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Police to Increase Patrols at Local Shopping Centers

The Canton Police Department will be increasing patrols at local shopping centers and stores through December 24.

In addition to regular patrols, police officers will maintain high-visibility in parking lots and store fronts in an attempt to deter criminal activity.

Shoppers are reminded to stay alert while in stores and parking lots. The following basic safety precautions are being offered to shoppers:

- Don't leave purses unattended.
- Avoid carrying a purse if possible, and keep your wallet in an inside jacket pocket.
- Lock your packages and bags in your vehicle's trunk. Keep doors locked and windows closed.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard to ask for help if they become separated from you. They should never go to the parking lot alone.
- If you feel you're being followed or watched in a parking lot, go back inside the store and ask for security.

The Canton Police Department encourages everyone to practice safe shopping habits throughout the year, taking additional precautions during the busy holiday shopping season. Additional safety tips can be found on at www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

Wayne County Prioritizes Winter Road Maintenance

This winter, the Wayne County Department of Public Services (DPS) will continue to use a priority ranking system for winter maintenance on many state highways.

Wayne County provides the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) with services on I-275, Michigan Avenue (US-12), and Ford Road (M-153). Under this program, I-275 and portions of Michigan Avenue (east of Lotz to Canton Center) and Ford Road (Hannan to Haggerty) have been designated Priority I Routes and will receive the highest level of service. Meanwhile, Michigan Avenue from Canton Center to the Wayne County border and Ford Road from Haggerty to the Wayne County border have been designated Priority II.

During snow events, there will be no change in winter maintenance on either routes; however, on Priority I routes (i.e. areas with high traffic volumes and routes that contain schools and hospitals), County crews will work to clear the entire pavement of ice and snow during and after a snow event, using overtime if necessary.

Questions and concerns can be directed to Canton's Engineering Services Division at 394-5150. Canton staff will compile the information and forward it onto Wayne County DPS throughout the winter.

36th Annual Tree Lighting Event

Kick off the most festive time of the year at Canton's Annual Tree Lighting celebration on Wednesday, December 3 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Starting outside at 6 p.m., enjoy holiday carols, watch Santa's arrival - courtesy of the Canton Fire Department - and countdown to the official Tree Lighting with Supervisor Phil LaJoy. Ward off the night chill with some warm soup or other hot and delicious options, available for purchase onsite from The Qais food truck.

Special festive activities will also be held indoors, including additional refreshments and seasonal entertainment. The cost is \$5 per family, which includes cookie decorating, arts and crafts, holiday shows, and a visit with Santa. During these festivities, stop by the Tree Lighting Marketplace, located in the Summit Banquet Lobby, where you'll find unique items that will make perfect gifts and stocking-stuffers.

For more information, call 394-5460 or visit www.Cantonfun.org

SENIORS

Winter Tax Deferrals

Winter tax deferral, Section 211.59(3) of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 allows for the deferral of winter taxes (interest free) until April 30, 2015, if you meet the following conditions:

- Totally or permanently disabled person, paraplegic, quadriplegic, blind, eligible service person or veteran, widow/widower of eligible veteran. OR

- 62 years of age or older, including the un-remarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 at the time of death

Other requirements include:

- Proof that the individual has filed a Property Tax Credit Application (MI-1040 CR-1) for senior citizens with the State of Michigan before February 16, 2015;

- That the individual has not received the tax credit prior to March 1, 2015;

- Maximum household income cannot exceed \$40,000 per year.

Deferral applications are available at the Treasurer's office, or call us and we will mail one out to you. They **must be filed** by February 17, 2015 Don't delay!

If you received a Summer Tax Deferral, you have until February 17, 2015 to pay your summer taxes without penalty. After February 17, 2015, a 3% penalty will be added to your balance.

Other Tax News:

If you have been deemed by the Veterans Administration to be a 100% disabled Veteran or a 100% individually unemployable veteran you may qualify for a 100% property tax exemption on your primary home. You must file your affidavit Form 5107 with the Assessor's office along with your supporting documentation by February 28, 2015. This is an ANNUAL requirement. Don't delay!

More information can be found on the Canton website, www.canton-mi.org/287/Exemptions

If you have questions, please call the Canton Assessor's office at 394-5111 or the Canton Treasurer's office at 394-5130.

