

## Board approves water storage facility

The Canton Board of Trustees last month voted to build a 2.5 million-gallon water storage facility near Joy and Morton Taylor Roads.

The cost of the project is approximately \$10.2 million, and will be paid for using \$8.5 million in low-interest bond money that is unspent from earlier water/sewer projects, with the remaining balance of \$1.7 million being paid from Canton's Water and Sewer Fund.

The storage facility and pump station will draw water overnight from the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) system, store it and release it during peak usage hours (mostly in the morning). By reducing the strain on GLWA's system during peak hours, this project is expected to cut as much as \$3.5 million from the \$12 million that Canton pays annually to GLWA for water. Those savings will not eliminate water and sewer rate increases in the future, but should help protect Canton's customers against future increases.

## Text-to-911 technology now available

The Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) has introduced a new Text-to-911 service to its communities as part of its "Call if You Can, Text if You Can't" public safety message.

Text-to-911 is an important new service that offers residents who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability, a new way to contact emergency services.

Anyone who is within the CWW area can use the service, as long as they have a texting plan with one of the four major carriers: AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile or Verizon. The service is activated by sending a SMS text on a mobile phone to the number "911." That text message will be routed to the nearest 911 dispatch for action.

The CWW communities coordinating this service are Belleville, Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Huron, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Romulus, Sumpter, Van Buren, Wayne and Westland.

For more information, please call Officer Patty Esselink at 394-5455.

## Garage sale signs

With garage sale season upon us, residents are reminded to comply with Canton's sign ordinance. Garage sale signs are not to exceed five square feet in size; cannot be displayed in excess of three days; and are not to be placed in the road right of way. This includes the area between the sidewalk and the street. Residents with questions about the legal placement of signs can call the Ordinance Enforcement Unit at 394-5335.

## 3rd Annual Girls Night Out

On Thursday, May 18 from 5 - 10 p.m., the Canton Chamber of Commerce presents Girls Night Out and it's better than ever! This is the perfect opportunity for ladies to check out some of the great businesses in the community. Each attendee will have a fun night of socializing, shopping, discounts, refreshments, and other special prizes. The evening will end with a Girls Night Out after party at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

New this year, Girls Night Out will feature a special purse raffle. Ladies will have the chance to bid on the handbag of their choice.

Tickets are \$20 per person. A limited number of tickets will be sold and reservations are required. Please call the Chamber at 453-4040 to register.

**This  
Month  
in  
Canton**

# NEWS

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## Neighborhood Know-How returns

Canton's Neighborhood Know-How event returns on Tuesday, May 17, at 6 p.m. in the Walnut Room at Summit on the Park.

An Ordinance Officer will be on hand to present on Canton's top ordinance-related issues, and our Rental Inspector will give a brief overview of our new Rental Inspection Program.

Although this event is open to any Canton resident, it is targeted toward members of Homeowner's Association boards.

Please call 394-5185 to register. The event is free but we do ask you to RSVP for set-up purposes.

## Canton observes National Public Works Week

In honor of National Public Works Week (NPWW), Canton would like to recognize the men and women who make up Canton's Public Works Division. This year's celebration will begin Sunday, May 15 and continue through Saturday, May 21.

Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association in 1960, NPWW is observed each year during the third full week of May. NPWW is designed to call attention to the importance of public works in the community and enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society- the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication.

NPWW is a great opportunity to thank and recognize these hard working individuals who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services that keep our community beautiful.

## Tire collection on May 14

The Wayne County Department of Public Service (DPS) will be holding a tire collection Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Canton's Division of Public Works Building, located at 4847 Sheldon Road. All tires including car, bicycles, wheelbarrow, and golf cart tires will be accepted with or without the rims attached.

The collection is open to all Wayne County residents and is free of charge. For more information, please call Wayne County DPS at 734/326-3936.

## Watering tips

Spring is here! Avoid those large irrigation bills later this year with some proactive steps to save water and enjoy a beautiful lawn.

