progress.

He is quite proud to have been elected to council by the people of his ward and does not take their trust in him lightly.

For information about
Canonsburg visit our
web site at:

www.canonsburgboro.com

PERRY COMO THEATER OPENING

After a successful run of "Dream Along With Me" and "The Perry Como Christmas Show," producer Jude Pohl has decided to launch a permanent dinner theater in Canonsburg.

The Perry Como Dinner Theater will be located at the Canonsburg Elks and feature four separate shows in its inaugural year.

The premiere season will feature:

* The Taffetas - A tribute to the girl groups of the '50s, the musical will run Fridays and Saturdays from March 26 to May 1, with a Sunday matinee on April 18.

*Around the World in 80 Minutes - This musical features songs from Broadway shows such as "Phantom of the Opera," "My Fair Lady" and "Jekyll and Hyde." It runs Fridays and Saturdays from May 7 to June 5, with a Sunday matinee May 9.

*Feelin' Groovy - A musical focusing on '60s music by acts such as Simon and Garfunkel, the Beatles and the Mamas & Papas. Show dates are Fridays and

Saturdays, July 9 to August 7, with a Sunday matinee July 25.

* The U.S.O. Christmas Show - Re-creates Hollywood entertaining the troops overseas with "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," "Paper Moon" and "I'll Be Seeing You," among others. This one plays Fridays and Saturdays Nov. 26 to Dec. 18 with a Sunday matinee Dec. 12.

Tickets are \$32 for dinner and show. A season ticket, at \$116, includes preferred seating, exchange privileges, a listing in the program and \$2 per ticket discounts on additional tickets for the Perry Como Theater shows as well as other Pohl productions.

A non-package special performance, "The Bake-Off Murder Mystery," will be Saturday, Feb. 21. It's \$28, or \$26 for season ticket holders.

For more information, call (724) 746-1178.

FIRST STREET CAFE PLANS SHOW

"A Night of Music and Fun" will be presented at First Church Cafe Saturday, Feb. 21.

Performing at 6:30 will be NPR and Dual Accord. Sandy Reeves will follow at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$5; \$6 at the door. For information, call (724) 745-5771.

First Church Cafe is at the First United Methodist Church, Canonsburg. Use the Iron Street entrance.

The Borough of Canonsburg is now accepting reservations from residents for shelters at Town Park.

Reservations for non-residents will be accepted beginning Tuesday, February 16 at 8:30 a.m.

Office hours at the Canonsburg Borough Building are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fees are \$150 for the Yoney and Main pavilions and \$75 for the small pavilions

CANONSBURG BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION 2002 IS ACCEPTING FINAL ORDERS FOR THE "CANONSBURG REFLECTIONS 1802 - 2002" BOOK

Due to the overwhelming response, the first run of 1,000 Canonsburg history books sold out in one day. The Commission subsidized the cost of the first run from the bicentennial activities allowing us to sell the book at a significant discount. Unfortunately, we cannot continue to underwrite the expense and since we are ordering a much small number, the cost per book will be \$50.00. If you have had the opportunity to see the book you know it is well worth the price.

If you wish to place an order, please fill out the form below and mail with your check to: **CBC2002, Attn: Vitullo Travel Agency, Inc, 163 East Pike Street, Canonsburg, PA 15317.**

ORDER NOW, THIS IS YOUR VERY LAST OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN THIS BOOK!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Number of Books Ordered: _____ x \$50 = \$ _____ (Payable to CBC2002)

You may also order the book direct from the Josten's Website: www.jostens.com/canonsburg

Please direct any additional questions to Carmina at 724-746-4665



MANAGER'S MEMOS...

Items of interest from the Borough Manager's desk:

- **Canonsburg and Columbia Gas** are continuing to meet about the house explosion on Highland Avenue in January. Both Canonsburg and the utility company are taking steps to ensure that public safety is the primary concern.
- **Comprehensive Plan** - Canonsburg Borough and Cecil Township have started work on a joint comprehensive plan that is expected to be finished in mid-2005. Many public meetings are planned to solicit input on ideas for the future of this area.
- **Demolition of several buildings** on Jefferson Avenue should begin late this spring. The property will be the site of the new Canonsburg Library, which is tentatively planned to be a 2-story, 30,000 square-foot structure. The library has hired an architect, and the borough expects construction to begin sometime in 2005.
- **A temporary four-way stop sign** has been placed at Jefferson and Van Eman. If the

signs have a positive affect on traffic flow, they will be installed permanently.