EXPO Applications Now Available

Applications to participate in Canton's 2015 Home Improvement Expo are now available. Space is filling up fast so vendors are encouraged to return their applications as soon as possible.

The 2015 Expo will be held at the Summit on the Park on March 7 and 8, and is an excellent opportunity for home improvement businesses and builders to promote their products.

Applications are available on the Canton website at www.canton-mi.org or by calling Canton's Building and Inspection Services at 394-5200.

Completed applications can be sent to 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, no later than Thursday, December 18.

For more information on the Home Improvement Expo, please call Building and Inspection Services at 394-5205.

A "Gift" That Will Last a Lifetime

Committed to the success of the arts in our community, the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities has begun its annual giving campaign, the Donor Society. Your tax deductible investment dollars will stay in our community and provide access to high quality cultural arts. Gift levels begin at just \$25.

Another opportunity to get involved is the Partnership's March fundraiser, "Old Time Rock-n-Roll," featuring Steve King and the Dittilies. This concert event is on Friday, March 6, at 8 p.m., with a pre-show reception at 7 p.m. that will include sample-size appetizers from local restaurants, and complimentary specials from a local jeweler.

Tickets are on sale now for \$35 per person or just \$30 if purchased by January 30, 2015 at www.cantonvillage theater.org.

Please help support the growth of cultural arts in our neighborhood by contributing to the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, a registered 501 (c)(3) organization. Visit www.partnershipforarts.org for giving forms and more event details.

Working together, we can continue to keep Canton a thriving community and make an impact that will last a lifetime.

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FOCUS on Leisure Services

Canton Lions Jr. Football Club Celebrates Milestone

Congratulations to the Canton Lions as they celebrate 50 years of Youth Football and Cheerleading in the Canton Community!

Part of the Plymouth-Canton community since 1964, the Canton Lions has provided positive, character-building recreation for hundreds of children over the years. Focusing on having fun while learning the fundamentals of football and cheerleading, they continue to promote citizenship, sportsmanship, fellowship and physical development. Over 150 players each season from ages 6-14 learn and compete with the Canton Lions Jr. Football and Cheer Club.

For more information, visit www.eteamz.com/cantonlions

Detroit Circus To Perform In Canton

Be amazed and be amused as the Detroit Circus performs at Canton's Village Theater on Saturday, January 24, at 2 p.m. See high flying aerial antics on fabric and the trapeze; fire dancing and eating; stilt walking and stilt acrobatics; and feats of mind-bending strength.

Get your tickets early and save! Tickets are \$15 for all ages if purchased by December 19. After that, admission to the show will be \$18 for all ages.

Pick up a "Special Detroit Circus Holiday Bundle" today! On sale now until December 19, at The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road; buy in time to put under the Tree. This \$60 Holiday Bundle includes: Four tickets (gift wrapped with treats and trinkets inside); coupons for the following on the day of the event: two face paints; four drinks (soda, water or juice boxes); and one large popcorn.

For more information, call 394-5300.

Discounted Golf Annual Passes Still Available

Purchase an Annual Pass at Pheasant Run Golf Club between now and December 19, and save 10% off the full pass price. Annual golf passes allow for unlimited golf with cart and range use throughout the year. Passes are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

For additional details, please call the Pro Shop at 397-6460 or visit us at www.golfprgc.org.

"No Child without a Christmas" Still Underway

The Canton Goodfellows and Canton Leisure Services are teaming up to help brighten the holidays for Canton's neediest children. There is still time to show your support.

Please join us in helping with any of the following: "adopt" a child or an entire family or bring in a new, unwrapped toy or gift card to the Summit on the Park or to the Canton Leisure Services Administrative Offices located in the Canton Administration Building by December 5.

Help bring joy to the less fortunate in our community this holiday season.

For more information, please visit www.cantongoodfellows.org.

The Summit offers three ways for a Healthier U!

Take advantage of these three Special Summit on the Park Membership offers:

1) Summit members are invited to "Refer A Friend" and you'll both save! From now through January 31, for every referred friend who purchases an annual membership, you both will receive one month's free membership.