- Install a rain sensor. When it detects measurable rainfall, it turns off the automatic irrigation valves. You can buy them almost anywhere irrigation products are sold. Why pay for watering your grass when Mother Nature does it for you?
- Fix leaking valves. Look for water running onto sidewalks or over curbs after the sprinkler system is turned off, that indicates that a valve is not fully closing. This is usually caused by a small grain of sand stuck inside the valve. Clean, or simply replace, the valve.
- If you irrigate with automatic sprinklers, program your irrigation timer so that it waters in 2-3 short cycles (4 minutes each; 30 minute rest) rather than a single long period of time. Almost all brands and types of sprinklers apply water much faster than it can actually soak into the ground. Cycling the irrigation gives the water time to soak into the ground and reduces water run-off.
- Canton requests you water on odd/even days depending on your address. If your address is an "odd" number – water on "odd" numbered days.
- Canton requests you water between the hours of Midnight and 6 a.m. to help reduce peak demand and higher charges from GLWA.
- Walk your property weekly to check for mushy spots where leaks might be occurring.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Healthy Summer Kick-Off event

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is teaming up with Canton Leisure Services to offer the area's 5th annual Healthy Summer Kick-Off on May 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join TV health reporter, Lila Lazarus for this strolling, family-friendly event being held at St. Joseph Mercy Canton, located at 1600 S. Canton Center Road. St. Joseph Mercy Canton will offer a number of free health screenings including: blood pressure testing, skin cancer, body mass index (BMI) and more. Plus, Urgent Care will host a teddy bear clinic, so don't forget to bring your favorite stuffed animal to be examined. Free Family Zumba Mini sessions will also be offered along with rock wall climbing powered by Probiology Therapy Services, and more!

Enter for a chance to win a iPad mini, Detroit Tigers baseball tickets and more! For more information, call 734/712-7207.

## Summit membership special

From now through June 30, Canton residents can purchase and activate a 3-month individual membership for just \$105. The non-resident special rate is \$135 for a 3-month individual membership. Offer cannot be combined with any others and is not valid on prior purchases. For more information, call Membership Services at 394-5460.

## Community organic garden plot rentals available

Canton Leisure Services is offering local residents the opportunity to rent their own garden space. This is also a great opportunity for scouts or community organizations.

These raised garden beds and ground level plots can be cultivated from mid May through mid October. Sizes: 4x6 plot has a one time per growing season fee of \$30; 8x10 plot has a one time per growing season fee of \$40. Spaces are limited. All gardens must maintain organic growing practices.

Registration is currently underway for either a West Plot, located near the Cady-Boyer Barn or an East Plot, located near the Canton Dog Park. For more information, please visit [www.canton-mi.org/496](http://www.canton-mi.org/496) or email [julie.allen@canton-mi.org](mailto:julie.allen@canton-mi.org).

## Summer Camp registration still underway

Creating memories to last a lifetime is a big part of the summer camp experience. Whether you are looking for drop-in, daily or week-long camps, in subjects such as science, art, and music, Canton Leisure Services has something to keep preschool to teenage campers active and engaged once school is out.

Register online at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or in person at the Summit on the Park front desk. For additional information, call 394-5460.

## In the CLS Spotlight

### Shop Local – Eat Local – Be Local

The Canton Farmers Market returns for another season of open-air shopping, providing market-goers with access to Michigan produced food, produce, and hand-crafted goods at picturesque Preservation Park on Sundays from May 15 through October 16 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., rain or shine.

Enjoy live entertainment, learn a new dish or two from a local chef during weekly cooking demonstrations, get free advice from an experienced volunteer Master Gardener, let the little ones have fun with a Market Kids activity, or just fill your bag with nutritious and fresh local produce. Visitors can expect to find baked goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, honey, jams, salsas, soaps, jewelry, and so much more! Shopping Canton's Farmers Market supports the local economy, helps preserve farm land, and tastes better! Bridge Cards are accepted. Preservation Park is located at 500 N. Ridge Road, just down the road from The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

For more information, visit [www.canton-mi.org/496](http://www.canton-mi.org/496). See you at the Market!



# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Liberty Fest coming attractions

The countdown for this year's Liberty Fest has begun! Canton's 25th Annual Liberty Fest is scheduled to take place Thursday, June 16 through Saturday, June 18 on the grounds of Heritage Park, located behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This year's event will feature great entertainment, exciting rides and Midway games, delicious food, American's Most Wanted Car Show, a spectacular fireworks display and much, much more!

