



# S I D E C A N T O N F

## Snow Emergencies in Canton

A snow emergency is declared for the purpose of clearing streets for snow removal and allowing accessibility for Public Safety vehicle response. In declaring a snow emergency, consideration must be given to the amount of snow fall and/or severity of weather, along with the ability to commit department resources to ensure compliance.

Canton Public Safety declares a snow emergency when snow accumulation of generally five inches or more is predicted. The following prevailing weather conditions are also taken into consideration:

- Duration of the snow event
- High winds, drifting, blizzard-like conditions
- Warming conditions
- Sleet, freezing rain, etc.

During a snow emergency parking is prohibited on all streets in Canton to provide adequate access for plows and emergency vehicles. Voluntary compliance is appreciated, but the traffic order does provide for enforcement action to be taken up to and including vehicles being ticketed and/or towed.

For more information contact Emergency Management Planner Kathy Rich at 394-5357, or at [krich@canton-mi.org](mailto:krich@canton-mi.org).

## CWR Holiday Day Tree Pick-up January 5-15

Canton Waste Recycling (CWR) will only offer curbside pick up of natural Christmas trees from January 5 - 15.

Please place your tree at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on your regular trash day with all stands, light and ornaments removed. After January 15, trees will no longer be accepted at the curb.

For more information on tree pick ups, call CWR at 397-5801.

## Property Tax and Assessment Search

Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin announces that, effective Thursday, January 1, the Treasurer's Office will provide FREE access to tax and assessing information for all individuals on any property located in Canton. Just visit [www.canton-mi.org/238/](http://www.canton-mi.org/238/) and find "Look up property tax and assessment."

Previously, there was a \$2 per parcel charge to research property other than your own home. We hope this service will help our residents, as well as our businesses, access tax and assessing information quickly and easily.

## Concert Favorite at The Village Theater

Community Financial is proud to announce "Old Time Rock-n-Roll: A Concert featuring Steve King and the Dittilies" on Friday, March 6, at The Village Theater.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with a welcome reception that will include sample-size treats from local restaurants. Then at 8 p.m., get ready to sing along and dance to the sounds of classic Rock-n-Roll, showcasing hit songs from the 1940's through the present, spiced with current comedy.

Tickets are \$35 per person or \$30 if purchased by February 1 for an "early bird special." Tickets are available at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or by calling 394-5460.

This fundraiser event benefits the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities. 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. Please visit [www.partnershipforarts.org](http://www.partnershipforarts.org) for more event details and giving forms.

## This Month in Canton

# SSOLE

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## Dog Park and Dog License Renewals

The Canton Clerk's Office is now issuing 2015 dog licenses and Dog Park permits. All 2014 licenses and permits expired on December 31, 2014.

A current rabies and distemper vaccination are required for dog licenses, and Dog Park memberships. Application can be made in person during business hours or by downloading the forms from [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) and mailing documentation and fees to Canton Clerk Office, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton MI 48188. Attention: Dog License.

Please note that access to the Canton Dog Park via electronic gate access key fobs will be discontinued for any member who does not renew their Dog Park membership by April 1, 2015.

New Dog Park members are required to submit a refundable key fob security deposit of \$20 at the time of registration that will be returned when membership is discontinued and the key fob is returned. Only one key fob per household will be issued.

For additional information, please visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call 394-5310.

## Winter Markets Return to Summit Banquet Lobby

The first of three monthly Winter Markets will be held on Sunday, February 8, in the Summit on the Park lobby, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Chef Kristi Zebrowski will be cooking during the first Winter Market from 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Market Kids will make its debut at the Winter Markets with the launch of a seasonal craft available onsite. Market Kids can also search for a hidden bird located somewhere in the Market and receive a sweet treat for discovering its location.

For more information, check out [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) as well as [www.facebook.com/cantonfarmersmarket](http://www.facebook.com/cantonfarmersmarket).

## Reporting Lost, Stray Animals

Beginning January 1, the Canton Public Safety Department will be contracting with the Michigan Humane Society in Westland to shelter lost and/or stray animals. The department will continue to contract its animal control services through a private vendor.

If you observe an animal that appears to be lost, stray, injured or otherwise in need of assistance, you are encouraged to call the Canton Public Safety Department at 394-5400 for help.

If you've lost a pet, call the Canton Public Safety Department at 394-5400 to inquire if it has been found. The department maintains a list of all animals picked up, in order to assist with uniting pet owners with their lost animals.

The Michigan Humane Society in Westland is located at 900 N. Newburgh Road and is open for pet retrieval Monday - Saturday from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., with extended hours on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Call 734/721-7300; [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org).

## Canton Plans Annual Home Expo

Canton's annual Home Improvement Expo will be held Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 8 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park.

At the Expo, do-it-yourselfers will find more than 120 exhibitors ready to give tips and information on a wide range of home improvement topics such as pools, decks, kitchens and much more. The Expo is free to the public and focuses on home modernization, environmentally friendly home improvement projects, new products and landscaping ideas.

How-to workshops will also be held all weekend on a variety of topics from landscaping to new product lines. A hands-on children's project center will be available for kids of all ages to construct projects and Expo goers will be able to "Ask the Inspector" how to make their homes safe and code compliant when Canton's Building and Inspection Services booth.

