

CWR holiday collection schedule

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Rizzo Environmental Services will not collect refuse, recycling or yard waste on Monday, September 5 and all collections that week will be delayed by one day. Rizzo will resume their regular collection schedule on Monday, September 12.

For more information, visit www.canton-mi.org or call Rizzo at 866/772-8900.

The Second City returns to Canton

Experience an evening of cutting-edge comedy when The Second City Touring Company performs at The Village Theater on Saturday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Don't miss this legendary comedy troupe's latest act – "Free Speech (While Supplies Last)." Catch the next generation of these rising stars as they create hilarious sketch comedy featuring The Second City's trademark improvisation.

Tickets are on sale now for \$30 each at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 394-5460.

Summit Annual Maintenance Shutdown

Summit members and guests are reminded that on Monday, September 5 at noon, the Summit on the Park will close for annual maintenance and will re-open on Saturday, September 10 at 6 a.m.

For more information, please call the Summit front desk at 394-5460 or visit www.summitonthepark.org.

Hazardous Waste Round-up scheduled for September 10

Canton will hold its annual Hazardous Waste Round-up on Saturday, September 10 from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Canton's Division of Public Works Building, located at 4847 Sheldon Road, just south of Michigan Avenue. This free event is open to Canton residents only.

To obtain a detailed list of what is and is not acceptable, call Canton's Public Works Division at 397-1011 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

If you can't make the Canton collection, Wayne County will hold its final Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, October 8 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Wayne County Community College, located at 21000 Northline Road in Taylor.

This free event is open to Wayne County residents only and is an excellent opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste.

For more information or to obtain a complete list of what will and will not be accepted, please call 734/326-3936 or visit www.waynecounty.com.

2016 Senior Summit set for September 12

Supervisor Phil LaJoy will host his final Senior Summit on Monday, September 12, from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The day will kick off in the banquet area at Summit on the Park where participants can browse over 40 vendor exhibits, take part in health screenings, and receive a goody bag. Breakfast will also be available in the gymnasium.

The festivities will then continue in the gymnasium for presentations, followed by a boxed lunch, entertainment, and bingo.

Participants will not need a ticket for this year's event; however, registration is required. To register or for more information, please call 394-5485 or 394-5185.

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Summer property tax deferment

Summer property taxes are due by September 14. If you meet the following conditions, you may defer your property taxes, penalty-free, until February 14, 2017. If you do meet the following criteria, please stop by the Treasurer's Office and we will prepare the Summer Tax Deferment form. You must bring proof of your total household income from 2015 (typically your 1040 form). Forms must be submitted to the Treasurer's Office no later than September 14. If you have questions, please call the Canton Treasurer's Office at 394-5130.

1. Age 62 or older (or the unremarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death); eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or an eligible widow or widower of a veteran or serviceperson; permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, or hemiplegic; AND whose total household income in the prior taxable year did not exceed \$40,000

2. Property classified or used as agricultural property can also be eligible for deferment under specific conditions. You may call the Canton Treasurer's Office for more information.

"Fall Into Fun" kickoff event

The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club is open to all women regardless of how long they have lived in the Canton area. The new season kickoff event, "Fall Into Fun," is free to attend on Wednesday, September 14 at 7 p.m. at the Hanford Clubhouse located at 45800 Hanford Road. Women who want to be a part of the club pay just \$25 for a full year of membership.

Space is limited, so reserve a spot by calling Nancy Ellenberger 734/812-4119 or visit cantonwomen.com for more information.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Community food drive

On October 1, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., residents can drop off non-perishable food items at St. Thomas a'Becket or St. John Neumann churches which will go to local food pantries. For more information, please call 734/455-5910 ext.13.

Voter information

The Canton Clerk's Office is urging voters to check their voter registration status as soon as possible. Go to www.canton-mi.org/209. There you will find a Quick Link located in the lower right hand corner of the page which will take you to a Michigan statewide database where you can verify your registration, locate your voter precinct, view and print a sample ballot.

If you are not registered or are registered at an incorrect address, please call the Clerk's Office at 394-5120 and they can assist you with your registration.

If you need an Absentee Ballot, please apply as soon as possible. You may obtain an application by:

- 1.) Calling the Clerk's Office at 394-5120;
- 2.) Going to www.canton-mi.org/209, click Quick Link on the bottom right of the page for Absentee Ballot application, which will be sent to you;
- 3.) Going to Michigan.gov; in the search box type Absentee Ballot Application, and click the link to an Absentee Ballot Application.

Please complete the Absentee Ballot Application completely and return it to the Clerks Office by mail, in person or use the 24-hour drop box at the southwest corner of the Canton Administration Building.

Once an application has been received, an Absentee Ballot will be mailed beginning the last week of September/first week of October.

The Canton Clerks Office will be open on Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. for in-person application and receipt of an Absentee Ballot. The Office will also be open Monday, November 7, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. for in-person application and voting on premise with an Absentee Ballot. Persons seeking a ballot in-person will need to provide a valid picture identification.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Leisure Services Five-Year Master Plan public hearing

The Canton Leisure Services Five-Year Master Plan is currently available for public review on the Canton website at www.cantonfun.org. Hard copies of the Master Plan are also available for review at: Canton Public Library; Summit on the Park front desk; and Canton Leisure Services Administration Offices.