Festival-goers who can't get enough of their favorite carnival rides can purchase discounted ride wristbands online at [www.cantonlibertyfest.com](http://www.cantonlibertyfest.com) now through Thursday, June 16 at noon. The Megaband will give you unlimited access to all wristband approved rides, during all three days of the event, for just \$60. Megabands can only be purchased in advance online. Single-Day unlimited ride wristbands that are valid for any one day are \$22 each online before the Festival and at the carnival will cost \$22 for Thursday, \$25 for Friday, and \$27 on Saturday. **All discounted wristband online sales will end on Thursday, June 16, at noon.**

Run, walk, stroll and celebrate your freedom at the Canton Liberty Run 5K, 10K and 1 Mile. A portion of your entry fee will help fund recreation and trail improvements in Canton. Gather your favorite red, white and blue gear and make your way to the starting line! Entry includes a free beer at the Canton Rotary Club's Adult Beverage Tent, T-Shirt, and finisher's medals for all distances! NEW theme for 2016: Patriotic in Plaid! Come decked out in your favorite Red, White, Blue and Plaid apparel! Join us June 18, 2016. Visit [www.cantonlibertyrun.com](http://www.cantonlibertyrun.com) for additional details.

For more information on #LibFest25, please visit [www.cantonlibertyfest.com](http://www.cantonlibertyfest.com) or call 394-5460.

## Pheasant Run Golf Club Update

Are you interested in learning everything that you will need to know to step onto a golf course and succeed? For those ages 16 and up who are looking to get into the golf game, check out our 'Get Golf Ready in 5 Days' beginner's clinics, where you'll learn all the fundamentals in five group lessons for just \$99.

Topics covered include: posture, grip, aim, putting, fitness and review of swing elements. Choose from two upcoming programs. Tuesday Sessions, which will run: May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 6-7 p.m. or Saturday Sessions, which will be held: May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4 from 4-5 p.m.

Sign up today by calling 394-6460 and we'll make sure to get you started on the right foot. For additional information on this and other programs, visit [www.golfprgc.org](http://www.golfprgc.org).

## Tennis Play Day

Bring the whole family to Flodin Park on Saturday, May 7 for plenty of tennis fun! Canton Sports Center staff will be on the court giving free "mini" lessons for peewees, juniors and adults from 9 - 11 a.m. Racquets provided. In case of inclement weather, this Tennis Play Day will be moved to Saturday, May 14.

For more information on this activity or summer tennis lessons, call the Canton Sports Center at 483-5600 or register online at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## Summer youth activities—basketball, baseball and more

Basketball league play and camps are available this summer for girls and boys. Sign up for Canton's recreational coed basketball league comprised of blended grades ('3/4, 5/6, 7/8-grade as if fall 2016)

All games are scheduled between 6-10pm at Summit on the Park, Tuesdays, June 7 – July 27. Playoffs are August 9 for qualifying teams. Per player fees are \$60 for Summit members, \$65 for Canton residents and \$75 for non-residents. Fee includes a T-shirt.

Four Pat Watson Sport Camps will be held this summer which include: Basketball, July 11-15 and July 25-29, baseball July 18-22 and a NEW Legends All Sport Experience, August 1-5.

To register for any of these activities, go to [cantonfun.org](http://cantonfun.org). For details, call the Canton Sports Center at 483-5600.

## 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

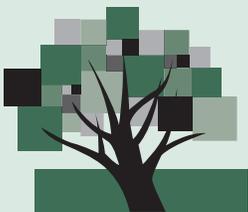
**Water Billing**  
394-5240

**Summit on the Park**  
394-5460

**Ordinance Enforcement**  
394-5335

**Canton Waste Recycling (Rizzo Environmental Services)**  
866/772-8900

**Canton Public Library**  
397-0999



## Bark in the Park

Dog owners and their pets are invited to Bark in the Park on Sunday, May 15 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Participants, along with their four-legged friends, can enjoy live entertainment as well as purchase merchandise and receive free give-a-ways from local pet supply and service vendors.