- **Salty statistics:** The borough expects to use more than 1,300 tons of salt this winter. This can be attributed to the high number of springs and water line breaks that necessitate additional use of salt even when it doesn't rain or snow. During the first 2 1/2 weeks of January, the borough spent \$4,000 in overtime.

Did you know...

- One Regular Borough Run-through with salt costs \$849 (4 men plus salt)
- One Overtime Borough Run-through with salt costs \$1,059 (4 men plus salt)
- The borough averaged two runs a day the last two weeks
- Each run uses 25 tons of salt
- An average of more than 200 tons of salt per week was used in January
- Price of salt for the initial order was \$32 per ton; the additional salt costs \$40 - \$48 per ton
- **Summer Concerts** - The borough is again planning a full

slate of outdoor concerts. The "Sunday in the Park" series will include shows by the Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra, the Holidays (oldies band), Big Band Memories and the annual talent show. The "Cool Nights In Canonsburg" downtown series will feature jazz artist Tony Janflone, disco band Dancing Queen and several others. Details will be available shortly.

- **Parking Permits** - The borough has made available an additional 6 spaces at the Jefferson and Rite Aid parking lots and an additional 4 spaces at the Midtown lot for permit parking.
- **Fire Hydrants** - The borough has forwarded to the Pennsylvania American Water Company a recommendation for installation/ movement of three fire hydrants at White Way, Tip Top and Fifth Street.
- **Lighting** - The borough is considering new light poles on the east and west sections of Pike Street.

ICE, SNOW ORDINANCE WILL BE ENFORCED

Canonsburg borough will be enforcing its snow and ice removal ordinance throughout the season.

Every person in charge or control of any building or lot of land fronting or abutting on a paved sidewalk is responsible for keeping the sidewalk clear.

This refers to owners, tenants, occupants and lessees.

The cleared path must be at least 30 inches wide and the snow and/or ice must be removed within 12 hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain.

If the snow and/or ice cannot be removed without

damaging the sidewalk, sand or other abrasives may be put on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe.

Fines will be assessed for anyone disregarding the ordinance.

For questions, call Code Enforcement Officer Mike Gordon at (724) 745-1800.

THE CANONSBURG RENAISSANCE GROUP

The Canonsburg Renaissance Group is currently sectioned into five committees:

Gateway Beautification - the first of several projects is complete

Design Standards - the Standards Manual is in final approval cycle

Downtown Revitalization - matching grant funding is current being sought for downtown property owners

Redevelopment - the Murdock and Jefferson Street redevelopment project continues to move at a relatively slower pace due to parcel acquisitions by the County Redevelopment

Authority. Look for spring start on demolition of existing structures. The CRG was the successful bidder at a tax lien sale November 24, 2003 for the Mac Plastics property

Fundraising - new campaigns will commence early in 2004.

CANONSBURG BOROUGH 2004 BUDGET

Revenues:

Real Estate Taxes - \$1,081,000
 Act 511 Taxes - \$695,800
 Licenses/Permits - \$111,000
 Fines - \$28,000
 Interest & Rents - \$60,975
 Grants - \$89,944
 State Shared Revenue - \$159,600
 Misc. Revenue - \$55,600
 Streets/Highways - \$82,000
 Sanitation - \$84,200
 Health Licences - \$6,183
 Recreation fees - \$65,300
 Interfund Transfers - \$458,718
 Tax Anticipation Note Proceeds - \$500,000
 Refund P.Y. Expenditures - \$70,000
 Fund Balance - \$67,720
Total - \$3,616,040

Expenditures:

General Government Operation - \$390,207
 Public Works - \$781,680
 Police - \$1,092,707
 Fire - \$126,834
 Planning/Zoning - \$56,059
 Health & Safety - \$7,900
 Parking Authority - \$41,682
 Recreation - \$78,062
 Library - \$14,000
 Civic Celebrations - \$1,000
 Senior Citizen Center - \$5,000
 Debt Service - \$726,384
 Insurance - \$46,362
 Pension Contribution - \$247,663
 Misc. - \$500
Total - \$3,616,040

PARKING PERMITS AVAILABLE BY MAIL

Both residents and non-residents of Canonsburg can now purchase their parking permits through the mail - and they can do it on a multi-month basis if they choose.