2) Current and new members can lose weight and save on Next Year's Membership (see Membership Services for details). Offer good January 1-31.

3) Anyone can register for three fitness classes or Personal Training Sessions and receive the fourth one FREE. Offer good January 1-31.

The Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, is a 90,000-plus square-foot facility featuring a fitness center, aquatic center, gymnasium, aerobic studio, racquetball court, indoor track, dry sauna, steam room and much more. Learn how to make the Summit on the Park your fitness and recreation destination at www.summitonthepark.org.

For more information, contact Membership Services at 394-5460.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Therapeutic Recreation Holiday Wish Tree Returns

Did you know that Canton operates two summer camp programs that serve children and adults with disabilities in the Western Wayne County area?

Often staff and participants need supplies to help make their days a little easier, but these items aren't always within our financial reach. If the generous spirit of the Season inspires you to help people with special needs in our community, please visit the TR Holiday Wish Tree, located in the Summit on the Park lobby beginning December 2.

Pick up a tag for items such as: rainsticks, sensory balls/brushes, bean bag chairs, noise canceling headphones and more. All gift items/donations can be dropped off at the Summit, Attention: Jennifer Girard through January 5. Your generosity this winter will help ensure that the TR Program participants have an amazing summer camp experience!

Fellows Creek Golf Club Update

Fellows Creek Golf Club, Canton's original golf club since the early 1960s, is more than just a place to play golf.

In 2014, Fellows Creek hosted six weddings, 11 wedding receptions, 31 golf outings, more than two dozen wedding and baby showers, plus numerous holiday parties!

Remember, there's still time to call and reserve your holiday get together. Revisit Canton's best kept secret at 2936 Lotz Road, and see why Fellows Creek Golf Club is the most affordable golf course experience around.

For more information, visit www.fellowscreekgolf.com, watch Canton Community Television this month, or call 734/728-1300.

Give the Gift of an Unforgettable Experience

If you are looking for a holiday gift idea for friends or family members, keep in mind that Canton Leisure Services gift cards are perfect for any occasion and anyone on your shopping list.

Gift cards can be redeemed at our many recreational facilities. Let your recipient choose whether to hit the links at Pheasant Run Golf Club, take a new class at the Summit on the Park, enjoy a night of live entertainment at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill or choose from a wide array of fun activities and experiences offered through Canton Leisure Services.

Purchase gift cards for any amount at any Leisure Services facility. For more information, call 394-5460.

St. Nick Frolic at Canton Club 55+

Seniors, mark your calendars for the St. Nick Frolic, Canton's Annual Senior Holiday Party.

The festivities will take place on Wednesday, December 10 at from 12 – 4 p.m. in the Summit's Grand Ballroom featuring a delicious luncheon prepared by Katherine's Catering. This popular event also includes door prizes and sounds of the season provided by PCCS Choir.

Tickets are available at the Summit Front Desk or at Club 55+ Senior Center and are \$16 for residents and \$21 for non-residents. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made within 24 hours of the event.

For more information, please call the Senior Center at 394-5485.

Holiday Sing at The Village Theater

Audiences of all ages will enjoy a Holiday Sing on Saturday, December 13, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

The performance begins at 7 p.m. and will put you in the holiday spirit with songs of the season. Enjoy an evening of festive fun as you lift your voices during this sing-along with Matt Watroba, a popular community sing conductor. Don't worry if you don't know the songs--lyrics will be projected on the big screen for all to see.

Tickets to the Holiday Sing are \$5 and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org, or at the door. For more information, call 394-5300.

Important Canton Phone Numbers

Administration Building
394-5100

Public Safety (non-emergency)
394-5400

Supervisor's Office
394-5185

Clerk's Office
394-5120

Treasurer's Office
394-5130

Water Billing
394-5240

Summit on the Park
394-5460

Ordinance Enforcement
394-5335

Canton Waste Recycling
397-5801

Canton Public Library
397-0999



CWR Yard Waste Collection Ends December 4

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste ends December 4 and will not resume until April, 2015. All yard waste should be placed with your recyclables separately from your trash on your regular trash collection day.