Both members of the Dog Park and non-members are encouraged to let their dogs experience this off-leash dog park during this free event. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about the Canton Dog Park, meet other pet owners, and give dogs the opportunity to become more socialized.

Please note: Non-dog park members must show proof of up-to date vaccination for Rabies and Distemper, which must be signed by an accredited veterinarian. The Canton Dog Park is located at Denton Road, north of Cherry Hill. For more information, please visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## River Day to be held May 21

Canton's annual River Day Celebration will be held Saturday, May 21 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Flodin Park, located on Saltz Road at Morton Taylor Road. The event will take place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages including residents, students, and scout troops are encouraged to participate.

River Day activities will include: learning about the environment, especially healthy rivers and trail clean-up. There will be a large group planting activity and birdhouse building opportunities. Volunteers should come dressed for the weather; jeans and boots are recommended. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring gardening tools from home that are clearly labeled with your name and address on them.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Please note, volunteers will be provided with a River Day T-shirt, a small breakfast and lunch served on a first-come, first-served basis.

River Day is hosted by Canton's Engineering Services Division and sponsored by Friends of the Rouge. For more information on River Day or to pre-register for the event, call 394-5150.

## Tax payment information

Any property taxes not paid before February 29 must now be paid at the Wayne County Treasurer's Office in Detroit. Online payments are accepted as well at [www.waynecounty.com/treasurer](http://www.waynecounty.com/treasurer).

If you have any questions, please call the Canton Treasurer's Office at 394-5130.

## Annual Family Fishing Derby returns

Experience the chance to catch a big fish in Canton's Heritage Park on Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., when the ponds will once again be stocked with Rainbow Trout and hybrid bluegills.

Area residents of all ages are invited to take part in this annual event, where no fishing license is required. Make sure to bring your own fishing pole! A limited number of worms will be available for purchase, while supplies last.

Registration fees are just \$6 for Canton residents and \$8 for non-residents and can be paid onsite the day of the event at the concession trailer near the large pond in Heritage Park; cash only please.

Registration includes a ribbon that allows the participant to take home up to three fish. For more information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 394-5460.

## Help "Stamp Out Hunger"

The Canton Post Office will be conducting its 24th annual Food Drive on Saturday, May 14.

If you would like to donate non-perishable food items on that day, place the items by your mailbox and your letter carrier will pick them up for you.

The food collected is donated to the Salvation Army, serving Canton, Plymouth, Belleville and Northville.

For more information, please call Samantha at 313/670-0390.



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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

### MAY

- 3** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 6** Canton Clean-Up – Recycling Only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born. Call 866/772-8900.
- 9** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 10** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 12** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 17** Board of Trustees Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 18** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 18** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 21** Canton Cleanup and Recycling. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born. Call 866/772-8900.
- 23** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 24** Board of Trustees Meeting. Canceled.
- 30** Canton Administration Building Closed. Memorial Day.
- 31** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.

**For tickets, visit  
cantonvillagetheater.com or  
call 394-5300 ext. 3**

Auditorium temperatures are kept between 68-72 degrees. Please dress accordingly.

## VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

### MAY ART EXHIBIT

Barbara Eko Murphy – “Personalities, Plus...” Watercolors and Drawings.

### MAY 1

How Nanita Learned to Make Flan. Michigan Opera Theatre in Partnership w/ Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage. 2 p.m. \$6. Flan prepared by Los Amigos will be available for purchase following the performance.

### MAY 3

Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra Spring Concert. 7p.m. \$15. For tickets: www.michiganphil.org or call 734-451-2112

### MAY 7

‘Acts of Fashion’ Show. 7 p.m. \$15.

### MAY 12-15

Enchanted Sleeping Beauty. Spotlight on Youth. 2 and 7 p.m. \$12.

### MAY 14

The Spirit of America. Canton Concert Band. 7 p.m. \$12/\$10.

### MAY 19-22

Winnie-the-Pooh. Spotlight Youth Players. 2 and 7:30 p.m. \$16/\$14.

### MAY 21

A History of Jazz. Swing City Big Band. 7:30 p.m. \$12.

### MAY 30

Because of the Brave. BeckRidge Chorale. 1 and 3 p.m.