The borough is offering discounts to those who purchase on a quarterly, half-year, or yearly basis.

The 2004 permits are of a new design, and hang from the rearview mirror.

If you would like a permit application mailed to you, please call Ellen at (724) 745-8020.

Here are the new rates:

Per month: \$25; per quarter: \$70; per half year, \$130; per year, \$230

Senior rates:

Per month: \$15; per quarter, \$40; per half year, \$70; per year \$130



January 20, 2004

Dear Canonsburg resident:

As of January 1, 2004, Canonsburg Borough has assumed responsibility for collecting all fees for trash pick-up. This benefits you in two ways.

Our fee of \$26 per quarter is more than \$3 less expensive than the bids that were to take effect in 2004 from waste haulers if they were sending and collecting bills.

The borough is offering the opportunity to pay for collection by the quarter, half-year or year.

You will notice no difference in the billing procedure. The payments will merely be returned to a different address. Collection will continue to be on Fridays, and all trash should be available for pickup by 6 a.m. that day.

What's new:

Recyclables will now be collected every other Friday. (the next three recyclable dates are Jan. 30, Feb. 13 and Feb. 27). Recyclable containers for new residents are available at the borough office.

Newspapers have been added to the list of recyclables. Newspapers and magazines should be placed in paper bags or cardboard boxes only. They cannot be mixed in with the other recyclables or placed in plastic bags. Other recyclables collected by the borough include aluminum, plastic, ferrous containers, bi-metal containers, clear, brown, amber and green glass containers.

Waste Management has mailed calendars with collection dates to all residents. If you did not receive one, it can be picked up at the borough office. You can also call the borough office at (724) 745-1800 for information.

Reminder:

Any resident not paying trash bills in a timely fashion is subject to fines and penalties, as well as liens on property and, eventually, sheriff's sale. The borough has also hired a collection agency to ensure payment.

We are certain you will appreciate the low waste collection fees being offered by the borough. Please know that the borough, in turn, appreciates your cooperation in creating a cleaner Canonsburg.

Terry Hazlett
Manager

Note to Landlords:

Landlords are responsible for payment of trash bills for all of their rental units, as well as providing the borough with the number of units and names of all lessees and tenants twice a year (March 31 and Sept. 30), per ordinance No. 1233.

As of July 1, landlords will receive, and will be responsible for, waste collection bills for all of their rental units. (If you have four rental units, you will receive a quarterly bill of \$104.) As in the past, all buildings with more than six rental units must contract separately for waste collection.

As with residents, all landlords are subject to fines, jail time and liens if waste collection fees are not paid in a timely fashion.

In addition, any resident or landlord failing to pay for trash removal may have their property lien. Any and all late fees will be turned over to a collection agency.

**NEW STORMWATER
REGULATIONS IN PLACE**

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection requires the Borough of Canonsburg to comply with new federal regulations requiring "municipalities in 'urbanized areas' to obtain permits and implement stormwater management programs in the municipality."

This means Canonsburg Borough and its residents must now take an active role in the protection, raising awareness, and maintenance of the storm sewer system and the watershed environment to which the storm sewers discharge.

For Developers in Canonsburg:

Information Sheet for Developers

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgmt/wc/NPDSMS4/MS4CD/Construction/ConstructionRunoff.pdf>

For All Canonsburg Residents:

"When It Rains, It Drains"

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgmt/wc/NPDSMS4/MS4CD/Education/RainDrainBrochure.pdf>

To Report an Illicit Discharge:

Residential Report Form

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgmt/wc/NPDSMS4/MS4CD/IDD&E/IDD%20Complaint%20Form.doc>

Construction Site Reporting Form

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgmt/wc/NPDSMS4/MS4CD/Construction/ConstComplaints.doc>

To Visit the DEP Website:

DEP Homepage

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/>

DEP Stormwater Homepage

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgmt/wc/subjects/stormwatermanagement/default.htm>

DEP MS4 Reference Information

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgmt/wc/NPDSMS4/MS4CD/default.htm>

To initiate a volunteer project, for volunteer project ideas, or for questions and comments regarding MS4 permitting in Canonsburg, contact your Borough Engineers:

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