All comments can be submitted to Canton Leisure Services via email to leisure@canton-mi.org or else hand-delivered or mailed to 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. All comments must be received prior to September 16.

The Five-Year Master Plan Draft will be presented to the Canton Board of Trustees at a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 11, followed by a request for formal Board adoption.

For more information, call 394-5360.

Back-to-School Summit Membership Special

From September 10-30, sign up for an Annual Membership and save 10%. This special offer is valid for Individual, Couples and Family memberships and is only available at the Summit front desk.

For more information, please visit our website at www.summitonthepark.org or call membership services at 394-5460.

In the CLS Spotlight

Immerse yourself in nature this Fall

September brings cooler days, beautiful colors, and all the sights of a new season. With 10 public parks and two trails, there are plenty of spaces to relax, unwind, or try something new in Canton. Take a walk on the wild side by exploring the Lower Rouge Recreation Trail or ITC Corridor Trail; together they will connect you with the I-275 Metro Trail and other local pathways. Looking for more variety? Your local parks have playgrounds, athletic fields, disc golf, sand volleyball, and plenty of perfect picnic spots. New for 2016: the Dog Park has added a shade structure, Griffin Park has refinished tennis courts, and Freedom Park has new pickle ball courts. Here are some additional outdoor opportunities that you may enjoy:

- Annual Fit Family Challenge: September 23 – May 2 - Various Locations
- Farmers Market: Sundays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. - Preservation Park
- Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn: September 10 – Preservation Park

7th Annual Brew, Brats and Bands at the Barn

This popular beer-tasting event benefitting the Canton Historical Society returns to Preservation Park on Saturday, September 10 from 6-9 p.m., at the Cady-Boyer Barn, 500 N. Ridge Road.

Tickets are \$25 in advance through September 4 and \$30 at the door and include seven beer-tasting tickets, brats with fixings and entertainment by "Dale Hicks Band" and "All Directions."

Sponsors include: Canton Leisure Services, Holiday Market, Liberty Street Brewing Company, Canton Brew Works, AlphaGraphics, Cueter Chrysler and Beerfests.com. Get your tickets at the Canton Treasurer's Office, Summit on the Park, Canton Farmers Market or online at www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

Remember, designated driver tickets are just \$10. Must be 21 and over to attend. For more details, call 394-5314.

Bartlett-Travis House Tours

Ever wonder what goes on in that old house at Preservation Park? The Canton Historical Society invites you to check it out!

Stop by on Farmers Market Sundays, when the Bartlett-Travis House is open to visitors who'd like to take a look inside and learn more about our community's past. Located at 500 N. Ridge Road, Bartlett-Travis Sunday Home Tour times are: 10:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 12 p.m.

Interested in volunteering or giving tours? Email director.chsmuseum@gmail.com.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Take the Fit Family Challenge

Canton Leisure Services invites families to start the new school year off on the right foot and register for the Fit Family Challenge. This free program offers special activities each month that are aimed at getting participants of all ages moving together in fun new ways.

Track your family's activity throughout the month and have the opportunity to win cool prizes! Why not commit to staying fit together as a family and register today! For more information about this free family program, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Save the Date!

- September 23: Fall Kick-Off Event
Family Fitness Pre-Testing and Pokémon Go!
6:30-8:30 p.m. - Heritage Park
- October 21: Barn Dance and Bonfire
6:30-8:30 p.m. - Preservation Park
- November 18: Big Foot Hike Hunt

Freedom Park Pickleball Courts grand opening

The public is invited to celebrate the grand opening of the Freedom Park Pickleball Courts during a special ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, September 13 at 12:30 p.m.; weather permitting.

The courts were funded as a community benefit through a capital contribution from Pulte Homes for Grandview Estates. Freedom Park's Pickleball Courts are located on the southwest corner of Sheldon and Palmer Roads. Extremely popular with seniors, this fun game is now gaining fans of all ages across the country. Come and find out what this popular sport is all about! For additional details, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Fall softball and new 5-on-5-on-5 league

New 5-on-5-on-5 softball will be offered this fall at the Canton Sports Center. This league is four weeks starting the week of September 20. Men's leagues will be offered on Mondays and Tuesdays. Coed is offered Mondays and Wednesdays. Fees are \$125 per team, plus umpire fees of \$15 per game.

For information on all fall leagues, call the Canton Sports Center at 483-5600.

Another BLOCK Party

Canton's premier Youth and Teen Center is hosting its annual BLOCK Party Open House on Friday, September 9, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Plenty of family-friendly activities are scheduled to take place in the back parking lot of the Canton Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

The evening festivities will include: refreshments, a DJ, plus tours of the Teen Center, where you can learn about after-school programs and events that are offered at The BLOCK. Stop by and check out all of The BLOCK's amenities, including: foosball, video games, computer lab with internet, The BLOCK café, lounge, quiet study room, pool table, and more! This event is free and open to the public. All children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult. In the event of inclement weather, all activities will be moved indoors.