In addition to the end of the yard-waste collection season, CWR will also be using the following holiday collection schedule:

December/January: CWR will not pick up on Thursday, December 25 or Thursday, January 1. Thursday collections will be moved to Friday, December 26 and Friday, January 2. CWR will resume their regular pick-up schedule on Monday, January 5.

All refuse, recycling and yard waste must be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. to ensure pick-up. CWR will not pick-up refuse or recycling that is placed past the sidewalk on private property. All recycling must be placed separately from your refuse on the opposite side of your driveway.

For more information visit www.canton-mi.org or call at 397-5801.

Annual Butterfly Ball Returns

Canton's very popular Valentine's tradition returns on February 6 and 7 to the Summit on the Park, offering a unique experience and plenty of special memories!

Dads and daughters can enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the highly-anticipated-balloon drop that caps off the festivities. Choose from three dances: February 6 at 6:30 p.m.; and February 7 at 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Please note that all three dances will be held in the Summit Gymnasium.

Tickets are on sale now for Canton residents and will be available to non-residents starting January 19. All ticket sales will end on February 2, and each participant is required to have a ticket for entry. Tickets are just \$10 for residents and \$13 for non-residents.

This very popular event SELLS OUT every year, so be sure to purchase tickets early.

For more information, visit Cantonfun.org or call 394-5460.

2nd annual Canton Historical Society Christmas Tea

This month, take a step back in time and enjoy a Holiday afternoon tea at the antique Bartlett Travis House. Relax and enjoy the venue, conversation, music, as well as a variety of teas and wonderful foods.

On December 6 and December 13 at 1 p.m., guests will be served an assortment of teas, mini quiches and sandwiches, breads with spreads, and desserts, prepared by "Tea For Two" a mother daughter duo from Canton, who specialize in catering small festive gatherings. The December 6 tea will feature music by harpist Laurel Federbush, and the December 13 tea will feature "Flute Sorbet" by Cathy Feldman-Duncan.

There will be a short presentation about the house, decorated in circa 1900 holiday finery, as well as special items from the Canton Historical Society museum collections. Guests will be welcome to tour the house following the tea.

The cost is \$25 per person. Tickets are available at the Summit on the Park. Each tea is limited to 20 people.

Small Business Personal Property Tax Exemption

If you are a small business with less than \$80,000 true cash value (TCV) of personal property (or \$40,000 assessed Taxable Value), you are exempt from personal property taxes **only if** you file the proper forms with the Canton Assessor's Office by February 10, 2015. The forms are available at www.canton-mi.org/287/Exemptions

If the forms are not filed by February 10, 2015, your personal property will be taxed in 2015. For more information, call the Canton Assessor's office at 394-5111



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 1** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 2** Board of Trustees - Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 3** Annual Tree Lighting. 6 – 8:30 p.m.
- 5** Canton Waste Recycling: Recycling only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 397-5801.
- 6** Breakfast with Santa. 9 – 11 a.m. Summit Walnut Room.
- 6** Leisure Club Holiday Party. 5 -9 p.m.
- 9** Board of Trustees - Board Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 10** St. Nick Frolic: 55+ – Walnut Room. 12 – 4 p.m.
- 11** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 16** Board of Trustees - Study Session. Canceled.
- 17** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 23** Board of Trustees - Board Meeting. Canceled.
- 24** Christmas Eve – Administration Building Closed.
- 25** Christmas Day – Administration Building Closed.
- 30** Board of Trustees - Study Session. Canceled.
- 31** New Year's Eve – Administration Building Closed.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 4-7

Forever After Productions - A Christmas Carol. Various times. \$22.

DECEMBER 4-7

Spotlight on Youth Studio Show – Rock n Roll Santa. Various times. \$12.

DECEMBER 9

Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. 7 p.m. \$5-10.

DECEMBER 13

Holiday Sing with Matt Watroba. 7 p.m. \$5.

DECEMBER 13

Canton Concert Band. 2 p.m. \$12.

DECEMBER 18-21

Central City Christmas Spectacular. Various times.

DECEMBER 27

Aaron Radatz Holiday Magic Show. 5 p.m. / 7 p.m. \$24.

DECEMBER 31

Star Tributes from Las Vegas – Elvis and Friends. 4 p.m. / 7 p.m. \$29.

**For show information, visit
cantonvillagetheater.org**