

Healthy Neighborhoods Update

THE BOULEVARDS

Originally, the Boulevards Weenie Roast was set to take place on May 14th from 2-4pm. Of course with all the rain Canton has been living with over the past few months the 14th was yet another day of rain that postponed the event to May 21st.

If you may recall May 21st was the first beautiful day in Canton this year. With temperatures near 80 degrees and the sun beating down, the forecast provided a great day for having a neighborhood event in the median strips. Nearly 100 residents came out for a FREE hot dog and an opportunity to meet some of their neighbors. The neighborhood kids got a chance to get their faces painted and even receive a balloon animal from Bertha the Clown. The best word to describe the event was relaxing. Residents went back home to get their lawn chairs to sit and socialize with their neighbors until the event was over. All in all the day was perfect!

This event was orchestrated by a hand full of homeowners who just wanted to meet some their neighbors. It all started a couple of months ago during a discussion on David Boehlke's Canton Neighborhood Workbook. In the workbook he mentions that the median strips were totally underutilized. Many of the residents began recounting their youth when they would play in the strips, and families had picnics, and flowers graced the open green space. Boehlke's acknowledgement that residents needed to start using the median strips struck a cord with this hand full of committed residents. They said, "let's have a weenie roast to meet our neighbors". So it happened and neighbors met neighbors.

I'd have to say the most successful part of the day came when a group of residents said, "Why don't we do this more often"? This is exactly the mindset we were hoping for. These residents will do this type of social gathering more often, and because of there efforts something powerful will begin to build in this area that hasn't been there in a long time....**A SENSE OF COMMUNITY!**

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ATTENTION RESIDENTS!