For more information, please visit www.cantonfun.org

Fall fun at the Canton Farmers Market

September at the Farmers Market means the fall harvest will start rolling in. Market guests can also enjoy: live music, kids' activities, Master Gardener activities and Bartlett-Travis House tours.

Check out these special activities planned at the September Markets: Cooking with Chef Greg Richards on September 4, Chef Jesse Nemeth on September 11, and Chef Kristi on September 18; Master Gardener Fall Plant Exchange will run September 18 and 25; the Recreation Station Bouncer will be onsite September 4 and 18 (weather permitting); and Library Story Times will be held on September 4 and 18 at 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.

All of this and more every Sunday, through October 16 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; rain or shine in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

Check out the Farmers Market web page at www.cantonfun.org under programs for all your Market information or like us on Facebook. See you at the Market!

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

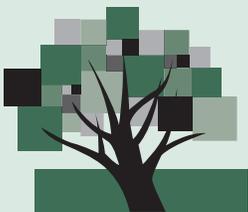
Water Billing
394-5240

Summit on the Park
394-5460

Ordinance Enforcement
394-5335

Rizzo Environmental
Services
866/772-8900

Canton Public Library
397-0999



Merit ordinance update proposed

In 1978, the electors of Canton Township opted to put into place a civil service, or merit, system for the full-time, non-union employees of the Township. This action was, and is, authorized by the Michigan Constitution. The merit system protects Township employees from at-will termination whenever new officials are elected. All full-time, non-union employees are protected from political favoritism and subject only to termination for "just cause" as determined by a three-member Merit Commission. This ordinance has not been updated since it was originally approved by the voters in 1978, and today the Township's hiring processes, wages, fringe benefits, technology and the community itself are vastly different.

The Township Board has authorized placing a referendum on the November 8, general election ballot to update the Merit Ordinance. The proposed amendments include the following:

- Updating the title from "Merit System Commission" to "Merit Commission"
- Update the title of "personnel director" to "human resources manager"
- Adding definitions
- Clarifying which employee groups are covered under the Merit Ordinance
- Updating the hiring and termination procedures to match current practices
- Update list of federally protected classes for compliance with anti-discrimination laws
- Change required Merit Commission meetings to a minimum of quarterly, rather than monthly

Approval of this referendum will have no fiscal impact. Canton Township residents will see no change in the level of services provided by the Township.

The full text of the proposed amendment is available at www.canton-mi.org/209/Clerks-Office. Questions may be directed to the Supervisor's Office at 394-5185.

Schools are back in session – Drive safely!

The Canton Police Department reminds motorists to use caution on the roads as schools are back in session this month.

Police officers will be focusing on traffic laws pertaining to school buses, school crosswalks and reduced speed limits in school zones. When approaching school crosswalks, vehicles are required to stop as soon as a crossing guard steps onto the roadway. Drivers are required to stop for flashing lights on a school bus, regardless of the number of lanes on the road. The only exception is a divided highway, such as Michigan Avenue.

To report on-going driver violations at a bus stop or crosswalk, call the police department at 394-5400.

Parked vehicles should not block sidewalks

Canton has a Traffic and Vehicle Ordinance which states no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle on a sidewalk. This includes parking on the sidewalk portion of a residential driveway, therefore blocking the flow of sidewalk traffic.

Pedestrians who are hindered by a vehicle parked in a driveway blocking the sidewalk may call the Canton Police Department at 394-5400 to report the traffic code violation.

Giving Hope celebrates milestone

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle will celebrate its Tenth Anniversary with a special event on Friday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle is a donor-advised fund of the Canton Community Foundation that provides grants to address the needs of women and families in the area. The cost is \$75 per person, and is open to all community members. For more information or to RSVP, please visit www.cantonfoundation.org/giving-hope.



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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

SEPTEMBER

- 5** Labor Day. Administration Building Closed.
- 6** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 8** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 10** Canton's Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. 4847 Sheldon Rd. Canton DPW. Call 397-1011.
- 12** Canton Senior Summit. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Summit Banquet Center.
- 12** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 13** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 16** Canton Clean-Up: Recycling only 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 20** Board of Trustees Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 21** DDA Board of Directors Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 21** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 24** Canton Clean up and Recycling. 8 a.m.– 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 26** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 27** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER ARTIST

Cornelis vanSpronsen, Painter
Exhibition Dates: 9/1/16 – 9/25/16
Title: "A Life Well Traveled"
Artist Reception: September 8, from 7-9 p.m. (Free and open to the public)

SEPTEMBER 16-18, 23-25

South Pacific. Spotlight Players. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$18.

OCTOBER 1

The Second City-Free Speech (While Supplies Last). 7:30 p.m. \$30.

OCTOBER 13-16

Twinderella. Spotlight on Youth. 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 14-15

Breathe--A True Story. Brennen Reeves. 7:30 p.m.

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

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