The Expo is free of charge and hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers.

For more information please call Canton's Building and Inspection Services at 394-5205.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## The Village Theater in the Spotlight

Start the New Year off with some unforgettable entertainment at The Village Theater.

There's fun for the entire family when 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. Tickets are \$18 for all ages and are available online at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

On January 19, Canton celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through song, dance, and inspiring words. This tribute, presented by the Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sub-Committee, and Canton Township, will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a reception featuring an exhibition of PCCS Arts Academy student artworks and essays. The main stage program is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. and tickets are just \$2 at the door. This year's keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Wm Reese, Jr. M.A.R.S., L.L.P., Pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Detroit, Psychotherapist-Henry Ford Hospital Dearborn Outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic and Adjunct Professor Oakland Community College.

For additional performance information, visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org), or call 394-5300.

## 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 that are set to take place in the Summit Gymnasium: February 6 at 6:30 p.m.; and February 7, at 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Semiformal or dressy-casual attire is recommended. **Please note that no corsage pre-sales will be available.**

Ticket sales 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. Children ages 2 and under are free! Last year, this event SOLD OUT, so be sure to purchase tickets early. For more information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 394-5460.

## Three ways for a Healthier U!

There is still time to take advantage of three special Summit on the Park membership offers through January 31:

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

2) Current and new members can lose weight and save on Next Year's Membership. When purchasing an Individual Annual Membership, you'll have the opportunity to weigh in to the challenge. Upon renewing your membership by February 1, 2016, any weight loss will have an equal percentage deducted from your next Individual Annual Membership (up to 50% off).

3) Anyone can register for three fitness classes or Personal Training Sessions and receive the fourth one FREE.

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](http://www.summitonthepark.org).

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

## Leisure Services to Host Focus Group

Area adult residents are invited to attend a special focus group on Wednesday, January 28 at the Summit on the Park to provide input on programming opportunities, special events and continuing education for Canton's adult population.

The focus group will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Chestnut Room.

Participants are asked to RSVP by calling 394-5360 by January 26.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Bridal Show at the Summit

Calling all brides-to-be! Get a jump start on planning the wedding day of your dreams by attending "Here Comes the Bride" Bridal show at Canton's Summit on the Park on Saturday, January 11, from 1-5 p.m.

Get information from a comprehensive network of professional wedding vendors, including Katherine's Catering who is currently booking weddings for 2015 and 2016 in the Summit on the Park's Banquet Center.

For tickets and additional information, visit [herecomethebridesbridalshow.com](http://herecomethebridesbridalshow.com).

## 30-Day Yoga Challenge

Kick-start your yoga practice with the 30-Day Yoga Challenge! Beginners and experts ages 14 and up are encouraged to participate from March 1-30.

Register for the 30-Day Yoga Challenge online or in person at the Summit on the Park. Fees are \$54 for Summit members; \$60 for Canton Residents; and \$78 for non-residents.

For additional rules and information, please visit [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.org) or call 394-5460.

## Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues

Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA) will accept registration for its Spring 2015 season from January 10 through March 15, for girls and boys ages 4-18.

Programs include, Small Ball, T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Kid Pitch, and Girls Softball. Additional details and online registration is available at [www.GCYBSA.com](http://www.GCYBSA.com).

For more information, call Wendy Mullen at 394-5358 or email [gcybsa@canton-mi.org](mailto:gcybsa@canton-mi.org).

## Sign Up Today for The BLOCK Winter Session

The BLOCK Youth and Teen Center's Winter Registration is now open for the February 2 - June 11, session.

The BLOCK is a 3,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art center which provides after school programming, transportation and plenty of fun! By purchasing one of the programs, your children will have access to The BLOCK café, lounge, quiet study room, pool table, foosball table, computer lab and much more! Free daily programs include tutoring, art class, newspaper club, teen TV, music lessons, cooking classes, library programming, and 3-on-3 basketball.

The BLOCK is located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, and offers a safe, supervised and social setting for teens ages 11-17. Visit [cantonfun.org](http://cantonfun.org) or call 398-5570 for more information.

## Boys Spring Lacrosse Leagues Now Forming

Final registration for Boys Spring Lacrosse Leagues for 3rd – 8th grades is currently underway.

New and experienced players are welcome. Participants are required to provide their own equipment. The season runs from March - May, 2015.

Register by calling 483-5600 or visit [csc.canton-mi.org](http://csc.canton-mi.org) for additional information.

## Free Tax Counseling Available

Appointments for Tax Counseling Services for low- to moderate-income adults, with special focus on seniors, will be taken beginning Tuesday, January 6, at Club 55+.

This AARP-sponsored tax program will begin on February 3 and will continue every Tuesday through tax season from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, for those who qualify.

Morning and early afternoon appointments with a tax counselor volunteer are available. Be sure to mention if you will be applying for a waiver of penalty for payment of property taxes at the time you make your appointment. In addition, joint return appointments must be scheduled for mornings only. Neither Canton Township, the individual tax counselors, nor AARP assume liability for tax preparation. Call the Club 55+ at 394-5485 to schedule an appointment today.

# 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




## Wayne County Winter Road Maintenance

The Wayne County Department of Public Services will use a priority ranking system for winter maintenance on many state highways.

Wayne County provides MDOT with services on three state-owned highways that bisect Canton: I-275, Michigan Avenue (US-12), and Ford Road (M-153). Under the winter maintenance 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 maintenance operations on either routes; however, on Priority I Routes (i.e. areas with high traffic volumes as well as routes that contain schools and hospitals), County maintenance crews will work to clear the pavement during and after a snow event.

On Priority II Routes, County maintenance crews will work to clear most of the snow and ice from roads. At a minimum, roads will be cleared providing two-wheel tracks in each direction, by the conclusion of a storm event. While Priority II Routes will be passable, they will not necessarily be completely clear until sometime after snow has stopped accumulating.

All State roads and some County roads maintained by the County will be designated as Level I or II Routes. All other County roads will be categorized as Level III, IV or V. Priority III roads may be maintained as part of higher priority routes, but are generally maintained after Level I and II roads are cleared first. Priority IV roads include minor collector local roads and primary gravel roads.

Priority V roads include all other roads and subdivision streets. Please note, snow removal on Priority V roads will not begin until an accumulation of more than 6" exists and travel is difficult. Work on these roads will be completed during regularly scheduled shifts without using overtime.

## Tree Vouchers Now Available

Vouchers for the 2015 Tree Planting Partnership are now available to Canton residents. Vouchers can be used to plant new trees or replace dead trees on any single-family lot or parcel between the sidewalk and the curb line of the street.

Applications for the vouchers can be picked up at the Planning Services counter or downloaded off Canton's website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org). All applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Once Planning Services receives an application, an approved voucher will be sent to the applicant in the mail. Applicants will also receive a list of approved tree species and planting specifications. Trees must be purchased AFTER the issuance of the voucher to be eligible for reimbursement.

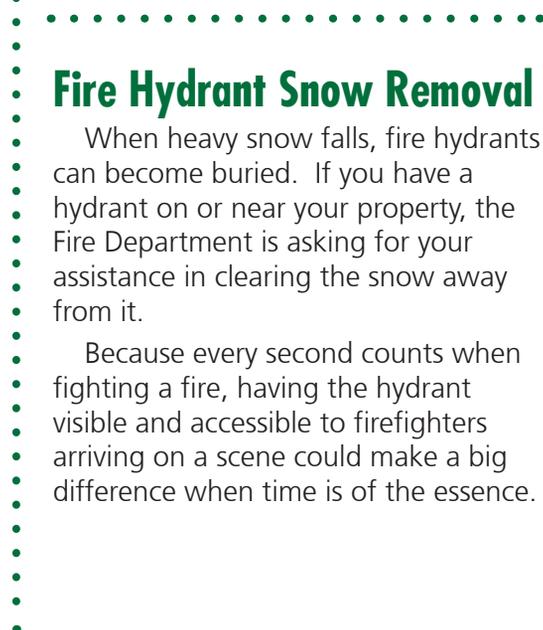
Vouchers are valid from the date of issuance until October 31 (planting season) and must be returned to Planning Services no later than November 16 for reimbursement. Please do not submit the voucher until the tree is planted.

For more information, call Canton's Planning Services at 394-5170.

## Fire Hydrant Snow Removal

When heavy snow falls, fire hydrants can become buried. If you have a hydrant on or near your property, the Fire Department is asking for your assistance in clearing the snow away from it.

Because every second counts when fighting a fire, having the hydrant visible and accessible to firefighters arriving on a scene could make a big difference when time is of the essence.





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# FOCUS

FOCUS is published monthly to provide Canton residents with information on issues and events in the community. If you have any comments contact:

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JANUARY

- 1** Canton Administration Building Closed - New Year Holiday.
- 1-2** BLOCK – Closed for the Holidays.
- 6** Board of Trustees--Study Session. Canceled.
- 8** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 12** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 13** Board of Trustees--Board Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 19** Canton Administration Building Closed - Martin Luther King Day
- 21** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 21** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 24** Leisure Club Painting Party – Arts 1. 12 – 3 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- 2** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 3** Board of Trustees--Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 6** Butterfly Ball – Daddy/Daughter Dance. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 7** Butterfly Ball – Daddy/Daughter Dance. 2 – 4 p.m., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 8** Winter Market. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Summit Lobby.
- 10** Board of Trustees--Board Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 12** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. 7 p.m.

## VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

### JANUARY 9

Detroit Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m.

### JANUARY 16-18

TLC Productions – 2015 Canton One Acts Festival. Various times. \$15.

### JANUARY 19

Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 5:30 p.m. \$2.

### JANUARY 24

Village Theater presents Detroit Circus. 2 p.m. \$18.

### JANUARY 30-31

Forever After Productions  
"Fiddler on the Roof."  
Various times.

### FEBRUARY 1-8

Forever After Productions  
"Fiddler on the Roof."  
Various times.

**For show or ticket information,  
visit [cantonvillageheater.org](http://cantonvillageheater.org)  
or call 394-5300**